



SPECIAL EVENTS ON AMELIA

All year long, Florida's Amelia Island delights residents and visitors alike with non-stop, family-friendly events and festivals celebrating the island's intriguing history and culture. A series of popular signature annual events, seasonal celebrations and holiday happenings combine to create a calendar full of opportunities to make lasting memories with those who matter most. Fitness fanatics, music lovers, foodies, history buffs, naturalists, outdoor enthusiasts, artists and others can find their new favorite online at AmeliaIsland.com/events.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

January on Amelia Island? Good luck with those resolutions.

- 🦞 New Year's Eve Shrimp Drop – A unique local tradition, crowds gather along the downtown waterfront to watch the giant lighted shrimp drop at a family-friendly 7 p.m. (midnight GMT).
- 🦞 TaxSlayer Gator Bowl – For players, fans and locals alike, this annual college football frenzy combines gameday excitement and island enchantment. A winning combination.
- 🦞 Amelia Island Restaurant Week – For 15 years, a perfect excuse to enjoy award-winning restaurants with prix fixe lunch and dinner menus, and special culinary events across the island.

FESTIVAL FEVER

Hardly a month goes by that Amelia doesn't host a family-friendly festival designed to celebrate, educate, or illuminate the best of island life. Shrimp and whales, books and beers, film and fauna – festivals on Amelia aren't the same old song and dance.

- 🦞 Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival (Jan-Apr)
- 🦞 Amelia Island Book Festival (Feb)
- 🦞 Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival (May)
- 🦞 Wild Amelia Nature Festival (May)
- 🦞 Amelia Island Dance Festival (Sept)
- 🦞 Island Hop Craft Beer Fest (Oct)
- 🦞 Amelia Island Jazz Festival (Oct)
- 🦞 Right Whale Festival (Nov)



CONCOURS WEEK

Amelia Island Concours Week (March) is one of the rites of spring for car lovers. With numerous events, auctions and other island-wide activities, this award-winning weekend is headlined by internationally acclaimed The Amelia.

AmeliaIsland.com/ConcoursWeek

LOCAL FLAVOR

If variety is the spice of life, these local events will add flavor to any Amelia Island visit.

- 🐟 Fish to Fork (May) – A true dock-to-dish foodie experience with renowned chefs fishing and cooking to win your votes.
- 🎵 Sounds on Centre (June, Aug-Oct) – Free outdoor concerts the first Friday of each month in historic downtown Fernandina Beach.
- 🏎️ Zooma Amelia Island (Oct) – Races created for women by women. Lace'em up for the half marathon, 12K, 5K and Seaside Challenge.
- 🎪 Northeast Florida Fair (Oct) – Bring the kids to enjoy all the thrills of a traditional hometown fair, plus entertainment, games, food and more.
- 🎱 Pétanque Amelia Island Open (Nov) – The largest Pétanque event in America draws players from around the world to compete along the Fernandina Harbor.

DECEMBER TO REMEMBER

Every December, lights, decorations, a historic downtown, and the warmth of Southern hospitality combine to make the holidays especially enchanting on Amelia Island. At the top of the tree is Dickens on Centre, an annual Christmas festival that transforms historic Fernandina Beach into Victorian London. Free to the public, this time-traveling tradition is a family favorite, drawing locals and visitors from far and wide to soak up the holiday spirit through live entertainment, shopping, festive food and drink, costumed characters, holiday movies, visits from St. Nick and so much more.

Other December favorites include the annual lighted Christmas Parade, and the Holiday Home Tour showcasing a collection of beautiful historic Victorian houses decked out in their finest for the season.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Save the date for an eventful escape to Amelia Island [here](#).