

## INQUIRE

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## ACTIVITIES

THE RITZ-CARLTON, AMELIA ISLAND



## EXPLORE

The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island may rest along the edge of a secluded 13 mile beach, but it beckons guests to come out and play. Treasured for centuries and rich in natural beauty and historical intrigue, Amelia Island offers endless possibilities for relaxation, adventure and excursions. The Destination Services staff will create unforgettable moments for groups large and small at this grand seaside resort and treasured island.

Step back in time and take a walking tour of the Victorian architecture in this historic seaport town of Fernandina Beach. Find treasures in the charming shops banked along its cobblestone streets. Learn about Florida's first settlers, the Timucuan Indians, at the Fernandina Museum of History. Discover why Amelia Island is called the Isle of Eight Flags. Relive history with Civil War reenactment soldiers at Fort Clinch and explore the grounds of historical Kingsley Plantation.





## PLAY

**Beach Day.** Take pleasure in a day at the beach. Frolic in the ocean or bask in the sun. Rest under an umbrella on a lounge chair nestled in the sand with a front row seat to the sea. Play a game of badminton, volleyball or horseshoes. Enjoy cool drinks and snacks along the shore.

**Beachfront Hayride and Bonfire.** Take a magical moonbeam lit ride along the Atlantic Ocean on a horse-drawn wagon under a canopy of stars. Gather around a bonfire and hear legendary tales of buried treasure and pirate history on Amelia Island. Sip hot chocolate, roast marshmallows and stargaze to the sound of waves lapping on shore.

**The Ritz Kids®.** Group meetings for little ones take place in The Ritz Kids® program. Children ages five through 12 enjoy supervised play in a place all their own. Shark tooth hunts, relay races, water sports, and culinary creations take up much of their day. The Ritz Kids® program offers full and half day and even evenings of play.

**Our Space.** Teenagers hear the call of this fabulous game room featuring a movie theatre and the latest gaming systems.

**The Parrot and Pirate.** Ahoy mateys! Celebrated Sea Pirate Luis Aury comes ashore with Amelia, a blue and gold talking Macaw to join group festivities. A commemorative photograph delights guests and is proof that pirates still roam the island.

## REJUVENATE

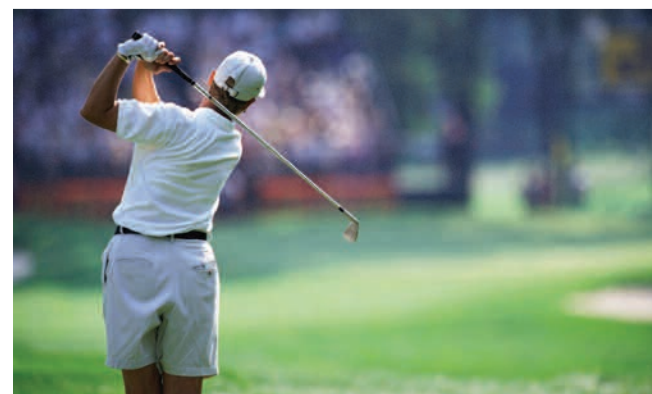
**Golf.** Indulge your passion! Play a challenging game of golf on the emerald greens of the uncrowded fairway at The Golf Club of Amelia Island. This private club offers an 18-hole championship Mark McCumber and Gene Littler course and is just steps away from the resort.

**Tennis.** Tennis Anyone? Our oceanfront clay court is the perfect backdrop for a tennis tournament. Schedule a doubles, single match or a tennis clinic.

**Horseback Riding.** Saddle up and enjoy an exceptional moment galloping on horseback at the ocean's edge. Amelia Island is one of only a few places in Florida where you can ride horses on the beach.

**Kayak.** Paddle into the salt marsh with an eco-trained naturalist for a guided tour of this fascinating eco system. Novice and advance kayakers experience a close-up encounter with pelicans, egrets and herons on shore and dolphins, manatees and otters in the water.

**Set Sail.** Cruise along the Atlantic coast for an awe-inspiring day on the open seas with a sailing charter. Depart from the waterways of the historic seaport town of Fernandina Beach. Sail through Cumberland Sound and view the wild horses, salt marshes and lush maritime forests on Cumberland Island. Or sail along the coast of Amelia Island and look for Atlantic Bottlenose Dolphins. Allow us to pack a sea-worthy picnic for your sailing adventure.





## COMPETE

**5K Fun Run/Walk.** Ready. Set. Go. Enlist your group for an early morning scenic race along the beach. Our 5K course provides race enthusiasts an invigorating run. Celebrate with race results, prizes, commemorative T-shirts and refreshments. **Beach Olympics.** Promote camaraderie and take on an Olympic challenge—team work. Colorful pennants and brightly colored lane-markers create an exciting atmosphere for an exhilarating event. Teams face off in thrilling events such as The Bubble Hustle, a waiter race; Raft Relay; and Blind Man's Trust. Collaboration is required to produce an inspirational cheer suitable for a judge. Commemorative T-shirts and team medals make this a noteworthy day of competitive play. **Group Fitness Classes.** Gather a group for a fitness class with accredited teaching professionals. Experience a Pilates or meditative Yoga class. Get the heart pumping with an exhilarating aqua aerobics class or outdoor Boot Camp challenge. Take a brisk 3.4 mile beachfront power walk to the fishing pier—complete with cool down and stretching session. **The Castaway Raft Team Building Experience.** Rally marooned shipmates at the ocean's edge to build a sea-worthy raft in this spirited team building experience. Teams receive supplies and a mission. Camaraderie, ingenuity and leadership are required to produce a floating vessel worthy of a christening, a launch and a successful sail—or possibly a plunge!



## DISCOVER

**Nature Tour.** Explore the fascinating sand dune and sea life with a guided nature tour and lecture. Travel barefoot or by bicycle. Discover why sea turtles—one of the earth's most ancient creatures—emerge from the surf at night to lay their eggs on our shore. Be on the lookout for gopher tortoises nestled in the sand dunes among the sea oats—they are on the endangered species list. Look to the sea for a vast array of fish swimming off shore, from pods of playful Dolphins to the mysterious Manta Rays. **Fossil Hunting.** A hunting we will go! Fossilized shark teeth, seashells and colorful sea glass await beachcombers on our secluded barrier island. Learn why millions of fossilized shark teeth wash ashore. Start your collection. **Talbot Island.** Birdwatchers, photographers and fishermen will want to visit this natural preserve teeming with wildlife on the western side of the island. The undisturbed salt marshes are home to river otters, marsh rabbits, bobcats and a variety of native and migratory birds as well as bluefish, striped bass, redfish, flounder, mullet and sheephead.





## LEARN

**Surf School.** Surf's Up! Catch a wave under the tutelage of experienced surf instructors. Learn the fundamentals of surfing from the shore in a safe environment. This beachfront class includes ocean safety, board discovery, proper stance, balance, paddle, standing methods, wave selection and the art of catching a wave. **Cooking School.** Get a bird's eye view of busy chefs in action with a tour of the hotel's kitchens. Learn mouth-watering recipes from our renowned chefs with a cooking demonstration in a seminar environment. Heat things up with a cooking class in the kitchen and take home tasteful memories and recipes. **Wine Tasting.** Allow us to uncork the secrets of the vine with a tailor-made wine tasting seminar or winemaker's dinner featuring a world-class winery. **Viva Bead Design.** Design your own jewelry with Viva Beads—stunning handmade beads formed from smooth clay with richly detailed patterns and endless bursts of color. Learn about the artisan technique of caning which produces vibrant colorful patterns and is similar to the layering techniques used in making Venetian glass. Guests learn the history of caning, see a cane mold and delight in creating their very own Viva Bead bangle.



## INDULGE

The Ritz-Carlton Spa® is a restorative sanctuary for groups. The pace is set by the rocking waves, the ebb and flow of tidal marshes and the rhythmic croaking of tree frogs. Spa therapists rejuvenate overworked minds, relax tired muscles and calm stress with massage therapies and body treatments. Cares and distractions melt away in the ocean breeze as guests float weightlessly in hammocks where the benefits of zero gravity and massage come together. The Honey Butter Wrap, the resort's signature body treatment, offers an aromatic scrub with rich emollients, exfoliating, paraffin hand and foot treatments and a warm oil scalp massage. It's just one of the many tranquil treatments that allow guests to reconnect with themselves. The Spa features an adult pool, saunas, steam rooms and relaxation lounges for languid pleasure seekers. Skincare workshops, massage and aromatherapy seminars as well as makeup and hair technique classes are sought after by groups. We'll gladly customize a seminar for groups of ten or more.

