

Mayport Naval Base, Jacksonville & Memorial Wall Tour (Thurs 9/29/22)

Come enjoy the history and culture of the largest city in the continental United States! Your professional tour guide meets the group at your hotel for a river city experience that will entertain all your senses. Our first stop this morning is at Mayport Naval Station; a major Navy base that has grown to become the third largest fleet concentration in the U.S. (i.e. Cruisers, Destroyers, and Frigates). We will take a driving tour with our base guide who takes us past the barracks with the million dollar view, the fire trainer, the wet trainer, air operations and the ship basin. Lunch will be at a base conference center along the ocean. After lunch, we drive to Downtown Jacksonville for a short driving tour. You will hear the exploits of the city's namesake, Andrew Jackson, and the famous architects who descended upon the city after the Great Fire of 1901. We will stop to disembark at our Jacksonville Memorial Wall to pay tribute to our fallen veterans and hear the stories of the local heroes. Your guide creates an interactive tour atmosphere which is fun for everyone.



Mayport Naval Station



Jacksonville



Veterans Memorial Wall

Itinerary 8:30am – 5:30pm (9 hours)

8:30am Depart from hotel

10:15am – 11:30am Mayport base driving tour

11:30am – 1pm Lunch on base

1:30pm - 2:35pm – Jacksonville city tour and Veterans Memorial Wall

3pm – 4:30pm Veterans United Brewery

5:30pm Return time back to hotel

Amelia Island and Fernandina Experience Tour (Fri 9/30/22)

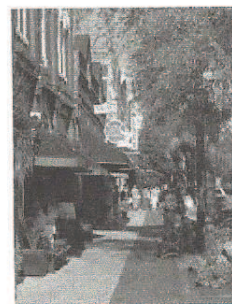
We start the day with stories of the first inhabitants of the area, the Timucuan Indians. Our destination is Amelia Island which was founded by the French, settled by the Spanish, named by the English, and tamed by the Americans. It is the only area in the U.S. to have been under eight different flags! Our first stop will be at Kingsley Plantation to hear the amazing story of Anna, a former slave who rose to become a property owner. We explore the grounds which include the slave quarters, barn, waterfront, kitchen house, and interpretive garden. We take the old buccaneer trail across Ft. George Island and the Talbot Islands following the picturesque Atlantic coastline. Next we go to the quaint town of Fernandina on Amelia Island to hear the stories from the Fairbanks Folly to Florida's oldest tavern and resident ghost. The turn of the century town is filled with Victorian architecture and has the appearance of being caught in a time capsule. Your guide creates an interactive tour atmosphere which is fun for everyone.



Kingsley Plantation National Historic Site



Fairbanks Folly



Centre Street Shopping

Itinerary 8:30am – 4:45pm (8.25 hours)

8:30am Depart from hotel

10am – 10:45am Kingsley Plantation tour

11:15am – 12noon Fernandina city tour

12noon – 2:45pm Lunch (on your own) and free time

4:45pm Return time back to hotel