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Amelia Island Kicks Off College Football Season with New Florida vs. Georgia Weekend Packages and Special Events

AMELIA ISLAND, Fla. (September 14, 2015) – On Saturday, October 31, the University of Florida Gators and University of Georgia Bulldogs will meet at EverBank Field in Jacksonville, Florida, where the two rivals have faced off every year since 1933, with only two exceptions. Located just 45 minutes from downtown Jacksonville, Amelia Island is a favorite home base for Gator and Bulldog fans, with a collection of award-winning hotels, resorts and inns offering discounted packages and special events for this historic football weekend.

In addition, the Amelia Island Convention & Visitors Bureau and Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort are giving away a trip for two, including a two-night stay, two tickets to the football game and round-trip transportation for two from the resort to EverBank Field. Visit FloridaGeorgiaWeekend.com for more information.

The following resort and hotel packages are now available:

- The **Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort** invites fans to experience their Florida-Georgia Getaway package, which includes luxurious accommodations, an arrival amenity, game day transportation to and from the football game, and tickets to the Florida-Georgia Bash on the resort's poolscape, featuring the Swingin' Medallions on Friday, October 30. The resort's spa is also offering a special Gator Scrub and Bulldog Rub for the game weekend.
- **The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island** is celebrating Florida-Georgia Weekend with a daily \$100 resort credit to enjoy food, drink and tattoos. The weekend will kick off in the Eight Burger Bar and Sports Lounge on Friday, October 30 with a pre-game celebration featuring tasty, maple-glazed chicken wings, Bang-Bang shrimp, sliders, specialty drinks and entertainment. The celebration continues on Saturday with a Make-Your-Own Game Day Bloody Mary Bar. Get "game ready" with Bulldog and Gator temporary tattoos professionally applied by The Spa. The package rate starts at \$399 per day and is available October 29-31, 2015.
- Book a minimum two-night stay at the **Residence Inn Amelia Island** and receive 10 percent off, plus special Florida vs. Georgia party favors, an invitation to a special Tailgate Extravaganza, free island shuttle, and a complimentary full hot breakfast buffet. The Friday night Tailgate Extravaganza will include burgers, hot dogs, beer, wine, live music and prizes for the best-dressed fans.
- **The Hampton Inn at the Beach** is offering a special \$1 rate for Sunday, November 1 for guests booking Friday and Saturday night. Rates start at \$179 plus tax for Friday and Saturday nights.

- The freshly renovated **Days Inn & Suites Amelia Island** is offering rates from \$119 per night for guests attending the game. The Seabreeze Lounge, their on-property sports bar, will be offering drink specials and showing the game.
- **Amelia Hotel at the Beach** is offering 10 percent off rates when booking two nights (Saturday departures excluded).

In addition to great offers and packages at local resorts and hotels, several Amelia Island attractions and restaurants are offering specials, including the **Golf Club of Amelia Island's** special Florida vs. Georgia Kickoff Party with live music, putt-putt and cornhole, tailgate eats, drink specials and more. Other notable events include a special "Bulldog Tail-Gator" menu at Slider's Seaside Grill; hot gator wings and pulled barbeque alligator rib sandwiches at Gilbert's Underground Kitchen; and discounted pricing at some of the island's top activities. For a full list of special offers and events visit www.FloridaGeorgiaWeekend.com.

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About Amelia Island

Northeast Florida's coastal treasure, Amelia Island is a barrier island rich in colorful history and breathtaking natural beauty. Amelia Island offers long, beautiful beaches, abundant wildlife, and pristine waters. Upscale resorts with world-class spas, championship golf and exclusive dining blend effortlessly with a captivating collection of bed and breakfast inns and historic districts. The island is home to Fernandina Beach, once a vibrant Victorian seaport village, and now a charming downtown district of eclectic shops, attractions and eateries. Forget the everyday getaway; Come make memories on Amelia Island. For visitor information and online planning, visit www.ameliaisland.com.