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SUMMARY FOR 1/1/2017 – 1/31/2017

	MENTIONS	REACH
INTERNET	24	86,905,914
News Web Sites	13	49,445,444
Online Print Version	7	33,798,865
Online Broadcast Version	1	3,467,656
Blogs	3	193,949
PRINT	1	20,000
Magazine	1	20,000
TOTAL	25	86,925,914



MEDIA GROUP: INTERNET

(24 ITEMS)

WHEREVENT.COM: **A Bourbon Affair - Restaurant Week Finale Event**

1/7/2017

MEDIA TYPE: News Web Sites

LOCATION: Canada

REACH: 648,552

SOURCE URL: [Link to Source](#)

TEXT SNIPPET:

...Amelia Island Restaurant Week concludes with a craft cocktail event like no other at the new Lobby Bar in The Ritz-Carl...

COASTAL LIVING ONLINE: **15 Best State Parks in Florida**

1/6/2017

MEDIA TYPE: Online Print Version

LOCATION: Birmingham, Alabama

REACH: 861,053

SOURCE URL: [Link to Source](#)

TEXT SNIPPET:

FRUGAL FOODIE MAMA: **5 Reasons to Plan a Family Vacation to Amelia Island**

1/6/2017

MEDIA TYPE: Blogs

LOCATION:

REACH: 105,000

SOURCE URL: [Link to Source](#)

TEXT SNIPPET:

MCCOOL TRAVEL: **8 Great Travel Experiences That Will Make You Happy**

1/6/2017

MEDIA TYPE: Blogs

LOCATION: Virginia - United States of America

REACH: 14,545

SOURCE URL: [Link to Source](#)

TEXT SNIPPET:

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT: **Great Coastal Getaways for Winter Escapes**

1/5/2017

MEDIA TYPE: News Web Sites

LOCATION: Washington, District Of Columbia

REACH: 23,951,984

SOURCE URL: [Link to Source](#)

TEXT SNIPPET:

...Island is also home to a number of festivals throughout the year. The largest is the Annual Isle of Eight FI...

MEDIA GROUP: INTERNET

WTOP-FM ONLINE: **Great coastal getaways for winter escapes**

1/5/2017

MEDIA TYPE: Online Broadcast Version

LOCATION: Washington, District Of Columbia

REACH: 3,467,656

SOURCE URL: [Link to Source](#)

TEXT SNIPPET:

...throughout the year. The largest is the Annual Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival from May 5-7,...

YAHOO FINANCE: **Great Coastal Getaways for Winter Escapes**

1/5/2017

MEDIA TYPE: News Web Sites

LOCATION: New York, New York

REACH: 14,566,811

SOURCE URL: [Link to Source](#)

TEXT SNIPPET:

...to fine dining. Amelia Island is also home to a number of festivals throughout the year. The largest is the Annual...

YAHOO! CANADA FINANCE: **Great Coastal Getaways for Winter Escapes**

1/5/2017

MEDIA TYPE: News Web Sites

LOCATION: Toronto, Ontario - Canada

REACH: 66,304

SOURCE URL: [Link to Source](#)

TEXT SNIPPET:

...to fine dining. Amelia Island is also home to a number of festivals throughout the year. The largest is the Annual...

ONLY IN YOUR STATE: **The 11 Towns You Need To Visit In Florida In 2017**

1/4/2017

MEDIA TYPE: News Web Sites

LOCATION: United States of America

REACH: 5,232,465

SOURCE URL: [Link to Source](#)

TEXT SNIPPET:

...to keep you busy for days. 6. Fernandina Beach
Fernandina Beach always tops our lists of romantic getaways. T...

MSN TRAVEL: **2017 Happiest Seaside Towns in America**

1/30/2017

MEDIA TYPE: News Web Sites

LOCATION: United States of America

REACH: 31,823

SOURCE URL: [Link to Source](#)

TEXT SNIPPET:

ST. AUGUSTINE RECORD ONLINE: **First Coast tourism bureaus report strong rebound in 2016 in aftermath of Hurricane Matthew**

1/22/2017

MEDIA TYPE: Online Print Version

LOCATION: Saint Augustine, Florida

REACH: 272,824

SOURCE URL: [Link to Source](#)

TEXT SNIPPET:

...Amelia Island Tourist Development Council reported hoteliers there saw the highest taxable lodging sales...

MEDIA GROUP: INTERNET

FLORIDA TIMES-UNION ONLINE: **First Coast Happenings**

1/21/2017

MEDIA TYPE: Online Print Version

LOCATION: Jacksonville, Florida

REACH: 2,099,346

SOURCE URL: [Link to Source](#)

TEXT SNIPPET:

...SATURDAY Amelia Island Restaurant Week, "Taste the Spirit of Amelia Island," through Jan. 29, various ve...

AMELIA ISLANDER: **Itzhak Perlman Opens Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival**

1/20/2017

MEDIA TYPE: News Web Sites

LOCATION: United States of America

REACH: 3,030

SOURCE URL: [Link to Source](#)

TEXT SNIPPET:

...concert halls around the globe, will perform on Amelia Island February 6, 2017, as part of the Amelia Island...

FIRST COAST MAGAZINE ONLINE: **First Coast Five: 1/20/2017 | First Coast Magazine**

1/20/2017

MEDIA TYPE: News Web Sites

LOCATION: United States of America

REACH: 9,630

SOURCE URL: [Link to Source](#)

TEXT SNIPPET:

...for you to enjoy! Kick off the 9th Annual Amelia Island Restaurant Week at the Distillers Dinner at the Omni Ameli...

FLORIDA TIMES-UNION ONLINE: **The right lunch spot can make all the difference**

1/20/2017

MEDIA TYPE: Online Print Version

LOCATION: Jacksonville, Florida

REACH: 2,099,346

SOURCE URL: [Link to Source](#)

TEXT SNIPPET:

...made for a rather productive afternoon. Amelia Restaurant Week under way The ninth annual Amelia Island Restoran...

ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION ONLINE: **Can you eat your way across Florida? Try these 5 restaurants**

1/18/2017

MEDIA TYPE: Online Print Version

LOCATION: Atlanta, Georgia

REACH: 11,852,760

SOURCE URL: [Link to Source](#)

TEXT SNIPPET:

...the delicate flavor of the shellfish. 1998 S. Fletcher Ave., Amelia Island, Fernandina Beach, Fla. 904-277-6652...

ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION ONLINE: **3 ways for families to enjoy Florida together**

1/18/2017

MEDIA TYPE: Online Print Version

LOCATION: Atlanta, Georgia

REACH: 11,852,760

SOURCE URL: [Link to Source](#)

TEXT SNIPPET:

...Segway Tour, Amelia Island A guided Segway tour at Omni Amelia Island Plantation reconnects families with natur...

MEDIA GROUP: INTERNET

CHARLOTTE OBSERVER ONLINE: **Amelia Island: Your family's next sunny destination**

1/18/2017

MEDIA TYPE: Online Print Version

LOCATION: Charlotte, North Carolina

REACH: 4,760,776

SOURCE URL: [Link to Source](#)

TEXT SNIPPET:

...Amelia Island is an enchanting blend of Southern charm and Florida style. The island, known for its natural beauty, uncrowded...

FERNANDINA OBSERVER: **Amelia Island Tourism Sees Record November, Eventful December**

1/17/2017

MEDIA TYPE: News Web Sites

LOCATION: United States of America

REACH: 23,588

SOURCE URL: [Link to Source](#)

TEXT SNIPPET:

..., president and CEO of the Amelia Island Convention & Visitors Bureau. "The record November is a result o...

WHATS UP JACKSONVILLE: **Amelia Island Restaurant Week—Closer Than You Think!**

1/17/2017

MEDIA TYPE: News Web Sites

LOCATION: United States of America

REACH: 5,880

SOURCE URL: [Link to Source](#)

TEXT SNIPPET:

...tours, and unique things to do, discover more at [www.AmeliaIsland.com](#). There are no comments yet...Kick things off by filling out t...

AMERICANTOWNS.COM: **Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival at First Baptist Church of Fernandina Beach in Fernandina Beach, FL 02-06-2017**

1/10/2017

MEDIA TYPE: News Web Sites

LOCATION: Fairfield, Connecticut

REACH: 2,436,777

SOURCE URL: [Link to Source](#)

TEXT SNIPPET:

...7.30 pm: Itzhak Perlman, Violin The Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival Is Honored To Welcome Virtuoso...

AMERICANTOWNS.COM: **Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival at Historic Nassau County Courthouse in Fernandina Beach, FL 02-08-2017**

1/10/2017

MEDIA TYPE: News Web Sites

LOCATION: Fairfield, Connecticut

REACH: 2,436,777

SOURCE URL: [Link to Source](#)

TEXT SNIPPET:

...Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival at Historic Nassau County Courthouse in Fernandina Beach...

**MEDIA GROUP: INTERNET****KIDSUMERS: Okay 2017, let's do this!****1/10/2017**

MEDIA TYPE: Blogs

LOCATION: London, Ontario - Canada

REACH: 74,404

SOURCE URL: [Link to Source](#)

TEXT SNIPPET:

...trips through the year including Mont Tremblant, Jamaica, Orlando, Amelia Island, St. Augustine, Daytona, Florida Keys, Mexic...

MSN TRAVEL: Great Coastal Getaways for Winter Escapes**1/10/2017**

MEDIA TYPE: News Web Sites

LOCATION: United States of America

REACH: 31,823

SOURCE URL: [Link to Source](#)

TEXT SNIPPET:

...food to fine dining. Amelia Island is also home to a number of festivals throughout the year. The largest is the Annual...



MEDIA GROUP: PRINT

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SOUTH MAGAZINE: **Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival**

1/6/2017

MEDIA TYPE: Magazine

LOCATION:

REACH: 20,000

SOURCE URL: [Link to Source](#)

TEXT SNIPPET:

MOMS

JANUARY 17, 2017 9:19 PM

Amelia Island: Your family's next sunny destination



SARA KENDALL

Amelia Island is an enchanting blend of Southern charm and Florida style. The island, known for its natural beauty, uncrowded beaches, ocean activities, and incredible restaurants also boasts a charming historical district. Being the first barrier island off the northeastern coast of Florida, Amelia Island is an easy trip for Charlottean families.

Enjoy Some Beach Time

Amelia Island has 13 miles of gorgeous and uncrowded beaches, so you won't have any trouble finding a favorite spot. Whether your family likes to sit back or stay active, there's something for everyone's favorite beachgoing style.

Cruise the Amelia River



A perfect activity for the whole family is a pontoon boat ride with Amelia River Cruises that starts out in the takes you along the Amelia to the St. Mary's River. Your family will learn about the history and environment of the area while enjoying the surrounding scenic views. You can see various wildlife including dolphins, armadillo, or wild horses on Cumberland Island National Seashore. Your family will learn fun facts about the area while the captain points out local landmarks like the house used in the filming of *The Adventures of Pippi Longstocking*.

Check Out Fort Clinch State Park



Here your family can visit a historic fort, and then play on the gorgeous surrounding beaches. Dating back to the Civil War, Fort Clinch is a place where kids can learn about soldiers' life back in the day, and then spend time exploring the lightly populated beaches, and hiking trails. Families have found this state park is an ideal place to ride bikes.

Go Shark Tooth Hunting



Amelia Island is known for an abundance of shark's teeth. This is a result of all the dredging on the north end of the island. While you are on Fort Clinch State Park, you are at some of the best spots to find shark's teeth. Go hunting for small black triangles around the beach at the fishing pier and behind the fort at low tide.

Experience A Kayak Excursion



Book a guided tour with Amelia Island Kayak Excursions. After choosing from forested wetlands to ocean waterways, your family can get a glimpse of the natural world while getting everyone's body moving for a bit. Depending on the tour you select, you can see turtles, alligators, wild horses, dolphins, crabs, and pelicans. Paddlers of any level, including children and beginners are welcomed.

Eat Around the Island



Dine with your children at these two fabulous kid-friendly restaurants – Timoti's Seafood Shak and Tasty's Fresh Burgers & Fries. You just can't go wrong with dining at Timoti's, since it has fabulous seafood, open-air seating, and a wooden pirate ship for kids to play on. At Tasty's, it's counter service, but servers will deliver their yummy burgers to your table.

Cruise Around The Historic District



The 50-block historic district was once a bustling Victorian seaport village. Luckily, it has been preserved for locals and visitors to enjoy. The charming atmosphere will beckon you to slow down to experience this unique area. There are 400-plus historic structures filled with restaurants, pubs, gift shops, and art galleries. Jump on a horse-drawn carriage or trolley to learn about local history.

Stay at a Family-Friendly Hotel



A budget-friendly option is the pet-friendly Marriott Residence Inn where your family can spread out within spacious two-bedrooms suites with a full kitchen. There is an outdoor pool and hot tub for your enjoyment. For a luxury experience, book your stay at Ritz-Carlton. All rooms have ocean views and private balconies. Everyone can splash around in the outdoor and indoor heated pools plus jump in the whirlpool. Keep kids entertained at the Ritz Kids program and game room.

Got you intrigued...go to ameliaisland.com

Sara Kendall has traveled halfway across the globe with her kids and lived to tell about it. Stay tuned to hear about family destinations around Charlotte and beyond. Check out more of Sara's travel at her website www.latitudecrossing.com or email her at kendallwritings@gmail.com.

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Great Coastal Getaways for Winter Escapes

Trade frosty temperatures for a relaxing warm-weather vacation.



White-sand beaches, peaceful natural habitats and few crowds lure travelers to these picturesque locales.

By [Gwen Pratesi](#)

Jan. 5, 2017, at 7:00 a.m.



With winter ushering in severe storms, long dreary days and temperatures dropping down into the single digits across much of the country, there's no better time to [escape the frigid tundra](#) and take a break in a warm locale. While top coastal retreats across America have varied temperatures in the wintertime, ranging from the 50s to the high 80s, they afford a few key advantages: convenience, few crowds and shoulder-season rates. So, if you're inclined to spend your days exploring natural and unspoiled habitats by kayak or bike, playing a round of golf, reading a book by a fire pit on the beach or enjoying time in a luxurious spa, then look no further than these coastal destinations.

Amelia Island, Florida

This quiet little barrier island located in the northeast corner of Florida at the Florida-Georgia border is one of more than 100 islands in the Sea Island chain along the Atlantic Coast. Just a 40-minute drive from the Jacksonville airport, the 13 miles of beautiful white-sand beaches of [Amelia Island](#) have been recognized as one of the top beach destinations in Florida. And the unique upscale amenities of the island combined with its relaxed, unpretentious beach vibes, makes Amelia a memorable vacation choice.

Amelia's pristine marshlands, protected sand dunes and rare maritime forest ecosystem afford opportunities for wildlife viewing and bird watching. Plus, Amelia River Cruises offers boat tours to Cumberland Island, where you can watch the wild horses that roam the island and learn about the history of the region. In December and January, look for right whales as they migrate through the waters off the coast.

Wander the quaint streets of the historic downtown Fernandina Beach where you'll find unique boutiques (without the usual touristy t-shirt and souvenir shops) and a surprising number of impressive restaurants for a small town, offering everything from freshly prepared Mediterranean street food to fine dining.

Amelia Island is also home to a number of festivals throughout the year. The largest is the Annual Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival from May 5-7, 2017. And during the second week of March, Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance takes place at the Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island and the Amelia Island Golf Club and is one of the top automotive events in the country. However, March is a busy time of year on the island, so it's best to plan a visit in January or February for lower crowds – and prices.

Where to Stay

The town of Fernandina Beach is known for its historic bed-and-breakfasts. If you prefer the intimate feel of a small boutique property and want to stay on the beach, Elizabeth Pointe Lodge offers 24 rooms and suites in its upscale New England-style inn. Watch the stunning sunrise over the coastline while sipping coffee in the morning on the wraparound porch or enjoy a glass of wine in the evening as you listen to the waves crash upon the shore and watch the colors change in the sky as the sun begins to set on the island.

The [Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island](#), is the most luxurious resort on the island and all of its rooms and suites have either partial or full views of the ocean and stretch of pristine beach along the coast. Exuding gracious southern hospitality, the property caters to couples as well as families wanting a classic beach vacation. Plus, for those who prefer to travel with Fluffy and Fido in tow, the resort is pet-friendly, as is the beach. For golfers, the property has an 18-hole course overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. If your vacation goal is total relaxation, visit their newly renovated spa and salt water pool and experience the healing benefits of zero gravity with a Heaven in Hammock massage. The serenity continues at the newly reopened Lobby Lounge, which features handcrafted cocktails and a sushi and bourbon bar. Try their signature Smoked Old Fashioned, served under glass and smoked with a hint of hickory wood. The resort offers several dining options, but for a special evening, book a table at the award-winning Salt restaurant. The menu features excellent steaks and seafood dishes, and as the name implies, a wide selection of unique salts to explore with your meal.

Can you eat your way across Florida? Try these 5 restaurants

Tracey Teo - For the AJC

12:00 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2017 | Filed in [Atlanta Life](#)


[LIFE](#) →

Aegean wild sea bream cooked in parchment paper is on the menu at Atlantikos, a Greek restaurant at St. Regis Bal Harbour Resort. CONTRIBUTED BY ST. REGIS BAL HARBOUR

MIAMI BEACH

Atlantikos

This upscale Greek restaurant with Santorini-inspired blue and white decor serves the best from the land and sea. The Aegean wild sea bream cooked in parchment is a must-try. Located at St. Regis Bal Harbour Resort, 9703 Collins Ave., Bal Harbour, Miami Beach, Fla. 305-993-3333, stregisbalharbour.com/atlantikos.

NAPLES

1500 South

Celebrity chef Art Smith opened his newest restaurant, 1500 South, less than one year ago at Naples Bay Resort, but it's already gained a reputation as one of the city's top fine dining spots. Smith, former personal chef to Oprah Winfrey and a two-time James Beard nominee, combines the best of the South with the best of Italy, so the menu features everything from stone crab lemon fettuccine to chicken and waffles. 1500 Fifth Ave. S., Naples, Fla. 239-774-1500, 1500southnaples.com.

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FERNANDINA BEACH

Sliders Seaside Grill

This casual, come-in-your-flip-flops joint dishes up fresh seafood that could rival some of the region's white tablecloth restaurants. The plump peel-and-eat shrimp is served with a secret sauce that has just the right amount of zip, so it doesn't overpower the delicate flavor of the shellfish. 1998 S. Fletcher Ave., Amelia Island, Fernandina Beach, Fla. 904-277-6652, slidersseaside.com.

ORLANDO

Teak Neighborhood Grill

If you think a burger is a beef patty on a bun, you're wrong. At least, you are if that's what you expect of the Cronie Burger 13 at the Teak Neighborhood Grill. Forget the bun. Two cinnamon-sprinkled doughnuts encase a half-pound of Angus beef topped by maple pepper bacon, smoked Gouda cheese and a fried egg for a mile-high burger that challenges you to get your mouth around it. 6400 Times Square Ave., Orlando, Fla. 407-313-5111, teakorlando.com, [@TeakOrlando](#).

TAMPA

Bern's Steak House

The wacky gothic decor screams haunted bordello, but there's nothing scary about the cuisine. Dry-aged steaks so tender you could cut them with a spoon have been attracting beef lovers for decades. 1208 S. Howard Ave., Tampa, Fla. 813-251-2421, bernssteakhouse.com, [@bernssteakhouse](#).

3 ways for families to enjoy Florida together

TRAVEL By Tracey Teo - For the AJC



A Segway tour of Omni Amelia Island Plantation introduces visitors to the natural beauty of the island. CONTRIBUTED BY OMNI AMELIA ISLAND PLANTATION

Segway Tour, Amelia Island

A guided Segway tour at Omni Amelia Island Plantation reconnects families with nature and with each other. The flora and fauna of this unique maritime ecosystem in northeast Florida go well beyond palm trees and shorebirds. On this barrier island, you are as likely to find a pine cone as a seashell. Glide along beneath a canopy of moss-draped oak trees as deer peek out from the brush surrounding the marshlands. The Landmark Oak, a sprawling, centuries-old tree, is just the spot for a family photo.

39 Beach Lagoon Road, Amelia Island, Fla. 904-261-6161,
omnihotels.com/hotels/amelia-island-plantation , [@Omni_AIP](https://www.instagram.com/Omni_AIP).

Universal Studios, Orlando

Universal Studios fans are practically erupting with anticipation of Volcano Bay, a new water theme park that opens this summer. The Krakatau Aqua Coaster is the star attraction. Riders twist and turn through a mysterious volcano full of shadowy passages and surprising waterfalls. Rides are fun, but lines aren't. Tapu Tapu, a wearable device, will allow guests to play in other areas of the park and get an alert when it's time to head to the attraction.

6000 Universal Blvd., Orlando, Fla. 407-363-8000,
www.universalorlando.com , [@UniversalORL](#).

Boggy Creek Airboat Rides, Kissimmee

The folks at Boggy Creek Airboat Rides want Florida visitors to know they don't have to choose between the myriad family attractions in Central Florida and the thrill of an airboat ride in the Everglades. The headwaters of the Everglades actually start in Orlando, so after you've met all the Disney princesses, hop aboard and zip effortlessly over the sawgrass-choked wetlands.

Alligators with razor-sharp teeth sun themselves on the marsh banks and venomous snakes slither soundlessly through the water, but not all the wildlife is so intimidating. Graceful, snowy-white egrets and the occasional bald eagle also call Boggy Creek home.

2001 E. Southport Road, Kissimmee, Fla. 1-877-304-3239,
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The South's Charming Inns

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Looking for a **weekend trip with friends** or a **romantic getaway** with someone special? These Southern inns offer the best experiences. If you're looking for a little adventure, head to Wildcatter Ranch in Graham, Texas. Want something with the sound of waves crashing? Elizabeth Point Lodge on Amelia Island, Florida is the perfect getaway. Have dog, must travel? The folks at Foley House Inn in **Savannah, Georgia** will make sure Fido gets all the attention he needs. Enjoy **Nashville** without all the crowds by staying at The Inn at Fontanel. For the true artist experience, you will want to visit Irvine, Kentucky and stay at Snug Hallow Farm. Now who is ready to plan a long weekend away? We thought so.



Elizabeth Point Lodge

7 / 20

Amelia Island, Florida

Expect a phone call about 10 days before you arrive here, just to chat about what you would like to do. The Dunlop family, who previously owned Savannah's Hamilton-Turner Inn, can easily direct you to their stretch of Atlantic beach (30 yards from your room) or onto a boat bound for the wilds of Cumberland Island. Enjoy eight golf courses, nature walks, sportfishing charters, shopping, and horseback riding. Or stay put and be pampered through breakfast, lunch, and dinner. (Try the Mayport shrimp from just down the road.) Evening brings delightful wine-and-hors d'oeuvres events.

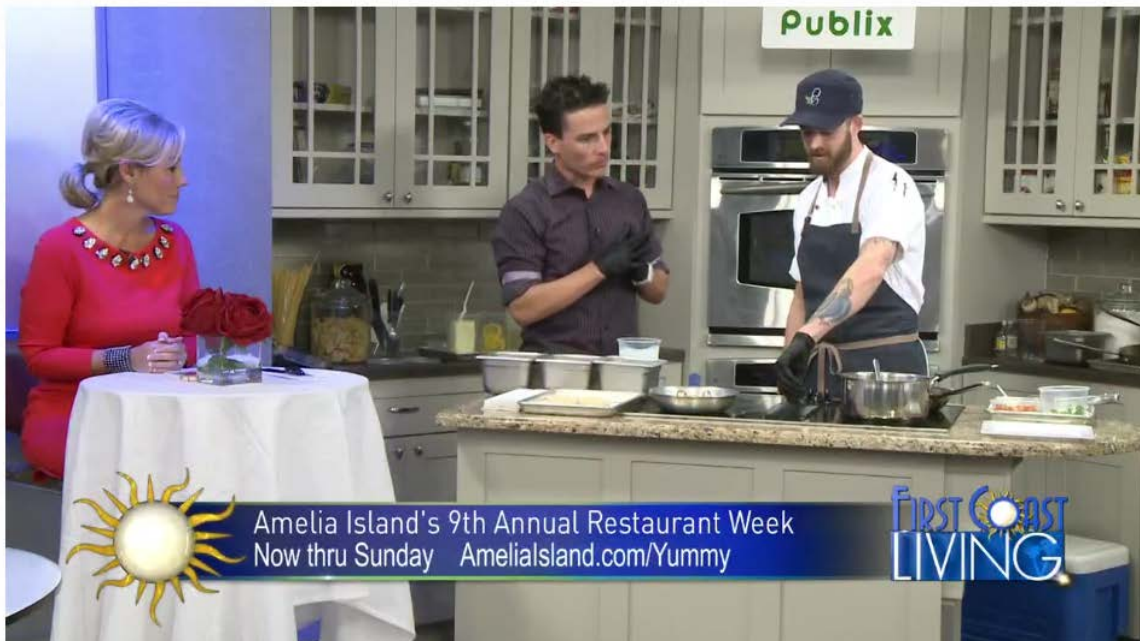
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Amelia Island's Restaurant Week



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Amelia Island Restaurant Week

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