

**Amelia Island's Calendar Full of Fun Events for Spring, Summer**  
*Island Events Celebrate History, Nature, Music and Food*

AMELIA ISLAND, Florida (March 30, 2016) – From April through August, Northeast Florida's Amelia Island has plenty of events that guarantee a full, fun itinerary for visitors and locals both young and old. From musical performances to culinary showcases and festivals, Amelia's events are tailored to celebrate the island's warm weather, beautiful surroundings and intriguing character. Upcoming events include the following:

**Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival Spring Series: April 10 – May 21**

The Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival showcases world-renowned artists performing a variety of music styles in intimate and historic settings on Amelia Island. The 2016 Spring Series festival line-up will include performances by Christiania Trio, Natasha Paremski, Dover Quartet and many other stellar musical artists. For dates, ticket details and additional information, call (904) 261-1779 or visit [aicmf.com](http://aicmf.com).

**Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival: April 28 – May 1**

Celebrating its 53rd year, the Shrimp Festival lures thousands of visitors to historic downtown Fernandina Beach on Amelia Island to celebrate all things shrimp. The popular event features free admission, nationally-recognized juried fine arts and crafts show, antiques, live entertainment, kids' activities, contests, pirates and more. Dozens of food vendors will be serving up the tastiest shrimp you can find, prepared every way possible by local non-profit organizations. For more information, go to [shrimpfestival.com](http://shrimpfestival.com).

**Fish to Fork at Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort: May 6-8**

In partnership with the James Beard Foundation, Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort is pleased to host its 3rd Annual Fish to Fork, May 6-8, 2016. With sweeping views of the Atlantic Ocean and beautiful tree canopies as a backdrop, this weekend offers an unmatched foodie experience, including true dock-to-dish specialties in a fun, interactive atmosphere. The resort welcomes six renowned chefs from around the country to showcase their fishing and culinary skills, ultimately tested with a live vote from event guests. For more information, visit [fish-to-fork.com](http://fish-to-fork.com)

**Wild Amelia Nature Festival: May 20-22**

The 2016 Wild Amelia Nature Festival invites residents and visitors to experience the wilder side of Amelia Island. Visitors can enjoy numerous guided eco-tours led by area naturalists and Park Rangers; an

EcoExpo featuring nature-based vendors and organizations; nature-based activities for children; a sea turtle release and more. For tickets or additional information, visit [wildamelia.com](http://wildamelia.com).

**Rendezvous Festival: June 2-4**

In its second year, the Rendezvous International Festival will be held at venues throughout Fernandina Beach and Amelia Island with a range of entertainment, including film, music and gaming. The festival is named after Evans Rendezvous, an American Beach club that hosted musicians such as Louis Armstrong, James Brown and Ray Charles from the 1930s to 1950s, and the venue for the final day of the festival. Celebrating the area's proud history and contribution to the entertainment industry, the festival will feature an interactive film expo, presentations, workshops and much more. For additional information and a full schedule, please visit [rendezvousfestival.com](http://rendezvousfestival.com).

**Union Garrison at Fort Clinch State Park: April 2-3, May 7-8, June 4-5, July 2-3, August 6-7**

History interpreters recreate life at Fort Clinch during the War Between the States the first weekend of every month. This unique event offer visitors the opportunity to see how the soldiers lived during the Civil War. Activities may include powder artillery demonstrations, medical demonstrations and soldier drills. Additionally, soldiers and civilians offer a glimpse into garrison life by taking up duty in the laundry, infirmary, barracks and kitchen. For times and details, call (904) 277-7274 or visit [floridastateparks.org/fortclinch](http://floridastateparks.org/fortclinch).

**Artrageous Art Walk: April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13**

Every second Saturday evening of the month, Amelia Island hosts the Artrageous Art Walk. More than a dozen galleries concentrated in walkable downtown Fernandina Beach but also sprinkled throughout the island, open their doors to art enthusiasts. For more information, please visit [islandart.org](http://islandart.org).

**Sounds on Centre: April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2**

Held the first Friday of April-October, the family-friendly concerts in Historic Downtown Fernandina Beach feature a variety of music including blues, oldies, reggae, and big band. The free concerts take place on Centre Street between 6 and 8 p.m. with the band setting up right outside the Palace Saloon.

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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](http://www.ameliaisland.com).