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Amelia Island Welcomes Football Fans for 2016 TaxSlayer Bowl

Northeast Florida Destination Offering Fan-tastic Discounts, Sweepstakes for Bowl Game Visitors

AMELIA ISLAND, Fla. (December 11, 2015) – Northeast Florida’s Amelia Island is preparing for the 2016 TaxSlayer Bowl, which is scheduled for January 2, 2016 at EverBank Field in Jacksonville, Florida. Football fans from around the country will gather to watch the University of Georgia Bulldogs and the Penn State Nittany Lions in an exciting football showdown at 12 p.m. With breathtaking natural beauty, world-class resorts, delectable dining and more – and located just 45 minutes from the stadium – Amelia Island is the perfect getaway for players and fans of the TaxSlayer Bowl. This year, the Penn State Nittany Lions are staying on the island and practicing at the Fernandina Beach High School football field. Amelia Island is offering an assortment of special deals and packages for visiting fans of both teams.

In addition, the Amelia Island Convention & Visitors Bureau is giving one lucky fan a three-day, two-night trip to enjoy the 2016 TaxSlayer Bowl. The trip includes two tickets to the TaxSlayer Bowl, accommodations at Omni Amelia Island Plantation, two passes to the TaxSlayer Bowl Touchdown Party, and a \$500 travel voucher (in the form of an American Express or Visa gift card). To enter for a chance to win the trip, visit taxslayerbowlgetaway.com.

Several of the island’s award-winning resorts and hotels are offering discounted specials and packages for the TaxSlayer Bowl, such as the following. For a complete list, visit www.taxslayerbowlgetaway.com.

Amelia Hotel at the Beach

At Amelia Hotel at the Beach, guests for the TaxSlayer Bowl can enjoy rates starting at \$99 per night, which includes the hotel’s standard amenities, such as Hot & Healthy Breakfast buffet, a wet bar, microwave, mini-fridge, coffee maker with Starbucks coffee, HBO and Wi-Fi. The Rate Code with this special is “TXGT”. 904-206-5600, ameliahotel.com

ERA Fernandina Beach Realty

ERA Fernandina Beach Realty is offering discounted rates for TaxSlayer Bowl. Guests staying with Fernandina Beach Realty for three or more nights will receive a 20 percent discount on select units. The offer is subject to availability. 800-741-4011, ameliavacations.com

Fairbanks House

Fairbanks House is offering a third night at 50 percent off to fans who check in Friday, January 1, 2016. Rates start at \$185 per night for two and include daily two-course breakfasts, plus evening adult

beverages and hors d'oeuvres. Fairbanks House offers two, two-bedroom units for those traveling with friends. Use code SLAYER16 for the discount. 888-891-9882, fairbankshouse.com

Omni Amelia Island Plantation

The Omni Amelia Island Plantation is offering a special rate for guests ringing in the New Year with a trip to the TaxSlayer Bowl. Located only 30 minutes from EverBank Field, the Omni Amelia Island Plantation offers luxurious resort accommodations featuring first class amenities and activities. Use promo code "football" for 15 percent off the best available rate. 904-261-6161, omniameliaislandplantation.com

Residence Inn, Amelia Island

The Residence Inn Amelia Island is offering an incentive for guests to celebrate New Year's Day and the TaxSlayer Bowl with them. The hotel is providing guests with chilled champagne splits and party favors upon arrival, a complimentary welcome reception, and special TaxSlayer Bowl rates discounted 10 percent. Guests will enjoy a spacious suite featuring full kitchen, dining area, and separate sleeping and living areas; a full hot complimentary breakfast with new iced coffee bar; and cozy firepit on the Tides Terrace. The promotion applies to stays between December 30 and January 3, 2016. Book online or call 866-245-6099 and mention booking code EB5. 866-245-6099, residenceinameliaisland.com

The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island

Valid December 29 through January 3, 2016, The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island is pleased to offer a special TaxSlayer Bowl Package for Georgia Bulldog and Penn State Nittany Lions fans. Starting at \$419 per night, guests will enjoy overnight accommodations, a \$100 resort credit per night and complimentary valet parking with special offer code SPE. 904-277-1100, ritzcarlton.com/ameliaisland

Seaside Amelia Inn

Seaside Amelia Inn is offering a winter promotion of 30 percent off until February 11, 2016. Call the property directly for reservations and mention TaxSlayer Bowl. 904-206-5300, seasideameliainn.com

Summer Beach Resort

Summer Beach Resort offers a variety of private, oceanfront accommodations, including villas, townhomes, and luxury condominiums. For the TaxSlayer Bowl, can pay for two nights and get a third night free or pay for three nights and get a fourth free in select units. 800-862-9297, summerbeach.com

The Villas of Amelia Island Plantation

Fans can enjoy a 15 percent discount off the best available rates at The Villas of Amelia Island Plantation, which offers luxurious resort accommodations featuring first class amenities and activities. Use promo code "football." 904-261-6161, villasofameliaisland.com

** All packages and special offers are based on availability. Restrictions apply based on individual property. Please contact individual properties for restrictions and to book a package.*

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.