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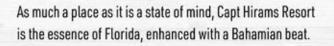












There are enough outdoor activities for guests of all ages to play her for days. So drop anchor on the shores of Sebastian's Indian River or park your car and surrender to "island time" the Capt Hirams way.

Mark yourself right at home, we just might be the best-kept secret on the Treasure Coast!

Casual Florida Hotel

86-room boutique hotel each with walkout balconies. Waterfront and poolside rooms are available.

Waterfront Dining

Two restaurants that overlook the Indian River Lagoon. Dolphins, nesting birds, and manatees visit a short distance from your table

Marina & Adventure Center

Arrive by boat and enjoy live music and your favorite meal. We also have kayak, paddleboard, and bike rentals available. Don't forget about our eco-tour, the River King or hire a fishing charter.

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VERO BEACH / SEBASTIAN / FELLSMERE

This guide will provide information on the three cities in Indian River County. You'll find fun facts along with highlights on where to stay, dine, shop, and play.

BEACH LOCATIONS

There is a map indicating the location and information of each beach on page 28.

POPULATION

The population of Indian River County is 166,316.

WHAT SHOULD YOU PACK?

SUMMER

Lightweight clothes, and your favorite bathing suit for the sunny beach days. Rain showers are common in the afternoon this time of year, so an umbrella and/ or rain jacket is advised.

SPRING & AUTUMN

Lightweight clothes, your bathing suit along with a light sweater for cooler evenings.

WINTER

Lightweight clothes will still work during the days, along with your favorite bathing suit for sunny beach days if you don't mind the colder water. You will want to have heavier weight clothing available as an option.

SMOKING

The legal age to purchase tobacco products, including e-cigarettes in Indian River County is 21.

ALCOHOL

Persons must be 21 years old to buy or consume alcoholic beverages. Photo ID is required. DUI laws are strictly enforced.

PUBLIC TRANSIT

The GoLine is Indian River County's public transportation system with bus service on 14 fixed routes. GoLine buses operate weekdays from 6:00 a.m. through 7 p.m. On Saturdays, buses are scheduled from 8 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. To contact GoLine, call 772.569.0903 or visit their website **www.golineirt.com**

AREA CODE

Indian River County's area code is (772).

CITY GUIDE

Vero Beach, Fellsmere, and Sebastian offer unique experiences for visitors to explore and enjoy. Whether you are seeking a glamorous beach town, a rural nature lover's paradise, or a lively riverfront experience, these destinations have something for everyone.

VERO BEACH: WHERE THE TROPICS BEGIN

Vero Beach is known for its pristine coastline stretching 26 miles, offering a variety of beaches to suit every preference. The absence of high-rise buildings gives the area a refreshing and rare charm. The town seamlessly blends posh hotels, swanky boutiques, and local restaurants. The thriving coastal waters inspire home-grown chefs, making it a haven for food enthusiasts. Art and Culture lovers can indulge in public sculptures, world-renowned galleries, high-end theatrical performances, and a burgeoning street art scene. Vero Beach is also proud of its heritage and a strong commitment to preservation and sustainability.

FELLSMERE: A RURAL WONDERLAND

Fellsmere, the sister city of Vero Beach, provides a rural utopia characterized by undeveloped wildlands and thriving natural habitats. Nature enthusiasts will find bliss in Fellsmere, as they can kayak along the lakeside shores of Blue Cypress Lake, renowned for its osprey nests. T.M. Goodwin WMA - Broadmoor Marshes offers a vast wetlands restoration project, attracting birders with its diverse range of bird species. Fishing enthusiasts will appreciate Stick Marsh/Farm 13 Reservoir, a hidden gem known for its iconic bass fishing. Fellsmere allows visitors to step back in time and experience the tropical paradise of rural Florida.

SEBASTIAN: A RIVERFRONT PARADISE

Situated between Vero Beach and Fellsmere, Sebastian is a lively riverfront town that offers a range of attractions and activities. The Indian River Lagoon, one of Florida's coveted areas, provides a scenic backdrop for the town. Sebastian hosts famous festivals, boasts local breweries, and offers neighborhood restaurants where the community has a strong sense of familiarity. Families can explore city parks and museums, while adventure seekers can enjoy skydiving, deep-sea fishing, and opportunities to encounter endangered sea turtles. The historic Pelican Island National Refuge, the first national refuge in the United States, is also located in Sebastian.

STAY + PLAY

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION!

hoosing a place to stay from the abundant choices in Indian River County can be tough, in a fun way. Each city has its own unique flavor. If you're a beach lover, you'll definitely want to consider Vero Beach, a place with stunning sunrises and swanky local restaurants and boutiques.

Maybe you prefer an intimate, walkable riverfront town with easy access to the Indian River Lagoon. A sail-worthy river teaming with local fish and a variety of plant and animal life that's hard to find anywhere else in the Sunshine State.

Or, you might feel cozier in the natural Florida

of rural Fellsmere, a place where thousands of undeveloped acres and osprey nests outnumber people. Paddle through a grand forest of blue cypress trees and encounter bass fishermen who understand preservation is key to productive fishing grounds.

Indian River County is a distinct destination. It is dotted with thriving boutiques, hotels, and rare, independent family-owned properties. Nationally known chain hotels are also part of the mix. The area offers 30+ overnight accommodations for all budgets and tastes, as well as a variety of Vacation Rental stays.

GETTING HERE

BY AIR

Travelers have a variety of options when trekking to Vero Beach. The area is served by some of the largest international airports in the state: Orlando International. Miami International. Palm Beach International. and Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood Airport. Vero Beach Regional Airport also provides travelers with direct flights from the northeast U.S., allowing travelers to skip the long lines at Florida's international airports. Breeze Airwavs now offers direct flights from areas such as White Plains. New York, Norfolk, Virginia, Providence. Rhode Island and Hartford. Connecticut right into Vero Beach Reginal Airport. Make sure to visit Breeze Airways online for upto-date schedules, fares, and more

BY CAR

Floridians who want to discover this unique part of Florida can easily access the area by car. Many of the state's major thoroughfares (I-95, I-4, I-75, and the Florida Turnpike) make this east coast beach destination a road-trippers delight. Trips from Jacksonville, Tampa, Miami, and Orlando, are all possible in under four hours. West Palm Beach is only under two hours away!

BY BOAT

If traveling by boat you can enter through the Sebastian or Fort Pierce Inlet and we have marinas located up and down the intercoastal. Whether you need to stay, dock, or mooring there is a place for you in Indian River County. Many of our local areas allow for boat parking!





ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA - CENTRAL TO WHERE YOUR BUSINESS NEEDS TO BE

ndian River County – Vero Beach, Sebastian, Fellsmere - strikes a perfect balance between business and pleasure. Those who live, work, or visit Florida's Central East Coast experience a safe and affordable community rich in history and natural resources, with year-round mild temperatures for a variety of outdoor activities. Many corporate executives have located their companies here because of their positive vacation experience, plus many have winter homes here.

Our superb quality of life attracts innovative businesses and talented professionals from throughout the country and around the world. The area offers easy access to markets with none of the urban sprawl, traffic, or congestion. Commute times within the county are 30-40 minutes, and an hour or less within the tri-county region. Indian River County is within three hours of nearly 19 million consumers, or 90% of Florida's population.

It's also a cost-competitive place to locate or expand your business. The county offers competitive property tax rates, and no state income tax. State and local incentives are also available to eligible relocating and expanding companies, including property tax abatement, sales tax refunds or exemptions, and job training grants.

Because location is central to success, Indian River County isn't just where you want to be – it's central to where your business ought to be. For more information on locating your company to Indian River County, Florida, contact Helene Caseltine, Economic Development Director with the Indian River Chamber of Commerce, at 772-567-3491 or helenec@indianrivered.com.

Visit their website at www.indianrivered.com

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- •Workforce of 630,000 within a 50-mile radius
- Easy access to highways, rail, and ports
- Located along Florida's Central East Coast —within 3 hours of 19 million customers
- Tropical climate = no weather delays or downtime in production
- Cost competitive business environment
- Superb quality of life attracts innovative businesses and talented professionals



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FUN FACTS

Indian River County is a place of many interesting facts. Keep your eyes peeled, as celebrities are finding the area to be "their" great escape. Beyond celebrity sightings and beautiful undeveloped beachfronts, the area is home to untold green spaces, which are becoming a rarity in today's Florida.

- 1. Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1903, as the nation's first national wildlife refuge by none other than Theodore Roosevelt. The objective was to save one of the last brown pelican rookeries on the east coast. It is the nation's most historic refuge.
- 2. Indian River County is home to more than 100,000 acres of protected eco-friendly and significant green spaces.
- **3.** Indian River County is home to 12 noteworthy birding areas, with many of these winged creatures on the endangered species list. The following five locations are part of the **Audubon of Florida** program: Oslo

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Riverfront Conservation Area, Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge, Blue Cypress Lake, Sebastian Inlet State Park, and West Regional Wastewater Treatment.

- 4. Fellsmere Frog Leg Festival is a two-time Guinness Book Record holder for the most frog legs ever served and is the largest frog leg festival in the world.
- Indian River County is known as the "Citrus Capital of North America." So, while in town make sure to visit the Indian River Citrus Museum!
- 6. June 19, 1915, was the day **Mrs. Zena M. Dreier** was the first woman to cast a ballot in all of Florida and south of the Mason-Dixon Line. Her ballot was cast in the little town of Fellsmere, with a big impact.
- McKee Botanical Garden is on the National Register of Historic Places and has been recognized by The Garden Conservancy as a project of "National Significance."
- 8. Old Vero Man Site started after a set of fossilized human bones were found in Vero Beach. Studies show these human bones are from the Pleistocene era and are the largest collection of human remains from the Pleistocene era found in North America. In 2014, excavation began in partnership with Mercyhurst Archaeological Institute. Onsite tours are available.
- 9. Indian River Lagoon is one of the most bio-diverse lagoons in America. Home to over 4,200+ different species of animals and plants.
- 10. Blue Cypress Lake is one of the largest osprey nesting sites in the state of Fl and is the head of the St. Johns River.
- 11. The **Historic Jungle Trail** winds for nearly 8 miles along a sandy road through the hammock habitat of Florida's barrier islands. The trail is on the National Register of Historic Places and was built in the 1920s so that citrus growers could haul their produce up and down the barrier island. Although cars do drive along the road, it's mostly used by cyclists, walkers, and joggers.
- 12. Stick Marsh/Farm 13 Reservoir has a devoted following of bass fishermen and a reputation as one of the most notable bass lakes in the county.
- 13. With a 5-star rating on TripAdvisor, **Tracking Station Park** is one of the most photographed beaches in Vero Beach.

- 14. Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge, located in the northern part of Indian River County, sees 15,000 to 20,000 sea turtles' nests here annually. The area is home to 25-35 percent of all loggerhead and green sea turtle nests in the United States.
- McKee Botanical Gardens has one of the largest waterlily collections in the United States.
- 16. An active sunken ship, the SS Breconshire, is located off the coast of Vero Beach in shallow waters. Just a short paddle or swim away from beautiful marine life and a unique snorkeling experience.
- 17. The Treasure Coast is home to The Florida Highwaymen. A group of 26 African American landscape artists in Florida. It is believed they may have created a body of work of over 200,000 paintings.
- 18. County music superstar Jake Owen calls Vero Beach home and can sometimes be spotted hanging out in a local pub or performing at his annual fundraising concert. He frequently teams up on charitable endeavors with tennis superstar Mardy Fish, who is also one of Vero's famous sons.

- **19.** They call us the Treasure Coast due to all the gold found on our beaches from the **1715 Fleet**. Most recently, 4 million dollars worth of gold coins were recovered here in August 2015!
- 20. Legendary surfer Kelly Slater got his start in Vero Beach.
- 21. The U.S. Civil Rights Trail honors **Historic Dodgertown**, now known as **Jackie Robinson Training Complex**, to be a selection as part of their dedication to providing information on the history of American civil rights and is where Jackie Robinson played his first game.
- 22. A few mega-watt stars who have been spotted in the area include the likes of **Oprah Winfrey, Bernadette Peters,** and **Gloria Estefan**.
- 23. Scott Varricchio, co-owner of the oceanfront restaurant Citrus, has cooked for George H. W. Bush, the Clintons, and the Gores.
- 24. Former top 10 tennis player **Mardy Fish** has put on local exhibitions featuring Grand Slam champions like Andy Roddick, Serena Williams, Andy Murray, and the Bryan brothers.
- **25. Disney's Vero Beach Resort** is the first of two Disney Ocean front resorts in the Continental U.S.



EXPERIENCE INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

FAMILY GETAWAY

Discover a family vacation along the Treasure Coast that checks all the boxes. Whether its pristine, sunkissed beaches, culinary delights, plentiful sports grounds, secluded romantic spots, or endless open waters. Get ready to immerse yourself in the perfect destination to create lifelong memories!

This summer, and for any time together, delight in 26 miles of picture-perfect beaches, 29 parks and preserves, plus hidden treasures and family-friendly activities. Wondering where to stay? **Disney's Vero Beach Resort** is unique. It's one of the only 2 Disney's Ocean front resorts in the continental U.S.!

Don't fret about leaving your beloved furry friend behind! Indian River County offers exceptional hotel properties that warmly welcome the entire family. At Kimpton Vero Beach Hotel & Spa, dogs are embraced with open paws and enjoy a marvelous reputation among travelers. For an extra dose of pampering, Ocean Breeze Inn Vero Beach offers the OPAL Paws program, providing special amenities and heartfelt hospitality to ensure your four-legged companion feels right at home. Nearby, stunner Costa d'Este Beach Resort & Spa is at your service offering bikes, beach cabanas and chairs, poolside and beachside food and beverage service, kayaks, paddleboards, and morning yoga on the beach. There's also a special turn-down menu for kids or adults based on your needs. For extended stays, Laurel Homes and Dale Sorenson vacation rentals offer a wide selection of fabulous oceanfront choices



SURF'S UP!

With more than 10 pristine beaches to choose from, families can spend the day cherishing pleasures like sand-castle building, frisbee throwing, paddleboarding, beach picnics or simply shelling. If you're traveling with a surfer don't miss **Sebastian Inlet State Park**. It's famous for groovy waves and surfing competitions. Sebastian Inlet is also an excellent place for families with small children. The area is walled in by huge rocks which keep the waters calm so little ones can wade, splash, and swim without rip currents. Often times, you'll witness both children and adults jumping up and down, delighted to catch sight of the manatees who love our warm, calm waters.

Scenic Sebastian inlet holds a special place as a beloved destination for pier-side fishing, providing families with a wonderful opportunity to connect and create lasting memories. For a cool break from the sun, take a refreshing break by strolling over to the nearby **Sebastian Fishing Museum**. This fascinating museum celebrates the rich fishing heritage of the area, offering a glimpse into its legendary past. For those seeking an overnight adventure, the park offers camping facilities, but be sure to secure your spot early as they tend to fill up fast. When hunger strikes, satisfy your cravings at **B&C Surfside Grill and Adventures**, a delightful concession café conveniently located within the park. With picnic facilities available, families can enjoy a leisurely meal together, soaking up the surrounding natural beauty.

While you're in the area you may want to visit the **McLarty Treasure Museum**, a two-minute drive from the Sebastian Inlet. This is an intimate museum. Little ones can easily navigate its world of sunken ships and tales of shipwreck survivors along with fables of local Native Americans. Then of course, there is the legendary **Mel Fisher Museum** displaying coins and gems from the ravaged 1715 Fleet of treasure-laden ships, that sank off the coastline. Hence the name the "Florida's Treasure Coast".



WHO DOESN'T LOVE A GIANT PIRATE SHIP, A WHIMSICAL FAIRY, AND A FAIRY FOREST?

McKee Botanical Garden, Recognized by National Geographic as one of the "22 Most Soothing Places of Surprise and Sanctuary in North America," is a true gem tucked away in Indian River County. It is one of Florida's most exquisite landmarks and home to more than 10,000 tropical plants, as well as one of the largest and most celebrated collections of water lilies in the nation. The garden expanded in January 2020 with the enchanting one-acre Childrens Garden, capturing imaginations with its grand discovery tree, pirate shipwreck, monkey bridge, waterlily fountain, reading circle, fairy forest, and more. The education amphitheater hosts plays, workshops, and crafts, while the Blue Crab reading circle and Stumpery provide engaging reading programs.

KIDS GET CREATIVE AT THE ART ZONE

A world of creativity and artistic exploration at the dedicated Art Zone can be found within the **Vero Beach Museum of Art**. This vibrant space is a haven for young artists, encouraging them to engage their senses and express themselves through hands-on activities. With over 10 captivating play areas, like their magnetic and chalkboard walls, a giant puzzle floor, a ceiling full of constellations, a gallery wall, and an interactive sketch aquarium, children can unleash their imagination and spend hours captivated by artistic wonder. Even the modular furniture has

been thoughtfully designed with kids in mind, transforming into tables, chairs, tunnels, and cubbies that add to the

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delightful experience. Step into this enchanting realm where creativity knows no bounds and watch as your children embark on a journey of artistic discovery.

MORE THAN 100,000 TURTLES HIT FLORIDA'S BEACHES DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS!

Thanks to its location and pristine environment, Vero Beach is one of the most prolific turtle nesting spots on the Atlantic Coast. Join the excitement in June with turtle walks at the **Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge, Sebastian Inlet State Park, or Coastal Connections**. Day and evening tours are available for an immersive experience. In July and August, witness the "turtle dig months" as dedicated environmental scientists explore empty nests and document their findings. Keep an eye out for baby turtles breaking free and embarking on their incredible journey to adulthood. For a closer encounter, **Coastal Connections** offers informative turtle digs and walks, providing a safe and educational experience for guests!

GET READY EXPLORERS: ECO-EXCURSIONS, CANOE TRIPS, PONTOON RIDES & MORE

Nestled off the Wabasso Bridge, a world of ecotours, guided canoe trips, stand-up paddleboarding, and serene pontoon boat rides awaits. The Environmental Learning Center (ELC) spans across 64 acres of a picturesque lagoon island preserve. Dive into the wonders of Florida's captivating ecosystems and the unique estuaries that define the area. The Indian River Lagoon, recognized as one of North America's most diverse ecosystems. holds the esteemed title of an Estuary of National Significance by the Environmental Protection Agency. Families with children will find delight in the Discovery Station Interactive Museum, featuring aquariums, a touch tank brimming with 145 gallons of marine life, Engaging hands-on exhibits, and exciting scavenger hunts.

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BALLET VERO BEACH

Dance is a universal language.

DISNEY IN VERO BEACH

If you'd rather sidestep the theme park capital of central Florida to head to the beach this year, yet, still offer your kids a Disney experience, you are in luck in Indian River County! Head to Goofy's Beachside Character Breakfast at **Disney's Vero Beach Resort**. It's the only Disney property in Florida not located within a Disney theme park. Children will get the thrill of a lifetime with table-side visits from "Jet ski Goofy" and "Jet ski Donald" while enjoying Mickey pancakes, eggs, bacon, and so much more. Take a selfie at the "surfboard stage" with either character to remember these special moments.

SET SAIL TO SEE MANATEES, BOTTLENOSE DOLPHINS, PELICANS AND MANY MORE

Sail along on a remarkable journey through the captivating Indian River Lagoon one of the World's most extraordinary habitats, teeming with rare and endangered plants and animals. Dive into the wonders of this estuary, home to over 685 species of fish, 370 species of birds, and 2,100 species of plants. Set sail from Capt. Hirams Marina aboard the River King, a USCG-approved 45-foot sightseer covered pontoon boat. Join the daily eco-tours as they navigate the shallow water's surface, for you're likely to encounter majestic manatees, playful bottlenose dolphins, graceful pelicans, and a plethora of captivating waterflow. Immerse yourself in the beauty and diversity of this remarkable ecosystems, as knowledgeable guides share fascinating insights about this unique estuary.

JOIN US FOR THE 2023/2024 SEASON

Featuring three main stage programs with original works, world premieres, and works by master choreographers George Balanchine, Christopher Wheeldon, and Martha Graham. Nutcracker on the Indian River (our beloved local take on the classic holiday tale) returns, and Terminus Modern Ballet Theatre makes its Riverside Dance Festival Debut.

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For tickets, and all things Ballet Vero Beach, please visit **balletverobeach.org** or scan this QR Code!

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY // Green Acres



Beyond these discoverable places, the area offers visitors more than 100,000 acres of protected wildlife habitats and state parks. These untouched green spaces are perfect for spying on endangered species and observing tropical birds in their natural surroundings. You can even witness a baby turtle hatchling as it breaks free from its shell and heads to the shore, in step with the trail its ancestors have used since before man walked these pristine beaches.

Yes, you've just stumbled across one of the most significant ecological destinations in Florida - **Indian River County** - and here's why.

LOOKING FOR A BEAUTIFUL BEACH TO SPOT ANIMALS IN THEIR NATURAL HABITATS?

Round Island Beach Park, in Vero Beach, is "the" place to see manatees, dolphins, egrets, and pelicans. Hiking along its trails, the dynamic wildlife, flora, and fauna are abundant. The island's onsite lookout tower encourages 360-degree views. The bridge is a beautiful place to stop and observe manatees taking a nap or dolphins charting a course from the lagoon into the ocean. Kayaking, canoeing, and paddle boarding are popular choices, too. Local retailers are happy to deliver equipment and provide guided tours of the lagoon and ocean.

A 3,870-ACRE WETLAND RESTORATION PROJECT WELCOMES MIGRATING BIRDERS

In the upper basin of the St. John's River, near Fellsmere, a 3,870-acre wetland restoration project has become a smashing success. Spend the day at **T.M. Goodwin WMA – Broadmoor Marshes** biking or walking the levees and surrounding marshes. A lookout tower provides visitors with panoramic views, so bring a camera. Also keep an eye out for a variety of migrating birds, wildflowers, and American alligators that call the marsh home. Cars are welcome, but there is a restricted check-in before visiting.

A BASS FISHERMAN'S DREAM

With a reputation as one of the most notable bass lakes in the county, fishermen have kept **Stick Marsh/Farm 13 Reservoir** their little secret. This expansive 6,700-acre reservoir offers unsurpassed bass fishing. Opened to the public for fishing in 1987, Stick Marsh/Farm 13 continues to provide anglers productive fishing. Recent reports declare anglers catch more than 100 bass a day.

AN UNCOMMON FLORIDA EXPERIENCE

Primitive Florida is uncommon, but green travelers who seek these rare landscapes will find them at **St. Sebastian River Preserve State Park,** near Fellsmere. Guests to the park will discover 22,000 acres of backwoods complete with equestrian and mountain biking trails. Manatees also call this park home, from November – March, and can be seen from the platform located near the end of the unpaved Buffer Preserve Drive. Note: unpaved roads lead you into and out of the park. **NEWS TIP:** Other rare species to spot: endangered red-cockaded woodpeckers, Florida scrub jays, Bachman's sparrows, wood storks, southern bald eagles, the occasional rattlesnake, and gopher tortoises.

PRIVATE ISLAND ESCAPE

Looking for your own private island? Then look no further than **Wabasso Causeway Park** in Vero Beach. Uncrowded, superb beaches give way to a full-service beach area with restrooms, picnic tables and grills, plus an onsite boat ramp and fishing pier.

WHERE BROWN PELICANS RULE

Magnificent brown pelicans dotting the Florida coast almost did not survive the "feather fashion craze" prevalent during Theodore Roosevelt's presidency. In fact, Roosevelt declared **Pelican Island National Refuge** the country's first wildlife refuge. Located along AIA, this historic refuge is surrounded by a 5,445-acre nature preserve about four miles north of the Wabasso Bridge, in Vero Beach. Canoers and kayakers can access the area via the Indian River Lagoon and should watch for manatees and endangered sea turtles, which frequent the refuge.





Green, Hawksbill, and Kemp's Ridley sea turtles are an extraordinary sight. Additionally, guests to this serene sanctuary can hike, bank fish, or fish by boat. Recreational shellfish harvesting is permitted in Sebastian within the open waters of the Indian River Lagoon. The refuge is supported by the Pelican Island Audubon Society. Birding aficionados should be on the lookout for more than 30 different bird species. It is a rookery, roost, feeding ground, and loafing area. Get your binoculars out and watch for:

- Anhinga
- Bald Eagle (threatened species)
- Blue Wing Teal (winter visitor)
- Brown Pelicans
- Cattle, Great, Reddish and Snowy Egrets
- Common Loon (winter visitor)
- Double-crested Cormorant (migratory)
- Great and Little Blue Herons
- Green-back and Tricolored Herons
- Frigate Bird (summer visitor)
- Lesser Scaup (winter visitor)
- Laughing Gull (winter visitor)
- Piping Plover (threatened species)
- Red-breasted Merganser (winter visitor)
- Ring-billed Gull (winter visitor)

- Roseate Spoonbill (summer visitor)
- White Ibis
- White Pelican (winter visitor)
- Wood Storks (endangered species)

GREEN ACERS

Green seekers will not want to miss the **Oslo Riverfront Conservation Area,** a joint project between the citizens and government of Vero Beach in conjunction with the St. Johns River Water Management District and Indian River County. Visitors to the area will enjoy the Herb Kale Trail, named for a leading Florida ornithologist. This trail is vital and known for migrating songbirds such as the American redstart and gray catbird, which flourish in the hardwood hammocks and scrubby pine flatwoods.

Kayak and canoe the mangrove forests and beyond to spot royal terns feeding, loafing, and nesting on the unspoiled islands and sandbars of the Indian River Lagoon. Or, catch a glimpse of tricolored herons, spotted sandpipers, and blue-winged teal from the trail, observation platform, or elevated tower.

A MODERN-DAY MIRACLE

Some call the Vero Beach **West Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility Wetlands** a modern-day miracle. The simple, eco-friendly technique of "washing wastewater" inspires a pristine, bird-friendly environment. Cattails and bulrush remove excess nutrients like phosphates and nitrates to prevent harmful downstream algae blooms that clog and obstruct native aquatic life. Today, the facility is a birder's dream, nestled in a man-made wetland complete with a boardwalk, covered pavilion, and observation tower. The marsh is an active birding site. Spring and summer easily attract more than 170 documented birds. Bird watchers may see:

- Black-bellied and Fulvous Whistling Duck
- Caspian Tern
- Cave Swallow (rare sightings)

- Dickcissel (rare sightings)
- Least Bittern
- Limpkin
- Loggerhead Shrike
- Painted Bunting
- Purple Gallinule
- Roseate Spoonbill
- Snail Kites

A SUNRISE BEYOND THE BEACH



Located along the Historic Jungle Trail, Orchid Island, in Vero Beach, houses one of the largest remaining maritime hammocks, **Captain Forster Hammock Preserve**. The preserve is open from sunrise until sunset with guided and self-guided tours. Forster's Hammock Trail, a primitive foot trail, leads to two small seasonal ponds. There are a few short trail loops branching off the main path; one to note is Warbler's Walk. The area offers a slice of natural Florida that is hard to find nowadays. Each

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spring and fall, the songbird migration is an epic event when bird enthusiasts can view:

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- Blue-headed Vireo (winter)
- Magnificent Frigate Birds (summer)
- Magnolia Warbler
- Painted Bunting (winter)
- Ovenbird
- Scarlet Tanager
- Tennessee Warbler
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TURTLE-LY AMAZING

Turtles are becoming one of Indian River's most sought-after wildlife attractor. Once you and your family spots the little hatchlings racing out to the water you will be hooked. However, it is important to do it safety and responsibly to make sure our turtles keep returning year after year. **Coastal Connections** offers an educational/safe experience with Sea Turtles whether it is one of their turtle walks, turtle digs or staying at one of their turtle friendly certified hotels.

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Blue Cypress Lake

INTO THE BLUE

A DIVER'S PARADISE

There are not many places in the world where active dive sites still exist. A few hundred feet from the shores of the Atlantic coast in Vero Beach lies a "diver's paradise." Sunken treasures and a real-world shipwreck, the **SS Breconshire**, provide a thriving habitat for coral, while the artificial reefs make the perfect place for fish to hide and slumber.

THE REEFS

There are four artificial reefs along the beaches, approximately 200-300 feet offshore. The **first reef** was deployed in 1987 by FP&L and is located along the southern shores of Vero Beach at a depth of 38 feet. The remaining **three reefs**, placed in 1999 by Indian River County government, are situated at depths of 66, 71, and 73 feet along Vero Beach's oceanfront.

THE CORAL

Divers and snorkelers take note: This area is a nursery for all types of marine life - turtles, lobsters,

manatees, rays, sharks, and 200+ species of fish. Plus, the ivory, tree-like coral **Oculina Variscosa and Oculina Diffusia** are an incredible sight to behold. The ivory brush coral, a species of concern, begin near Sebastian Inlet and run unbroken to Riomar, south of Sexton Plaza. These viable coral reefs are viewable at low tide.

UNTOLD TREASURE

This magical underwater world is known for shipwrecks, subsequently the designation of Florida's **"Treasure Coast."** A sunken fleet of 11 Spanish ships left millions in undiscovered gold, and today travelers from around the world come to seek their fortune.

Imagine kayaking through a lake where old cypress trees reign and more than 200 osprey nests can be seen during nesting season? Maybe your morning routine includes a workout? Start the day with a glorious bike; ride or paddle the lagoon, lakes, or the Atlantic Ocean in and around Vero Beach, Fellsmere, and Sebastian.

If you're looking for an eco-friendly vacation, this is the place.





OFF THE HOOK TOP TEN PLACES TO GO FISH IN INDIAN RIVER COUNTY:

Indian River County fishermen can no longer keep this world-class fishing destination a secret. In fact, 'General Tire World Championship' presented by Major League Fishing, was recently held in Indian River County. Two driving factors that made Indian River County a shoe in are the fantastic opportunities for superb fishing - both saltwater and fresh water - and the areas strictly regulated, immediate catch and release program. This conservation practice leads to productive lakes, rivers, and oceans.

OFF THE HOOK

Embarkonyear-roundfishingescapadesthat caterto every angling desire. Whether you're drawn to shore/ ocean fishing, fly-fishing, or dep-sea expeditions, Indian River County offers an array of options. The unspoiled Vero Beach shores boast shallow reefs teeming with fish, present opportunities for ocean fishing and deep-sea charters. Consider a voyage to Indian River, renowned for its prolific game fishing and serene shore fishing. Alternatively, venture into the untamed realm of Fellsmere, where you can fish from a boat, kayak, or canoe across four vibrant lakes: Blue Cypress, Garcia, Kenansville, and Stick Marsh. We can't possibly cover all of the various hidden places you'll want to discover, so why not consider turning a fishing trip to Indian River County into an annual tradition?

BLUE CYPRESS LAKE

Hard to tell whether the glorious blue coming off Blue Cypress Lake comes from the blue hue of cypress trees or the other way around. Big bass beckon beyond the forests and profuse osprey nests. The lake's record is an 18-pound catch. Before you go, you may want to do your research on the legendary Joe Middletown, who passed away recently and operated Middletown Fish Camp. Middletown would have told you that bass, bluegill, and catfish are available all year, with fall being the best time for fishing in Florida. A local's tip: try slow trolling using a kayak behind a pontoon boat to locate the teeming schools of fish.

FARM 13/STICK MARSH

Is one of the top trophy bass spots located in northwest Indian River County. Water depths range from four to eight feet, offering anglers these sought-after sportfish: largemouth bass, bluegill, redear sunfish, black crappie, and several catfish species. Facilities include a double-lane concrete boat ramp, air boat launch site, restroom, and paved parking lot. 9 South Mulberry Street, Fellsmere.

INDIAN RIVER LAGOON

The Indian River Lagoon, North America's most biologically diverse estuary, provides miles of flats for anglers to cover. Here in Vero Beach, the lagoon is situated between the mainland and the ocean. Schools of aggressive redfish are plentiful. Fish for trout on the shallow flats or head a bit further south to fish docks and mangroves for snook and juvenile tarpon. There are many areas to wade, and kayak fishing has become common throughout the river.

KENANSVILLE

Kenansville Lake is located on the northwest corner of Farm 13/Stick March. Like most of this area Blue Cypress trees, reeds, and grasses are part of the lake's landscape. The shallow waters hold crappie and bluegill, while bass fishing here is extraordinary.

LAKE GARCIA

What makes Lake Garcia especially unique is when the winds pick up, the fishing still goes on when the lake gets stirred up. Largemouth, bluegill and black crappie are the sportfish most sought after by anglers.



PELICAN ISLAND NATIONAL WILDLIFE PRESERVE

If the pelicans are hitting the water, you know that means fish are present. Fall is a fabulous time to fish in these restricted waters, just be aware you can't fish within 150 feet of the land when flounder is prevalent.

SEBASTIAN INLET STATE PARK

The premier saltwater fishing spot on Florida's east coast. This park is a favorite for anglers nationwide who want to catch snook, redfish, bluefish, and Spanish mackerel from its jetties. From Sebastian Inlet south, seatrout are large and plentiful, but here, snook rules. These are hard-fighting fish, lurking in inlets, around mangrove shorelines, on flats, and under docks throughout the county.

ST. SEBASTIAN RIVER PRESERVE STATE PARK

This area is known as The Upper Reaches. Kayak fishing has become popular on the river where sturgeon and mullet can be seen jumping along with dolphin and manatees.

SHORE FISHING

There are four reef lines that run parallel to the ocean within 300 feet off the coast, baring natural reefs, caves, and ledges. The perfect hiding place for fish. During the summer months schools of tarpon, giant jack crevalle and false albacore, as well as sharks and cobia, swim along the reefs. Many of these fish put on a show getting fishermen excited at the prospect of the catch or opportunities for fly fishermen to target their casts.

SPOIL ISLANDS OFF SEBASTIAN INLET

An astonishing conservation project that's having a significant environmental impact, including fantastic fishing. The Spoil Islands can be hard to get to. Many find paddling the best way to access these islands, while deep water is available further from the islands. You can expect to catch trout, redfish, snook, jacks, ladyfish, black drum, and sheepshead, which are all commonplace.

If this is your first visit to the area, or you're curious to learn about the many other "secret" fishing spots, and you're dying to reel-in a big one, then maybe a charter or fishing guide would suit your needs. Indian River County, being the epitome of fishing on Florida's east coast, offers a variety of fishing charters. Work with local fishing guides who will navigate you on an epic fishing journey through the rivers, lakes, and deep waters of Indian River County.

CAMPING & RVS

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, A plethora of options waits for those seeking a night under the starry skies. For some the allure lies in the tranquility of a remote setting, far from modern amenities. Others seek the comfort of home nestled within an outdoor backdrop. Simplicity is key for some, with the convenience of a car nearby for easy mobile access to meals. In Vero Beach, Fellsmere, and Sebastian, a range of excellent campsites caters to diverse preferences. From primitive settings to islands and state parks, there's a perfect camping spot for every adventurer.

REMOTE CAMPING

For campers seeking a remote, wilderness-like camping experience, the 22,000-acre **St. Sebastian River Preserve State Park** offers primitive camping, and two areas for equestrian camping. These scenic camps are about a 10-minute walk from your car. They offer nice tent sites and a fire ring with rustic log benches. It's a bit more work to carry in your equipment and supplies to these primitive sites, but the rewards are well worth it. You won't have any facilities, but you will not have any neighbors either! Peacefulness and solitude, being in a wilderness-like setting, offers spectacular sun rises in the morning over the misty pine woodlands. A fresh cup of coffee always tastes better in a pristine, quiet woodland.

Reservations for primitive camping are required and the cost is nominal. This assures you the site will be available upon arrival. Don't forget to bring plenty of water to drink and with which to wash. Running water is not available.

ISLAND CAMPING

For thrill-seeking adventurous souls, there is nothing like boating over to one of several recreation islands in the nearby Indian River Lagoon and staying overnight. The state-designated recreation "spoil" islands have beautiful sand beaches. Work on your suntan or cool off in the water. The most biologically diverse estuary in North America, the lagoon has been designated an Outstanding Florida Water and an Estuary of National Significance.

There are plenty of shaded areas to beat the Florida heat, and always a nice eastward sea breeze to keep campers cool. You may want to bring a hammock for those afternoon siestas. Currently, this site is undergoing an aggressive restoration program to remove exotic invasive plants and reintroduce native species. Facilities are strictly limited.

A number of the islands have campsites with large picnic tables, grills, and fire rings. The recreation island camps are available on a first-come first-serve basis. There is no charge to use them. Small boats can pull up on shore, but you'll want to moor larger boats just offshore. If you need to rent a boat, try Florida Boat Rentals in Vero Beach, centrally located at the docks behind Riverside Café.

These sites require the same user upkeep as the rustic Sebastian Inlet State Park campsites everything you bring in you must take away. There isn't any garbage pickup on these pretty gems in the Lagoon. Some dead wood may be accessible, but to be certain, pick up some firewood at a local gas station/convenience store before you head out on the boat. And don't forget to bring your fishing gear, that extra tube of sun lotion and a tarp and rain gear for possible inclement weather. Visit the County's **Spoil Island** website for a map of islands.

RV CAMPING

RV camping offers the best of both worlds. It's Exciting to get away from normal routines and live largely outdoors, but still have your own kitchen sink and comfy bed. However, camping with only a tent and cook stove is wonderful too, and easier to plan. Either way, it's fun to go out to dinner then return to camp for roasting marshmallows over an open fire. Making breakfast in camp is always fun. A great place to try either style of camping is **Sebastian Inlet State Park**. The park provides fishing from both its Atlantic and Indian River lagoon; fishing jetties extend from both sides of the inlet into the ocean. Other activities include swimming, spectacular water views, world class surfing, and diving. Wildlife is abundant in the park. The casual visitor can see pelicans, ospreys and many species of shorebirds. For a completely different experience, try camping at Middleton's Fish Camp on the 6,555-acre Blue Cypress Lake. The setting alongside this pristine lake is stunning. These are just two of several campgrounds in this beautiful county to check out. Each one has its own unique flavor.



PICK YOUR PERFECT BEACH

eeking an array of unspoiled beaches where hidden enclaves are nestled amidst sea grape Covered paths? Look no further than the picturesque Vero Beach and Sebastian, boasting an impressive 26 miles of pristine coastline.

These beaches present a timeless charm, untouched by the hustle of progress, allowing for undistributed moments with your significant other or the opportunity to finally dive into that bestseller you've been meaning to read. For families, it's a playground of endless possibilities from delightful days of building sandcastles to exciting seashell hunts that will bring smiles to everyone's faces.

While relaxation is the name of the game, the fun never ends on these shores. Take a plunge into new adventures like paddleboarding, kayaking, or surfing, and uncover the thrill of discovery with metal detecting.

Whether you seek tranquility or action, Vero Beach and Sebastian offer the perfect setting for creating cherished memories. So, unwind on our idyllic beaches, but be prepared to embark on a journey of boundless exploration and joy. There's

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- SHOWERS P.
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1820 County Road 510 | Vero Beach

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(P) # 8102 North AIA | Vero Beach Open M-Sun - 7am until Sunset

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SEAGRAPE TRAIL BEACH (P) # 3802 S Highway AIA | Vero Beach Open M-Sun - 7am until Sunset

TRACKING STATION PARK

800 46th & AIA | Vero Beach Open M-Sun - 7am until Sunset

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SOUTH BEACH PARK

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THE HAPPINESS CURE: BEACHES!



Have you ever wondered why beach vacations have this magical ability to whisk us into a state of instant relaxation? Is it the soothing ambiance that puts us at ease, surrounded by the things we cherish most: the warmth of family, the laughter of friends, the embrace of a lover, a captivating book, delectable fresh food, endless hours of floating in the water, or the excitement of learning something new. But perhaps, there's more to it than meets the eye – could our happiness on these sandy shores be rooted in something profound and beyond the surface?

Researchers have discovered blood pressure and stress levels drop when people watch fish swimming in small aquariums. Is this similar to seeing schools of wild fish, dolphins, and manatees at play? Color therapists believe blue produces security and relaxation. Is that why so many of us are drawn to the ocean? And spa experts continually tout the virtues of salt baths and salt scrubs to rid the body of toxins. Do the salty ocean waters deliver on this promise as well?

What if the connection between being at the beach and happiness is interrelated? Vero Beach offers untold encounters in and nearby water. From beaches and lakes to rivers and lagoons there's one thing we know for sure; each body of water offers different experiences for different personalities. Let us know what liquid locale brought about your Happiness Cure!

WAVES OF CALMNESS



Ambersand Beach, 12566 North AIA, is located within the 284-acre Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge. The refuge spans more than 20 miles. It's one of the most significant habitats for sea turtles nesting in the Western Hemisphere and is equally important for the critically endangered green sea turtle in North America. This beach is serene and sure to bring about waves of calmness.

MAKING A FAMILY CONNECTION

Humiston Park Beach, south of Sexton Plaza on Ocean Drive, may be a smart choice for those who wish to bond with friends and family. It's been rated a top family beach by Family Vacation Critic. Along with the gorgeous beaches and connecting with family and friends, why not ignite your five senses as well? Every Saturday morning from 8 am-noon, Humiston beachgoers can walk over to the farmer's market and enjoy the sights and sounds of a bountiful marketplace brimming with colorful fresh fruit and choice vegetables. Visitors will also be entertained by the many farmers proudly showcasing their offerings and answering all your questions. A deep satisfaction comes from knowing where your food is grown. This is also an excellent opportunity to teach your children about healthy eating.

THE JOY OF DISCOVERY

Found on Highway AIA, Seagrape Trail Beach is perfect for travelers who find joy in the discovery of new things. Beachgoers can search for treasure and explore the treasure salvaging boats located just 20 feet off the beach. Be on the lookout for adorable baby sea turtle hatchlings (there are numerous nests), soak up the glorious sunshine, and stroll stretches of undisturbed coastline. It's a day that delivers many pleasures.

A BLUE WATER DELIGHT

Round Island off of AIA is a "blue water delight." This beach has access to both the Atlantic Ocean and Indian River Lagoon. A perfect place to watch manatees and dolphins at play. Also here, spot egrets and pelicans, hike a trail, or be a kid again and climb the lookout tower, which boasts breathtaking 360° panoramic views. If you didn't bring a kayak or canoe no worries, equipment rentals are available for delivery.

MAKING THE CONNECTION

Google Ocean Drive and Mango Lane to arrive at Jaycee Beach and spend a pleasant day reconnecting with family. This park is an active family beach and boasts the longest boardwalk in Vero Beach — great for a leisurely walk with the little ones.

SLOW YOUR ROLL LIKE A SEA TURTLE

Life often seems like a whirlwind, with us rushing around like headless chickens. But isn't it time for vacations to be the complete opposite? Picture this: a serene and unforgettable summer experience awaiting you at the mesmerizing Sebastian Inlet State Park, located at 9700 South Highway AIA. During the height of summer, in the warm waters of the Atlantic Ocean, mighty sea turtles make their annual trek to the beach to lay their eggs. These prehistoric sea creatures have been making this yearly trek for 100 million years. Visitors and locals will witness a breathtaking site as the park's rangers host nighttime tours to observe nesting sea turtles; reservations are required. Come prepared to roam the beach for a few hours to spot these fascinating, endangered creatures. Sea turtle tours are best suited for children age 10 and up.

Looking for something with a quicker pace? Then wax your board. The inlet is renowned as a surfer's paradise. In fact, world champion surfer Kelly Slater got his start here, plus surf competitions are always fun to watch.

Beyond the surf breaks, the park is filled with eager fishermen who come to enjoy either the Atlantic or the Indian River. Fishing jetties extend from both sides of the inlet into the ocean. Other popular activities include swimming, camping, bird watching, boating, and diving. Both locals and visitors can be seen observing ospreys and a variety of shorebirds who call this environmentally-friendly beach home. It's a magical place in this area's beach line-up.

NATURE'S MEDICINE

Mingled amongst sea grapes and sea grasses, if you look closely, you may be lucky enough to spot the highly endangered, adorable beach mouse. To spot one, you must look closely as they are wily and rare. Treasure Shores Beach gets its name from the area's association with sunken treasure, plus this beach provides a climbable pirate ship for kiddies. Walking trails are available at this unguarded beach.

TAKE A MENTAL HEALTH DAY TO WANDER AND PLAY

What if you were greeted by a family of parrots basking in the shade of the sea grape, dollar vine, and nicker bean plants? (Nicker beans have been known to float all the way to Wales!) Welcome beach lovers! This is a slice of nirvana. Wide stretches of beach easily accommodate two beach volleyball courts, making this a fun place to enjoy an afternoon tournament. Shorebirds accompany surfers and paddle boarders on their wave-riding journeys.

A DAY INSPIRED BY BEACHES, DISCOVERY, AND GOLD



A day of discovery awaits at Wabasso Beach, 11300 North AIA. This beach is a few swim strokes away from one of the world's most famous sunken treasures, the Queen's Jewels. One of Florida's rarest reefs leads to a Spanish shipwreck. In 2015, 350 gold coins valued at \$4.5 million were found six feet off the beach shore. Treasure hunt anyone? Surfers also find this beach rich in surf breaks. Either side of the jetty offers exceptional reef breaks.

PLAN A WELLBEING WEEKEND

Solitude, serenity, and miles of shoreline littered with seashells are what you'll find at Tracking Station Park, 800 46th Place North AlA. Horseshoe crabs show you how to dance and sea turtles can be spotted having fun rolling in the waves. Or catch a sunrise and then watch the seas sparkle as the glistening rays rise into the morning sky. This is one of the most photographed beaches in Vero Beach and one of the locals' best kept seaside secrets. You may need more than a weekend to get the full benefit of this hidden natural retreat.

FIND YOUR BLISS ON OUR LAKES & LAGOONS

Nestled in the tranquil town of Fellsmere, we cannot overlook the breathtaking beauty of one of Florida's most magnificent lakes - Blue Cypress Lake. Spanning an impressive seven miles long and three miles wide, this serene oasis boasts 21 miles of shoreline surrounded by 29,000 acres of marshes, swamps and cypress forests. It's a place of complete surrender to Mother Nature. Blue skies give way to blue-hued water, which some say occurs because of the reflection of the blue cypress trees on the lake as the morning sun rises into the sky. The lake is home to the most massive osprey nesting sight and blue cypress forests. Spend a magical morning paddling through the cypress trees and don't forget to look up to spot enormous osprey nests and a plethora of additional winged creatures—bald eagles, egrets, great blue herons, owls, storks, and hawks. In the embrace of Blue Cypress Lake, time seems to stand you find the beauty of the world around you, leaving vou with cherished memories.

The Indian River Lagoon is one of the most biodiverse lagoons in the world. It inhabits Sebastian and Vero Beach and is an aquatic wonderland. Nature lovers travel far and wide to explore more than 3,000 species of plants and animals along this Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway. Manatees, dolphins, small stingrays, hundreds of fish, turtle nesting spots, and 300 bird species are located in and around this lagoon. It's a glorious Eden when exploring the spoiler islands on the lagoon. So much to uncover.

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THRILL@WILL LIVE LIKE A LOCAL

Embark on a thrilling journey through Indian River County, where epic adventures await those in search of awe-inspiring wonders and unforgettable moments. Brace yourself as we unveil the extraordinary offerings of Vero Beach, Sebastian, and Fellsmere. Get ready to be captivated by the magic that awaits you in this enchanting destination.



SKYDIVE SEBASTIAN

No matter the occasion - be it a birthday celebration, a quest for a remarkable romantic memory, or a thirst for adrenaline-pumping excitement - **Skydive Sebastian** is here to fulfill your skydiving dreams. Get ready for an unforgettable experience as you buckle up for tandem jumps or take the plunge Whether you're celebrating a birthday, seeking a remarkable romantic memory, or you just want to get your adrenaline pumping, Skydive Sebastian has a jump with your name on it. Buckle up for tandem jumps or independent falls with a team of accredited professionals to assist at every level.

INTO THE FLORIDA WILDS

St. Sebastian River Preserve is for those who seek an "into the wilds" Fellsmere Florida adventure. This 22,000-acre park offers 60 miles of hiking, mountain biking, kayaking, and equestrian trails. Pack the binoculars. This preserve is part of the Great Florida Birding Trail, a top birding spot on the East Coast. Keep the binoculars handy as endangered species like manatees, scrub jays, red-cockaded woodpeckers, even bobcats can be spotted in the area throughout the year. Camping is available.

BEACHSIDE TREASURE SEEKERS

Skip the temptations of retail stores and instead opt for a day of beachside treasure hunting with a metal detector. Since you are visiting the Treasure Coast, one of the most treasure-filled areas in the US, you may be more likely to discover a gold Spanish doubloon. Even if you don't find a rare gold coin you could stumble on a piece of jewelry or other exciting valuable item. If you don't have a metal detector the **Mel Fisher Museum** offers rentals.

LIGHTS OUT

The park rangers at **Sebastian Inlet State Park** offer a unique nighttime program: observing one of Mother Nature's most magical moments endangered sea turtles (Green, Loggerhead, and others) laying their eggs, covering their nests, and making their journey back to the sea. Programs are offered in June and July. They start at 9:00 pm and may go until the wee hours of the morning. Remember, turtles aren't on a schedule, which means you may have to walk a mile or two to spot one of these prehistoric creatures. Bring bug spray, water, and supportive shoes. Kids under ten probably won't "dig" this outing. Vero Beach's **Coastal Connections** hosts popular "Turtle Digs"



during July and August. These experiences take place three days after a nest hatches. You may just witness firsthand straggler hatchlings get released into the ocean.

HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL

The Fellsmere Preserve and Visitor Center is located northwest of the I-95 and CR512 interchange and on the Indian River lagoon scenic byway, along with 40 other super interesting natural areas that must be visited to be appreciated. Situated on approximately 86 acres this site was acquired in 2008 in partnership with the Florida Communities Land Trust and Indian River County. The park provides numerous passive recreation activities including walking trails primitive camping and a trailhead welcome center.

In addition to its beautiful natural elements this visitor center is also an access point to the newly constructed **Trans Florida Central Railroad Trail**. This two-mile path runs parallel to the original railway incorporated in 1924 that traveled between Fellsmere and Sebastian and is perfect for walking, bicycling, running and horseback riding. Being a former railway path, it's now off the beaten trail and a gorgeous place for family outings, good times with friends or just to be Zen.

AIRBOAT ADVENTURES

Imagine a day flying across the water as your airboat traverses Blue Cypress Lake with **Capt. Bob's Airboat Adventures**. This is a fantastic, narrated journey into protected marshes and wetlands with majestic Blue Cypress trees that house ospreys, hawks, and bald eagles. Be on the lookout as Florida alligators play hide-n-seek amongst the nutrient-rich seaweed and colorful lily-pad-laden waters.

SNORKEL A SHIPWRECK

A short swim from shore, in shimmering clear waters, lies a reef structure unlike any other in Florida, a shipwreck that settled in 15 - 20 feet of water off the coast of Vero Beach. Parents and young ones can easily snorkel the **SS Breconshire** shipwreck to discover its boiler which once powered the ship's engine and observe the shape of the bow now surrounded by rich sea life. Here in this underwater paradise four parallel reefs are home to 400 different species of marine life, in addition to the late 19th-century shipwreck. Snorkelers may spot lobsters, stingrays, and jeweltoned tropical fish. Depending on the season you may even observe a sea turtle.

RIVALING THE EVERGLADES

The undeveloped, pristine water of **Blue Cypress Lake** covers 6,599 acres rivaling the Everglades. Kayakers may want to paddle the west side of the lake to experience a forest of moss-laden bald cypress trees that are both eerie and captivating. This forest extends into the water so paddlers get to row through the trees which some years have more than 300 osprey nests! The lake is known as the largest Osprey nesting site in the state. Blue Cypress Lake also attracts a variety of wading birds including great blue heron and limpkin.

BIG SHOTS GOLF

EAT. DRINK. GOLF. Whether you are a firsttime golfer or an all-time pro, Step into a world where traditional golf meets modern innovation. **Big Shots Golf** is a two-story, golf recreation and entertainment experience offering a full-service restaurant, 2 sports bars, and 30 climate-controlled tee boxes. Their state-ofthe-art simulators bring world-famous course to life, allowing you to play like a pro. But Big Shots Golf is more than just golf- it's a social hub where friends, families, and golf enthusiasts gather. Enjoy a menu with fantastic food and drinks, from classic favorites to signature offerings, as you take a break swinging and share laughter in a vibrant atmosphere.

LIVE LIKE A LOCAL

UNCOVERING INDIAN RIVER

Are you ready to Uncover Indian River County? Indian River County has a plethora of unique experiences to offer our visitors, which is why starting a social media series was only fitting. Through this journey, we will take you to local favorites that are considered a "staple" in our community. You will be joined by our host, Kat Redner, as you uncover Indian River! Check out past episodes on our website "VisitIndianRiverCounty.com"

HOLY GRAIL EATS

Are you ready to try the best dishes in Indian River County? Visit Indian River County and The Treasure Coast Foodie are proud to present a three-part video series called Holy Grail Eats in Indian River County! So come along with your host, Thomas Miller, to experience the top dishes that many consider to be the best in Indian River County! Find out if your selection made the cut.

TREASURE COAST FOODIE

Local Foodie Insight. Having trouble figuring out what to eat? Then you have come to the right place. Visit Indian River County has partnered with The Treasure Coast Foodie to provide expert insight on all of the locally-owned restaurants in Indian River County. From southern-style BBQ, top pizza joints, and the freshest seafood on the coast! We have you covered with all of the top spots and savory offers you can experience.

TREASURE COAST WINE, ALE & SPIRITS TRAIL

Formally known as the Treasure Coast Wine & Ale Trail, The Treasure Coast Wine, Ale & Spirits Trail offers a unique experience along the treasure coast! This captivating region offers visitors and locals an unparalleled craft beer and spirits experience, featuring nine breweries, one winery, newly opened distilleries, and more on the horizon. The Treasure Coast Wine, Ale & Spirits Trail introduces you to a vibrant and diverse group of passionate entrepreneurs who are redefining the character of our coast, one perfect pint at a time. As you explore keep your eyes peeled for the exciting arrivals of new venues joining the ranks of the Treasure Coast Wine, Ale & Spirits trail.

TREASURE COAST KIDS QUEST

CHOOSE YOUR QUEST! Try one, try all. The Treasure Coast Kids Quest is the best way to experience some

of the most family-friendly activities on the Treasure Coast! We hope you and your child have fun visiting and exploring each location on the way. But be on the lookout! Each spot has a highlight activity to achieve. Once you complete one quest, make sure to claim your treasure and start another.





3001 Riverside Park Drive, Vero Beach, FL / www.vbmuseum.org / 772.231.0707



WORLD FAMOUS CITRUS

DISCOVER WHY INDIAN RIVER CITRUS IS WORLD FAMOUS

Indian River County's citrus beginnings date back to 1807. Captain Douglas Dummitt, sailing south along the Florida East Coast, smelled the fragrance of orange trees and decided to plant the area's first citrus grove at his homestead. Thanks to the unique, local climate and geographic conditions, the Indian River Citrus District has produced worldfamous grapefruit and high-quality oranges ever since. Chances are, you purchase it weekly at your local grocery store and aren't aware it comes from our area. To really experience what our county has to offer, get out and visit one or more of the few remaining family-owned farm stores. Enjoy what is truly the best citrus in the world.

INDIAN RIVER CITRUS MUSEUM

You can visit the Indian River Citrus Museum, located in the Heritage Center in downtown, to learn about citrus' rich history. Come enjoy the rich history of Vero Beach and the Indian River Citrus' industry and legacy. In the late 1800's, early Florida settlers began the commercial cultivation of citrus and an industry was born. Indian River Lagoon country, which is along the middle of the eastern coast of Florida, proved to be the prime location for growing the finest citrus in the world.

Indian River Citrus Museum - 2140 14th Ave, Vero Beach, FL 32960

SCHACHT GROVES

When you visit this fourth-generation family farm a few miles from downtown Vero Beach, you won't be disappointed. Start with a taste of the best orange juice in the world. Some say it's like drinking liquid sunshine. Schacht Groves first began operations in the 1950s when Henry Schacht, Sr. and his family moved to Florida before air-conditioning and mosquito control were common in the sunshine state. Beginning in the 1970s, Henry, Jr. and his wife Janet ran the operation for three decades, then handed the reigns to son Louis. At the farm store you can watch the juicing process through

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a picture window while you sip Schacht's daily squeezed orange and grapefruit juices. Their fruit is as delicious as nature intended, free of wax and color-enhancing gases. As you leave the farm, try your hand at launching an orange from the lifesized sling shot into the Schacht's picturesque pond.

Schacht Groves - 6100 12th St, Vero Beach, FL 32966

COUNTRYSIDE FAMILY FARMS/ EL SID TAQUERIA

Another deeply rooted citrus clan, the Banack Family, owns and operates a farm store situated in the middle of lovely fields, just south of Sebastian. They continue Countryside's citrus traditions which have been in continuous operation for decades. Countryside Citrus offers equally wonderful fresh squeezed juice with a different taste. They round out a large variety of citrus fruit with locally grown produce. Everyone should try one of the several flavors of freshly made ice cream for sale in the store. For those visiting the area in early fall, Countryside has a fun corn maze and an autumn festival atmosphere from mid-October until nearly Thanksgiving. Countryside also has a Vero Beach Ocean Drive location serving up amazingly delicious orange slushies and soft serve. You can also enjoy locally sourced Mexican cuisine at El Sid's Taqueria

Countryside Family Farms/ El Sid Taqueria – Mainland: 6325 81st St, Vero Beach, FL 32967 Beachside: 3300 Ocean Dr, Vero Beach, FL 32967

PETERSON GROVES

This historic citrus operation, only a mile from the Indian River Mall, contains an assemblage of eclectic farm buildings, including one of the oldest citrus packing houses in the county. The Petersons first settled the property over 100 years ago. Vero Beach natives, Eric, and Tiffany Barkwell took over the operation in 2013. They continue to grow and sell a large variety of produce in addition to their own fresh squeezed juice and fruit, including the increasingly rare blood oranges. A visit to Peterson Groves is a step back in time. Children will enjoy visiting chickens and other farm animals and participating in a "Squirrel Treasure Hunt" amongst the trees and animals. Kids receive a prize at the end. The farm store features a gift shop full of gourmet dressings, dips, sauces, local honey, farm fresh eggs and produce, souvenirs, sweet delicious Florida taffy, and more. It's a destination not to be missed! And everyone can enjoy a sample of the seasonal fresh fruit and fresh squeezed orange juice.

Peterson Groves - 3375 66th Ave, Vero Beach, FL 32966



Vist Vero's past & present! Free guided tours, historical photographs, citrus label collection, artifacts, gift shop

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Indian River County is an ever-evolving food lovers' paradise. Foodies and travelers of all tastes will be rewarded. Fresh, fearless, and trendy eats are available at every price point with a variety of options: mom and pops, authentic spots, fine dining, and casual eateries. It's recognizing chefs haven't forgotten their local roots, allowing visitors to connect not only through their five senses but on a cultural level, too. Local farms and seasonal ingredients are celebrated while honoring traditions and bounty from local waters. It's food that surprises and delights.

ETHNIC CUISINE

If you ask us, there's truly nothing more delightful than indulging in a meal that transports you to a whole new cultural experience, not only in the flavors of the food but also in the ambiance. If you're a fan of diverse cuisines we've got some fantastic ethnic restaurant recommendations spanning our tri-county area that we think you'll enjoy. If you are looking to stay in the Vero Beach area, here are a few of their offerings **Casa Migos**,

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Tequila Azteca, Blue Agave, Taco Dive, Spiro's Taverna, Ume Grill, and El Sid Taqueria. Embark on a culinary journey in Sebastian at Mo-Bay Grill, savor the flavors at Wasabi Thai Sushi, and delight in Taste of Asia. If you're looking for an authentic taste of Mexico, venture into Fellsmere for Las Tapatias.

ITALIAN PIZZA

Immerse yourself in the timeless flavors of Italy, right within the bounds of Indian River County. Our selection of charming Italian Pizzerias seamlessly fuses tradition and innovation, conjuring mouthwatering pizzas that whisk you away to the very heart of Italy. From their impeccably thin crusts and premium ingredients to the skillfully melted cheeses, every bite becomes a harmonious symphony of flavors. Vero Beach boasts a roster of Italian gems including Italian Kitchen, Italian Grill, Nino's Italian Restaurant, Pizza Mia, Garage Woodfire Pizza, and Cap's Pizza. In Sebastian, savor the delights of Aunt Louise's Pizzeria. Vic's Pizza Italian Restaurant, and The Italian Cousin. And in Fellsmere, be sure to relish the offerings of Giuseppe's Italian Restaurant.

FRESHLY CAUGHT SEAFOOD

You can guarantee the seafood in Indian River County boasts unparalleled freshness, courtesy of our prime location adjacent to the stunning Indian River Lagoon and the vast Atlantic Ocean. Our seafood restaurants offer an oceanic feast that captures the essence of coastal living. From succulent shrimp to buttery lobster, each dish is a celebration of flavors. In Vero Beach, savor the flavors of the sea at **Crab Stop**, **Riverside Café**, **Green Marlin**, **Fishack**, and **Mulligans Beach House**. In Sebastian, they offer an aquatic feast at **Crab Stop**, **Mulligans Beach House**, **Squid Lips**, and even the experience of bringing your freshly caught seafood for chefs to prepare at **Black Fins** at Captain Hirams Resort. Meanwhile, Fellsmere invites you to indulge in seafood delights at **Marsh Landing Restaurant**, including their famous frog legs, gator tail, catfish, and more!

SOUTHERN COOKIN'

While we are a popular destination for our seafood, we are also a great destination for some of the best BBQ you can find. Our barbecue establishments bring the art of slow-cooked perfection to your plate, creating a culinary experience that is deeply rooted in the tradition of southern cooking. In Vero Beach, visit the restaurant of the year, **Pepper and Salt BBQ**, for a taste of their slow-cooked succulent brisket, or stop by some other local favorites like **14 Bones BBQ**, **Southern Social**, and **Sonny's BBQ**. Take a trip to Sebastian to try out **Woody's BBQ** and **Libby's BBQ**. Even take a trip to Fellsmere for **Willys Bar & Grill**.

SWEETS AND TREATS

A symphony of flavors awaits to satisfy your sweet tooth. Our charming sweet spots offer a delectable array of treats that range from traditional favorites to innovative creations. Embrace the sweetness of Vero Beach at **Downtown Dipper**, **Sweet Kiss Ice Cream**, **Kilwins Chocolates and Ice Cream**, **Rita's Italian Ice and Frozen Custard**, **Jeremiah's Italian Ice**, and **Countryside Citrus**. In Sebastian, a few places that will satisfy your sweet tooth are **Paradise Ice Cream** and **Pops Ice Cream**. Get your sugar rush in Fellsmere at **Yamis Ice Cream Shop** or **Carcias Bakery**.

FINE DINING

Indian River County boasts several fine dining experiences that allow you to enjoy a romantic night out or an elevated dining experience with friends and family. From the first sip to the last bite, each moment is a celebration of the culinary arts, a perfect marriage of flavors and textures that speaks to the dedication and creativity of the culinary experts. Vero Beach offers several fine dining experiences



that include The Ocean Grill, Scampi Grill, The Tides, Vero Prime, Polo Grill, Maison Martinique, Fire & Wine, River Twist, The Wave Kitchen and Bar at Costa D'Este, and Cobalt in Kimpton Vero Beach Hotel & Spa.

BRUNCH

Can't choose between breakfast or lunch and want something in the middle? Well, Indian River County has the perfect Bruch spots for you! From classic eggs benedict to creative twists on French toast, each dish is a symphony of taste that marks the transition from breakfast to lunch in the most satisfying way. In Vero Beach, enjoy brunch at **Baci Trattoria**, **The Lemon Tree**, **La Tabla**, **Michaels on 7th**, **Waterfall Restaurant**, and **CJ Cannons**. In Sebastian, a few Bruch spots to mention are **Hen House Eatery** and **Riverwalk Café**.

COFFEE & TEA

Whether you're seeking the bold kick of a freshly brewed espresso or the soothing embrace of a wellseeped cup of tea, Indian River County promises a journey of flavors that will warm your heart and invigorate your senses. Starting in Vero Beach, some coffee and tea shops you can visit include Sweet Desires Espresso Bar & Bakery, Coffee House 1420, Rio Coco Café, Vero Caffe, and Tea & Chi. Sebastian's offerings include Café Latte Da, Riverview Coffee Team & Books, and the Bubble House.

FABULOUS FESTIVALS BEST OF THE FEST!

hy should festival-goers put Indian River County Festivals on their bucket list? Because our festivals offer a vibrant kaleidoscope of culture. tradition, and sheer celebration that truly warrant a spot on every wanderer's bucket list. With a plethora of events celebrating everything from seafood to film, and Frog legs to arts and culture, these festivals ignite the senses, leaving visitors with cherished memories and a deeper appreciation for the diverse tapestry of Indian River County. Come savor the fusion of cultures, and be a part of the infectious merriment that awaits at these extraordinary festivals. Experiences not to be missed, Indian River County festivals promise to kindle the wanderlust spirit in every traveler. Be sure to check out our website: VisitIndianRiverCounty.com for dates and details

FROG LEGS, GATOR TAILS, BEER & MORE!

Step into a world of wonder at the Fellsmere Frog Leg Festival, a celebration that embodies the spirit of community, adventure, and culinary curiosity. Every January for the past 32 years, this vibrant event has been captivating visitors from across the globe, making it an absolute must-visit in Indian River County. Aptly known as the "Frog Leg Capital of the world," Fellsmere proudly holds the prestigious title of a two-time Guinness Book record holder for serving the most frog legs. This unique festival has become a massive draw for those seeking an unforgettable and offbeat experience. Discover homespun, Florida fun at its finest and relish in the opportunity to mingle with the friendly locals who have embraced this annual tradition with heart and soul

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- Who can resist craft brews? The Florida Craft Brew and Wingfest caters to families and couples seeking the satisfaction of sippable craft brews and delectable winds. Join the 12.000 visitors and locals converging in Vero Beach for an enjoyable time while supporting a meaningful local cause. This charitable festival proudly benefits the Sunrise Rotary Club of Vero Beach. The excitement begins with a lively pre-party, where craft brews flow freely, live music fills the air, and kids frolic in the kid-friendly pavilion. Enchanting water fountains, breath taking views of the Indian River, picnic tables, and convenient facilities all add to the enjoyment. Embrace the essence of Florida with some retail therapy, making this event a truly fun-filled celebration of community spirit, flavors, and giving back.
- In the charming, riverfront town of Sebastian, Shrimp aficionados and craft beer enthusiasts gather each year during the second week of march for an unforgettable culinary celebration. Formally known as the Shrimpfest & Craft Brew Hullabaloo, the River Days & Craft Brew Hullabaloo is a true delight, offering the finest fresh Florida shrimp served in a Myriad of mouthwatering ways, perfectly completed by an array of local and regional craft brews. As you stroll through this walkable event, enjoy the vibrant atmosphere filled with local music, assorted festivities, and plenty of traditional fare to savor. Its no wonder this three-day shrimp-lover's fest has become a top bucket list contender for many. Beyond the indulgence, this heartwarming festival also contributes to supporting youth sports in Indian River County, making it a truly fulfilling and enjoyable experience for all.
- Burgers and Brews is a mouthwatering culinary event that celebrates the perfect pairing of gourmet burgers and craft brews. This delectable festival brings together local chefs and breweries to showcase their most creative and flavorful offerings. From juicy, artisanal burgers to a wide selection of craft beers, attendees can indulge their taste buds while enjoying live music and a lively

atmosphere. Burgers and Brews is a delightful experience that brings together food enthusiasts and beer connoisseurs alike for a day of delicious fun and community camaraderie.

Aww shucks; The Sebastian Clam Bake is one not to miss. 17 years ago, The Sebastian Clam Bake - a nonprofit organization, launched a festival that would deeply impact the local community. Today, the organization has raised more than six hundred thousand dollars with monies being distributed to local non-profit organizations. The event has succeeded in its goal of impacting residents in ways that positively affect their daily lives. The organizers believe exceptional food, soul-stirring music, historical re-enactments, and plenty of family fun make this festival an easy way to give back.



ART, FILM & WINE - OH MY!

Vero Beach's Riverside Park is a popular gathering place that hosts **Under the Oaks**, one of Florida's première and highly anticipated art shows. Over 70 years old, every March over 50,000 visitors arrive at the park, ready to enjoy an elite juried art show. Visitors can stroll through a picturesque outdoor setting shaded by majestic oak trees, as they explore the art of more than 200 vendors: artists, painters, jewelers, sculptures, pottery and ceramic makers, glass artists, and more who gather to unveil treasures, both small and grand. Florida Magazine readers voted it "the best arts and crafts festival in Florida." This one-of-a-kind festival offers an unforgettable experience for art enthusiasts and families alike.

- The Riverside Theatre Winterfest is a magical and heartwarming holiday tradition that transforms the theatre into a winter wonderland. During the Holiday season, the lobby is adorned with a dazzling display of beautifully decorated Christmas trees, each one creatively designed by local businesses and organizations. Visitors can stroll through this enchanting Holiday Spectacular, soaking in the holiday spirit while supporting the arts. The Winterfest at Riverside Theatre brings joy to families, friends, and the entire community, making it a cherished celebration of the season.
- The Hibiscus Festival in Indian River County is a vibrant celebration of art, culture, and community spirit. This festival pays homage to the tropical beauty of hibiscus flowers, which flourish in the region's lush landscapes. As visitors meander through the lively event, they are treated to a feast for the senses, with dazzling displays of hibiscus blooms in various colors and sizes. The festival also boasts an eclectic mix of arts and crafts vendors, showcasing their unique creations. From

handcrafted jewelry and paintings to artisanal goods, there is something for every art enthusiast to admire and take home.



The Vero Beach Film Festival (VBFF) is a prestigious cinematic event that attracts filmmakers and movie enthusiasts from all over. Taking place over a long weekend of private events in the charming coastal town of Vero Beach, Florida. This festival showcases a diverse selection of compelling films, from though-provoking documentaries to captivating narratives, creating an enriching and unforgettable experience for all attendees.

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NATURALLY

- If you are a DIY gardener who seeks the best tips from the area's pros on how to create a lush, outdoor space, **GardenFest** is one not to miss. Get tips and trade secrets, while enjoying a day amongst colorful flowers. Learn about the best backyard accessories to make your garden a vibrant wonderland. This February event is a Pinterest devotee's dream.
- McKee Waterlily Celebration is a multi-colored event that is oh-so Instagram-worthy. Held each June at McKee Botanical Garden, it has been enchanting travelers for over 30 years with rich pinks, deep purples, bright yellows, pale oranges, and creamy white blooms, all lushly perfuming the air. You will learn that waterlilies provide ecobenefits for ponds; they are natural sunshades for fish while minimizing algae growth. This waterlily collection produces more than 500 multi-hued blooms and is the largest in the Sunshine State.
- Put your party hats on in March to celebrate Pelican Island Wildlife Festival. This annual salute honors one of the area's most precious natural resources, the Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge — the first national refuge in the US— granted in 1903. The day is dedicated to the environment. Visitors

delight with pontoon boat tours, and live wildlife shows. You'll be awestruck by the jaw-dropping, Instagramable photography opportunities and non-stop family fun in Sebastian.

- Fourth of July SS Breconshire Swim/Paddle is a tradition that continues to grow. Every 4th of July, join hundreds of locals that swim, and paddle boat, out to the famous American flag that marks the SS Breconshire Shipwreck. Once out on the wreck, it becomes a celebration as people snorkel the wreck and party with other patrons on the water. It is one tradition you don't want to miss.
- The McKee Festival of Lights is a mesmerizing holiday spectacle that illuminates the McKee Botanical Garden with a magical display of twinkling lights and enchanting decorations. During the festive season, this beloved event transforms the garden into a winter wonderland, delighting visitors of all ages with is stunning light exhibits. From beautifully adorned trees to whimsical light sculptures, the Festival of Lights Captivates guests as they wander through this illuminated paradise. Families can enjoy holidaythemed activities, festive music, and delectable treats, creating cherished memories and spreading holiday cheer throughout the community.

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A MAGICAL TRIP HOVERING OVER WATER TO VIEW WILDLIFE HABITATS

Take off on a thrilling airboat ride where you'll skim across the water at thrilling speeds of up to 130 miles per hour. Families can choose from two incredible destinations: the renowned **Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge**, the nation's first wildlife refuge, or the sprawling **Blue Cypress Conservation Area**, spanning over 6,500 acres adorned with vibrant lotus blossoms. These picturesque locations offer prime opportunities to encounter a variety of captivating wildlife, including Florida's alligators, turtles, osprey, bald eagles, herons, pelicans, spoonbills, and yes, even the adorable swamp rabbits. Prepare for an unforgettable adventure as you witness the beauty and diversity of these remarkable ecosystems from the unique vantage point of an airboat.

THE CITRUS CAPITAL

Discover the citrus paradise of Indian River County, rightfully earning its reputation as the citrus capital of North America. With more than 7.5 million bushels of citrus shipped worldwide each year, its no wonder this sun-kissed land is synonymous with flavorful oranges. Threat your taste buds to the sweet nectar of these delightful fruits during your visit, and don't miss the century-old Preston Groves for a truly immersive citrus experience. Sample rare blood oranges, savor seasonal fruits, and indulge in freshly squeezed juice. For more citrus adventures, venture to **Schacht Groves** and **Countryside Citrus**, where captivating tours await. As a tip, make sure to visit Countryside Citrus' oceanfront store, where they serve the most delectable soft-serve orange juice ice cream on the planer. To dive deeper into the area's farming heritage, a visit to the Indian River Citrus Museum is a must. Immerse yourself in the rich history of citrus farming and further explore the allure of "old Florida" at the **Vero Heritage and Citrus Museum**. Prepare for a citrus-filed journey that will leave you with a zest for all things orange!

SEBASTIAN'S BEST KEPT SECRET

When you Imagine a local farm in the heart of the nation's largest citrus producer, you might envision rows of orange and grapefruit trees. But in Indian River County, there's a special place called **LaPorte Farms** that offers so much more. Step into this unique petting zoo and prepare to be enchanted by adorable pigs, chickens, horses, and goats. You'll also be able to meet 'Fancy' the Llama and the fluffiest donkeys you'll ever lay eyes on. Get ready to pet Billy goats, Zebu (humped cattle), Marmoset monkeys, mini horses, plus tortoises, geese, parrots, and more. LaPorte Farms hosts a range of special events, and is an excellent place to visit, for animal lovers of all ages.

IN THE

ndian River County has much to see and discover. Culture seekers will encounter full-scale quality productions, historic and contemporary museums, ballet and opera performances. Fans flock to Indian River County for cultural experiences like snowbirds come to soak up the sun.

THEATRE REVIEWS

Riverside Theatre is celebrating 51 years of producing quality works with an emphasis on high production values. Riverside Theatre is Florida's largest self-producing professional theatre and offers show stopping hits such as 42nd Street, Evita, West Side Story, and others featuring casts recruited right from the Broadway stages of the Big Apple. Theatregoers can also take in contemporary dramas and comedies in their multi-configuration Black Box Theatre. Riverside also offers very special events like their

Distinguished Lecturer Series, a forerunner in the presentation of relevant topics focused on national and global affairs and presented by distinguished experts who bring with them unique insight.

3250 Riverside Park Drive, Vero Beach

The Vero Beach Theatre Guild, the longest running community theatre on the Treasure Coast, has been setting the stage for great community theatre and electrifying locals and visitors alike for more than 60 years. With expanded show schedules and monthly performances. The Guild has also supplemented its monthly offerings. A larger 5,000-square-foot rehearsal hall, and a new space for educational programs such as workshops and adult and children's classes keep this theatre modern and relevant.

2020 San Juan Avenue, Vero Beach



DANCE, DANCE, DANCE

Traditional ballet and interpretive dance series are the heart and soul of **Ballet Vero Beach**. This dedicated troupe continues to promote the art of dance as a universal language. The ballet has a charitable element too, the ballet company provides educational enrichment and free performance tickets to local organizations whose constituents might not ordinarily have access to their programming.

www.balletverobeach.org

OPERA

The Vero Beach Opera has enriched the cultural lives of our community through fully staged professional vocal performances of the highest quality which promote an increase and deeper appreciation of opera to an expanding and diverse audience of all ages. Vero Beach is uniquely blessed to enjoy these passionate, professional performances for more than three decades. Get tickets in advance as their shows always sell out, as they continue to build a strong following with a delight-filled season!

ww.verobeachopera.org

MUST-SEE MUSEUMS IN INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

Incorporating a vibrant blend of tales involving citrus, shipwrecks, and pioneer settlers, Indian River County boasts a captivating and diverse history. Complementing this historical tapestry is a flourishing contemporary are and cultural scene. The harmonious marriage of these elements empowers this compact county to house numerous esteemed museums, each distinguished by its distinctive thematic emphasis.

INDIAN RIVER CITRUS MUSEUM

Located in downtown Vero Beach, the **Indian River Citrus Museum** takes you back to the 1800s when early settlers began cultivating citrus and selling it commercially. The land along the Indian River Lagoon proved to be fertile and a prime location for growing the finest citrus in the world. Learn how citrus seeds made their way to Florida and how the early farmers established Indian River Citrus as the most distinguished fruit in the world. Enjoy the extensive collection of artifacts, photographs, and memorabilia from a bygone era. To continue your citrus journey, visit one of our locally-owned citrus groves. Be sure to check out the Citrus Label Tour throughout Indian River County.

MCLARTY MUSEUM

The McLarty Treasure Museum, located in Vero beach is built on the actual historic site of the 1715 Spanish Fleet Salvage camp. It was on this very beach that approximately 1500 survivors struggled to shore after their ships, laden with gold, silver, and jewels, were sunk by a ferocious hurricane. Spain salvaged the wreck sites for four years but it was later forgotten. In the 1960's the wrecks were rediscovered and salvage efforts continue to this day. The McLarty Treasure Museum is dedicated to telling the story of the 1715 Fleet with informative videos and displays of original artifacts including gear, weapons, and treasure from the ill-fated galleons.

MEL FISHER MUSEUM

The Mel Fisher Treasure Museum in Sebastian allows you to dive into history and witness the spectacular collection of cultural artifacts and treasures recovered from the ocean depths. Opened in 1992 by legendary treasure hunter Mel Fisher, the museum displays jewels, gold, and silver coins and

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ingots, and artifacts recovered from shipwrecks off the coast of Florida including the Atocha and its sister ship the Santa Margarita. You can actually feel the weight of a solid gold bar recovered from the Atocha! A visit to Mel Fisher Treasure Museum gift shop affords you the unique opportunity to own a piece of history with gold escudos or silver reals in fine jewelry settings, museum-quality reproductions, and other nautical gifts.

FISHING MUSEUM

The Sebastian Inlet Fishing Museum is devoted to the rich cultural history of Sebastian's fishing history. The museum showcases the families who lived in Sebastian and fished the Indian River Lagoon. Step inside a replica of an original fish house and dock and enjoy the extensive collection of photos, fishing gear, nets, and even a handmade boat that is on display. Sea turtle nesting tours are held in June and July and begin at the Museum.



VERO BEACH MUSEUM OF ART

The crown jewel of the Treasure Coast, **Vero Beach Museum of Art**, is a beacon for the tri-county region. It boasts rotating art exhibits, a diverse permanent collection, art classes, and community events. Established in 1978 by the Alliance for the Arts, the museum emerged debt-free in January 1986 after raising \$2.5 million from local sources. Its growth continued, doubling in size to 54,509 square feet in 1999, and was renamed to Vero Beach Museum of Art in 2002. The addition of the Jim Beckwith Sculpture Park, a covered Atrium, and a 20,000-square-foot exhibition wing solidified its reputation as a premier art institution. Boasting 800 artworks spanning early 20th century to present, the permanent collection showcases a wide array of mediums. Coupled with rotating exhibitions in its main galleries, the museum offers something for all art preferences. Lectures, seminars, and film screenings enrich the cultural experience. From classes to gallery tours, children's activities learning, VBMA stands as a multifaceted hub for art and community engagement.

INDIAN RIVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY & TRAIN MUSEUM

The Vero Beach Train Museum is housed in the historic train station on 14th Ave in downtown Vero Beach. The little wooden building was built in 1903 by Henry Flagler and served as both a terminal for passengers and for cargo, transporting the abundant citrus grown nearby. The station closed in 1968 and sat empty until 1983 when it was purchased by Florida historian Dr. Eugene Lyons for \$1. The building was the first building in Indian River County to be named to the National Register of Historic Place in 1987 and is now home to the Indian River Historical Society. Visitors will get a glimpse into life in the mid-1800s to the mid-1900s through historical displays and artifacts. A huge model train takes up most of the room and evokes memories of bygone days.

GIFFORD HISTORICAL MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTER

The Gifford Historical Museum and Cultural Center has permanent collections and special exhibitions that include: local artists, such as six original Florida Highwaymen, second-generation Highwaymen, a Black History Library, a Children's Library, African artifacts in addition to documents, photographs, and ephemera from Gifford pioneers and notables throughout Indian River County. So are you ready to explore the rich history of the Gifford Historical Museum and Cultural Center. It preserves, enhances, and celebrates the history of Gifford by enriching life through the introduction and education of culturally significant programming to constituents of Indian River County and the Treasure Coast community. Their vision is to restore the heart of Gifford, the dignity of Gifford, and the pride of Gifford while enriching cultural diversity and respect for all.

FLORIDA HIGHWAYMEN LANDSCAPE ART GALLERY

Florida Highwaymen Landscape Art Gallery features bold and colorful Florida landscape paintings by Ray McLendon. Ray's father, Roy A. McLendon, was one of the original Florida Highwaymen and Ray has carried on the family legacy of capturing the brilliant Florida light on canvas. Original Highwaymen paintings are also available for purchase.

FELLSMERE TRAILHEAD PRESERVE TRAIL HEAD/ WELCOME CENTER

The Fellsmere Preserve is located northwest of the I95 and CR512 interchange. There is a Welcome Center will information on the history and things to do in the Fellsmere Area. The Trans Florida Central Rail Trail can be accessed from this park. It is situated on approximately 86 acres this site was acquired in 2008 in partnership with the Florida Communities Trust and Indian River County. The park will provide numerous passive recreation amenities that will be developed through a 10-year management plan including walking trails, and primitive camping.



Travelers to Indian River County will find everything from hip boutiques, to decidedly sublime home décor, along with vintage outlets chock full of affordable treasures. And of course, beachy retail stores for that coveted "I was here" t-shirt. Here are a few ideas to get you into "shop 'til you drop" mode:

VERO BEACH

FASHION, JEWELRY, & BEAUTY

SEAHORSE LANE BOUTIQUE

In the heart of Vero Beach, husband and wife Audrey and Mike opened a quaint little shop that inspires you to open your wallet. The team and their stylists buy what they like, and they have panache! You'll find unique jewelry, affordable rompers, floral numbers, and now Seahorse Lane features fashionable shoes. Yelp gives this store a five-star rating.

1981 14th Avenue

TREASURE LANE BOUTIQUE

Treasure Lane Boutique is a hidden Gem of curated fashion and unique finds. Step into a world of style where each piece tells a story. From chic clothing to accessories that capture the essence of individuality, this boutique is a treasure trove for fashion enthusiasts. Whether you're seeking a statement piece or a timeless classic, Treasure Lane Boutique offers a collection that resonates with diverse tastes.

966 Beachland Blvd

TWIG SWIM & SPORTSWEAR SHOP

People from across the United States rave about this oceanfront retailer. Maybe it's because the store caters to women of all sizes, 4 to 14. Maybe it's that the staff is friendly and helpful and will guide you to your perfect look. Need a swimsuit that looks good for many seasons to come? Drop by Twig Swim & Sportswear Shop for fit and fashion in swimwear.

3213 Ocean Drive

THE BEACH SHOP

The Beach Shop was the second store to open along Ocean Drive. It offers a shopping experience that is so exceptional it beckons you to come back time and time again. They take pleasure in knowing you by name and cultivating relationships that make you feel like part of their family-owned and operated clothing store. So, whether you're Unwinding in nearby Ocean Drive hotels or leisurely exploring the area during your vacation, be sure to grace The Beach Shop – a welcoming haven that extends a heartfelt embrace, treating you like one of their own.

3328 Ocean Drive

COAST BOUTIQUE

The COAST mission is to provide a shopping experience that will promote socially conscious consumers by sourcing goods that are handmade & ethically & sustainably sourced. Their mission is to connect the consumer to the product by sharing the stories of those creating the products. Their vision is to have a retail experience that's more sustainable while also offering an exceptional value & unique offering.

1951 Old Dixie Highway

SASSY BOUTIQUE

Sassy Boutique is a fashion haven where individuality and style unite. With a dynamic collection of clothing, accessories, and more, this boutique offers a unique shopping experience that's anything but ordinary. Step into a world of curated fashion that caters to diverse tastes and preferences. From Chic to sophisticated to trendy and bold, Sassy Boutique celebrates personal expression through its thoughtfully selected pieces.

3365 Ocean Drive

ROYAL PALM JEWEL

From stunning diamonds to precious gemstones, our Fine Jewelry Collection is thoughtfully designed, customized, and sustainable to combine enduring quality and contemporary detail. Repair service & appraisal service on premises.

53 Royal Palm Pointe

LEVEL YOGA

Yoga has been around for centuries. Today's yoga wear is making a fashion statement in and out of the studio. Level Yoga is, first and foremost, a dedicated yoga studio with two locations. The owners also realize fashionable yoga outfits are part of the workout experience. Stop by either Vero Beach location to peruse a large collection of apparel from top name brands; 'Alo', 'Aloha', 'Beyond Yoga', 'Manduka', 'MZ Wallace', 'ToeSox', 'Splits59', 'Spiritual Gangster', and many others. Level Yoga also offers free seminars.

29 Royal Palm Point, Suite 2 and 3055 Cardinal Way

LAZY DAISY, TUSK, THE GAZEBO, SOUTHERN TIDE

Conveniently clustered along Azalea Lane in Vero Beach, Lazy Daisy, Tusk, The Gazebo, and Southern Tide unite under a single website and are all just minutes away from each other. If you're looking for a casual chic outfits, explore Lazy Daisy's offerings. For a blend of modern design and timeless allure in fashion and accessories, delve into Tusk. Seek vintage-inspired charm and timeless beauty at The Gazebo. For a blend of classic and contemporary style with coastal elegance, navigate to Southern Tide. Unveil a world of diverse fashion experiences with just a few clicks or even a few steps while vacationing in Indian River County.

919/921/923/925 Azalea Lane

A PAMPERED LIFE

A spa boutique that delivers - because the staff will travel to you for facials, massages, and waxing. If you prefer, drop by to browse the boutique for the latest in skincare, haircare, makeup, and fine men's products. Aromatherapy candles are a welcomed addition to make your home blissfully smellalicious.

3117 Ocean Drive

SOUTHERN SEQUINS

If you're keen on shopping local, this is the place. Jewelry artists can be seen crafting one-of-a-kind treasures right before your eyes. As owner Christina Cornell puts it, "A shop where chic design meets boho style; colorful earrings, bracelets, and necklaces for everyone at affordable prices."

907 7th Avenue

THE VILLAGE SHOPPES

Just a few minutes from the oceanfront, you'll discover this shoppers' oasis. These distinct shops are set in a gorgeous tropical location surrounded by palms and large oak trees which, by-the-way, deliver the perfect sunshade for outdoor shopping and dining. Beyond the inviting outdoor ambiance, a gorgeous enclave of local, luxury retailers await travelers, who'll discover florists, art galleries, bespoke clothiers, themed sea décor retailers and intimate alfresco bistros.

6260 Highway A1A

HELPING WOMEN, THE COMMUNITY, AND ANIMALS

THE WOMEN'S REFUGE RETAIL

The Women's Refuge is a fantastic resale place to shop for jewelry, clothes and shoes, furniture, home décor, and an array of quirky yet wonderful chachkies.

1625 10th Avenue

THE HUMANE SOCIETY THRIFT SHOP

Animal lovers come one; come all! You'll have fun exploring while helping the local Humane Society of Vero Beach. You'll find an extensive selection of fashion, accessories, home décor and a variety of houseware items for sale. Don't forget to check out their jewelry selection. It's puuuurfectly a-dog-able.

4445 20th Street

TAMBOURINE THRIFT SHOP

Thrifting here supports the efforts of John's Island benefactors, who in turn gift any and all contributions back into the community. Beyond feeling good about shopping here, luxury fashionistas will love this spot. There's always something new being donated and goods are high quality and high fashion. Tambourine also offers quality furniture and home accessories.

1619 10th Avenue

VERO BEACH OUTLETS

Looking for some of your favorite brands without the high price tag? The Vero Beach Outlets are the place to shop while you're in town. Visitors will enjoy Restoration Hardware, Coach, Polo Ralph Lauren, Calvin Klein, Michael Kors, and many others.

1824 94th Street

INDIAN RIVER MALL

The mall and surrounding area are home to expected retail stores and noteworthy chains including Dillard's, JC Penney and a host of mall-style fast food eateries.

6200 20th Street

FOR THE HOME

PINEAPPLES

Since its grand opening in 1999, this store has become a Vero Beach staple. Offering classic, quality and trending clothes, plus standout accessories that locals have come to love. This 'all the rage' shop is a frequent pop-in for out-of-towners. If you're looking for high fashion, this is a sweet spot.

3241 Ocean Drive

MARKET

Located off Ocean Drive in Vero Beach, Market is a luxurious boutique with exquisite treasures for home, gift, garden, and wine enthusiasts. Market's goal is to shift the focus from mere transactions to a delightful and interactive experience. They treat their store as their home and customers as guests, welcoming them with open arms. So, come on in, settle down, and let the enchantment of market surround you. Make every visit an unforgettable experience because life deserves nothing less than extraordinary.

3301 Ocean Drive



BORN AGAIN TOO CONSIGNMENTS

What's your decorating style? Is it modern, shabby chic, traditional or classic? Find these styles and more at this eye-catching consignment store offering a variety of affordable, gently used items. If you're into upcycling and want to pass on the sameold, same-old found at major retail giants, this is the perfect place to scout out your next homey treasure.

1056 20th Place

Other places to find beautiful, slightly-used home décor; WFL Used Furniture, 1420 16th Street, Vero Beach, Kaleidoscope Consignments, 644 Old Dixie Highway SW, Vero Beach, and The Blue Octopus, 1966 Commerce Avenue, Vero Beach



WABASSO BEACH SHOP

Wabasso Beach Shop is the quintessential mom and pop beach store. This surf and sun specialty shop welcomes travelers who are ready to change their latitude and join the beach lover crowd. It's a great place to get your board waxed and find that 'specially cool vay-cay tee.

4880 87th Street

BEYOND USELESS BOUTIQUE

A fun, colorful gift shop welcomes you with an oversized purple swordfish bearing a trumpet fish in its mouth. The playful exterior extends inside. It's stocked with unique gifts, jewelry, sundries and



cards/postcards. The owner goes above and beyond to keep his shop full of fanciful fun. And don't forget to pet the three adorable chihuahuas.

1125 US Highway 1

BURIED TREASURE ANTIQUES

This is an antique lover's dream, packed into two buildings from floor to ceiling with something old, new, and upmarket. You'll need to spend a while to make it through both buildings, but it's called "treasure hunting" for a reason and there's plenty worth discovering!

1701 US Highway 1

THE DISTRICT SEBASTIAN (FORMERLY THE VILLAGE SQUARE)

The District Sebastian is situated downtown in the historic and waterfront district of Sebastian, Florida. 9 unique buildings with 17 different businesses. Come and enjoy a cup of coffee, shop a unique shop, get spa treatment, create something, Enjoy some food, and drinks.

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DITCH 13 GALLERY AND GIFTS

Is based on the belief that our customers' needs are of the utmost importance. Our entire team is committed to meeting those needs. As a result, a high percentage of our business is from repeat customers and referrals. We welcome the opportunity to earn your trust and deliver you the best service in the industry.

46 N Broadway Street

These are just a few suggestions for a day spent enjoying a bit of retail therapy. With so many charming, locally owned places to visit, it might be a good idea to bring along an empty suitcase!

1101 US Highway 1



EVERYTHING YOU NEED AND SO MUCH MORE!

There is something special and distinctive when you stay at the Staybridge Suites Vero Beach Hotel. That's because we get what it takes to make an experienced traveler feel more comfortable, connected and welcome. Attend an evening happy hour, sit and savor a complimentary hot breakfast buffet, kick back by the firepits, and enjoy a great night's rest with premium bedding.



- Studio, 1 Bedroom, and 2 Bedroom Suites
- Fully Equipped Kitchens
- 24/7 Complimentary Laundry
- 24/7 Fitness Center
- Heated Outdoor Pool
- Outdoor Grills
- Pet-Friendly Property





INDIAN RIVER COUNTY // Nightlife

NIGHTLIFE THE BREWERIES & DISTILLERIES COLLECTIVE

If you are ready for an unforgettable experience of local craft brews and live music that will set your soul on fire! Then you are looking in the right place. Here are a few places not to miss:

MONKEY BUSINESS

Mash Monkey, a trendy brewhouse, boasts an impressive selection of over 10 beers on tap, including their signature Pelican Island Pilsner and a range of German-style Pilsners. Order a bite from local vendors (with menus available at the bar) while enjoying the laid-back ambiance and the soulful tunes of talented local musicians. With live music spanning country, rock, and 90's-themed hits, this little brewhouse brings a big musical flavor to your evening of relaxation and enjoyment.



920 U.S 1, Sebastian

ON TAP

American Icon Brewery (AIB) is the exciting gastropub that emerged from the transformed historic diesel power plant in downtown Vero Beach. It has more than seven beers on tap daily, with seasonal and specialty beers offered throughout the year. AIB offers patrons a hip industrial setting that suits Sunday Brunches, daily lunches, happy hour devotees, and the dinner crowd. The menu complements the pours, offering a variety of sumptuous bites. So, get ready to settle in as AIB is gearing up for a refresh on their live music events.

113 19th Place, Vero Beach

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HOPPY YOU'RE HERE

Sebastian's first craft brewery, **Pareidolia Brewing**, is located in the old post office. It has become a local staple. The funky vibe is carried through such pours as "Rapture Cherry Chocolate." You'll thoroughly enjoy their outside deck with views of the Indian River. Sip on "Rye Me a River," "Red Ale," "UKE Can Do It," and "Coffee Porter," to name a few. This is an award -winning pub house with a serious commitment to the community, a place where locals happily welcome visitors from around the world. They offer an extensive menu featuring American Fare. Don't miss Crab-E-Bills SMOKED Fish, a local purveyor of the freshest Florida seafood on the east coast. Sit back and enjoy local live music like blues and rock, plus an entertaining open-mic night.

712 Cleveland Street, Sebastian

A VERO BEACH FIRST

Walking Tree Brewery was the first craft brewhouse to open in Vero Beach. It offers patrons a hip, rustic, and industrial setting. Like the indigenous mangrove trees, it also has deep roots in the community. This award-winning brewhouse provides guests and visitors alike some of the area's best pale ales, stouts, and IPA's along with live music. It's a family and petfriendly establishment. Drop on by on Saturdays for the farmers market and a soloist act or give a listen to classic American rock'n'roll every other Friday evening and Saturday nights. Spirits, this new establishment promises an exciting and flavorful experience for all who step through their doors.

2055 13th Ave, Vero Beach



INDIAN RIVER DISTILLERY

"Wouldn't it be cool to make things like this for a living?" This simple question ignited the spark that led to the opening of **Indian River Distillery**, another new exciting addition to the trail. With a diverse range of offerings, including Whiskey, Run, Agave Spirit, Bourbon, and more, Indian River Distillery embarked on its journey in 2014 and now proudly opens its doors to all who seek the finest craft spirits. Step inside and experience the culmination of a dream turned into a reality, where every sip tells a tale of dedication, craftsmanship, and the pursuit of extraordinary flavors.

3308 Aviation Blvd, Vero Beach

3209 Dodger Road, Vero Beach

DISTILLERY'S

THE AMERICAN DREAM

Welcome to the trail, **21st Amendment Distillery**, a fresh addition that brings a passionate pursuit of the American Dream and a celebration of the American spirit. Embracing tradition and craftsmanship, they craft their products using locally-sourced materials on American-made equipment, capturing the essence of time-honored techniques. With their sights on creating the finest Bourbon Whiskey and





Beyond stunning beaches, serene lagoons, and picturesque landscapes, a vibrant rhythm emerges in Vero Beach, Sebastian, and Fellsmere. This curated list of premier venues offers a perfect starting point for crafting a vacation that involves mingling with the locals at beloved dining spots, all while enjoying live music and perfectly crafted cocktails. For those who enjoy hanging out once the sun goes down!

A SLICE OF THE CARIBBEAN

Capt. Hiram's' slice of the Caribbean is found at the Sandbar, home to three riverfront bars surrounded by sand, tiki lights, and two live music stages. Settle in and sip a tropical cocktail, grab a bite, and enjoy national artists like 'Toots' and 'Maytals'. Get your weekend started with a few rousing tunes, while weeknights provide melodious solo acts. Don't forget to check out their Reggae Sundays throughout the year.

1580 U.S. 1, Sebastian

A HIDDEN HIDEAWAY

Grind & Grape is a charming indoor-outdoor hideaway and an Ocean Drive staple. Sway to the sounds of local rhythm and blues bands playing the latest covers or tune-in to alternative harmonies. Snatch a seat at the bar, order a savory flatbread or a pressed sandwich, and wash it down with sangria, a craft beer, or cocktails. Enjoy the way-cool vibe.

925 Bougainvillea Lane, Vero Beach



FUN & FUNKY

Kilted Mermaid embodies a lively, offbeat, and diverse local bar scene, hosting local bands and beyond. Delight in their exceptional cuisine, highlighted by their unique fondu pots, or unwind in a laid-back setting. Explore a selection of 25 wines from local and global origins, available by glass, alongside an impressive array of 80+ craft and imported beers. For those who revel in Drag Queens and Bingo, they've got you covered with their occasional "Drag Queen Bingo" events.

1937 Old Dixie Highway, Vero Beach

MUSIC & COMEDY

Live in the Loop is a popular, free, outside music venue. Rock out to island music, folk rock, blues, country, rockabilly, and more. Every Friday and Saturday, rain or



shine, bring your own chair and friends and set up on the driveway at Riverside Theatre. A venue not to be missed.

Experience non-stop laughter at **Riverside Theatre's Comedy Zone**. With wild, untamed, hilarious stand-up acts with side splitting jokes. The Comedy Zone is the Treasure Coasts best stage for Live Stand-Up comedy and happens on select Friday and Saturday nights. Get ready to laugh the night away and enjoy food and drink table service!

3250 Riverside Park Drive, Vero Beach

DOWNTOWN WINDDOWN

THEATRE PL

While strolling through downtown Vero Beach, a handful of inviting places beckon you to pause for a refreshing drink. Among these popular spots are **Post and Vine, Sean Ryan Pub, The Bayou,** and **The Grove**. Whether you're drawn to modern elegance with a hint of nostalgia, an Irish flare, warm and welcoming southern charm, or simply groovy vibes, these local bars promise an experience that keeps you coming back for more. Conveniently situated in downtown Vero Beach, they invite you to stop by, unwind, and

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enjoy the atmosphere. If you find yourself in town on the last Friday of the month, don't miss the chance to attend **Downtown Friday** and explore the vibrant bar scene along the way.

SEASIDE SIPS

Discover a coastal paradise as you find yourself at the oceans edge, where a collection of local cocktail lounges, wine bars, and beachside gems await your presence. Among our latest additions are the inviting **Sol Mar Cocktail Lounge, The Cellar Sip and Shoppe**, and **The Boiler**. Each of these establishments offers a distinct coastal ambiance, inviting you to unwind and savor the moment. Visiting these local hotspots is the perfect way to embrace the laid-back charm of our oceanside haven.

SIGNATURE VERO BEACH

Riverside Café is nestled along the Indian River Lagoon in Vero Beach. This historic eatery helped launch the career of country music superstar Jake Owen. Riverside is known as a top sports bar and a popular place for those seeking live music. Wednesdays and Sundays hear the latest and greatest live music and DJ's. Boaters are welcome to pull up to the dock.

3341 Bridge Plaza Drive, Vero Beach

TAKE ME TO THE RIVER

The Tiki Bar & Grill sits on the banks of the Indian River in Sebastian. This waterfront bar is a fun place to hear 80's rock'n'roll every Monday night or sing your heart out Thursdays on karaoke night. Local

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musicians perform Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Count on fresh seafood plates, craft cocktails, and fabulous river views.

1109 Indian River Drive, Sebastian

A LOCAL FAVORITE

Waldo's, at the historic Driftwood Hotel, is a lively beachfront venue and a local hangout. Dance the night away Wednesday, Friday and Saturday on the oceanfront deck, while local bands play classic rock and foot-tapping bluegrass music to help you get your southern groove on. Sunday afternoons are also a good time to drop by for live music. Enjoy American fare, brews on tap, cocktails and wine by the glass.

3150 Ocean Drive, Vero Beach

BIKERS WELCOME

Snowbirds and locals have been favoring **Earl's Hideaway Lounge** since the 1950's. It's one of those iconic "hole in the wall" places that have great vibe and great food, especially the Stromboli and the pizza, which is said to be next best to New York's; both TripAdvisor and Yelp give this place 4.5 stars. The drinks are cold and the music is always live - lots of blues, southern rock, soloists, trios, and full bands. Can't get enough? Buy a tee and wear it proudly.

1405 Indian River Drive, Sebastian



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ENCHANTING ESCAPES ENCHANTING ESCAPES

magine beach-filled mornings watching a glorious sunrise. Enjoy countless days exploring more than 100,000 acres of unsoiled Florida wilderness where manatees and dolphins try to steal the show. At the intersection of glamour and green, Indian river county is a couple's top pick for those who seek the best of spectacular beaches, farm-to-table dinners, and endless opportunities for date nights. Many of the beaches are easily accessible, and parking is free, so are romantic starry-filled nights.

BEGUILING BEACHES

Ashort stroll from Ocean Drive unveils an underwater adventure for those who prefer more of an active beach trip. The historic sunken ship **SS Breconshire**, is a captivating underwater monument that has intrigued visitors for decades. Frolic with the manatees, frequently spotted playing at **Round Island Beach. Treasure Shores** presents an idyllic haven for seclusion, perfect for stealing away private moments together. For those of you who are ecominded, you will find paradise at **Ambersands Beach**. Nestled within the 284-acre Archie Carr National Refuge, this beach spans 20.5 miles and stands as one of the globes most critical sea turtle nesting sites. Experience this beautiful refuge with day and nighttime turtle tours for an unforgettable experience. From pure local shoreline to the worlds most prolific turtle havens, Indian River County's beaches offer an enchanting tapestry of options for couples seeking romance, excitement, and a deep connection with nature.

HANDHOLDING WALKS

Envision a pocket-sized national park nestled by the Indian River Lagoon, offering an inviting park bench right on the shore - the ideal spot for sharing a stolen kiss! The Lagoon Greenway encompasses 187 acres, featuring over three miles of hiking trails. The **Primary Trail**, a half mile in length, leads to the lagoon's beaches via a walkable boardwalk, leading to a secluded park beach. For a more adventuress experience, the Mini Adventure Trail, a quarter mile and slightly rugged, takes couples through a hammock forest. While navigating the narrower path, mind the exposed tree roots and low-hanging branches that guide you to the heart of this tranguil oasis. This enchanting trail offers couples a serene and peaceful experience. Let's not overlook the remarkable McKee Botanical Gardens - Florida's most diverse and captivating garden waiting to be explored.

FARM-TO-TABLE

Foodies may want to enjoy a farm-to-table feast during the months of January, February, and March at **Schact Groves**, a local mainstay since the 1950's. couples will appreciate an evening under the stars in the lush orange groves. It all starts with wine and tapas, then the party moves to a rustic, outdoor pavilion. Local chefs preside over the evening and present the main fare. Later, guests gather by the bonfire, settling tin to listen to the live music and sip after-dinner cocktails. The spot-on vibe makes for an evening to remember. Tickets sell fast. Call or visit the farm store to reserve your places.

TAKE YOUR LOVE TO NEW HEIGHTS

Soar to new heights, nearly 3,300 feet, overlooking

aquamarine waters of the Vero Beach coastline and turquoise waters of the Indian River Lagoon. Hold on tight as the Cessna gracefully glides onto Blue Cypress Lake. Take in the breathtaking views of this 5,500-acre lake while standing on the plane's pontoons - the perfect place to pop the question, steal a kiss, and breath in the beauty that surrounds you both. You can count on this experience to be a memorable couples adventure.

PICNIC YOUR WAY TO BLISS

To gather a fresh, zesty picnic extraordinaire, stroll the Saturday **Oceanside Farmers Market**. Choose your favorite treats and eats. Pick it up and head to the beach for an uninterrupted lunch for two, a dip in the ocean, and togethering. Relaxing and being in the moment equals vacation bliss.

A STAR-FILLED SKY ENCHANTS YOU

Thanks to zoning restrictions preventing buildings more than four stories tall. Vero Beach takes pride in its motto "Sunrises not high-rises." This a is a rare occurrence in todays Florida. Nowadays, so many beaches are brightly lit by sky scrapping condos, high-rise hotels, and sprawling resort properties. Stargazers know the secret for spotting plants, constellations, and meteor showers is a dark sky. Imagene sashaying beneath a sky full of brilliant starts while silky sand glides beneath your feet with the rhythmic sound of lapping waves. It's just the two of you meandering along a heavenly beach. This is a starry-eyed evening you wont soon forget. Tip: Kimpton Vero Beach Hotel & Spa offers stargazing parties in a collaboration with Treasure **Coast Astronomical Society**

VACATION DATE-NIGHT

Vero Beach offers so many fabulous places to plan a vacation date-night. A few suggestions: A cheeky place to visit is **Riverside Theatre Comedy Zone** for the best hysterics in the region. **Havana Nights**, located in the **Caribbean Court Boutique Hotel,** is an intimate setting where couples can be enticed by a variety of pianists throughout the week. They



also host a first-rate 'happy hour' and serve delicious dinner options. Don't miss mingling with the locals at **Heaton's** 'Happy Hour' complete with a mesmerizing seating around a fire circle. Looking for more? **Costa d'Este Beach Resort & Spa** seduces with a magical fire circle right on the beach.

SANDBAR SUNDAYS

Sundays are all about kicking back and savoring the day. Theres no better place than **Capt. Hirams Sandbar**, a waterfront tropical café. Sink your toes in the sand, take in the panoramic views of the Indian River Lagoon while sampling some of the area's beast signature cocktails and local brews. Or try a frosty, frozen drink to get you Caribbean vibe gushing. **The Sandbar** is known for its fresh Florida seafood and live local music. Romp the day away and pack-up dazzling memories.

HIS AND HER GIFTING

Relax with one another while strolling the recently revitalized **Downtown Historic District.** The first Friday of every month talented artist, including painters, sculptors, jewelers, and others, open their doors to welcome locals and visitors alike. This is a perfect time to pick up an affordable treasure for your loved one for a commemorative piece of art for the home. A variety of noteworthy restaurants are nearby.

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY // Enchanting Escapes

SPA ZEN

Relax. Rejuvenate. Reconnect. Yes, a spa day is all of those things and more. Spend the day luxuriating at Costa d'Este Beach Resort & Spa, owned by the famous Gloria and Emilo Estefan. This oceanfront spa, known as C Spa, is just steps from the beach and has a 4.5 -star rating on TripAdvisor. C spa invites couples to create their own unique spa journey using oils, Himalayan salts, and other papering ingredients. Looking for other heavenly spas? Then you may also want to book a romantic day at White Orchid Spa., a full-service, medical-grade spa at Kimpton's Vero Beach Hotel & Spa. Their popular, signature couples' treatment features a detoxifying stream show, sugar scrub massage, and a waterfall shower that cleanses both the body and mind. Then get ready for a hydrotherapy soak, while an attendant pours the finest champagne. Indulgence awaits at Disney's Vero Beach Resort, which isn't just for the kids you know. This Disney Spa is the perfect place to pamper yourself while the kids are at play in one of the many kid-friendly programs designed for 3-year-olds on up to 19-year-olds.





COME DISCOVER LOVE

ndian River County has the power to make your every dream come true as the destination for your special wedding day. Whether you envision exchanging vows on a sun-kissed beach or amidst the serene allure of Spanish Moss hanging from Live Oaks, we have the perfect setting for your special day. With 26 miles of pristine beaches, meandering rivers, lush nature preserves,



dedicated wedding vendors provide a range of exceptional services to ensure your day matches your every dream. As you explore the plethora of remarkable wedding venues, you'll find it a delightful challenge to choose just one. To discover more about the diverse wedding venues and services in Indian River County, we invite you to explore the "Come Discover Love" Website. Let us help you create the

and fragrant citrus groves, our area is tailor-made for unforgettable weddings and honeymoons. Our

wedding experience you've always imagined amidst the enchanting backdrop of our beautiful region.





BEACHES & PARKS

Ambersands Beach Access 12566 N. A1A Vero Beach, FL 32963

Golden Sands 10350 North A1A Vero Beach, FL 32963

Humiston Park 3000 Ocean Drive Vero Beach, FL 32963 (772) 231-5790

Jaycee Park 4200 Ocean Drive Vero Beach, FL 32963 (772) 567-2144

Round Island Park 2200 S Hwy A1A Vero Beach, FL 32963 (772) 492-2412

Sebastian Inlet State Park 9700 S Hwy AlA Melbourne Beach, FL 32951 (321) 984-4852

Sea Grape Trail 8462 N Hwy AlA Vero Beach, FL 32963

South Beach Park 1702 Ocean Drive Vero Beach, FL 32963 (772) 231-4700

Tracking Station Park 800 46th Place North AIA Vero Beach, FL 32963 (772) 492-2411

Treasure Shores Park 11300 North A1A Vero Beach, FL 32963 Turtle Trail Beach Access 8102 North A1A Vero Beach, FL 32963

Wabasso Beach Park 1820 County Rd 510 Vero Beach, FL 32963 (772) 581-4998

ART & CULTURE ART MUSEUM

Vero Beach Museum of Art 3001 Riverside Park Dr. Vero Beach, FL 32963 (772) 231-0707 www.vbmuseum.org

BALLET

Ballet Vero Beach Vero Beach, FL 32960 (772) 564-5537 (772) 905-2651 www.balletverobeach.org

GALLERIES

Art Concept Alternative 1795 Old Dixie Hwy Vero Beach, FL 32960 (772) 410-9126 www.artconceptalternative.org

Artists Guild Gallery 1974 14th Avenue Vero Beach, FL 32960 (772) 299-1234 www.artistsguildgalleryofverobeach.com

Brett Donnelly Photography Vero Beach, FL 32960 (407) 341-8870 www.brettdonnelly.com

Coral Mermaid Gallery 8905 US-1 Sebastian, FL 32958 (772) 559-8947 www.coralmermaid.net

Ditch 13 Gallery and Gifts 46 N. Broadway St Fellsmere, FL 32948 (772) 918-8467 www.ditch13galleryandgifts.com

Gallery 14 1911 14th Avenue Vero Beach, FL 32960 (772) 562-5525 www.gallery14verobeach.com

Highwaymen Landscape Art 2059 Indian River Blvd. Vero Beach, FL 32960 (772) 713-3120 www.raymclendonfloridahighwaymenartgallery.com

Historic Downtown Mainstreet Vero Beach 2036 14th Ave #103 Vero Beach, FL 32960 (772) 643-6782 www.mainstreetverobeach.org

Indian River Posters / Vintage Poster Gallery 4807 Florida A1A Vero Beach, FL 32963 (772) 532-9586 www.indianriverposterco.com

Indian River Clay 1239 16th Street Vero Beach, FL 32960 (772) 202-8598 www.indianriverclay.org Intrepid Art Gallery 1090 12th St Vero Beach, FL 32960 (772) 501-6836 www.1090artgallery.blogspot.com

Island Images Professional Photography Studio, Inc. 2036 14th Ave #101 Vero Beach, FL 32960 (772) 643-6994 www.islandimagesprophoto.com

J.M. Stringer Gallery of Fine Art 3465 Ocean Dr Vero Beach, FL 32963 (772) 231-3900 www.jmstringergallery.com

Koman Fine Art 2905 Cardinal Dr Vero Beach, FL 32963 (772) 231-4500

Kulia Fine Arts 2101 14th Ave Vero Beach, FL 32960 (732) 778-1663 www.kuliafinearts.com

Laughing Dog Gallery 2910 Cardinal Dr Vero Beach, FL 32963 (772) 234-6711 www.thelaughingdoggallery.com

Meghan Candler Gallery 6160 Florida AIA Vero Beach, FL 32963 (772) 234-8811 www.meghancandlergallery.com

MSVB Studios & Gallery 2036 14th Ave Vero Beach, FL 32960 (772) 643-6742 www.mainstreetverobeach.org

Palm House Callery & Studio 3227 Ocean Dr Vero Beach, FL 32963 (772) 231-6816 www.palmhousegallery.com

Rennick Galleries 15 Royal Palm Pointe Vero Beach, FL 32960 (772) 567-7408 www.rennickgalleries.com

Seaside Jewelry and Gallery 3150 Ocean Dr Vero Beach, FL 32963 (321) 213-2427

Signature Art Gallery of Vero 4344 US-1 Vero Beach, FL 32967 (772) 562-4333

OPERA

Vero Beach Opera 2905 Cardinal Drive Suite A Vero Beach, FL (772) 569-6993 www.verobeachopera.org

SPEAKERS & LECTURE SERIES

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Riverside Theatre 3250 Riverside Park Dr. Vero Beach, FL 32963 (772) 231-6990 www.riversidetheatre.com

Vero Beach Museum of Art 3001 Riverside Park Dr. Vero Beach, FL 32963 (772) 231-0707 www.verobeachmuseum.org

THEATRE

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Captain T. Fred's Fishing Charters 442 34th Ave Vero Beach, FL 32968 (772) 473-2156 www.tfredcharters.com

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Incentive Charters 1606 Indian River Dr Sebastian, FL 32958 (321) 676-1948 www.incentivecharters.com

Skipper Sportfishing Charters 8546 96th Ct Vero Beach, FL 32967 (772) 473-4525 www.skipperfish.com

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