

FAQ

How can I get married on the beach?

If you would like to get married on the beach with only a witness and officiant, you do not need a permit. However, couples planning to bring chairs or additional guests must contact the City of Fernandina (for a permit. Also contact the Nassau County Clerk of Courts (www.nassauclerk.com) to make sure you have a legal marriage license for the State of Florida.

What do I need to know about Florida Marriage Licenses and the Nassau County Clerk of Courts?

The Nassau County Clerk of Courts is open 8:30 a.m. thru 5 p.m, Monday through Friday. However, couples must arrive no later than 4:30 p.m. (and no later than 4 p.m. if paying with credit card) in order to get the marriage license that day. The Clerk of Courts is located at 76347 Veteran's Way in Yulee, Florida 32097. They are also available at (800) 958-3496 and www.nassauclerk.com.

Make sure to bring your driver's license and social security number when obtaining your marriage license. The process typically takes no longer than 30 minutes and your license will be issued immediately.

Out of state residents and Florida residents who have taken a state-sanctioned marriage preparation course (in the past year) have no waiting period. However, Florida residents who have not taken a sanctioned preparation course have a three-day waiting period before the license is valid.

Once the license is valid, it can be used for 60 days. Make sure to return the license to the court within 10 days from your ceremony.

The Deputy clerk can perform civil ceremonies in the office for a \$30 fee. The clerk of courts needs 24-hours advance notice (and the three-day waiting period if applicable).

Make sure to visit www.nassauclerk.com to find out if you need any additional information when applying for your marriage license.

I need to get a beach wedding permit, how do I contact the Fernandina Beach City Clerk?

The Fernandina Beach City Clerk's office is located at 204 Ash Street in Fernandina Beach, FL (32034). They are open Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. You can also call them at (904) 277-7305 or visit their Web site (link to <http://www.fbfl.us/index.asp?NID=70>)

Who can legally perform the ceremony us in Florida?

According to Florida State Statue, only an ordained minister or notary public (including retired judicial officers and clerk of the court) can authorize a marriage.

Does Amelia Island have any wedding planners I could hire to plan my event?

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Where can I order flowers, a cake, and a photographer for my destination wedding?

Amelia Island is home to a number of companies that can assist with a variety of products and services for your wedding.

Bakery

Publix Super Market
1421 Sadler Rd
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
(904) 277-4911

Catering

As You Like It
510 South 8th St.
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
Phone: (904) 261-1045
www.asyoulikeitamelia.com

Chef Michael's Good to Go Catering
95184 Flatwoods Trail
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
(904) 277-8164

Gourmet Gourmet
1408 Lewis St
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
(904) 261-8973

My Personal Chef
15 North 19th Street
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
(904) 626-1677

Flowers

Artistic Florist and Gifts
Brooke Raulerson, FSMD
1875-B S. 14th St.
Magnolia Plaza
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
Phone: (904) 261-5546, (888) 261-5546 (toll-free)
www.artistic-florist.com

Dottie B Florist
502 Ash St
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
(904) 261-3011
www.dottiebflorist.com

Flowers by Shirley Page

96110 Lofton Square Court, Suite 300
Yulee, FL 32097
Phone: (904) 225-5138
www.flowersbyshirley.com

Island Flower & Garden
4924 First Coast Hwy
Amelia Island, FL 32034
Phone: (904) 491-5056

Sand Dollar Studio
23 S 3rd St
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
(904) 261-0202
www.thesanddollarstudio.com

Photography
Elizabeth Wilkes Photography
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
Phone: (904) 206-2203
www.elizabethwilkesphotography.com

Holly Allain Photography
870 Atlantic View Drive
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
Phone: (904) 491-0378
www.hollyallain.com

Kenneth Cain Photography
129 S. 17th St.
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
Phone: (904) 277-4386
www.kennethcain.com

Pam Bell Photography
1642 Ocean Forest Drive
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
Phone: (904) 277-9681
www.pambellphotography.com

Rentals
Apex Rentals and Events, LLC
850676 US Hwy 17
Yulee, FL 32097
(904) 753-1459

www.apexrentalsandevents.com

Taylor Rental Center
400 S 8th St
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
www.taylorrental.com
(904) 261-2626

Transportation Services
Amelia Island Carriages
(904) 556-2662
www.ameliahorsecarriages.com

Polly the Trolley
Downtown on Centre Street, "At the River"
904-753-4486
www.pollythetrolley.com

Old Towne Carriage Company
Waterfront at Centre Street
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
(904) 277-1555
www.ameliacarriagetours.com

VIP Taxi/Limo
85109 Commercial Park Dr.
Yulee, FL 32097
904-225-8888
www.vipjax.com
reservations@vipjaxlimo.com

Are there any churches on the island that allow visitor marriages?

Several churches on Amelia allow visitors to get married, including the Amelia Island Chapel at the Amelia Island Plantation, and the Trinity United Methodist Church in downtown Fernandina Beach, will hosts weddings for visitors who are established in a Methodist church elsewhere. They will also allow guests to book a wedding on the recommendation of a local member. Additionally, St. Michael's Catholic Church and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will consider weddings on a case by case basis.

Are there any reception and rehearsal dinner venues other than hotels?

Amelia River Cruises

1 North Front Street
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
(904) 261-9972

www.ameliarivercruises.com

Amelia River Cruises & Charters offers an incredible, moving ceremony/reception location, while traveling the backwaters of Amelia Island and Cumberland Island. The charter can hold 40 passengers comfortably.

Beech Street Grill

801 Beech Street
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
904-277-3662

www.beechstreetgrill.com

Located in Fernandina Beach, the Beech Street Grill provides an upscale dining experience in a romantic setting that includes crisp white tablecloths and stellar service. The restaurant can accommodate up to 225 guests.

Café Karibo

27 North 3rd Street
Amelia Island, FL 32034
(904) 261-2660

www.cafekaribo.com.

The casual and eclectic Café Karibo is an island favorite, located in downtown Fernandina Beach just off Centre Street. Experience an amazing rehearsal dinner in this charming café that mixes a relaxed ambiance with an incredible selection of menu items.

Carolyn's on Centre

316 S. Centre Street
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

www.carolynsoncentre.com

Carolyn's Fine Foods specializes in creating menus as individual as their clients. Impress your guests with a gorgeous display of fresh Florida seafood with oysters, blue crab claws and jumbo shrimp or an Indian Curry Buffet station.

Fort Clinch State Park

2601 Atlantic Avenue
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
(904) 277-7221

www.floridastateparks.org/fortclinch

The historic 19th century fort will make a dynamic backdrop for a smaller wedding. While guests cannot get married inside the fort, they can get married on the beach at the State Park, during park hours as long as it is approved in advance. There is a small wedding fee which covers entrance of guests into the park. The park recommends no more than 100 people.

Golf Club of Amelia Island at Summer Beach

5456 First Coast Highway
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
(904) 277-8015

www.golfclubofamelia.com

The Golf Club of Amelia Island allows couples to tie the knot on a gorgeous lawn or terrace overlooking the fairways. There are also options to have the beautiful Atlantic Ocean as your backdrop. The Golf Club provides indoor function facilities that accommodate from 50 - 175 guests.

Joe's 2nd Street Bistro

14 South 2nd Street
Amelia Island, FL 32034
(904) 321-2558

www.joesbistro.com

Joe's 2nd Street Bistro is located steps away from Fernandina Beach's historic Centre Street, and offers a laid back, island ambiance with an incredible meal. The private upstairs room can accommodate up to 50 guests.

Ocean Grill at Amelia Island Plantation

6800 First Coast Hwy
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

www.aipfl.com

Ocean Grill has a private dining room, the Sabal Palm room, available for intimate rehearsal dinners and wedding receptions. The room will accommodate up to 32 guests and offers plated dinners.

The Ribault Club

11241 Fort George Rd.
Jacksonville, FL 32226
(904) 251-1050

www.theribaultclub.com

Historic elegance and southern charm surround the elegant 1928 Clubhouse on a semi-private island with water views and majestic grounds. Located just a few minutes from Amelia Island, the club can accommodate up to 400 guests and allows outside catering.

Salt, The Grill at The Ritz-Carlton

4750 Amelia Island Pkwy
Amelia Island, FL 32034
(904) 277-1100

www.ritzcarlton.com/ameliaisland

Sophisticated design and an elegant oceanfront ambience characterize Salt, the only AAA five-diamond restaurant in northeast Florida. The restaurant offers one private dining room, holding up to 20 guests, and the capability to rent the entire restaurant, which can accommodate up to 95 guests.

Where can I find additional resources?

Amelia Island Weddings Magazine (www.ameliaislandweddingsmagazine.com)

Amelia Island Lodging (link to accommodators)

Amelia Island Activities (link to activities)

Amelia Island Honeymoons (link to romance Page)