

 EGANS CREEK

ECO-FRIENDLY & SUSTAINABLE OFFERINGS

Beloved by naturalists, conservationists, birders, and outdoor adventure enthusiasts alike, Amelia Island is an eco-tourism paradise. Situated on the Atlantic coast, all 13 miles of the island's pristine quartz beaches are open for enjoyment. Visitors can explore the island's natural wonders along scenic trails at Fort Clinch State Park, Amelia Island State Park, Egans Creek Greenway, and The Gateway to the Great Florida Birding Trail, with a chance to see more than 100 bird species. Scenic shorelines and winding waterways reveal an amazing assortment of native wildlife and breathtaking vistas.

ACCOMMODATING SUSTAINABILITY

Amelia Island is committed to protecting and preserving the island's natural treasures and maintaining this paradise for generations of visitors to discover. Ten Amelia Island hotels have earned the Audubon International Green Lodging Program certification.

Completed in conjunction with the Amelia Island Convention & Visitors Bureau, the program verifies that the properties meet environmental best practice standards and demonstrate a strong commitment to water conservation, energy efficiency, recycling, and other green practices.

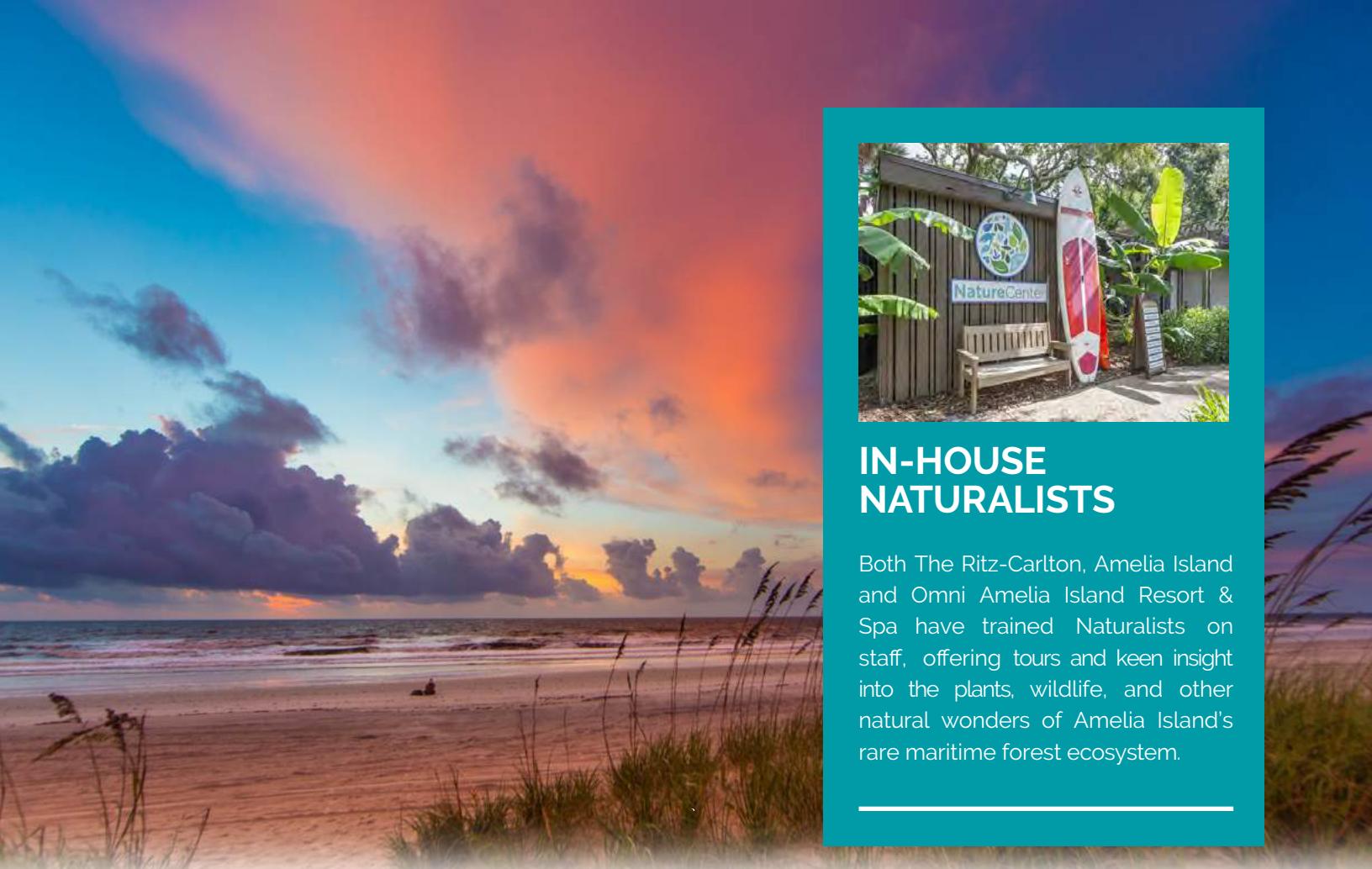
Learn more about Amelia Island Going Green [online](#).

HIGH STANDARDS

The island's two award-winning beachfront resorts specialize in protecting and showcasing local natural treasures for their guests.

• The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island offers nature walks, bird excursions, and other activities for adults, and fun nature activities through their popular Ritz Kids Program. The AAA Five Diamond resort also uses sustainable and organic products at their full-service spa.

• Omni Amelia Island Resort & Spa's unique "Sprouting Project" includes an aquaponic greenhouse, organic garden, beehives, barrel room, and resident chickens. The project produces fresh eggs, honey, organic microgreens, herbs, jams and more, all on property.



IN-HOUSE NATURALISTS

Both The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island and Omni Amelia Island Resort & Spa have trained Naturalists on staff, offering tours and keen insight into the plants, wildlife, and other natural wonders of Amelia Island's rare maritime forest ecosystem.

CELEBRATE NATURE

Amelia Island's diverse wildlife and other unique natural assets are certainly worth celebrating. Visitors can join the celebration with unique events and activities throughout the year.

- ❖ The annual Wild Amelia Nature Festival offers a fun and educational look into the island's biodiversity through tours, workshops, kids' activities and more.
- ❖ In November, the Right Whale Festival celebrates the annual return of the endangered North Atlantic Right Whale to the destination's warm coastal waters with fun, ocean-themed activities and exhibits.
- ❖ During a Shrimping Eco Tour with Amelia River Cruises, passengers get an informative and interactive tour of surrounding waterways and Amelia's celebrity crustacean sensation.
- ❖ In addition to tours and rentals, the folks at Amelia Adventures offer exciting 3-day outdoor adventure camps for kids and teens. These immersive celebrations of nature are available June and July.

FEELING BEACHY CLEAN

Amelia Island works hard and prides itself on its clean, beautiful beaches. Visitors love walking the sandy shores of Fernandina Beach, where the only thing left behind are their footprints.

- ❖ A local "Leave No Trace" ordinance ensures any unattended items left on the beach after 8 p.m. are removed and discarded daily.
- ❖ Visitors are asked to kindly fill in holes and sandcastles that can be dangerous for sea turtles and other wildlife that call Amelia Island home.
- ❖ Keep Nassau Beautiful, Inc. coordinates local partners and volunteers for ongoing cleanup projects such as the annual "Downtown to Dunes" to keep Amelia's beaches spotless.
- ❖ To help protect and preserve the island's natural assets, Amelia Island conducts critical beach renourishment, ensuring plenty of uncrowded, peaceful, quartz sand shoreline for beachgoers all year round.

READY TO GET WILD

Learn more about Amelia Island's natural appeal [here](#).