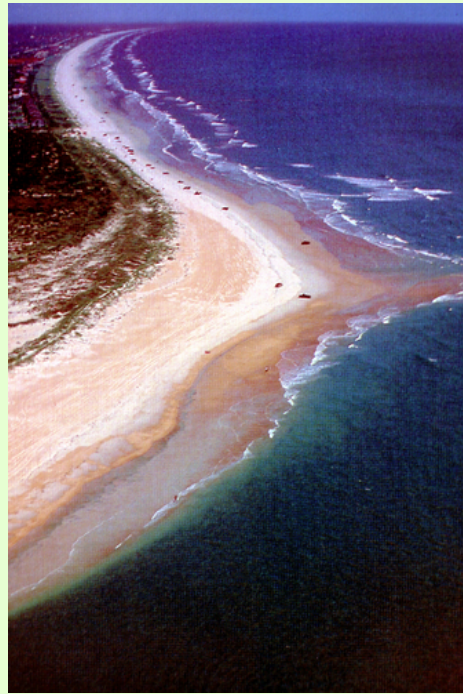


A1A Scenic & Historic Coastal Byway

This byway lies between the Atlantic Ocean and the Intracoastal Waterway on a narrow barrier island with breathtaking views. This environment supports a variety of wildlife, including 50 endangered species. History aficionados will enjoy touring St. Augustine, the oldest continually-occupied European settlement in the United States.

Length: 72 miles / 115.2 km

Time to Allow: Two hours to drive the byway



Local Information

Friends of A1A Scenic & Historic Coastal Byway
904-425-8055
[Send E-mail](#)

Flagler County Palm Coast Chamber of Commerce
386-437-0106
800-881-1022
[Send E-mail](#)

St. Augustine, Ponte Vedra & the Beaches Visitors & Convention Bureau
800-418-7529 x308 904-829-1711
[Send E-mail](#)

Visitor Services



Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities

For most of its length, the A1A Scenic & Historic Coastal Byway can accommodate bicycles and pedestrians, except toward the Matanzas Inlet, where the barrier island narrows considerably. However, pedestrians can still

A1A Scenic & Historic Coastal Byway

walk along the grassy shoulders in this area. Access for bicyclists is provided on the edge along the roadway. A separated bicycle and pedestrian path parallels State Road A1A along the entire 18.6 miles through Flagler County. The path meanders along beach, coastal scrub, and maritime hammock ecosystems and provides access to the public parks along A1A, including access to parks along the Intracoastal Waterway and the Atlantic Ocean. Rest areas are provided along the path.

Camping



Camping is available in St. Augustine, Beverly Beach, and Flagler Beach.

Food



You can find a variety of places to eat in Ponte Vedra Beach, St. Augustine, St. Augustine Beach, and Flagler Beach.

Gasoline



Gas stations are available all along the byway, although some of the most convenient places to get gas are in Ponte Vedra Beach, St. Augustine, and Flagler Beach.

Information



Information centers are available in St. Augustine and Marineland.

Lodging



Several towns along the byway, such as Ponte Vedra Beach, St. Augustine St., Augustine Beach, and Flagler Beach, offer comfortable and enjoyable places to stay. You can find Bed and Breakfasts at St. Augustine and Flagler Beach and all of the towns offer hotels and condominiums for rent.

Phone



Phones are available in any town or gas station along the byway.

Restrooms



Restrooms are available in any of the towns and gas stations along the byway.

Retail



Ponte Vedra Beach, St. Augustine, St. Augustine Beach, and Flagler Beach have some of the best and unique places to shop. You will find shops that offer find anything from antiques to new age materials to more modern effects.

Special Considerations

Rare hurricanes or tropical storms can interrupt your vacation from June-November, so be sure to check weather forecasts before finalizing your plans.

Restrictions

Do not drive during the rare event of a hurricane or tropical storm.

A1A Scenic & Historic Coastal Byway

Seasons

High Season

The best time to drive is during summer and winter vacations.

Map and Directions



A1A Scenic & Historic Coastal Byway

Legend:

 Point of Interest	 Campground	 Featured Byway	 Water	 State Border
 Park	 Picnic/Rest Area	 America's Byways	 Wildlife Refuge	 Urban Area
 Mountain	 Interstate	 Other Byway	 Wilderness Area	 Tribal Nation
 City	 U.S. Highway	 Other Road	 Other Federal Lands	 Military Base
 Capital	 State Highway	 Trail	 Other State Lands	

Driving Directions

From Ponte Vedra Beach to Summer Haven:

- Start the byway in Ponte Vedra Beach, at the intersection of JT Butler Blvd./ State Hwy 202 and FL-A1A.
- Follow SR A1A south for 22.4 miles.
- Follow the road west at Vilano Beach.
- Follow this road until it reaches San Marco Ave.
- Turn south to stay on this road.
- Follow the road until it turns east. The road will be called Anastasia Blvd.
- The road bends back south and turns back into FL-A1A.
- Follow this road, passing through Marineland, Palm Coast, Beverly Beach, and Flagler Beach.
- End at Ocean Palm Dr.

Getting to the Byway



Nearby airports

Orlando Executive Airport, FL (77.9 miles / 125.37 km, 1 hour 23 minutes)

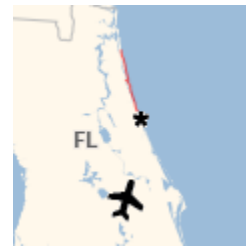
Start:



Herndon Ave.
 N 28.545° W 81.332° [?]

- Go north on Herndon Ave.
- Turn left at E Colonial Dr/ FL-50.
- Turn right at N Mills Ave/ US-17/US-92.
- Turn left at E Princeton Ave.
- Take the ramp to I-4 E.
- Take the exit left onto I-95 N toward Jacksonville.
- Take exit 284 toward Flagler Beach.

Directions:



A1A Scenic & Historic Coastal Byway

- Merge onto FL-100/E Moody Blvd.
- Continue straight on E Highway/E Moody Blvd.
- Turn right at FL-A1A/S Oceanshore Blvd.
- Finish in Flagler Beach.

**Junction with
byway:**

- * Intersection of E Moody Blvd and FL-A1A
N 29.474° W 81.124° [?]

A1A Scenic & Historic Coastal Byway

**Road Trip:
A1A Coastal Tour****Departure:** Ponte Vedra Beach**Destination:** Malacompra Road Park/Beachfront Park, Florida**Time to allow:** 1 day

Follow the A1A Scenic & Historic Coastal Byway along the shores of the Atlantic in sunny Florida, taking the time to stop at some of America's oldest historical sites.

Day 1

- **Start: Ponte Vedra Beach**

Begin your tour along the byway in Ponte Vedra Beach, the northern gateway to the A1A Scenic & Historic Coastal Byway.

- **Stop 1: Historic St. Augustine**

From 40 minutes / 23 mi (36.8 km)
previous
stop:

Directions: From Ponte Vedra Beach, follow A1A Highway south through the communities of Palm Valley and Vilano Beach. Cross the Vilano Bridge to enter St. Augustine.

St. Augustine is the oldest, continually occupied U.S. settlement. The city contains more than 2,500 historic structures dating from the colonial and Flagler eras. The next stops on our tour will take you through the best of these attractions.

A1A Scenic & Historic Coastal Byway

- **Stop 2: Castillo de San Marcos National Monument**



From previous stop: 3 minutes / 1 mi (1.6 km)

Directions: Once across the Vilano Bridge, continue to the junction of San Marco Avenue. Turn left to continue along A1A Scenic and Historic Coastal Byway. Continue along San Marco Avenue to the Castillo's entrance.

Suggested time at this stop: 1 hour

Star-shaped Castillo de San Marcos is the oldest masonry fort and the best-preserved example of Spanish colonial fortification built in the continental United States. Tour the grounds and rooms of the fort, taking in historical exhibits from each of the fort's many occupants. Volunteers in historical costume are also on hand to give live demonstrations of guns, cannons, and other aspects of historical life.

- **End: Malacompra Road Park/Beachfront Park**

From previous stop: 40 minutes / 22.18 mi (35.5 km)

Directions: Go southeast on FL A1A and follow it for 21.6 miles. Turn left onto Mala Compra Dr. and follow it to the beach front park.

Malacompra Road Park/Beachfront Park is accessible from A1A on the north side of Malacompra Road.

Totals for Day 1

Total Distance Traveled: 46.18 miles / 73.9 km

Total Travel Time: 1 hour 23 minutes

Total Stopping Time: 1 hour