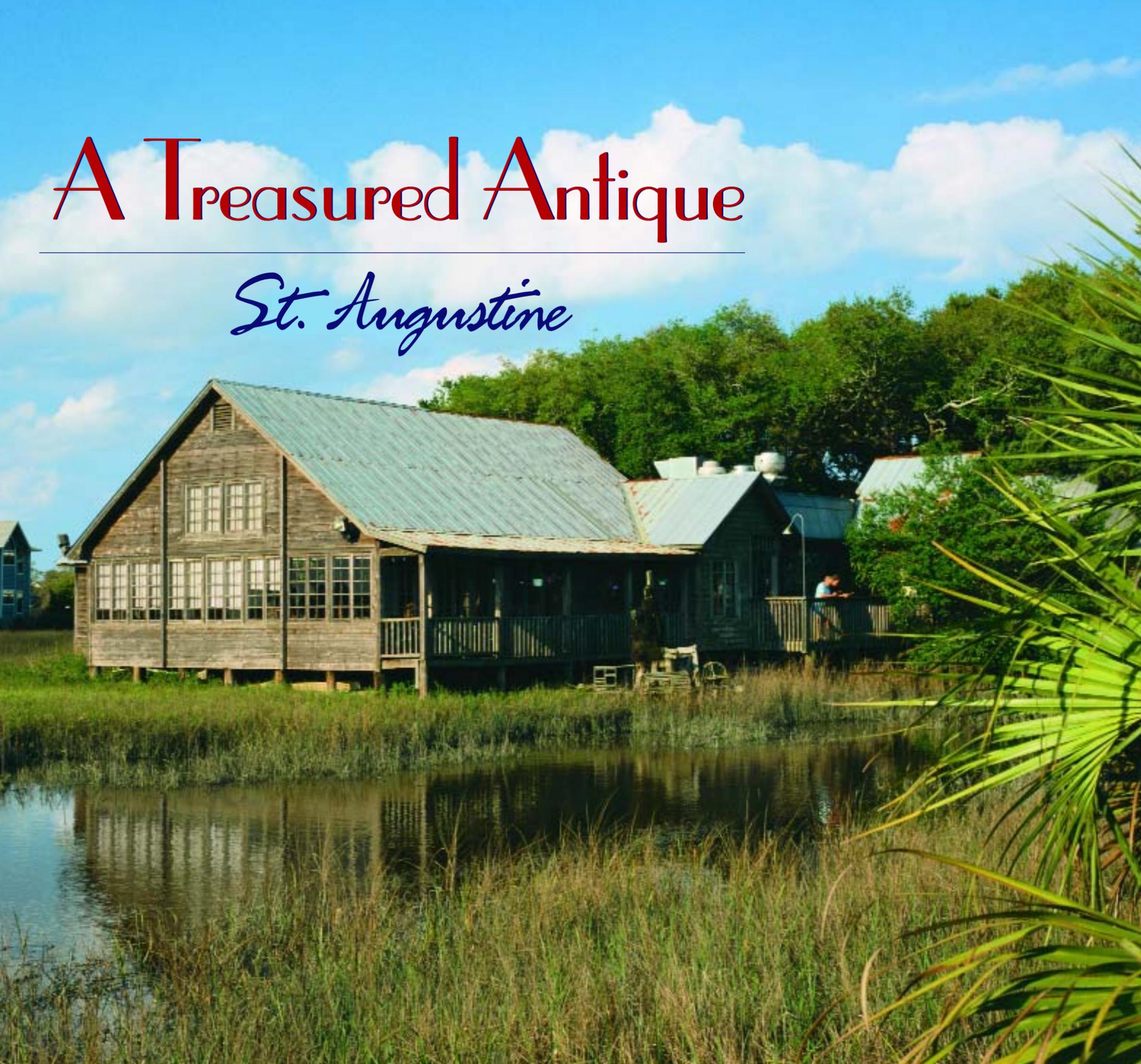


A Treasured Antique

St. Augustine



In youth we learn, in old age we understand.

Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach (1830-1916)

There is old, and then there is *old*. For a relatively young country compared to say, Europe, there is not a lot in America that's old, much less *old*. So when an airborne adventurer alights in a city that's actually so old as to be really, really old – thereby qualifying it as *old* – he or she well may exclaim, wow, this is something special. The city is St. Augustine.



As much a playground today (this page) as if was in the Gilded Age when flamboyant Henry M. Flagler had his fun building the 1889 Alcazar Hotel (opposite top) and the 1882 Hotel Ponce de León, now Flagler College (opposite below)



Eastern Florida's treasure of a town is our nation's oldest, up and running a full 42 years before the English colony at Jamestown, Virginia, and 55 before the Pilgrims docked at Plymouth Rock. Around here old is *old*, thanks to one plucky Don Pedro Menendez de Aviles, the Spanish admiral who in 1565 came ashore on the Feast Day of St. Augustine with 600 soldiers and settlers – banners flying and trumpets trumpeting – to claim the place home. Which means everything you see in ancient St. Augustine is some kind of awe. It's an awe because not only has the city grown-up with a past that's positively High Drama – from its Spanish founding to its British rule to its Indian troubles to its gilded, golden time as plaything of wealthy oilman (and dream weaver)

Henry M. Flagler – but St. Augustine also has a definite sense of itself.

That's right, admiring flyers, it might say if it could speak. Aren't I amazing?

One of a kind, we'd say. Blessed with a boggling 144 blocks chock full of nationally registered Historic Places (U.S. cultural resources worthy of preservation) plus bed-and-breakfast inns of endless charm and romance, the city that sits pretty on magical Matanzas Bay is a walker's wonder, as well as overnighter's fantasy. All the better if the well-rested, superbly-pampered ambler is a history buff, too. For if it's one thing stunning St. Augustine offers the adventurous visitor in its treasurehouse of historic buildings – architecturally significant, each – is the chance to be transported in time to days when our country was, as always, *happening*.

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Romance!

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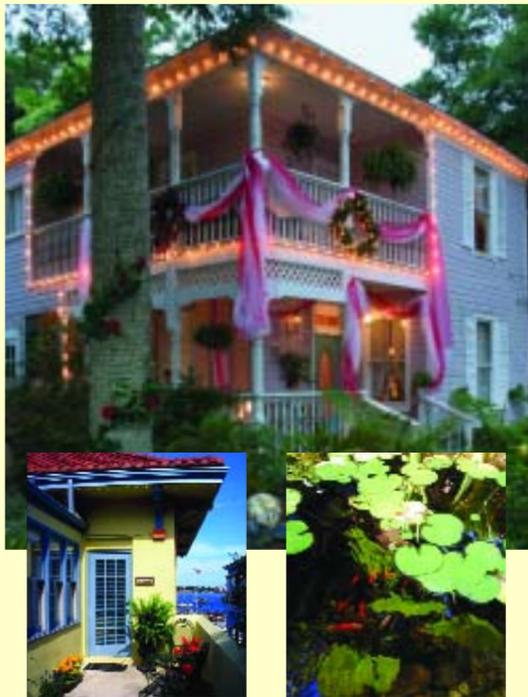
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Our House of St. Augustine (above left); Carriage Way Inn (above right); veranda of Casa de la Paz (lower left); the Kenwood Inn (lower right)



Perchance to Dream of a Cozy B&B

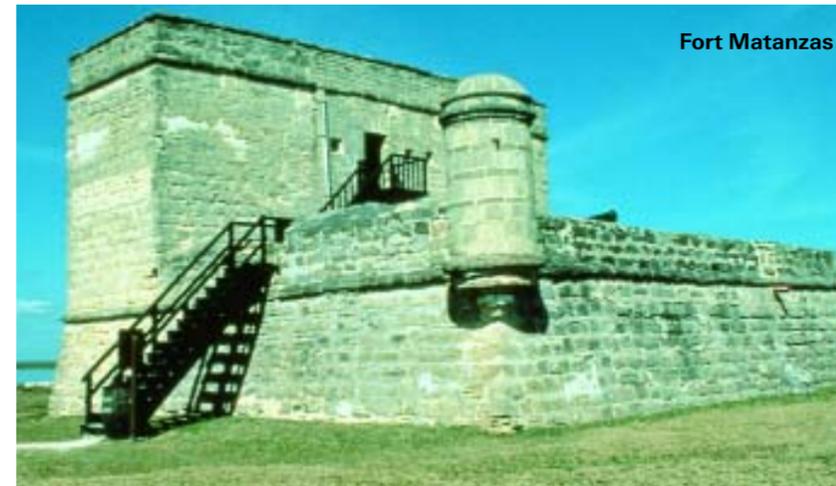
Ah, romance. If to woo and be wooed is the no. 1 reason to wing-in to St. Augustine, according to travel advisers savvy to its seductions, then why not shoot the moon with your own excuses no. 2 though too-many-to-count by booking a room at a local bed and breakfast inn. Often found in the Old City historic district or overlooking swoon-worthy Matanzas Bay, these charmers are shrewd purveyors of cozy, comfortable pampering and honeymoon-caliber romance. Or, as one innkeeper puts it, "Our house feels like your house, but better, with cook, concierge and butler to take care of you."

Care for you they do. From Champagne, flowers and Godiva chocolates on arrival to four-poster canopy beds, handmade quilts, homebaked cookies and candlelit antique tubs, St. Augustine B&Bs perfect the art of gracious Southern hospitality. Because the inns often are nationally registered Historic Places of great architectural interest, there

is also no skimping on exquisite givens: wraparound verandas equipped with hammocks; lush private garden courtyards; antique furnishings that complement a room's rich detail – even secluded hideaway cottages for the romantically inclined of the "hopeless" variety.

Even better, many inns come with a resident legend. From the ghost of the Lady with the Lantern to the specter of the restless Spanish soldier to the lore of the king's order that the inn be built "to serve as a defense of fortress," St. Augustine B&Bs all reflect the city's history in its most enthralling, colorful depth. In a word, these inns are not your ordinary bed, with breakfast: They are a glorious story.

To book a romantic rendezvous of your dreams, explore the possibilities offered by the *St. Augustine Historic Inn Association* (www.staugustineinns.com) and *Preferred Inns of St. Augustine* (www.innssofflorida.com)



Fort Matanzas



Touch-down at the St. Augustine Airport (SGJ), park your bags at the B&B of choice, and get ready to ramble. You can choose a trolley tour (call 800.397.4071 to book), a horse-and-carriage tour (904.829.2392 www.staugustinecarriages.com), a dramatic audio-guided tour (904.824.2872 www.walkaboutstaugustine.com), or a spooky evening "ghost tour" (888.461.1009 www.ghostlyexperience.com). You can even navigate solo. But whatever your pleasure prepare to be moved.

After all, downtown's historic district extends from our nation's oldest – i.e., *old* – remaining fortification, the star-shaped Castillo de San Marcos, which cost the King of Spain so much to build he complained it must be made of silver (actually, coquina, a tough shell limestone) to

the Plaza de la Constitución, a public marketplace since 1598 now overseen by the statue of Don Juan Ponce de Leon, the treasure hunter of "fountain of youth" fame who in 1513 claimed *La Florida*, or "land of flowers" for Spain.

As you stroll through, your jaw will want to drop. Let it. Don't stifle your *oh!* at such sites as the Oldest House (circa 1600s), Oldest Store (now museum), Oldest Wooden Schoolhouse, and Old St. Augustine Village, the nine historic structures of architectural awe. Don't suppress your *ah!* at the Public Burying Ground (Huguenot Cemetery), the beautiful Basilica Cathedral of St. Augustine and, a little farther afield, the dazzling Lightner Museum, the former Alcazar Hotel built in 1889 by the flamboyant Henry M. Flagler in the effusive style – all turrets

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Leafy and serene, the beauty of St. Augustine

In St. Augustine, where old is old and history lives, you're going to feel really young.

and towers and voluptuous verandas – characteristic of the city's Gilded Age as a chic-chi sunshine resort of wealthy northerners.

Go ahead. Let yourself swoon over the Lightner's collection of art, antiques and lovely Tiffany glass, and really, why not? Let yourself be seduced by St. Augustine's excellent lesson in architectural style, from the Spanish Renaissance of phenomenal Flagler College to the Florida Territorial of the native coquina Ximinez-Fatio House; from the Colonial Revival of Howells House to the Moorish Revival of that marvelous castle, the Casa Monica Hotel.

Because in 1586 Britain's Sir Francis Drake attacked and burned the town. In

1763 Spain gave it up to England (with all of Florida) for Cuba. In 1783 Spain took it back only to turn around in 1821 and offload it on the U.S., whereupon it lived through a yellow fever epidemic (1821), the Seminole Indian uprising (1836), the Civil War (1861), devastating fires (1887). And you know what? It made it. Gately, bravely, and trailing no small amount of glory – a glory so in evidence today.

In St. Augustine, where old is *old* and history lives with every thrilling step of your walkabout or carriage ride or ghost tour, here's yet another wonderful thing: coming here, you're going to feel really young.

For the city's further fascinations visit www.oldcity.com and www.augustine.com.



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AIRPORT DATA

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 Runways: 12,000'
 Approaches: ILS, VOR, GPS
 ATIS / ASOS: 904.824.7084

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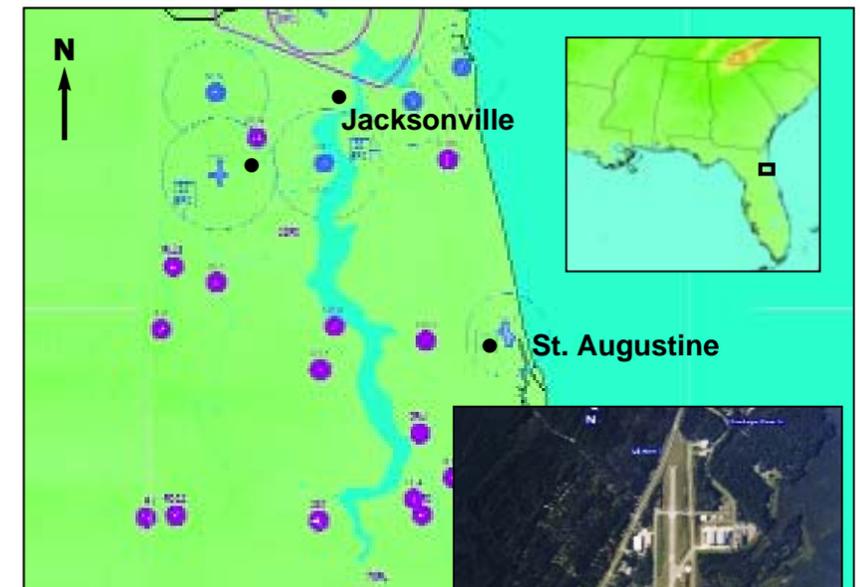
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Profile map viewed from St. Augustine looking west.

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