

Romance... tradition... and charm. Centuries of Amelia lie just beyond your door.

Our community shares this island's picturesque trove of history and tradition. Fernandina Beach is a Victorian seaport rich with tales of pirates, smugglers and gunrunners, and is the birthplace of the American

shrimping industry. Explore the town's charming 50-block district of carefully preserved historic homes and buildings. Visit the oldest surviving hotel in Florida, the Florida House Inn, built in 1857... and the Palace Saloon, Florida's oldest pub. Out at Fort Clinch, the past comes

alive once a month when Civil War buffs don Union or Confederate uniforms and re-enact wartime daily life around the fort.

Nature lovers will appreciate that Amelia Island is a favorite site for

nesting loggerhead turtles. And bird fanciers can spot a colorful array of birds that flock to Amelia year-round – hummingbirds, snowy egrets and purple sandpipers... great blue herons, ospreys and bald eagles.

Fishing enthusiasts can charter deep sea or back water fishing boats down at the end of Centre Street. Those looking for nostalgia can hire a horse-drawn carriage for a leisurely trip to an earlier time in colorful Fernandina.