

Dining in Jacksonville

Downtown-Area Restaurants (Color code: **Northbank**-Riverside-San Marco-Southbank)

Great site for directions and full descriptions:

<http://www.downtownjacksonville.org/locations/lc-5-downtown-jacksonville-dining.aspx>

**** Jana's faves!

b.b.'s (local, 100% fresh, upscale casual, American specialty, great desserts) ****

1019 Hendricks Ave – San Marco **904.306.0100** <http://www.bbsrestaurant.com/>

Bistro Aix (local, French/European bistro atmosphere, Onyx Room bar very nice) ****

1440 San Marco Blvd. **904.398.1949** <http://bistrox.com/>

Black Sheep (independent, southern, farm fresh) ****

534 Oak Street - Riverside **904.380.3091** <http://blacksheep5points.com/>

Burrito Gallery (local, Funky Mex Casual) ****

21 E. Adams St. **904.598.2922** <http://www.burritogallery.com/>

Cafe Nola (American café, in Museum of Contemporary Art) ****

333 N Laura St **904.359.5785 ext 231** <http://www.mocajacksonville.org/cafe/>

Dinner served on Wednesday (monthly Art Walk) and Thursday only

Indochine (local, Thai, Southeast Asian) ****

21 E. Adams Street, 2nd Floor **904.598.5303** <http://www.indochinejax.com/>

La Cena Ristorante (Italian Continental)

211 North Laura St 904.633-9255 no website

Salty Fig (local, southern/soul, creole/cajun) ****

901 King St – Riverside **904.337.0146** <http://thesaltyfig.com/>

Taverna (local, seasonal European, Italy/Spain, chic) ****

1986 San Marco Blvd, San Marco **904.398.3005** *Micro beer and wine*
<http://www.tavernasanmarco.com/>

Matthews Restaurant (local, seasonal fare with International/European flavors, high end)

2107 Hendricks Ave, San Marco **904.396.9922** <http://www.matthewsrestaurant.com/>

Pele's Wood Fire (Italian/American, local) ****

2665 Park Street, Riverside **904.232.8545** <http://peleswoodfire.com/>

Grape & Grain Exchange (Liquor and beer retail, with a bar on the front, eclectic) Speakeasy Thurs-Sun ****

2000 San Marco Blvd, San Marco **904.396.4455** <http://www.grapeandgrainexchange.com/>

Other Downtown-Area Restaurants

Biscotti's (*local, eclectic, American/southern, specialty desserts*) *Beer and wine*
3556 St. John's Ave – Avondale **904.387.2060**

Fionn MacCool's Irish Restaurant and Pub (*local, Irish traditional, pub, casual*)
Full-service bar, extensive beer
2 Independent Drive Suite 176 **904.374.1547**

Metro Diner (*local, breakfast/lunch specialty, southern home style, casual*) *No bar service*
3302 Hendricks Ave – San Marco **904.398.3701**

Morton's Steakhouse (*chain, steak, seafood*) *Full-service bar*
1510 Riverplace Blvd **904.399.3933**

Ruth's Chris Steakhouse (*chain, steak, seafood*) *Full-service bar*
1201 Riverplace Blvd
Crowne Plaza Jacksonville Riverfront **904.396.6200**

Trellises Restaurant (*Hyatt hotel restaurant, riverfront, seafood*) *Full-service bar*
225 E. Coastline Drive
Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront **904.634.4540**

Wine Cellar (*local, eclectic, American/European*) *Full-service bar, wine specialists*
1314 Prudential Drive **904.398.8989**
<http://www.winecellarjax.com/index.html>

Zodiac Bar & Grill (*Mediterranean, closes early-8pm*) *Full-service bar*
120 W. Adams Street **904.354.8283**

Jacksonville Landing is directly next to the hotel and features a number of national chain restaurants for casual dining.

Places we like to go at the fabulous Jacksonville Beaches

Take 90 east to A1A and you are at the Jacksonville Beaches, which includes Atlantic and Neptune Beach to the north, Jacksonville Beach north and south of A1A, and Ponte Vedra Beach – a favorite golf and leisure destination – to the south. Lots of beautiful beach to walk on, many great places to eat and drink, fabulous sun and moon rises. All Jacksonville Beaches are a unique mix of residential and light commercial/retail/hospitality and there is ample parking available both for beach access and activities.

**** Jana's faves! ☺☺☺☺ Jace's Faves (*Jace is a Jax native and beach aficionado...*)

* Jacksonville Beach *

Taco Lu's (*local, Mex, fish tacos, cantina*)**** ☺☺☺☺ *Full-service bar*
1712 Beach Boulevard, Jacksonville Beach **904.249.TACO** <http://tacolu.com/>

- M Shack** (*Specialty burgers, shakes, chef-owned*)**** No bar service
 299 Atlantic Boulevard, Atlantic Beach **904.241.2599**
<http://www.mshackburgers.com/>
- Casa Marina** (*ocean front penthouse lounge, tapas in a circa 1920s hotel also full Sunday brunch*) ☺☺☺☺
Full-service bar
 691 1st. St. N., Jacksonville Beach **904.746.4517** <http://casamarinahotel.com>
- Marlin Moon Grille** (*Maryland/Florida/Louisiana coastal blend, seafood*) ☺☺☺☺
Full-service bar
 1183 Beach Blvd., Jax Beach **904.372.4438** <http://www.marlinmoongrille.com>
- MOJO Kitchen BBQ Pit Blues Bar** (*Barbecue, Southern/Soul, Live music*) ☺☺☺☺
Full-service bar
 1500 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville Beach **904.247.6636** <http://www.mojobbq.com>
- Blind Rabbit Burger & Whiskey Bar** (*BRAND NEW Burgers, whiskey, same owners as Salty Fig*)
 311 North 3rd Street Suite 107, Jacksonville Beach **904.337.0146**
- The Pier Cantina & Sandbar** (*Casual sandbar downstairs, Mexican Cantina upstairs*)
 412 First Street North, Jacksonville Beach **904. 246.6454** www.thepierjax.com/
- Eleven South** (*International, quaint*) ☺☺☺☺ *Full-service bar*
 216 S 11th Ave., Jacksonville Beach **904.241.1112** <http://www.elevensouth.com>
- Beach Hut Cafe** (*BREAKFAST, very casual local fav*) ☺☺☺☺ *No bar service*
 1257 3rd St S , Jacksonville Beach **904.249.3516**
- Ellen's Kitchen** (*BREAKFAST, very casual local fav*) ☺☺☺☺ *No bar service*
 1824 3rd St S, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250 **904.246.1572**
- * Neptune Beach *** (*which is just two+ miles north on A1A from Jax Beach*) *In addition to these great little hidey-holes there is a lot of shopping opportunity in the Town Center of Neptune Beach, great place to wander...*
- Slider's** (*Oyster Bar, local favorite*) ☺☺☺☺ *Full-service bar*
 218 First Street, Neptune Beach **904. 246.0881**
- North Beach Fish Camp** (*Seafood, coastal relaxed, same owners as Palm Valley Fish Camp*) ☺☺☺☺
 100 1st Street, Neptune Beach **904.249.3474** *Full-service bar*
<http://www.thenorthbeachfishcamp.com/>
- Flying Iguana Taqueria & Tequila Bar** (*BRAND NEW!*) *Full-service bar*
 207 Atlantic Blvd., Neptune Beach **904. 853.5680** www.flyingiguana.com
- Lemon Bar** (*Oceanside outdoor no-frills beach bar*) *Go to the website, you'll get it... *****☺☺☺☺
 120 Atlantic Blvd, Neptune Beach **904. 246.2175** <http://lemonbarjax.com/>

*** Atlantic Beach *** *(which is really just north of Neptune Beach, right across the street)*

Ocean 60 *(Martinis, seafood, chef-owned)* ☺☺☺☺

60 Ocean Boulevard, Atlantic Beach

904.247.0060

Full-service bar

www.ocean60.com

Culhane's Irish Pub *(local, Irish food and whiskey, lots of beer selections)* ☺☺☺☺

967 Atlantic Blvd, Atlantic Beach, FL32233

904.249.9595

www.culhanesirishpub.com

*** Ponte Vedra Beach *** *South of Jax Beach – if you visit Sawgrass or TPC for golf or are headed back from a St. Augustine visit these are good places in the area, but be aware that reservations at Restaurant Medure are a must and Lulu's and Palm Valley often feature a long wait as they are popular with locals and tourists alike.*

Palm Valley Fish Camp *(local, seafood, eclectic, on intercostal waterway, casual)* ☺☺☺☺

299 North Roscoe Rd, Ponte Vedra Beach

904.285.3200

Full-service bar

www.palmvalleyfishcamp.com

LuLu's Waterfront Grille *(local, seafood, eclectic, on intercostal waterway, casual)* ☺☺☺☺

301 N Roscoe Blvd, Ponte Vedra Beach

904.285.0139

Full-service bar

<http://luluswaterfrontgrille.com/index.html>

Restaurant Medure *(same owner, chef as Matthew's of San Marco)* ☺☺☺☺ Full-service bar

818 N A1A, Ponte Vedra Beach

904.543.3797

www.restaurantmedure.us

Other Attractions/Events

First Wednesday Art Walk

November 6th, Downtown Jacksonville, Self-Guided Tour 5-9 p.m., Rain or Shine

The First Wednesday Art Walk is a free self-guided tour of Downtown galleries, museums as well as cultural and educational venues./ Features original work from local, regional, national and international artists at 33 Downtown venues. Plus, enjoy live music performances at more than seven venues. Free food and wine are hosted at many locations. <http://jacksonvilleartwalk.com/>

St. Johns Town Center

The St. Johns Town Center is located mid-way between Downtown Jacksonville and the Beaches off of 295-the local interstate loop. It is a favorite destination for shopping that includes major retailers as well as boutique shopping, many dining choices. <http://www.simon.com/mall/st-johns-town-center>

Fernandina Beach/Amelia Island

North of Jacksonville, but easily accessible by I95-N, historic coastal fishing village, quaint shopping, golf and leisure accommodations.

<http://www.visitflorida.com/en-us/cities/fernandina-beach.html>

<http://www.ameliainland.com/>

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