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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17th

ST. AUGUSTINE - \$85

A visit to Saint Augustine Florida, the oldest city in America, which was founded in 1565.



Our first stop will be to the **Castillo de San Marcos**. We will have a personal guide through the oldest masonry fort in the continental United States. It is located on the western shore of Matanza Bay. The fort was designed by Spanish engineer Ignacio Daza. The Castillo de San Marcos is unique in North American architecture. As the only extant 17th century military construction in the country and the oldest masonry fortress in the United States it is a prime example of the "bastion system" of fortification, the culmination of hundreds of years of military defense engineering. It is also unique for the material used in its construction. The Castillo is one of only two fortifications in the world built out of a semi-rare form of limestone called coquina (the other is Fort Matanzas National Monument 14 miles south). The fortress itself is both a product of and evidence to the multitude of forces both political and technological that created the competition for empire during the colonial era. But above all the Castillo is an enduring legacy of the craftsmanship and skill of the engineers, artisans and labourers who built it.



After our fort tour we will hop on our own **Old Town Trolley Tour** with a guide giving us the most comprehensive sightseeing experience in St. Augustine! With nearly 500 years of history, including rule by Spain, Britain, and the U.S., St. Augustine is full of sights and attractions that entertain and educate. For over 30 years, Old Town Trolley has provided tours highlighting the best of the city. The Old Jail: Built by Henry Flagler in 1891 and placed on the National Registry of Historic Places in 1987, the Jail was operational for more than 60 years and housed 72 prisoners at a time. Oldest Store Museum Experience: Our local actors and storytellers make this tour with the items and inventions from the turn-of-the-century come to life! St. Augustine History Museum: A combination of historical displays and private collections bring over 400 years of Florida history to life. Fountain of Youth: The Fountain of Youth is where Spanish explorer Pedro Menendez de Aviles established the first and oldest continuous European Settlement in the United States in 1565.

Then we will enjoy lunch at a local's favorite the **Columbia Restaurant** in the Historic District. Founded in 1905 by Cuban immigrant Casimiro Hernandez, Sr., the Columbia Restaurant is Florida's oldest restaurantSM, and the largest Spanish restaurant in the world.



We will end our tour at the **St. Augustine Distillery** for a tour and tasting (if you would like)!

Tentative Itinerary:

8:15am	Depart Hyatt
9:30am	Fort Tour
10:45am	Trolley Tour
Noon	Columbia Restaurant
1:30pm	TBD or Free Time
2:30pm	Distillery Tour
3:30pm	Depart St. Augustine

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18th

KINGSLEY PLANTATION & CUMMER MUSEUM/GARDENS - \$60



*We will have a Ranger guided tour of the grounds, kitchen house, and slave quarters and a walk thru of the oldest existing Florida Plantation, the **Kingsley Plantation**. We will learn about it's rich history, crops, and archaeological value plus much more.*

During the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, many people came to Florida. Some, like Zephaniah Kingsley, sought to make their fortunes by obtaining land and establishing plantations. Others were forced to come to Florida to work on those plantations, their labor providing wealth to the people who owned them. Some of the enslaved would later become free landowners, struggling to keep their footing in a dangerous time of shifting alliances and politics. All of these people played a part in the history of Kingsley Plantation.



*Lunch will be at the **Sandollar Restaurant** and Marina. The Sandollar Restaurant is the favorite of locals because of its great waterfront views, excellent food and casual atmosphere. Whether it's flip flops and shorts or a formal affair, the Sandollar Restaurant and Marina is perfect for good times, great food and your favorite beverages (features a full bar). Specializing in seafood and experts in all foods, The Sandollar always searches the markets for the freshest seafood available.*

*The **Cummer Museum** holds one of the finest art collections in the Southeast. Throughout the institution's history, the Permanent Collection has served as the cornerstone in the Cummer Museum's desire to "serve as the region's centerpiece of education and involvement in all of the arts." In accordance with the expressed wishes of its founder, Ninah May Holden Cummer, it seeks to serve as "a center of beauty and culture" for the benefit of "all of the people." By 2016, the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens' art collection had grown from the group of more than 60 works bequeathed by Mrs. Cummer, to nearly 5,000 works acquired by gift, purchase, and bequest. The Permanent Collection spans from 2100 B.C. through the 21st century and includes masterpieces created by Peter Paul Rubens, Winslow Homer, Thomas Moran, Norman Rockwell, and Romare Bearden. It is also home to the Wark Collection of Early Meissen Porcelain. The Museum's 2.5 acres of **Historic Gardens** are unique examples of early 20th century garden design, featuring reflecting pools, fountains, arbors, antique ornaments, and sculptures. The majestic Cummer Oak has a canopy of more than 150 feet and is one of the oldest trees in Jacksonville.*



Tentative Itinerary:

9:00am	Depart Hyatt
10:00am	Kingsley Plantation
12:00pm	Sandollar Restaurant
2:00pm	Cummer Museum
2:45pm	TBD/Cummer Gardens
3:30pm	Depart Cummer