

2026 SSS
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Jacksonville, FL



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Guide to Jacksonville, Florida



Restaurants and Libations List

This restaurant list, including the details for each location, was compiled using the Visit Jacksonville and Open Table websites. Please note that Jacksonville has a large footprint, so do check distances before heading out. A restaurant that is “on the water” could be a distance from the conference site.

VG= Vegan | VGT= Vegetarian | GF= Gluten Free

Restaurants and businesses organized by themes:

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Downtown Jacksonville (32202)

Akels Deli- Lunch (VGT) - <https://akelsdeliriverside.com/>

Bagels R Us - <https://www.bagelsrusjax.com/>

Bay Street Sports Bar - <https://baystreetsportsgrill.com/>

Bold City Brewery Downtown - <https://boldcitybrewery.com/>

Chamblin’s Uptown Café (and bookstore) - Breakfast & Lunch (VG/VGT) -

<https://www.chamblinbookmine.com/uptown.php>

Chart House Restaurant - <https://www.chart-house.com/location/chart-house-jacksonville-fl/>

Cinco de Mayo - <https://www.cincomayomx.com/>

City Grille & Raw Bar - <https://citygrillerawbar.com/>

Cowford Chophouse - <https://cowfordchophouse.com/>

De Real Ting Café - <https://www.facebook.com/derealtینگcafe/>

Gili's Kitchen (Kosher) - Lunch & Dinner (VG/VGT) - <https://giliskitchen.com/>

Indochine- Lunch & Dinner (VG/ VGT) - <https://www.indochinefl.com/>

Institution Ale Works - <https://intuitionaleworks.com/>

Juliette’s Bistro (inside Marriott Downtown)- Breakfast & Lunch & Dinner (GF)

Kazu Sushi Burrito- Lunch & Dinner (VG/VGT) - <https://newkazusushiburrito.com/index.html>

Morton's the Steakhouse - <https://www.mortons.com/location/mortons-the-steakhouse-jacksonville-fl/>

On the Fly Sandwiches & Stuff (food truck) - <https://www.ontheflyjax.com/>

Tossgreen- Lunch (VG/VGT) - <https://www.tossgreen.com/>

San Marco (32207)

Aardwolf Brewing Company - <https://www.aardwolfbrewing.com/>

bb's restaurant and bar - Lunch & Dinner (VGT/GF) - <https://www.bbsrestaurant.com/>

Electric Dough Pizza Co. - <https://www.electricdoughpizza.com/>

European Street Café-Lunch & Dinner (VG/VGT) - <https://europeanstreet.com/>

Fla Juice & Bowl- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner (VGT/GF) - <https://www.flajuiceandbowl.com/>

Gemma Fish + Oyster- Brunch & Dinner (VGT) - <https://www.gemmafishandoyster.com/>

Good Dough - <https://www.gooddoughjax.com/>

Maple Street Biscuit Company - <https://www.maplestreetbiscuits.com/>

Matthew's Restaurant- Dinner (VGT/VG) - <https://matthewsrestaurant.com/>

Metro Diner- Breakfast & Lunch (VGT) - <https://metrodiner.com/>

Oceana- Dinner (VG/VGT/GF) - <https://www.oceana.restaurant/>

Rue Saint Marc - <https://ruesaintmarc.com/>

Southern Grounds & Co.- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner (VGT) - <https://www.southerngrounds.com/>

Taverna San Marco- Lunch & Dinner (VG) - <https://taverna.restaurant/>

The Bearded Pig - <https://www.thebeardedpigbbq.com/>

The Olive Tree Mediterranean Grille- Lunch & Dinner (VGT) -

<https://www.theolivetreemediterraneangrille.com/>

Town Hall- Dinner & Brunch (VG/VGT/GF) - <https://www.townhalljax.com/>

V Pizza - <https://www.vpizza.com/>

Riverside Avondale (32204, 32205)

Note: Many restaurants are located in the eclectic [Five Points District](#), on King Street, and in the Shops of Avondale.

13 Gypsies

Biscottis- Lunch & Dinner (VGT) - <https://www.biscottis.net/>

Blue Orchid Thai Cuisine - <https://blueorchidthai.com/>

BREW - <https://www.brewfivepoints.co/>

Carmines Pie House - <https://carminespiehouse.com/>

Casbah Café- (VGT/ VG) - <https://www.thecasbahcafe.com/>

Cool Moose Cafe- Breakfast & Lunch (VGT) - <https://www.coolmoosecafe.net/>

Cummer Museum and Gardens Café- Lunch & Tapas (VGT) - <https://www.cummermuseum.org/cafe/>

Cuisine 76 and Bar - <https://cuisine76andbar.com/>

European Street Café- Lunch & Dinner (VG/VGT) - <https://europeanstreet.com/>

Falafel x Bar- Lunch & Dinner (VGT/VG) -

<https://falafelxbar.dine.online/locations/2854022?fulfillment=pickup>

Fishweir Brewing - <https://www.fishweirbrewing.com/>

Foo Dog Curry Traders- Lunch & Dinner (VG/VGT/GF) - <https://www.foodogjax.com/>

Hawkers - <https://eathawkers.com/>

Homespun Kitchen- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner (VG/VGT/GF) - <https://homespunkitchen.com/>
Hoptinger Bier Garden - <https://www.hoptinger.com/>
Hovan Mediterranean Gourmet- Lunch & Dinner (VGT/VG) - <https://hovan5points.com/>
Josephine Avondale - <https://www.josephineavondale.com/>
Mellow Mushroom Avondale- Lunch & Dinner (VGT/ VG/GF) -
<https://www.mellowmushroom.com/locations/fl/jacksonville/3611-saint-johns-ave/>
Moon River Pizza - <https://www.moonriverpizza.net/>
Orsay- Dinner & Brunch (VG/VGT/GF) - <https://www.restaurantorsay.com/>
River & Post- Lunch & Dinner (GF/VG) - <https://www.riverandpostjax.com/>
Rogue Bar - <https://www.roguejax.com/>
Southern Grounds & Co.- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner (VGT) - <https://www.southerngrounds.com/>
Sweet Theory Baking Co.– Breakfast & Lunch (VG/GF) - <https://www.sweettheorybakingco.com/>
Taqueria Cinco - <https://www.taqueria5points.com/>
The Blue Fish Restaurant - <https://bluefishjax.com/>
The Brick - <https://www.thebrickofavondale.com/>
The Fox (breakfast and lunch) - <https://www.facebook.com/thefoxrestaurant/>

Springfield (32206)

1748 Bakehouse (breakfast and lunch) - <https://1748bakehouse.com/>
Fred Cotten's Landmark BBQ - <https://www.facebook.com/bestbbqintown1/>
Othello - <https://www.othellospringfield.com/>
Strings Sports Brewery - <https://stringsportsbrewery.com/>
The District - <https://www.thedistrictspr.com/>
Uptown Kitchen & Bar - <https://www.uptownkitchenspringfield.com/>
Wafaa N Mike's Café - <https://wafaaandmikescafe.com/>

Activities, Sightseeing, and More!

Featured Local Arrangement Activity

Stride Through the River City: A Community in Motion

Join us Thursday and Friday at 6:00 a.m. for a low-key 5K walk/run as we explore the neighborhood, have some fun, and create joy before we begin our sessions for the day. This is an inclusive, community-centered movement space — walk or run at your own pace. All bodies, levels, and abilities are welcome. This event is led by Tiffany Chenault, a co-ambassador for Black Girls RUN! Boston, who believes in the power and resistance — in movement. Meet Tiffany at the 2nd Floor Escalator Foyer. We will start at 6:00 a.m. Let's get our 5K on together.

Historic Sites, Parks, & Sightseeing

Attraction	Distance	Highlights	Link
Laura Street Trio	0.4 miles	Historic 1900s skyline pillars currently undergoing massive restoration.	dtjax.com
Friendship Fountain	0.4 miles	Iconic fountain with nightly light/music shows. <i>Take the River Taxi for the best experience.</i>	jacksonville.gov
St. James Building	0.6 miles	Jacksonville City Hall; a 1912 prairie-style masterpiece by Henry John Klutho.	jacksonville.gov
Emerald Trail (LaVilla)	0.9 miles	A brand-new 1.3-mile "model" path with murals and historic neighborhood markers.	groundworkjacksonville.org
Lift Ev'ry Voice Park	1.0 mile	Commemorates the Johnson brothers; features modern sculptural designs.	dtjax.com
Memorial Park	1.7 miles	Riverside's riverfront crown jewel; features the famous "Life" sculpture.	memparkjax.org
St. Johns Town Center	11.2 miles	Massive open-air mall with Apple, Louis Vuitton, and 175+ retailers.	simon.com

Beaches – Requires a drive

Beach Name	Distance	Best For...
Atlantic Beach	16.5 miles	A relaxed, upscale atmosphere.
Neptune Beach	17.2 miles	Walking, shopping, and local dining.
Jacksonville Beach	17.8 miles	Nightlife, the Pier, and high energy.
Hanna Park Beach	18.5 miles	Nature trails, surfing, and camping.
Ponte Vedra Beach	23.5 miles	Luxury vibes and looking for shark teeth.

Activities & Tours

Attraction	Distance	Key Info	Links
St. Johns River Taxi	0 miles	A unique way to see the city from the water. Most include sightseeing, city development stories, history and dolphin spotting. Tours are often 1-2 hours length. Located at the Hyatt dock (Northbank). Adult day passes are \$10–\$15.	https://www.jaxrivertaxi.com/events-calendar
Jax Tours	---	Great company that offers custom downtown walking tours with a true passion for Jacksonville. The length and distance can be customized. Owner, Tina Savauge won Visit Jacksonville Tourism Ambassador of the year in 2025. Tourguide@JaxTours.com or (904)-357-0477	https://jaxtours.com/
The Florida Theatre	0.2 miles	Historic 1927 movie palace. Stunning Mediterranean Revival architecture.	https://www.floridatheatre.com/events
Riverside Arts Market	1.8 miles	Open Saturdays only (10 AM – 3 PM). Great for local art and food trucks.	https://riversideartsmarket.org/
Jacksonville Zoo	8.0 miles	Features a "Total Experience" ticket for all-day fun.	https://www.jacksonvillezoo.org/

Museums

Attraction	Distance	Highlights	Link
USS Orleck Museum	0.4 miles	WWII destroyer. Closed Mon/Tue. Tours: \$15.	fhnsa.org
MOCA Jacksonville	0.5 miles	Contemporary art. Free Saturdays. New Nari Ward exhibit open now.	moca-jacksonville.unf.edu
Clara White Museum	0.8 miles	African American history and humanitarian legacy.	clarawhitemission.org
Ritz Theatre & Museum	1.2 miles	"Harlem of the South."	theritz.jaxevents.com
Cummer Museum	1.9 miles	Art & Riverside gardens.	cummermuseum.org

Other Resources and Places to Visit

Resource/place	Distance	Highlights	Link
St. Augustine, FL	40 miles	This beautiful coastal town has a rich Spanish history that dates to 1565 and was a major player in the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s. If you have time to explore this quaint and unique town, there are many options for dining and sightseeing.	visitstaugustine.com
Care.com	---	Website to connect with local childcare options.	care.com

For more information:

- Check out this helpful microsite with local information, courtesy of Visit Jacksonville - <https://www.visitjacksonville.com/sssannualmeeting26/>
- Visit with a representative from Visit Jacksonville, on Thursday 8:00am to 12:00pm, near the SSS registration area.
- Check out additional information here: <https://www.visitflorida.com/places-to-go/northeast/jacksonville/>

The SSS Local Arrangements team hopes this guide supports your enjoyment of Jacksonville!

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