

Travel, Hotel & Restaurant Suggestions

The Haiku Society of America Spring National Meeting

Saint Augustine, Florida

Welcome to the Nation's Oldest City!

Program: May 17 - 19, 2019

MEETING VENUES:

Friday Night Meet & Greet: Corazon Cinema and Cafe

36 Granada St. Saint Augustine, FL 32084 (904) 679-5736

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

Saturday Conference and Presentations: Flagler College Campus - Pollard Hall Building

31 Cordova St. Saint Augustine, Florida 32084 (904) 819-6205

<https://www.mapquest.com/us/fl/saint-augustine/32084-3628/31-cordova-st-29.895309,-81.314715>

Sunday Morning Ginko Bird Walk: Saint Augustine Alligator Farm

999 Anastasia Blvd, St Augustine, FL 32080 (904) 824-3337

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

Sunday Kukai Award and Departure: O.C. White's Restaurant

118 Avenida Menendez, St Augustine, FL 32084 (904) 824-0808

www.ocwhitesrestaurant.com

AIRPORT INFO:

Jacksonville International Airport: 58 miles from Saint Augustine, JAX is the closest airport. It takes you thru downtown JAX, and depending on traffic or time of day, is just under an hour drive-time.

<http://www.flyjax.com/Home.aspx>

Sanford/Orlando International Airport: 84 miles from Saint Augustine, Sanford offers discount airlines like Allegiant with non-stops albeit limited flights. Just under 90 minutes and a straight shot up the I-95, it is a small, easy to navigate airport. NOT TO BE CONFUSED with Orlando International!

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

Orlando International MCO Airport: Home of Disney and Mickey Mouse, this airport is exactly 2 hours from Saint Augustine up the I-95. Although over 100 miles away, it is a large airport with multiple airlines, flights and sometimes lower fares to attract fans of the Magic Kingdom and other theme parks.

<https://www.orlandoairports.net/>

Daytona International Airport: This airport is about an hour away, but in my experience, has very limited flights. Maybe that has changed over the years, so I put it out here as an option.

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

Hotel Info:

Saint Augustine is a *popular tourist destination* with many options for lodging, from high-end hotels to historic B&B's to hotel chains and locally owned. Airbnbs are also plentiful. *Parking is always an issue* (What is this, a 450 year old town or something?) so please inquire when you are booking rooms.

Because there are so many accommodations and amenities, I recommend Trip Advisor or other travel sites (Expedia, Kayak, Trivago, etc.) for the best deals and complete info and ratings. Those in the Historic District will be closest to the Friday evening, Saturday Conference and Sunday Kukai venues, as well as many restaurants, galleries, shops and other attractions. The Sunday Ginko Walk at the The Alligator Farm is located on Anastasia Island. Note: We plan to arrange car pools as needed, so *please let us know if you can assist with rides*. If you prefer to stay on the Island to be closer to the beach, you'll find many options but will require transportation/parking to the downtown meeting sites. You'll also have to cross one of the 3 main bridges (two of them draw bridges) to get downtown. (Note: Golf enthusiasts may enjoy the World Golf Village area but it is easily 20 miles away and requires freeway travel to get into town.) Whatever you choose, consider your tastes (3 stars and up) and requirements (smoking/non...this is Florida) AND always parking.

There are 4 Craft Breweries in town, many historic sites and tours, lots of live local music, art galleries and shopping on St. George Street, Uptown Shops/Antique Row on San Marco Street, great beaches for walking, shell picking and such. Some of my local downtown favorites are Dog Rose Brewing in historic Lincolntown, San Sebastian Winery (rooftop bar with live music), The Floridian Restaurant (local/vegan/vegetarian), Prohibition Kitchen or The Colombia Restaurant. Favorites on Anastasia Island include Mellow Mushroom Pizza, Osprey Tacos, Old Coast Ales and Gas Full-Service Restaurant. I'm confident you will find something to please you.

Here are a few helpful links:

www.tripadvisor.com/SmartDeals-g34599-St_Augustine_Florida-Hotel-Deals.html

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

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

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

<https://flagler.edu/>

Suggestions for Dining: Within Walking Distance

Harry's Seafood Bar & Grille, leafy Courtyard, upstairs balcony, 46 Avenida Menendez.

O.C. White's Restaurant, Seafood & Spirits, Coquina building 1790; 118 Avenida Menendez.

The Columbia, Spanish Eatery, since 1905, famous 1905 salad dressing, 98 St George Street.

The Prohibition Kitchen, 119 St. George Street. Gastropub, excellent burgers, atmosphere.

The Ice Plant Bar & Restaurant, Dining & Vintage Bar & Brewery, Tours; 110 Riberia St.

The Collage Restaurant, very upscale, award-winning fine dining, 60 Hypolita Street.

Old City House Inn & Restaurant, fine dining, 115 Cordova Street, c. 1873, Spanish Colonial.

Suggestions for Lodging: call ASAP

The Old Powder House Inn, 38 Cordova Street

Centennial House, 26 Cordova Street

Cedar House Inn, 79 Cedar Street

Penny Farthing Inn Bed and Breakfast, 83 Cedar Street

At Journey's End, 89 Cedar Street

DoubleTree by Hilton, 116 San Marco Avenue

Bayfront Inn of St. Augustine, 138 Avenida Menendez, waterfront balconies

Bayfront Marin House, 142 Avenida Menendez, classic B & B with antique furnishing

Saragossa B & B, 34 Saragossa Street