

Things to Do in Daytona Beach

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You'll find plenty of things to do in the Daytona Beach area, where you're always within minutes of countless adventures. Famous for its beaches and motorsports, there is an abundance of arts, culture and history, live music, shopping, golfing and all for you to explore!

Take a tour of the World Center of Racing

Legends of the sport began racing cars on our beaches in the early 1900's and today they continue racing towards championships at Daytona International Speedway. Tours run daily and include access to the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America.

Immerse in art and science

The Smithsonian-affiliated Museum of Arts and Sciences, Central Florida's primary art, science and history museum, is home to one of the finest collections of American art in the Southeast, Sub-Saharan African artifacts, Chinese art, and one of the most significant collections of Cuban paintings in the U.S. Its Prehistory gallery features a Giant Sloth skeleton, and the Root Family Museum Americana collection houses the largest collection of Coca-Cola memorabilia outside of Atlanta. The Cici and Hyatt Brown Museum of Art, on the same 90-acre nature preserve campus, is home to the largest collection of Florida paintings in the world.

Explore rich history and heritage

African Americans were among the Daytona Beach area's earliest settlers. Today, visitors to Daytona Beach can follow the Share The Heritage Trail to explore museums, historical and cultural sites, and learn about the legacies of influential Black leaders linked to Daytona Beach including Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune and Jackie Robinson.

Climb Florida's tallest lighthouse in Ponce Inlet

A few short miles south of Daytona Beach at the southernmost tip of the barrier island is the seaside town of Ponce Inlet which is full of activities and waterfront dining options for all to enjoy. More than just an inlet, it's home to Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and Museum, Florida's tallest and a national historic landmark. Learn about the wonders of the area's unique marine environment at the Marine Science Center or go for an dolphin and manatee eco-boat tour with Ponce Inlet Watersports.

See a concert and fireworks at the Bandshell

The Star-Spangled Summer Concert Series at the historic oceanfront Bandshell features Rocket Man (Elton John tribute band) on September 11 starting at 7:15 p.m. followed by the free fireworks display at 9:45 p.m. Tickets and information at DaytonaBandshell.com.

Dining in the districts

The area is bursting with flavors to savor. From fresh seafood to local craft beer to artisan cocktails, you'll find just what you're looking for. ONE DAYTONA is the shopping, dining and entertainment district across from Daytona International Speedway. In Downtown Ormond Beach (West Granada Boulevard at the bridge), park and walk to a variety eclectic eateries and art galleries. In Downtown Daytona Beach, currently undergoing a transformation of its riverfront park, Mck's Irish Pub is a favorite for a pub eats and a pint and Sweet Marlay's is the place for specialty coffees, bubble teas and pastries.

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