



Bike Florida

**BIKE FLORIDA
LIGHTHOUSE
TOUR**

JANUARY 17-21, 2024

**AMELIA ISLAND TO CAPE
CANAVERAL**

- 4 nights, 5 days
- 4 lighthouses (tours included)
- 20-50 miles/day
- fully supported ride
- hotels (with breakfast) included
- luggage and bicycle transportation included
- social gatherings

**FULL DETAILS AT:
bikeflorida.org**



NOTE: This itinerary is preliminary. A more detailed itinerary, complete with links to area attractions, restaurants, resources, etc. will be included in your registration packet that will be sent by December 1, 2023.

PLEASE NOTE: Included in your registration fee:

- Every ride is fully supported with support and gear (SAG) stops along the way. This includes tour guides on the trails with you.
- All snacks and beverages at the SAG stops.
- All routes will be marked, and a Ride with GPS link will be provided with your registration packet.
- All hotel rooms. Breakfast is included with room at each hotel.
- All entrance fees to lighthouses & museums.
- Transportation for you and your bike for the entire tour.
- All catered meals that are listed in the itinerary.
- Event jersey.

Not Included: Evening meals. We understand that people have dietary restrictions and varying tastes as well as preferences to mealtimes. This is a chance for you to explore what each area has to offer.

Day One: Titusville to Amelia Island

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

6:30 am – Meet at [Titusville Welcome Center](#). Address to nearby parking garages will be listed in your registration packet.

Light catered breakfast will be served while:

- Bikes are loaded onto the Bike Florida transport van.
- Luggage is loaded onto our tour bus.
- Make use of restrooms before boarding the bus (the bus does have a restroom).

7:30 am – Board bus for [Amelia Island](#) (2.5 hrs.)

10:00 am – Arrive at Amelia Island | [Fort Clinch State Park](#)

10:30 am – (time dependent on route and cycling style)

- Cyclists will depart from Fort Clinch State Park to embark on a tour around the island.
- There will be 2 marked routes to choose from approx. 25 miles & approx. 40 miles.
 - The approx. 25-mile route will be a more casual ride. If you enjoy exploring your surroundings, taking photos, browsing through shops, and having a leisurely lunch, then this route is perfect for you. It consists of both trails and some downtown riding areas, all of which have designated bike lanes for a pleasant riding experience.
 - Route is approximately 40 miles long and involves riding along the ocean side of the island primarily on roads. The journey will be an 'up and back' ride, meaning you'll travel one way and then return along the same path.
 - This map shows the difference in routes:
<https://ameliaislandliving.com/fernandinabeach/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/amelia-island-bike-trail-map.pdf>

NOTE: You will receive Ride with GPS route links before the tour begins, included in your registration package. The registration package will be sent to you one month before your tour begins.

3:00 pm (or when you have returned from your biking excursion)

- Check into hotel: <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/aishshx-hampton-suites-amelia-island-historic-harbor-front/>
- The rest of the evening is up to you - the hotel is in the middle of the Historic District, within walking distance of most everything so feel free to go out and explore.

NOTE: The next morning, we will be loading our bikes up and boarding our bus to tour the Amelia Island Lighthouse before we leave for our next destination.

<http://www.fbfl.us/474/Amelia-Island-Lighthouse-Tour>

DAY TWO: Amelia Island to St. Augustine

Friday, January 18, 2024

6:30 am – Breakfast at hotel.

7:00 am – Please have all your luggage in the lobby.

7:30 am – Please have your bike outside for loading into transport van.

8:00 am – Board bus for tour of Amelia Island Lighthouse (tour starts at 8:30am)

8:30 am – 9:30 am | Tour of lighthouse and grounds | photo opportunities.

9:45 am – Board bus for St. Augustine (1.5 hrs.)

11:15 am – Arrive in St. Augustine | [Palatka to St. Augustine Trail](#)

11:30 – 12:00 pm – Lunch provided by Bike Florida while bikes are being unloaded.

12:00 pm – We will be riding the Palatka to St. Augustine Trail, a 23-mile trail that is part of the [St. John River to Sea Loop trail system.](#)

You will be able to choose your mileage for the day:

- **Ride from St. Augustine to Palatka (23 miles).** The bike transport van and the bus will pick you up in Palatka and transport you back to St. Augustine, to the hotel.
- **Ride from St. Augustine to Palatka, out-and-back (46 miles).** The bike transport van and bus will meet you back at the trailhead where we began.
- **NOTE:** There will be wait times for transport, as everyone does not ride at the same speed. These should be minimal. We will be able to pinpoint pick-up times (and wait times) when we receive registrations and begin to group participants according to riding mph.

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm – Check into hotel: <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/ustsmdt-doubletree-st-augustine-historic-district>

- The rest of the evening is up to you - the hotel is in the middle of the Historic District, within walking distance of most everything!
- **NOTE:** The next morning we will be boarding our bus to tour the [St. Augustine Lighthouse and Maritime Museum](#)

DAY THREE: St. Augustine

Saturday, January 19, 2024

7:00 am – Breakfast at hotel.

9:00 am – Board bus for tour of St. Augustine Lighthouse.

- Bikes and luggage remain in your hotel room. We will be staying in St. Augustine for 2 nights to take advantage of all the oldest city in America has to offer!

9:30 am to 12:00 pm – Enjoy the Lighthouse and the Maritime Museum.

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm – Enjoy a catered lunch at Lighthouse Park, adjacent to St. Augustine

Lighthouse & Maritime Museum.

2:00 pm – Board bus to return to hotel.

2:00 pm – ? This will be your opportunity to explore St. Augustine on your own. We will be offering a bike tour of the city (included in your registration fee), beginning at 3:00 pm, hosted by a local bike tour company. Details on that will be in your registration packets, including how to sign up.

DAY FOUR: Ponce Inlet Trail

Sunday, January 20, 2024

7:00 am – Breakfast at hotel.

7:00 am – Please have all luggage in the lobby for loading.

7:30 am – Please have your bike outside for loading into transport van.

8:30 am – Board bus for Ponce Inlet (1.5hrs)

10:00 am – Arrive at [Ponce De Leon Lighthouse & Museum](#) for tour of lighthouse & museum.

12:00pm - 1:00 pm – Enjoy a catered lunch on the grounds of the Lighthouse!

1:00pm - 3:00pm – We ride the [Ponce Inlet Trail](#) and with the help of a local cycling group, venturing into the neighborhoods that line the beaches there. Total riding distance will be approx. 20 miles, including the out-and-back of the Ponce Inlet Trail. This is a short day of riding, but we will make up the mileage tomorrow!

3:00 pm - 3:30pm – Board the bus while your bikes are being loaded into the transport van.

3:30 pm – Head to hotel, which is the [Hampton Inn New Smyrna Beach](#) (approx. 30-45 minutes)

4:00 pm – Check into hotel

5:00pm - ? – The rest of the evening is yours to explore. The hotel is near the boardwalk and just a short walk from restaurants and shops.

DAY FIVE: Back to Titusville

Sunday, January 21, 2024

7:00 am – Breakfast at hotel.

7:30 am – Please have all luggage in the lobby.

8:00 am – Please have bikes outside for loading into the transport van.

9:00 am – Board bus for [Gemini Springs Park](#) & the [East Regional Rail Trail](#) (30 minutes)

9:30 am – Arrive at Gemini Springs Park

- The East Regional Rail Trail runs for 50 miles from DeBary to Titusville.
- You do not have to do the entire 50 miles. If you decide to come off at one of at the first SAG stop (20 miles) we will transport you to the bus and the bike transport van, which will be in the area and will continue to Titusville, where we will be visiting the [Cape Canaveral Lighthouse](#).

2:00 pm – Arrive back at the Titusville Welcome Center where you can use the restrooms to change and put your bikes on your vehicles. (If you are being picked up, your bikes can be stored on the transport van until we return from the lighthouse tour.)

2:30 pm – Board the bus for a private group tour of the lighthouse.

4:00 pm – Board the bus and return to the Titusville Welcome Center.

Congratulations! You have finished the Bike Florida Lighthouse Tour!
