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### 32 BARS, NIGHTCLUBS & MUSIC VENUES

**The Atlantic** 

333 1st St. N., Jacksonville Beach, 249-3338. DJ old wave, '80s retro, pop and house music.

**Bay Street Dive Bar** 

331 E. Bay St., Downtown, 359-9090. Occasional live music, rock & roll, full bar.

**Bo's Coral Reef** 

201 Fifth Ave. N., Jacksonville Beach, 246-9874. Live music nightly, local acts like Too Many Shoes, DJ dance music on weekends.

**Burrito Gallery & Bar** 

21 E. Adams St., Downtown, 598-2922. DJs, live music, full bar and separate restaurant bar, outdoor patio.

**The Comedy Zone** 

Ramada Inn Mandarin, I-295 and San Jose Blvd., Mandarin, 292-4242. Headliners such as Ralphie May and Doug Benson, dinner buffet.

**Cuba Libre** 

Havana-Jax, 2578 Atlantic Blvd., St. Nicholas, 399-0609. DJ Latin, salsa and merengue music, dance lessons Thursdays, Cuban cuisine.

**Crazy Horse** 

1241 Blanding Blvd., Orange Park, 213-0606. Three dance clubs under one roof, country, disco and hip-hop DJs.

**Fionn MacCool's Irish Pub** 

333 1st St. N., Jacksonville Beach, 242-9499. A slice of the Emerald Isle at the Beaches, late night eats, Irish music.

**Fuel** 

1037 Park St., Riverside, 425-3835. Various acoustic acts, open mic and spoken word, coffee and beer.

**Freebird Live** 

200 First St. N., Jacksonville Beach, 246-2473. Live local rock bands, regional acts, touring bands.

**Harmonious Monks** 

10550 Old St. Augustine Rd., Mandarin, 880-3040. Singing servers every Thursday-Saturday, karaoke, dancing encouraged.

**Island Girl Cigar Bar** 

7860 Gate Pkwy., Ste. 115, Southside, 854-6060. Live entertainment in an upscale tropical lounge, happy hour specials.

**The Ivy Ultra Bar** 

113 E. Bay St., Downtown, 356-9200. Downtown hipster lounge.

**The Lemon Bar** 

Neptune Beach, 246-2175. Trendy watering hole located oceanside behind the Sea Horse Oceanfront Inn.

**The London Bridge** 

100 E. Adams St., Downtown, 359-0001. Blues bands, DJ, open mic night on Tuesday.

**Mark's Downtown** 

315 E. Bay St. Ste. 101, Downtown, 355-5099. Retro-modern décor, full bar, DJ dance music, casual chic dress code.

**Maverick's** 

Upstairs at The Jacksonville Landing, Downtown, 356-1110. Rock n'honky tonk, country music acts.

**Metro** 

2929 Plum St., Riverside, 388-8719. Female impersonation revues every Wednesday through Sunday, karaoke, multiple bars and dance floors.

**Mill Top Tavern** 

19 1/2 St. George St., St. Augustine, 829-2329. Acoustic musicians, blue grass bands nightly.

**Monkey's Uncle** 

10601 San Jose Blvd., Mandarin, 260-1349. Various acoustic, country, rock performers on weekends, karaoke.

**Ocean Club** 

401 First St., Jacksonville Beach, 242-8884. DJ dance club, house, Top 40, reggae, old wave, '70s disco, hip-hop and more.

**Palace Saloon** 

117 Centre St., Fernandina Beach, 491-3332. Historic bar presents live bands during the week and DJ dance music on weekends.

**Pete's Bar** 

117 1st St., Neptune Beach, 249-9158. A Beaches tradition for 75 years, pool tables, full bar and cold beer.

**The Pearl** 

1101 N. Main St., Downtown, 791-4449. DJ dance music, "enchanted forest" theme.

**Ragtime Tavern** 

207 Atlantic Blvd., Atlantic Beach, 241-7877. Mainstay of the Beaches music scene. Hosts blues, jazz and rock acts Wednesday-Sunday.

**The Ritz** 

139 3rd. Ave., Jacksonville Beach, 246-2255. DJ dance music nightly, funk, '80s pop, alternative, etc.

**The Roadhouse** 

231 Blanding Blvd., Orange Park, 264-0611. Long-time Orange Park pub presents local and regional rock bands Thursday-Saturday.

**Square One** 

1974 San Marco Blvd., San Marco, 306-9004. Jazz and R&B, DJ dance music and Sex and the City nights on Thursday.

**Plush** 

845 University Blvd. N., Arlington, 743-1845. Dance club with DJ spinning house, hip-hop, and Top 40 music.

**Tera Nova** 

8206 Philips Hwy., Baymeadows, 733-8085. Posh upscale club, dress code enforced.

**The Twisted Martini** 

Jacksonville Landing, Downtown, 353-8464; DJ dance music, salsa and disco nights, tapas menu.

**West Inn Cantina** 

3644 St. Johns Ave., Avondale, 389-1131. Open mic nights, rock and acoustic acts. \*J

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review

# Par for the Course

## TPC Sawgrass clubhouse has fine eats, too.

If you build a \$44 million clubhouse, it better have a good place to eat, huh? If it doesn't, there will be one sore commissioner on your case (and probably a few pro golfers who actually own the place), so the folks who run **Nineteen at TPC Sawgrass** (*Ponte Vedra Beach, 273-3235*) are on their toes, fingers and every other extremity to make sure you and your \$15 hamburger are comfy.

The House That Finchem Built—the \$33 million, 77,000-square-foot behemoth that came in reportedly at about \$10 million more—is a monument to the excesses of life, or at least life before those nasty congressmen started poking into corporate spending. PGA Tour Commissioner Tim Finchem wanted a memorial to his reign and he built one, a glitzy faux Flagler College-like Mediterranean edifice on an artificial hill overlooking the famous golf course that hosts The Players Championship every May.

Nineteen is half the building's midsection, two rooms of dining plus a 10-table porch overlooking the 18th hole. Except for tournament week and special occasions like very, very expensive weddings, it's open to you and me for breakfast, lunch and dinner. How many other public restaurants can there be that are guarded by a gate?

To get there, go through either entrance on TPC Boulevard or Solana Road to the PGA Tour complex. Don't let the gate intimidate you; just tell the guard that you're going to the clubhouse to eat. Turn at the PGA Tour headquarters and the clubhouse is a quarter-mile ahead. There's a big parking lot, but you'll have an uphill walk, so drop off passengers at the main entrance.

Nineteen is part sports bar, part fine dining,

Southwestern Blackened Ahi Tuna Salad



and the two somehow don't collide. The big screen TVs are there, and the bar can be raucous, but the big main room holds the noise well and the adjacent members-only room has a River Club-like quietness.

The food is wonderful and plentiful. The PGA Tour has a national network of clubs and it has lots of chefs, and it took the best from the best for this one. The big kitchen is built to handle huge gatherings, such as Finchem's annual reception during the golf tournament, and serving a few hundred meals in an hour or so isn't any harder than a two-foot putt.

The service is the result of scouting the area's best restaurants for the best waitstaff. Everyone smiles and really, really wants you to enjoy your experience. Disney? Good comparison. But not as many kids.

Yes, it's an experience with Rolex clocks on the wall, premium brands in the well, real silver on the buffet line and leather-bound menus. 'Tis said that the Commish ordered the best and, when he found something better, sent through a change order.

The prices compare with the area's ritziest and top out at a \$42 entrée (veal Oscar) in the members-only room. Other dinner entrées run in the \$20-\$30 range with a good selection.

You really have to look hard to find the minus-

es in Nineteen. OK, here's a few: There's no view from the inside dining area due to curtains, and one wonders why the entire south wall wasn't one big window; don't expect perfect neighbors—on a recent Friday, a group of genteel Vicar's Landing ladies were next to a foursome of sweaty, beer-swilling golfers settling bets.

You can handle those, of course (unless you're one of those genteel ladies). Plus, you're in a grand building with lots of artwork and a great shop, the atmosphere is stunning from every side and you can wander around the immediate area.

Yes, you may see a Tour pro or two (on a recent day, both Jim Furyk and Mark McCumber were dining) and Finchem and his gimlet eye are frequent visitors.

OK, the hamburger is about the same (and twice the price) as the one you'll get down the street at Cruiser's, and you have to ask for ranch dressing with your fries. But this is the big league, folks, and you won't forget it after you dine there. \*J

*Nineteen at TPC Sawgrass is open daily from 7 AM to 9 PM. Reservations are recommended, especially if you want to sit outside. For more information or a peek at the menu, go to [www.tpc.com/sawgrass](http://www.tpc.com/sawgrass).*

**GUIDE TO THE GUIDE:**

**L**– Lunch; **D**– Dinner; **SB**– Sunday Brunch; **O**– Outdoor Seating; **VP**– Valet Parking; **Y**– Cocktail Lounge/Bar; **LE**– Live Entertainment; **BR**– Private Banquet Room; **FB**– Full Bar; **B/W**– Beer & Wine Only; **RA**– Reservations Accepted; **RS**– Reservations Suggested; **TO**– Takeout; **AX**– American Express; **DS**– Discover; **V**– Visa; **MC**– MasterCard; **ALL**– All major credit cards

\$ — \$10 or less  
 \$\$ — \$11 to \$20  
 \$\$\$ — \$21 to \$30  
 \$\$\$\$ — \$31 or above

These \$ categories are based upon the average cost of a dinner entrée excluding drinks, desserts and/or gratuities.

NOTE: Some restaurant entrée prices do not include à la carte sides or salad. All phone numbers are in the (904) area code. Dining guide can be viewed online at [jacksonvillemag.com](http://jacksonvillemag.com). The Guide does not represent a complete listing of Jacksonville area restaurants. Listings are reserved for Jacksonville Magazine clients and friends.

## RESTAURANT DIRECTORY &amp; FOOD NEWS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Menu items mentioned in the following listings are subject to change, as are any prices posted or details about each restaurant.

**AMERICAN**

**Aqua Grill 950 Sawgrass Village, Ponte Vedra Beach (285-3017; [www.aquagrill.net](http://www.aquagrill.net)).** Featuring lakeside patio seating, private banquet facilities, aged Angus steaks, fresh seafood including live Maine lobster, chicken, pasta and vegetarian dishes. Private banquet room and a bar area with large screen TV. Casual. L, D, FB, Y, RA, RS, O, BR, TO, €, \$\$\$, ALL.

**Barbara Jean's 15 S. Roscoe Blvd., Ponte Vedra Island (280-7522); 960030 Gateway Blvd., Amelia Island (277-3700).** The crab cakes are famous, but don't overlook the homemade breads—pumpkin, sweet jalapeño corn bread and wheat rolls. She-crab soup, 15 veggies prepared daily and the "chocolate stuff" are crowd pleasers, too. Breakfast served on weekends and holidays. L, D, FB, O, TO, €, \$\$\$, ALL.

**Blackstone Grille 112 Bartram Oaks Walk, Julington Creek (287-0766; [blackstone-grille.com](http://blackstone-grille.com)).** Serving a variety of meat and seafood entrées such as pan-seared sea bass, filet mignon au poivre and scallop and shrimp Newburg. Sunday brunch buffet. Private dining room. Upscale. L, D, SB, FB, Y, RS, O, BR, TO, €, \$\$\$, ALL.

**b.b.'s 1019 Hendricks Ave., San Marco (306-0100).** There's a definite buzz about this hip San Marco bistro. Its upscale comfort food, which includes prosciutto-wrapped pork chops or mushroom triangoli ravioli (specials change daily) with to-die-for desserts, have patrons—a mixed bag of hipster yuppies, soccer moms out on the town and moneyed empty nesters—lining up. Casual. L, D, BW, TO, €, \$\$\$, ALL.

**Biscottis 3556 St. Johns Ave., Avondale (387-2060; [www.biscottis.net](http://www.biscottis.net)).** One of the few places where you can be seated between a Red Hat Society member and a purple-haired creative director, this Avondale institution specializes in innovative updates on old favorites like meatloaf served with apricot marinara sauce and duck confit pizza (dinner specials change daily). Local painters display their works in the dining room, but the real works of art are in the dessert case. Casual. B, L, D, SB, BW, O, TO, €, \$\$\$, ALL.

**The Brick Restaurant 3585 St. Johns Ave., Avondale (387-0606).** Food might be the main

attraction (regulars swear by the grilled salmon salad, Kobe beef burger and prime rib), but it's not the only thing that draws guests into The Brick. Outdoor seating, live music (usually of the groovy, jazzy variety) and a happening bar also make it an Avondale hotspot. Casual. L, D, SB, FB, Y, O, RA, TO, €, €, \$\$\$, ALL.

**Café Nola 333 N. Laura St., Downtown (366-6911, x231).** Inside the Museum of Contemporary Art Jacksonville, this chic eatery serves food that rivals its artwork, with dishes like spicy salmon soba, coconut and curry chicken, grilled asparagus and blueberry salad with goat cheese and toasted Georgia pecans. Wine tastings every Thursday. Upscale. L, D, RA, TO, €, \$\$\$, ALL.

**Chew Restaurant 117 W. Adams St., Downtown (355-3793).** Downtown hotspot serves an innovative menu featuring twists on favorites like mac and cheese gratin, apple and goat cheese salad, fried green tomato BLT, short rib sliders and full service Lavazza espresso. Loose leaf tea selection. L, D, B/W, TO, €, \$\$\$, ALL.

**Cobblestones at the Creek 108 Julington Plaza Dr., Julington Creek (230-6744).** Innovative menu features "Creek" chips, signature fusion filet, spice blanket grouper and mini indulgences for dessert. Upscale yet casual. D, SB, FB, Y, RA, O, BR, VP, TO, €, €, \$\$\$, ALL.

**Cruiser's Grill 319 23rd Ave. S., Jacksonville Beach (270-0356); 832 Hwy. A1A N., Ponte Vedra Beach (273-5446); 3 St. George St., St. Augustine (824-6993).** Famed for its enormous orders of cheddar cheese fries, Cruiser's is a casual and family-friendly burger and sandwich joint that also serves Tex-Mex favorites like quesadillas and tacos. Save room for a Häagen-Dazs milkshake. L, D, B/W, O, TO, €, \$, ALL.

**Eleven South Bistro 216 11th Ave. S., Jacksonville Beach (241-1112).** Upscale eatery earns high marks for its extensive wine list, mesquite wood grill and outdoor patio. Seafood martini, lobster "mac and cheese," red wine braised short ribs, and Colorado rack of lamb highlight the menu. L, D, FB, Y, RA, RS, O, BR, VP, TO, €, €, \$\$\$\$ , ALL.

**European Street Four locations: 992 Beach Blvd., (249-3001; [www.europeanstcafe.com](http://www.europeanstcafe.com)); 5500 Beach Blvd., (398-1717); 2753 Park St., (384-9999); 1704 San Marco Blvd., (398-9500).** With more than 100 salads and deli sandwiches and another

hundred beers to choose from, the home of the monster German wiener caters to worker bees on lunch break and neighborhood denizens at "beer-thirty." Casual. L, D, B/W, O (except 992 Beach Blvd.), TO, LE (San Marco only), \$, ALL.

**The Grape 10281 Midtown Pkwy., Suite 119, St. Johns Town Center (642-7111).** Hip wine boutique and eatery serving lamb chops, steak sandwiches, brie quesadilla and chocolate fondue. L, D, wine only, RA, O, TO, LE, €, \$\$\$, ALL.

**Heirlooms Bistro 104 Bartram Oaks Walk, Ste. 101, Julington Creek (230-3999).** This trendy eatery presents an innovative menu featuring golden lobster bisque, citrus-scented salmon filet, 12 oz. New York strip, Thai BBQ pork

## \* Wine &amp; A Movie \*



Corie and Paul Bratter are young newlyweds who have just moved in together. She's a free spirit and he's not, living on the sixth floor of a tinier than tiny brownstone apartment. When Corie becomes aggravated with Paul's dull ways and demands a divorce, he goes on a drunken rage and runs *Barefoot in the Park*

to prove his spontaneity. Based on Neil Simon's play, this 1967 classic stars Jane Fonda and Robert Redford as the 20-something couple. A passionate film like this calls for a refreshing summer salad wine such as **Mulderbosch's Cabernet Sauvignon Rosé** (\$13) a bright and clear pomegranate-colored blend of strawberries, cherries and peaches capped off with actual roses. According to the South African vintner known for its sauvignon blanc, this pink cab goes well with seared tuna, vegetable spring rolls and asparagus quiche. \*J

—by Liltera R. Williams

chops and chocolate soufflé. D, FB, RA, TO, \$\$, ALL.

**Heirlooms, A Culinary Cafe and Market**

9545 San Jose Blvd., San Jose (880-2291; [www.heirloomsinc.com](http://www.heirloomsinc.com)). Establishment offers a little bit of everything—catering, takeout market and dine-in breakfast and lunch. BBQ duck wonton, Brentwood pot roast sandwich, rock shrimp burrito and eggplant parmesan on the menu. L, D, B/W, RA, O, TO, \$, \$\$, ALL.

**The Hilltop** 2030 Wells Rd., Orange Park (272-5959). A true Orange Park landmark, the Hilltop serves classic American fare like prime rib, stuffed grouper and shrimp and scallops New Orleans. Seven banquet rooms and a piano bar. D, FB, ¥, RA, BR, TO, ♯, \$, \$\$, ALL.

**Juliette's Bistro** Omni Jacksonville Hotel, 245 Water St., Downtown (355-6664). Offering casual dining in an upscale environment. Serving fresh seafood and hand-cut Buckhead beef. Open air atrium. Upscale. B, L, D, FB, ¥, RA, VP, TO, \$, \$\$\$, ALL.

**McAlister's Deli** 9700 Deerlake Ct., Southside (564-2377; [mcalistersdeli.com](http://mcalistersdeli.com)); 1615 Hwy. 220, No. 180, Orange Park (278-6055). Quick-serve and casual dining presented in a family-friendly atmosphere. Menu offers dozens of sandwiches, enormous baked potatoes with toppings, salads, soups and sweets. And don't forget to try their famous sweet tea. L, D, O, TO, \$, ALL.

**Metro Diner** 3302 Hendricks Ave., San Marco (398-3701). The interior atmosphere is reminiscent of the art deco era, with black and silver vintage bar stools overlooking an open kitchen where cooks flip pancakes and burgers. Don't forget to check the blackboard for breakfast and lunch specials. B, L, SB, O, BR, TO, ALL, \$.

**Mojo Bar-B-Que** 1607 University Blvd. W., Lakewood (732-7200, [mojobbq.com](http://mojobbq.com)); 1500 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville Beach (247-6636); 1810 Town Center Blvd., Orange Park (264-0636). Specializing in Southern-style BBQ, Mojo is a casual, down-home kind of place featuring favorites like North Carolina pork shoulder, Texas beef brisket, Delta catfish and buttermilk fried chicken. Full catering services, live music (Beaches only). Beer and wine only at Lakewood location. L, D, FB, ¥, TO, \$, \$\$, ALL.

**O.C. White's Seafood & Spirits** 118 Avenida Menendez, St. Augustine (824-0808). Dine upstairs, on the balcony or in the tropical courtyard of a building dating back to 1790. Maryland crab cakes, coconut shrimp, grouper and bruschetta round out an extensive menu. The restaurant's White Room is suitable for receptions and other special events. L, D, SB, FB, ¥, RA, O, BR, TO, ♯, \$, \$\$, ALL.

**PLAÈ** 80 Amelia Village Cir., Amelia Island (277-2132). Surprisingly trendy for conservative Amelia Island, this "adult contemporary" restaurant caters to People who like to Laugh And Eat (P-L-A-E, get it?). Customer favorites include grilled shrimp with mustard vinaigrette, pistachio encrusted lamb loin and tuna tartare with avocado wasabi. Upscale. D, FB, ¥, RA, O, BR, ♯, \$, \$\$\$, AX, MC, V.

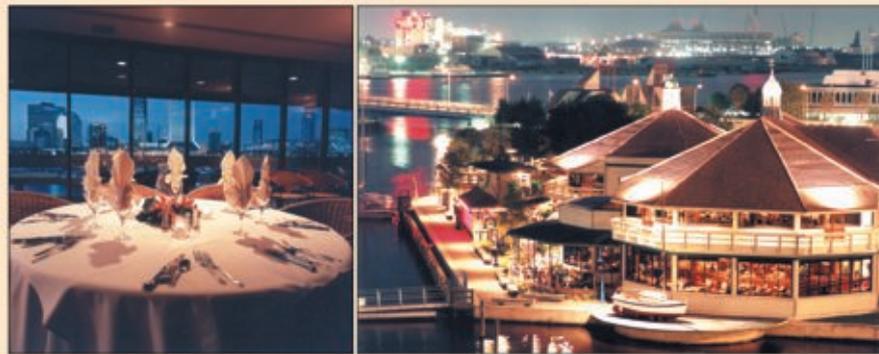
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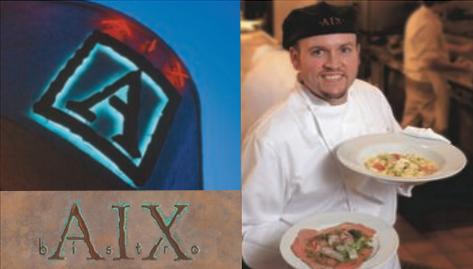
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CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED	RESERVATIONS	TAKE OUT
LIQUOR LICENSE	FINE DINING	BUSINESS MEETINGS

- Amelia Island/Fernandina Beach**
- Barbara Jean's** 960030 Gateway Blvd. • 277-3700
- Beech Street Grill** 801 Beech St. • 277-3662
- Bonito Grill & Sushi** 614 Centre St. • 261-0508
- Brett's Waterway Café** 1 S. Front St. • 261-2660
- Moon River Pizza** 925 S. 14th St. • 321-3400
- Pablo's Mexican Restaurant** 12 N. 2nd St. • 261-0049
- PLÆ** 80 Amelia Village Cir. • 277-2132
- Salt** Ritz-Cariton, Amelia Island • 277-1100
- Arlington/Regency**
- European Street Cafe** 5500 Beach Blvd. • 398-1717
- Avondale/Riverside/Westside**
- 13 Gypsies** 887 Stockton St. • 389-0330
- Al's Pizza** 1620 Margaret St. #210 • 388-8384
- Biscottis** 3556 St. Johns Ave. • 387-2060
- The Brick Restaurant** 3585 St. Johns Ave. • 387-0606
- The Casbah** 3628 St. Johns Ave. • 981-9966
- Espeto Brazilian Steakhouse** 4000 St. Johns Ave. • 388-4884
- European Street Cafe** 2753 Park St. • 384-9999
- Fu Hao Bistro** 1001 Park St. 798-8686
- Hovan Mediterranean** 2005-1 Park St. • 381-9394

**The Reef 4100 Coastal Hwy. A1A, St. Augustine (824-8008).** Casual oceanside dining serving shrimp egg rolls, crab cakes, herbed tuna, Louisiana smoked pork chops and daily specials. Also noteworthy, every table has an ocean view. L, D, SB, FB, Y, RA, O, BR, TO, ♯, &, \$\$\$, ALL.

**River City Brewing Company 835 Museum Cir., Southbank (398-2299; rivercitybrew.com).** It wouldn't matter if RCBC served salisbury steak, TV dinners and stale corn chips: Folks would still flock to the riverfront restaurant for the view alone. Fortunately, the menu, which includes jambalaya, jumbo roasted Mayport shrimp and roasted prime rib, and the over-the-top Sunday brunch buffet are also "see-worthy." Microbrewery. L, D, SB, FB, Y, RA, RS, O, BR, VP, TO, ♯, &, \$\$\$, ALL. s

**Sterlings 3551 St. Johns Ave., Avondale (387-0700).** Upscale neighborhood landmark serving a diverse menu including New Zealand rack of lamb, Szechuan tuna, soft-shell crab, fried green tomatoes and veal. Two private banquet rooms. Courtyard patio dining. L, D, SB, FB, Y, ♯, RA, RS, O, BR, TO, &, \$\$\$, ALL.

**Stonewood Grill & Tavern 3832 Baymeadows Rd., Baymeadows (739-7206); 950 Marsh Landing Pkwy., Ponte Vedra Beach (285-2311).** Serving Emerald Bay crab cakes, oak-grilled citrus salmon, herb-encrusted lamb, pork Adirondack and oak-grilled filet mignon. Reserve wine list. D, FB, Y, TO, &, \$\$\$, ALL.

**Urban Flats 330 A1A N., Ponte Vedra Beach (280-5515; www.urbanflats.net).** Casual but cut-

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Celebrating its one-year anniversary this month, the **Fickle Pickle** (7860 Gate Pkwy., 620-8075) serves breakfast and lunch seven days a week. The quaint one-room restaurant is über-casual: Guests order at the counter and eat at the 10 or so tables in the room. The menu is just as simple—though vast—with a wide selection of breakfast sandwiches and 19 specialty subs, whose names are as interesting as the diner's. Among our favorites are the Whole-Lotta Goodness and the Smothered Bird. For lunch recently, we had the Rajun Cajun (a variation of the turkey sandwich) and soda. And, of course, each meal comes with a pickle. **Check: \$8.11. \*J** —by Holli Welch

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ting-edge bistro style menu featuring signature "flats," small plates, salads and "flatwiches." More than 20 wines by-the-glass and more than 70 by-the-bottle. Full bar. L, D, FB, Y, O, TO, 1, 2, \$\$\$, ALL.

## CONTINENTAL

**Beech Street Grill** 801 Beech St., Fernandina Beach (277-3662). Located in a restored 19th century home in historic Fernandina Beach, this fine dining establishment caters to guests seeking comfort in their cuisine with entrées like grilled tenderloin of beef with apple-smoked bacon and sautéed lobster and crab Savannah over linguine. Upscale. D, FB, RA, RS, BR, TO, 1, 2, \$\$\$, ALL.

**Bistro Aix & Lounge** 1440 San Marco Blvd., San Marco (398-1949; [www.bistrox.com](http://www.bistrox.com)). Arguably the hippest restaurant in town, San Marco's Bistro Aix (pronounced "X," FYI) is stylish, yet unpretentious, in both décor and menu. The Mediterranean and French-inspired fare includes grilled lamb T-bone and oak-fired fish "Aixoise." If you can find a seat at the glowing martini bar, you won't even mind a wait for a table. L, D, FB, Y, O, BR, TO, 2, \$\$\$, ALL.

**Brett's Waterway Café** Fernandina Harbor Marina at the foot of Centre St., Fernandina Beach (261-2660). Serving an eclectic mix of Southern regional cuisine with an emphasis on local seafood and aged beef. *Wine Spectator* award-winner for four years. Seasonal outdoor seating. Casual. L, D, FB, Y, RA, O, BR, TP, 1, 2, \$\$\$, ALL.

**Collage Restaurant** 60 Hypolita St., St. Augustine (829-0055). Located in the cozy building that formerly held La Parisienne, this new eatery offers a menu laced with local seafood, beef tenderloin with Vidalia and gorgonzola sauce, New York strip with black pepper molasses glaze and rack of lamb. Upscale. L, D, B/W, RA, RS, TO, 2, \$\$\$, ALL.

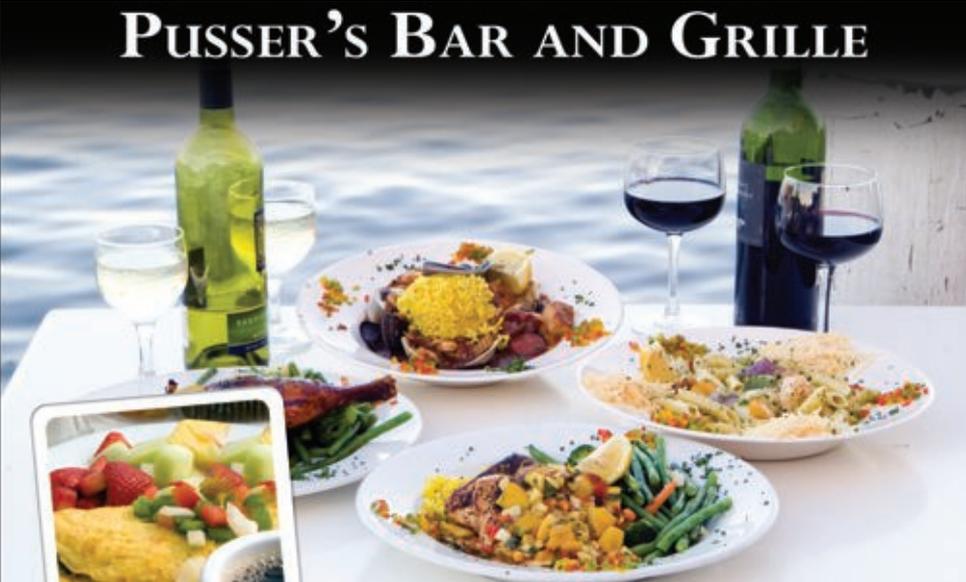
**Dwight's Bistro** 1527 Penman Rd., Jacksonville Beach (241-4496; [www.dwrightsbistro.com](http://www.dwrightsbistro.com)). Petite Mediterranean-style bistro, chef-owned and operated for over 10 years, serving fresh ravioli and pasta, "world famous" crab cakes, grilled quail, filet mignon, veal and lamb. D, B/W, RS, \$\$\$, AX, MC, V.

**Matthew's at San Marco** 2107 Hendricks Ave., San Marco (396-9922). As the only AAA Four Diamond and Mobil Four Star-winning restaurant in North Florida, Matthew's has established itself as the go-to restaurant for culinary creativity and contemporary elegance, not to mention 450 wine selections. Upscale. D, B/W, RA, RR, BR, TO, 2, \$\$\$, ALL.

**The Melting Pot** 7860 Gate Parkway, Southside (642-4900). "Dip into something different," is the catch phrase at this popular fondue franchise. Most diners approach meals as group efforts, sharing courses in the traditional fondue style. Highlights include aged cheeses, boutique wines, seafood, steak and warm chocolate for dessert. D, FB, Y, BR, RA, \$\$\$, ALL.

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### HEALTHFUL/ORGANIC

**Healthy Way Cafe** St. Johns Town Center, Suite 185 (642-2951, [www.healthycfe.com](http://www.healthycfe.com)). Organic food is the calling card here. Roasted veggie wraps, organic fruit salad, Mediterranean sandwiches, and an organic banana split. Plus, beer and wine, full-service bar, smoothies—all organic, of course. L, D, B/W, RA, O, VP, TO, ☼, ☼, \$, ALL.

**Native Sun Natural Foods Market** 11030 Baymeadows Rd. (260-2791); 10000 San Jose Blvd. (260-6950; [www.nativesunjax.com](http://www.nativesunjax.com)). Certified

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**The Bungalow on Park** (2782 Park St., 374-1066) looks exactly as the name sounds. The cozy restaurant has low ceilings and white wood-trimmed windows. Doubling as an art gallery, the dining room's walls are adorned with photographs, paintings and drawings by local artists—something nice to look at while you eat. Regular menu items include a mushroom-swiss burger (\$6) with a choice of homemade sides (we recommend the potato salad and sweet potato fries) and fettuccine (\$14). On a recent visit, we had the tofu salad (\$7.50) and fresh-squeezed limeade (\$3.50). With a decent helping of browned tofu atop mixed greens, the salad is a good choice for vegetarians (and the limeade was made with sparkling water). Look for daily specials and a two-for-one happy hour. The Bungalow is closed on Mondays and open for lunch and dinner Tuesday through Friday, for brunch and dinner on the weekend. **Check: \$14**

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**INDIAN**

**India's Restaurant** 9802-8 Baymeadows Rd. (620-0777). The lunch buffet is a favorite at this family-run staple of the Baymeadows dining scene. The menu is both mild and spicy, featuring traditional dishes like lamb korma, fish vindaloo, shrimp bhoona and chicken tikka masala. Casual. L, D, B/W, RA, BR, TO, &, \$\$, ALL.

**ITALIAN**

**Al's Pizza** 303 Atlantic Blvd., Atlantic Beach (249-0002; www.alspizza.com) plus five other area locations. Al's is casual with a menu chock-full of pizza, calzones and pasta dishes. But its slick and funky atmosphere, not to mention

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**Moon River Pizza 1176-2 Edgewood Ave., S. (389-4442); 925 S. 14th St., Fernandina Beach (321-3400).** Serving pizzas, calzones, salads and breadsticks. Variety of beer and wine by the bottle and glass. L, D, B/W, TO, &, \$, D, MC, V.

**Sorrento 6937 St. Augustine Rd., San Jose (636-9196).** Menu highlighted by Neopolitan cuisine including snapper Francese, veal Positano supreme, sausage and peppers, chicken scallopini, eggplant parmigiana and tiramisù. D, B/W, RA, TO, &, \$\$, ALL.

## JAPANESE

**Crazy Sushi 4320 Deerwood Lake Pkwy., #202, Southside (998-9797).** Serving hibachi steak, shrimp tempura, chicken katsu, tuna tataki and the "Love Boat." Casual. L, D, B/W, RA, RS, BR, TO, &, \$\$, ALL.

**Sake House 824 Lomax St. and 1507 Margaret St., Riverside (301-1188); Sake House II 1478 Riverplace Blvd., San Marco (306-2188).** San Marco and Five Points receive an infusion of Japanese flavors with a lengthy sushi menu, shrimp tempura, grilled steak and a sushi bar. Casual and upscale. L, D, B/W, RA, RS, O, BR, TO, ♯, &, \$\$, ALL.

**Sushi Café 2025 Riverside Ave., Riverside (384-2888; [sushicafjax.com](http://sushicafjax.com)).** Given its name, there is no confusion as to what's served at this

Riverside eatery. The sushi list includes a handful of locally-inspired rolls like the Jax (a California roll with eel) and the Jaguar (eel and avocado deep-fried). The menu also includes hibachi, tempura, katsu and teppan meals. L, D, B/W, O, \$\$, ALL.

**Wasabi Japanese Steakhouse 10206 River Coast Dr., St. Johns Town Center (997-6528; [wasabi-steakhouse.com](http://wasabi-steakhouse.com)).** Swanky steakhouse specializes in hibachi-style cooking and sushi. Early bird specials are popular. L, D, FB, ¥, RA, O, TO, &, \$\$\$, ALL.

## MEXICAN/SOUTHWESTERN

**Burrito Gallery 21 E. Adams St., Downtown (598-2922).** The secret to getting a table for lunch at the popular Downtown eatery? Arrive early. The restaurant and art gallery offers the Tex-Mex standards—tacos, taco salads, quesadillas, nachos, burritos, chili and deli wraps. Dine inside or out for lunch or dinner. Happy hour runs Wednesday through Saturday. L, D, FB, ¥, O, BR, TO, &, \$, ALL.

**Cantina Laredo 10282 Bistro Dr., St. Johns Town Center (997-6110; [cantinalaredo.com](http://cantinalaredo.com)).** The Town Center eatery specializes in fresh fish, beef fajitas, tacos al carbon, grilled ribeye steak, chicken enchiladas and shrimp flautas. Upscale. L, D, SB, FB, ¥, RS, O, BR, TO, &, \$\$, ALL.

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**Cap's On the Water** 4325 Myrtle St., Vilano Beach, St. Augustine (824-8794). Waterfront eatery serving stilton salad, vanilla grouper, pepper hanger steak, crab and scallop pasta and miso calamari. Oyster bar. Casual. L, D, FB, BR, TO, ♣, ⚡, \$\$\$, AX, MC, V.

**Chart House** 1501 Riverplace Blvd., Southbank (398-3353; [www.chart-house.com](http://www.chart-house.com)). The exterior of the waterfront restaurant is probably the most unusual in town. Inside, the Chart House is a dramatic, dimly-lit, dinner-only restaurant best known for its seafood, prime rib, salad bar and Hot Chocolate Lava Cake. Upscale. D, FB, ♣, RA, RS, BR, ⚡, \$\$\$, ALL.

**Crab Cake Factory Seafood Bar, Grill, Restaurant** 1396 Beach Blvd., Intracoastal West (249-4776, [crabcakefactoryjax.com](http://crabcakefactoryjax.com)). The distinctive taste of Chesapeake Bay's famous blue crabs is highlighted in more than a dozen dishes at the sprawling, family-friendly eatery. Oysters Rockefeller, crab martini, smoked salmon, clams casino—the menu is extensive and offers a little something for everyone. L, D, FB, RA, TO, BR, ⚡, \$\$, ALL.

**JL Trent's Seafood & Grill** Three locations: 4553 120th St. (908-4202); 8968 103rd St. (908-8355); 8299 W. Beaver St. (781-8410). The original Trent's across the street from NAS Jax is a classic American seafood joint serving all your fried favorites, crab legs, lobster, whole catfish and shrimp. The fried pickles are the house specialty. L, D, B/W, TO, ⚡, \$\$, MC, V.

**LuLu's Waterfront Grille** 301 N. Roscoe Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach (285-0139). Perched on the banks of the Intracoastal Waterway in Palm Valley, this casual restaurant is known for its local seafood dishes like steamed garlic clams and Chef Jeff's New England clam chowder. Its true claim to fame is its waterfront "driving range." L, D, SB, FB, ♣, O, TO, ⚡, \$\$\$, AX, MC, V.

**Mitchell's Fish Market** St. Johns Town Center (645-3474; [mitchellsfishmarket.com](http://mitchellsfishmarket.com)). Upscale but casual restaurant near JTB features a menu 80 dishes long highlighted by items such as Little Neck clam chowder, broiled sea scallops, pecan-crusted mountain trout, garlic broiled shrimp and lemon pepper grilled chicken. L, D, FB, ♣, BR, TO, ⚡, \$\$\$, ALL.

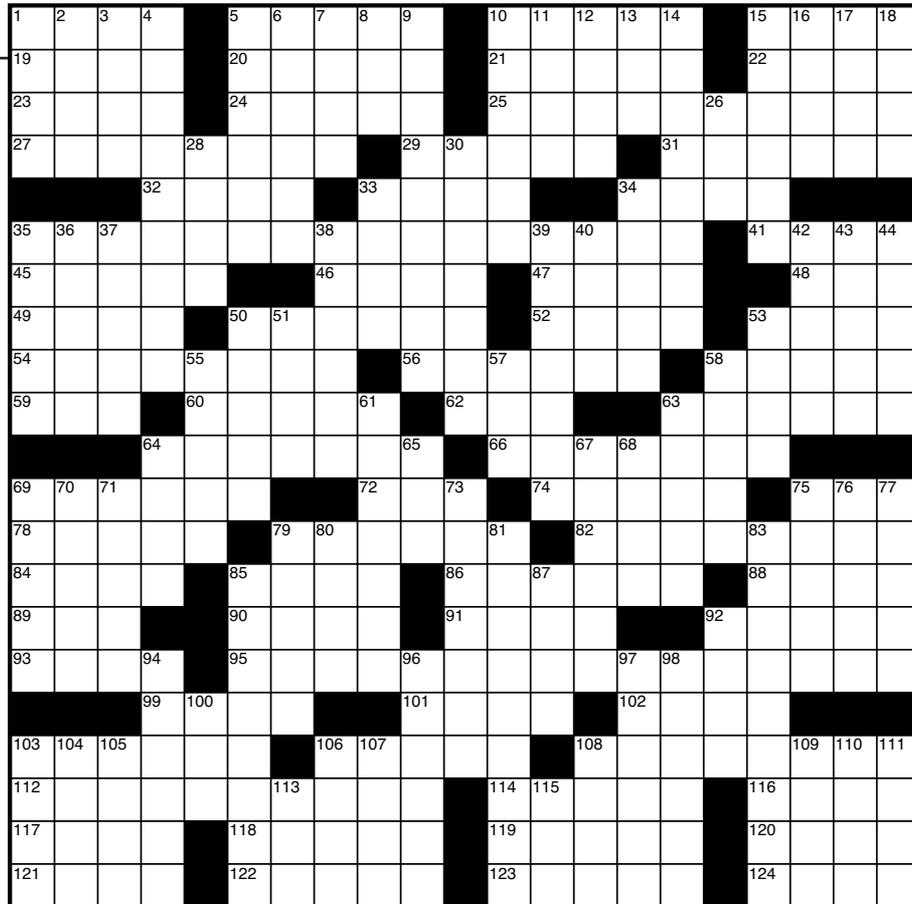
**Pusser's Bar and Grille** 816 A1A N., Shoppes of Veranda, Ponte Vedra Beach (280-7766, [www.pussersusa.com](http://www.pussersusa.com)). Chris Delay, Pusser's executive chef and native Ponte Vedran, has put together an innovative menu that truly has something for everyone, with entrées starting at \$10. Serves lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch, with a two-for-one happy hour Monday through Friday from 4 to 7 PM. L, D, FB, ♣, RA, O, VP, TO, ♣, ⚡, \$\$\$, ALL.

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|                                 | 53. Ottoman                | 81. Bests, in a way     | 113. Fashion's — Claiborne         |
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