



THE RITZ - CARLTON

AMELIA ISLAND

Contact: Joe Murphy
Director of Public Relations
The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island
4750 Amelia Island Parkway
Amelia Island, FL 32034
Hotel Tel: (904) 277-1100
Tel: (904) 321-5018
Fax: (904) 277-1145
Email: joseph.murphy@ritzcarlton.com

February 2023

EMBARK ON AN ECOLOGICAL ADVENTURE IN AMELIA ISLAND

Discover the beauty of the barrier islands with The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island through a personally customized ecology field trip

AMELIA ISLAND, FL (February 2023) – Nestled in the northern corner of Florida, Amelia Island is a destination of unspoiled natural beauty ready to be explored. Leaders of luxury hospitality, The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island has curated thoughtful Ecology Field Trips, designed to connect and educate curious guests on the local area and wildlife. Surrounded by neighboring state parks, rivers and 13 miles of pristine barrier island beach, Amelia Island is a unique destination with its ability to immerse visitors in its several diverse ecosystems. With a menu of activities offering birding, seining in tidal pools, exploring living sand dunes and more, the program provides experiences designed for every age and is perfect for connecting guests with nature, year round.

Led by the resort's on-site expert naturalist, The Ecology Field Trip provides customized half or full day adventures for exploration and discovery built from seven unique course offerings, each focused on a different aspect of Amelia Island's natural environment.

Guests can learn more about the northern Florida coast in **Barrier Island Ecology**, which examines the gentle balance and interconnected nature of the dunes, ocean, rivers and marshes—important habitats for a diverse selection of species. For those looking to explore closer to the water's edge on the **Beach and Tidal Pools** field trip is an exciting opportunity to hunt for living treasures like sand dollars, ghost and hermit crabs, sea turtle nests, shells, and prehistoric shark teeth with seining nets. The **Living Sand Dunes** program also provides an exciting adventure along the Florida coast through the area's beautiful sand dunes, which are home to over 40 species including the protected Gopher tortoise.

(more)



A locals' secret spot, **Boneyard Beach** is a classic venue to study beach erosion with its towering driftwood oak trees as guests learn from their guide on how to protect coastal habitats. For history lovers, a field trip to **Fort Cinch and Old Town** combines a remarkably preserved historic fort, an untouched maritime forest and the richest marshland estuary on the Eastern Florida coast. For thrilling adventure through the Florida vegetation, the **Egan's Creek Greenway** field trip brings visitors into

the heart of the natural world with its rich array of wildlife including alligators, snakes, marsh rabbits.

For a deeper trek into the beautiful Amelia Island scenery, guests can select the **Explore More** offering designed to their interests, whether it be planting sea oats with the resort Naturalist, chartering a boat to explore private waterways, or arranging a private tour of American Beach to see Florida's tallest sand dune.

The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island Ecology Field Trips begin at \$300 per participant, including lunch or snack, beverage, and transportation. Half-day field trips depart the lobby at 9 a.m. and return to the resort at 12 p.m. Full-day field trips depart the lobby at 9 a.m., returning to the resort at 12 p.m. for lunch with free time until 3 p.m. and the afternoon on-site activity and daily synopsis.

For more information about The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, please visit www.ritzcarlton.com/ameliaisland or call your professional travel agent.

###

About The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island: The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island is Northeast Florida's premier oceanfront resort located on a remote barrier island. Known for its unique natural beauty and warm Southern charm, the luxury resort has received two Five Diamonds for lodging and the award-winning restaurant, Salt for many years. New restaurant Coquina offers casual, fresh dining outdoors, and Coast is known for its seafood-centric fare. The Ritz-Carlton Spa, Amelia Island, has been named one of the top spas in the world by the readers of Condé Nast Traveler and offers a holistic wellness program. Featured amenities include three pools, on-site golf, fitness center, tennis, children's recreational programs, a Barrier Island Beach Ecology program, designer boutiques, and 446 renovated guest rooms, each with a private balcony and a view of the Atlantic coastline. For reservations, please call The Ritz-Carlton toll-free at (800) 241-3333 or visit www.ritzcarlton.com/ameliaisland. For information on The Ritz-Carlton Company visit www.ritzcarlton.com.

About Marriott International, Inc. (NASDAQ: MAR) is based in Bethesda, Maryland, USA, and encompasses a portfolio of more than 7,500 properties under 30 leading brands spanning 132 countries and territories. Marriott operates and franchises hotels and licenses vacation ownership resorts all around the world. The company offers Marriott Bonvoy™, its highly-awarded travel program. For more information, please visit our website at www.marriott.com, and for the latest company news, visit www.marriottnewscenter.com. In addition, connect with us on [Facebook](#) and [@MarriottIntl](#) on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).