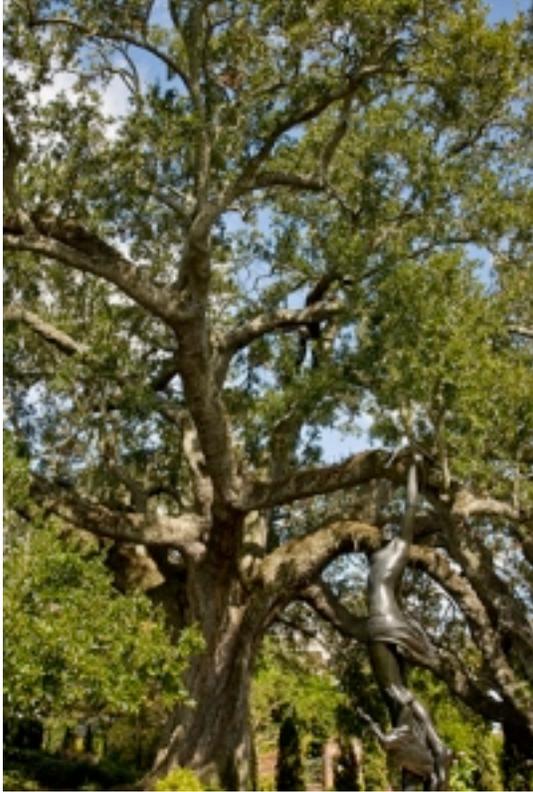


HISTORY TOURS



From the days of the Timucuan Indians to the architectural renaissance following the Great Fire of 1901 to the 21st century hosting of the Super Bowl XXIV, Jacksonville has made its mark on history.

Morning:

- Rent a bike at a neighborhood shop or set out on foot around the Riverside Avondale neighborhood. The [Riverside Avondale Preservation Society](#) has created a free, multimedia podcast to guide you along the historic, moss-draped streets of the neighborhood.
- Explore the trails and historic sites of the [Timucuan Ecological & Historic Preserve](#). Hike around [Kingsley Plantation](#) or find lesser-known sites like the foundation of the home of Willie Browne, the last private owner of the Preserve's [Theodore Roosevelt Area](#).

Afternoon:

- Visit [Jacksonville Beach](#) and the The American Red Cross Volunteer Life Saving Corps. It is the oldest, still-operating of its kind in the country. The unique structure is in the heart of Jacksonville Beach, surrounded by lunch hotspots, oceanfront bars and shops.

- Take [walking tour of Downtown Jacksonville](#), where the Great Fire of 1901 sparked from a chimney and igniting a fiber factory, destroyed the heart of the city. Visit Hemming Plaza to see the Confederate Statue, one of only a few structures that survived the fire.

Evening:

- Grab a margarita or some tasty Southwest food at Mossfire Grill in historic Riverside. The restaurant's name is cleverly inspired by the Great Fire of 1901, sparked from the fiber factory drying moss to stuff mattresses.
- Take in a first-run movie at one of [Jacksonville's historic movie theaters](#). Both the 5 Points Theatre and San Marco Theatre serve food and drinks while showing new movies and cult classics.