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The Atlantic Coast of Florida is boasting a renaissance. Gone are the assumptions this destination is only about motorcycles, car racing, driving on expansive beaches and space shuttle launches (although all are still quite prevalent), the area now is highlighted as a more family friendly, and luxurious getaway choice!

In Daytona, new resort spas, which invite visitors to rejuvenate both their mind and spirit while soaking up an Atlantic Coast vacation, have made their mark.

The Terra Acqua Day Spa at the Daytona Beach Resort & Conference Center offers a Lava Shell Massage and Secret Face & Body Ritual, among their menu of indulgent choices. The area's four-diamond Shores Resort & Spa features an Indonesian and Thai inspired Spa facility with treatments that include a rehydrating cucumber aloe wrap or the Javanese Lulur Royal Treatment.

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The Space Coast is a nature-lover's paradise;
home to NASA's Kennedy Space Center.

If it's culture that draws you to a destination, this coastal destination is home to international music festivals and acclaimed museums, sure to please those with the most discriminating tastes.

The Southeast Museum of Photography displays rotating and permanent cultural and historical issues. While, the Museum of Arts and Sciences, one of the finest multi-topical facilities of its kind in Florida, houses some of the finest 18th and 19th century antiques, a new children's science center and a planetarium.

Theatre lovers can enjoy the historic Peabody Auditorium, Daytona Playhouse and the Daytona Beach Film Festival, held in the fall.

Symphony goers can enjoy a season of classical concerts featuring world-renown guest conductors and symphony orchestras. The Daytona Beach International Festival, a biennial musical extravaganza features a variety of entertainment including music, dance and comedy.

Nearby, in [New Smyrna Beach](#), blue skies meet over 13 miles of white sand. Consistently voted one of the "Best Beaches", New Smyrna Beach lays claim to the best Florida

offers - excellent backwater and offshore fishing, golf, historical sites, cultural events and eclectic shopping and dining experiences along historical Flagler Avenue and Canal Street.

Just south of New Smyrna lies the Canaveral National Seashore, which offers excellent swimming, bird watching, hiking and more. Anglers at nearby Mosquito Lagoon have set international records with giant redfish catches. Deep-sea charters leave New Smyrna Beach daily, giving offshore fishers an easy way to wet a line in the beautiful Atlantic Ocean. Many historical and cultural sites also make New Smyrna Beach noteworthy. From the Turnbull and Sugar Mill Ruins, to the Eldora State House and the Ponce Inlet lighthouse, the area is rich in history.

Named one of "America's Top Small Cities for The Arts", New Smyrna is home to the Atlantic Center for the Arts, an artists-in-residence community and educational facility, the Harris House, the Little Theatre and Arts on Douglas. Frequent arts shows featuring visual and performing arts take place throughout the year.

New Smyrna possesses a distinct hometown quality reflected in its cracker architecture, lush tropic landscape and

community. Enjoy culinary delights from fresh seafood to steaks and pasta on the waterfront, or under an umbrella at a sidewalk cafe. At the end of the day, retire to a charming bed and breakfast inn, family-size condominium or oceanfront hotel.

Visitors who drive the ocean side road, that stretches along the 72 miles of the **Space Coast's** untamed beaches, quickly realize that this destination is pleasantly different. Located just 35 miles east of Orlando - making it Orlando's closest beach - the Space Coast is a nature-lover's paradise; home to NASA's Kennedy Space Center; the East Coast surfing capital of the United States; a burgeoning center for the arts and more!

As the only place in the country where visitors can witness a Space Shuttle Launch, the Space Coast offers once-in-a-lifetime experiences for its guests. Nature enthusiasts can kayak close to wildlife; beach lovers can enjoy endless options throughout the destination; surfers can live the dream of the ideal wave.

Kennedy Space Center (KSC) is the center of America's space program. More than 2.5 million visitors come to the KSC Visitor Complex each year to see everything from the Rocket Garden, which displays NASA's early space crafts, to the Apollo/Saturn V Center, which houses the rockets and equipment from the Apollo missions to the moon. At the KSC Visitor Center, there are two IMAX theaters; a life-size replica of a Space Shuttle that guests can tour and the Shuttle Launch Experience, an attraction designed by astronauts which gives guests the feeling they are actually taking off in a Shuttle.

Canaveral National Seashore is the northernmost beach, where visitors can experience an undisturbed ocean side park.

Port Canaveral is the region's popular home to Disney Cruise Line, Carnival Cruise Lines, Norwegian Cruise Line and Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines. One of the busiest ports in the world, it's the site where guests from all over the world come to embark on voyages to the Bahamas, eastern Caribbean or Mexico's Gulf.

Cocoa Beach is recognized as the East Coast surfing capital of the U.S. The beach's steady waves, warm weather and world-class surf shops attract all levels of surfers year round. World-champion surfer Kelly Slater, who was born and raised in Cocoa Beach, learned his craft on these beaches. It is also home to the famed Ron Jon Surf Shop as well as Cocoa Beach Surf Co., the world's largest surfing complex. At the Cocoa Beach Pier, where numerous world-renowned surf competitions take place, visitors can stroll over to visit a variety of restaurants, shops and bars. Cocoa Village, a 1860s landmark, is a quaint district where shoppers can find everything from antique stores to eclectic clothing. Those who want a culinary treat can sample great restaurants, ranging from upscale to casual.

Art lovers can't miss the Eau Gallie Arts District. A cozy downtown area anchored by the Brevard Art Museum. The district is the place to find great art, art supplies and adorable antiques.

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time. Pubs and night spots line the downtown, and restaurants are aplenty!

Downtown Titusville, established in 1850, has a range of restaurants and interesting historic markers. The oldest community on the Indian River, this nostalgic area features arts and crafts shops, clothing boutiques and a nearby riverside park. It also features the North Brevard Historical Museum, where visitors can learn about the remarkable first families that settled Titusville and take a unique look into the industries that supported the early Florida pioneers.

Families will enjoy an array of activities for the kids, from the expansive "Paws On" exhibit at the Brevard Zoo to hands-on discovery at The Dinosaur Store, complete with an Egyptian-themed dig site. Local museums, including a planetarium are also favorite stops for those with little ones in tow.

And for nature enthusiasts, the Space Coast is one of the largest intact eco-systems in Florida, with more than 250 square miles of wildlife refuge as well as bird and sea turtle nesting areas and manatee and dolphin habitats.

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