

# ANNUAL EVENTS

## FEBRUARY

The 26.2 With Donna - The only marathon in the world that donates 100 percent of its profits to Breast Cancer Research. This annual marathon is a qualifier for the Boston Marathon.

## MARCH

Gate River Run This is the largest 15K marathon in the United States started in 1978. With thousands of dollars in prizes, this is one of the largest annual events in Jacksonville.

## APRIL

- Springing the Blues - The Belk's Springing the Blues festival is one of the most highly anticipated music events in Florida, now in its 27th year. Held at the Seawalk Pavillion, today's festival features three days of performances by national, regional, and local blues artists and attracts more than 150,000 fans to the shores of Jacksonville Beach
- Welcome to Rockville - Rock fans won't want to miss this two-day festival played out on four different stages. Event grounds are at Metropolitan Park in Downtown Jacksonville.
- Oyster Jam Music Festival - Sway the afternoon away at Metropolitan Park and Marina in Downtown Jacksonville. Oyster Jam is a huge down-home oyster roast and music festival with over 15 bands rocking the river. [www.theoysterjammusicfestival.com](http://www.theoysterjammusicfestival.com)

## MAY

- THE PLAYERS Championship - THE PLAYERS Stadium course was built with the complete fan experience in its DNA, and year after year it only gets better. This highly anticipated golf tournament boasts not only the best players in the field, but also the biggest purse on the tour.
- Jacksonville Jazz Festival For more than 30 years this event has featured world-class jazz performances, art vendors, music competitions and more. Each year it grows bigger with more events and stages throughout the festival weekend.

## JUNE

P1 Superstock and AquaX USA - P1 Superstock is the next generation of motorsport. Racing that is affordable, equitable, and exciting for racers and fans. AquaX, the endurance jet-ski championship, is an exciting coastal challenge that offers a completely new experience for watercraft enthusiasts in the heart of the St. Johns River in downtown Jacksonville.

## JULY

The Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament and Festival - Now in its 36th year, this fishing extravaganza is the largest kingfish tournament in the Southeast. In addition to the general tournament, the event also includes a Junior Angler Tournament, a food festival, and live entertainment. Held at Jim King Park and Boat Ramp on Jacksonville's Northside.

## AUGUST-DECEMBER

Jacksonville Jaguars Season - Kicks Off for the Jacksonville's home team is always the thick of the NFL action. Everbank Field is a party zone. Visit the pools and cabanas in the North End Zone, The Bud Light Party Zone, in the South End Zone or experience the newly renovated club seats. With the biggest scoreboards in the world, any seat is the best seat in the house at Everbank Field.

## SEPTEMBER

- Sip and Savor Jax - Are you hungry for a delicious new experience? Bite into Jax in September during Jacksonville's citywide restaurant week: Sip & Savor Jax. Prepare your taste buds for a 14-day culinary experience discovering the best local fare in Jacksonville, from new restaurants, to trendy gastropubs in hip neighborhoods and local staples.
- Jacksonville Beer Week Come celebrate our homegrown Jacksonville beer during this week-long celebration which will include local events at breweries and bottle shops and will conclude with Mash-in, the annual festival which brings all of our local breweries together.

## OCTOBER

Sea and Sky Spectacular Jacksonville's own, The Blue Angels, come home every October to thrill audiences with an air show soaring across Jacksonville Beach. Witness thrills like never before from a variety of military and civilian aerobatic demonstrations.

## DECEMBER

Jacksonville Light Boat Parade Dozens of boats decorated with festive holiday lights parade down the St. Johns River in Downtown Jacksonville the Saturday after Thanksgiving making for a great family holiday affair!