

## Small Historic Towns Across America

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### **Brief History of St. Augustine Florida.**

St. Augustine was founded by the Spanish in 1565. It is the oldest European-founded city in America. This city still today has buildings and Spanish forts that were made in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century including one of the oldest houses in the united states dating back to 1723. This house is still standing and is now a museum open to anyone to visit. This city is also the location of the Florida National Guard. This city is filled with rich history and has something new to learn around every corner.

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### **Location and Driving Directions from closest Major U.S. Airport(s).**

St. Augustine is located between Jacksonville and Daytona beach. Take central Florida greenway until you get to the interstate. Stay on the interstate and get off at exit 298 Bear right onto US-1 N and keep going strait until you arrive at St. Augustine.

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### **Who was President when this town was founded? And, what was the political environment in America at that time.**

Since this city is so old, there was no president of the United states simply because there was no United states until 1776. The governor of St. Augustine was Pedro Menéndez de Avilés who was also the governor of all of Florida.

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### City government.

The Governor of Florida is Rick Scott. The governor will serve for four years.

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### Historic Attractions in the Area. Festivals and Events.

In St. Augustine you can do anything from golfing to shopping. They hold site seeing tours and historical tours. There are tours you can take around the entire city. You can even take a tour of the Black Raven Pirate Ship.

If you're more of a thrill seeking person and tours aren't what you're looking for then sign up for the El Conquistador Speedboat thrill rides. In this thrill ride you will glide through the nation's oldest port at crazy speeds.

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### Where can we stay if we visit St. Augustine?

**Historic Inn.** This inn is the perfect place to stay if you visit St. Augustine. It was made in the 1990s. It's located in St. Augustine's historic district. When you walk out the front door you are surrounded by golf courses alligator farms and many other things to visit.

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### Why would I want to visit this historic small City?

I would want to visit this city because it is filled with history and so many different things to do every day you stay. I would go on some of the history tours to give me a better thought at what it was like a long time ago. This is a city that would be really interesting and fun to visit.

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