

Palatka, Florida, USA

A moss-draped river town on the northward-flowing St. Johns, Palatka rewards slow walkers with 30+ murals, WPA-era ravine gardens, and Florida's oldest diner.

 Docked (river pier)  Typical call: 6-8 hrs  US Dollar  English  Small-ship / river cruise

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — direct tie-up at Palatka Riverfront Park bulkhead; no tender needed

Best For: History buffs, walkers, Southern food, photography, nature (Ravine Gardens)

Walk to center: 0 min — downtown shops and murals begin across the street from the gangway

Don't Miss: Angel's Dining Car (est. 1932) and Ravine Gardens State Park suspension bridges

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  .50/mile (flat rate) ·  **Rideshare**  Uber, Lyft

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Ravine Gardens State Park** — WPA-built in the 1930s, this 59-acre park features two deep ravines, thousands of azaleas (spectacular Jan–Mar), and...
- **City of Murals Walking Tour** — Palatka has 30+ large-format murals depicting Florida history, river life, and local wildlife.
- **South Historic District Stroll** — Victorian-era Queen Anne and Colonial Revival homes line the shaded streets of Palatka's South Historic District.
- **Angel's Dining Car** — Florida's oldest diner (est. 1932).
- **St. Johns Riverfront Wildlife Watch** — The St. Johns Riverfront Wildlife Watch is a 1.5-mile loop through the St. Johns Riverfront Wildlife Refuge, featuring a variety of wildlife and scenic views of the river.

BEST WALKS

- **Mural & Downtown Loop** 1.5 miles · ~60 min · flat · free — From the Riverfront Park gangway, cross Reid Street and follow St. Johns River.
- **To Ravine Gardens State Park** 1.5 miles each way · ~30 min walk or rideshare · easy paved loop inside — Head south on Twigg Street, then east on Moseley Avenue to reach the park entrance.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌦️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇺🇸 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:59AM–7:53PM · Jun 6:26AM–8:28PM · Aug 6:54AM–8:06PM · Sep 7:11AM–7:31PM · Oct 7:28AM–6:55PM	
Apr	81°	62°	9d		
Jun	88°	73°	20d		
Aug	89°	75°	24d		
Sep	86°	73°	19d		
Oct	81°	67°	11d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bug spray is non-negotiable. Florida river humidity means mosquitoes, especially near the ravines. Pack spray and sunscreen; a hat helps too.
- Do not swim in the St. Johns River. Alligators are present — admire the wildlife from the bank or dock.
- Rideshare is limited. Uber and Lyft coverage in Palatka is thin. If you want to reach Ravine Gardens without walking, arrange a local taxi in advance or check with cruise staff...

Palatka, Florida, USA — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Ravine Gardens State Park | Explore deep ravines, historic gardens, and scenic trails. | 2 Dunns Creek Wildlife Management Area | Observe wildlife, fish, or hike in a natural preserve. |
| 3 Boathouse Riverfront Park | Riverside park with boat access, playground, and scenic views. | 4 Hank Bryan Park | Local park offering playgrounds, picnic areas, and open green space. |
| 5 Project P.L.A.Y. Park | A community park designed for children's play and recreation. | P Cruise port / terminal | |