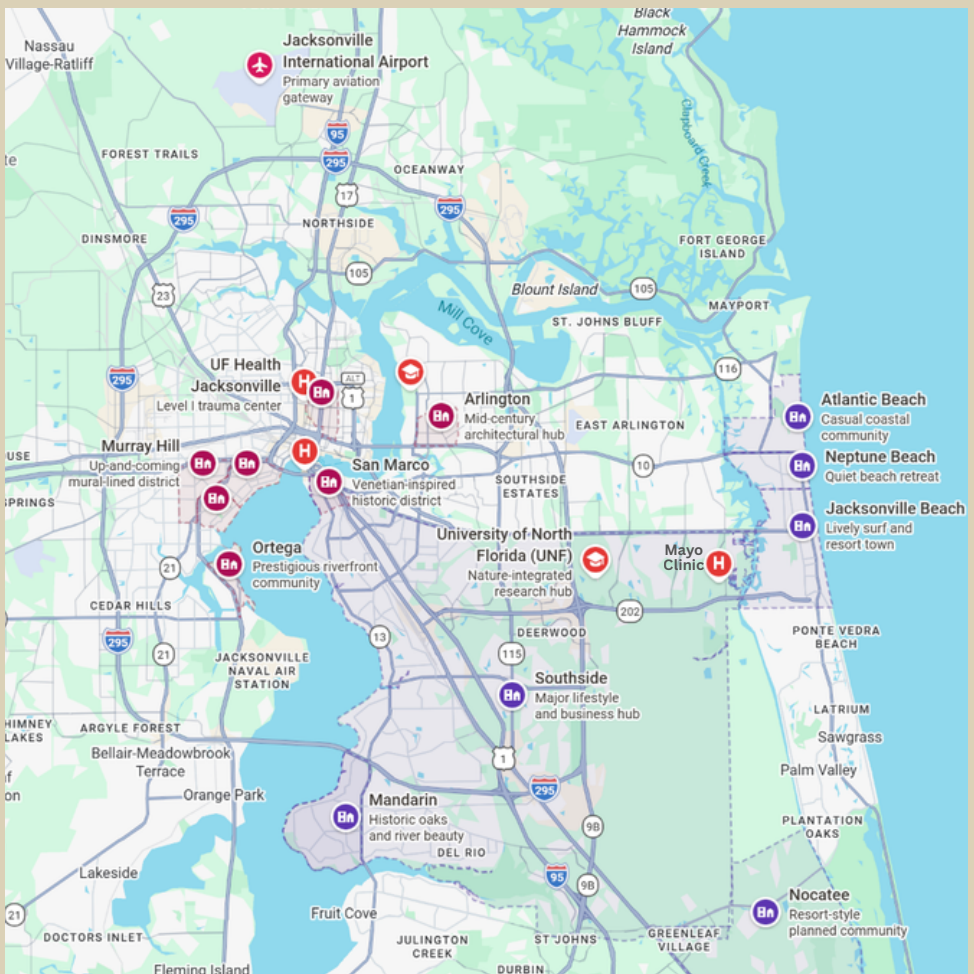


RELOCATION GUIDE

Jacksonville, Florida



It's not just where to buy a house, but
how to choose the Jacksonville lifestyle that's right for you



WHY PEOPLE LOVE LIVING HERE

Outdoor Living

- Beaches
- Boating
- Fishing
- Golf
- Parks and preserves
- Kayaking and paddleboarding

Sports & Entertainment

- NFL Football - Jacksonville Jaguars
- Baseball - Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp
- Ice Hockey - Icemen
- Soccer - Jacksonville Armada

Diverse Restaurants & Dining

- From casual beachfront cafes
- To fine dining experiences

VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena

- Major concert events
- Mainstream artists touring events

Jacksonville Center For Performing Arts

- Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra
- Broadway & large musical acts

Annual Events

- The Players Championship
- Jacksonville Jazz Festival
- Florida-Georgia Game

Family Favorites

- Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens
- Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens
- Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park

Jacksonville Schools

Highly Rated Public Schools

Jacksonville is served primarily by Duval County Public Schools, one of the largest school districts in Florida. Families relocating to the area often explore neighborhoods based on school attendance zones, with many highly regarded schools located throughout the Beaches communities, Mandarin, San Marco, and nearby St. Johns County. St. Johns County School District, located just south of Jacksonville, is consistently ranked among the top-performing school districts in Florida and is a major draw for relocating families.

Magnet and Specialty Programs

Jacksonville offers a wide variety of magnet and specialty programs designed to match students' interests and talents. Options include programs focused on science and technology (STEM), medical sciences, engineering, visual and performing arts, International Baccalaureate (IB), advanced academics, and career-focused education. These programs provide unique learning opportunities and often attract students from across the region.

Leading Private Schools

Families seeking private education will find a diverse selection of highly respected independent and faith-based schools throughout Northeast Florida. Notable schools include The Bolles School, Episcopal School of Jacksonville, Providence School, Jacksonville Country Day School, and Bishop Kenny High School. These schools are known for strong academics, athletics, arts programs, and college preparation, offering families a variety of educational choices to fit their needs.

School ratings, attendance boundaries, and program availability can change. Families are encouraged to verify information directly with the school district or individual schools

NEIGHBORHOOD COMPARISON

AREA	LIFESTYLE	TYPICAL HOME PRICES	EASY COMMUTE
Beaches	Coastal, active, walkable	\$\$\$	Mayo, Baptist Beaches, UNF
Nocatee	Family-oriented,	\$\$\$	Baptist South, Mayo, UNF
Mandarin	Established, suburban,	\$\$-\$\$\$	Baptist South, & Downtown
Riverside/Avondale	Historic charm, restaurants	\$\$-\$\$\$	Baptist Downtown, UF Health, JU
San Marco	Upscale, walkable, dining	\$\$\$	Baptist Downtown UF Health, JU
Springfield	Historic revitalization	\$-\$\$	Baptist Downtown UF Health, JU
Southside	Central location,	\$\$-\$\$\$	UNF, JU, Mayo, Baptist South
Arlington	Value and convenience	\$-\$\$	JU, UNF, Baptist Downtown
Ortega	Historic waterfront	\$\$\$	UF Health, Baptist Downtown
Murray Hill	Character and affordability	\$-\$\$	UF Health, Baptist

Pricing Estimates

- **\$ = Under \$300,000** (Affordable entry-level homes)
- **\$\$ = \$300,000 - \$500,000** (Mid-range family homes)
- **\$\$\$ = \$500,000+** (Premium and luxury properties)

Why People Choose Jacksonville

- No State Income Tax
- Lower cost of living than many major metro areas
- Diverse housing options
- Strong healthcare and education sectors
- Miles of beaches and waterways
- Year-round outdoor activities

Jacksonville Insider Tips

- ✓ Live close to where you work if possible.
- ✓ Check commute times during rush hour before choosing a neighborhood.
- ✓ The Beaches, Nocatee, Riverside, Mandarin, and San Marco all offer very different lifestyles.
- ✓ Home prices can vary dramatically within just a few miles, so focus on lifestyle and commute first, then compare neighborhoods that fit your goals.
- ✓ Explore both sides of the St. Johns River before deciding where to live.
- ✓ Jacksonville is one of the largest cities by land area in the U.S. — a 20-mile commute can mean very different drive times depending on bridges, traffic, and time of day.
- ✓ Florida has no state income tax, but property taxes, homeowners insurance, and flood insurance should all be considered when comparing housing costs.
- ✓ School ratings can vary significantly between neighborhoods, so research schools early even if you don't currently have children. Strong school districts often help support home values.
- ✓ Hurricane season runs from June through November, but many Jacksonville homes have weathered decades of storms successfully. Focus on a home's elevation, age, and construction quality rather than worrying about the entire city.
- ✓ Many neighborhoods have HOA or CDD fees that can significantly impact monthly housing costs, especially in newer master-planned communities. Always factor these into your budget.

For more in-depth exploration, scan the QR codes to watch videos that give local guidance, and relocation advice



[New vs Older Homes](#)



[Luxury Condos](#)



[Buy or Rent First?](#)

Helping Healthcare Professionals, Faculty, and Families Feel at Home in Jacksonville

Relocating is about more than finding the right home—it's about making your transition as smooth and stress-free as possible. My White Glove Relocation Service is designed to help you settle into Jacksonville with confidence. From recommending trusted movers and cleaners to connecting you with painters, interior designers, landscapers, contractors, and even reliable local car mechanics, I provide access to a network of professionals I've carefully vetted over the years. Whether you're moving across the state or across the country, my goal is to be your local resource before, during, and after your move, helping you save time, avoid costly mistakes, and feel at home in Jacksonville from day one.



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