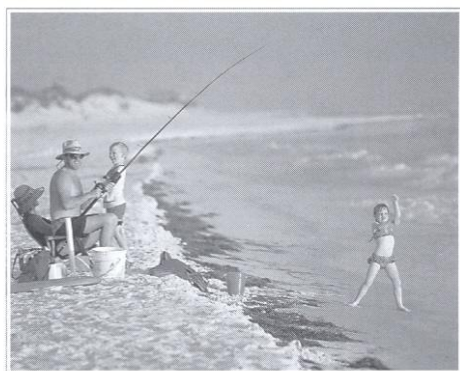




THIS IS TALLAHASSEE

Among low, rolling hills, down moss draped canopy roads, within picturesque historical districts, and across seas of flowering azaleas lies a magical part of the Sunshine State — Tallahassee — Florida's capital city. With its intriguing combination of power-play politics and classic character splashed with a twist of beauty and charm, Tallahassee is a genteel Southern belle with good manners, old plantation homes and y'all-come hospitality — a side of Florida few expect to find.



With the Gulf of Mexico just 25 miles south and the Georgia border only 14 miles north, Tallahassee rests between the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains and the juncture of Florida's panhandle and peninsula in an area known as "The Big Bend." Nearer in miles to Atlanta than to Miami, Tallahassee more closely resembles its' Georgia neighbor than Florida in topography, climate and lifestyle.

offers museums, theater and art galleries. Artists have turned the old warehouses of Downtown Industrial Park into the studios and cafes of Railroad Square. The Museum of Florida History, nearby, is highly acclaimed for its scan of the state's past, and The Mary Brogan Museum of Art & Science, along with changing art exhibits, brings learning to a kid's level with hands-on exhibits. Other sightseeing favorites include the floral masterpiece of Alfred B. Maclay State Gardens; Bradley's Country Store; FAMU Black Archives; and the Tallahassee Antique Car Museum.

The area surrounding Tallahassee reveals numerous other historic and archaeological treasures, such as De Soto State Archaeological and Historical Site, Lake Jackson State Archaeological Site, Mission San Luis, Natural Bridge Battlefield and San Marcos de Apalache. Visitors can explore prehistoric Florida at the Museum of Florida History, where they are greeted by a giant 12,000-year-old mastodon pulled from nearby Wakulla Springs.

On the shores of Wakulla Springs, alligators still laze under the watchful eyes of "snake birds" perched on twisted cypress trees. The site of many underwater scenes in "Tarzan" movies, it's one of the world's deepest freshwater springs. Glass-bottomed boat tours across these mystical waters are available.

Nearby small towns offer fascinating excursions to places such as Pebble Hill Plantation, Florida Caverns State Park, Monticello Opera House and St. George Island.



Like the city itself, the story of how Tallahassee was chosen as the state capital is rich in history. In 1823, two explorers set out — one on horseback from St. Augustine and the other by boat from Pensacola — to establish a permanent, central location for the seat of government. The two met at a beautiful site that the Creek and Seminole Indians called "tallahassee" — derived from the words "talwa," meaning town, and "ahassee," meaning old. This historic meeting place remains Florida's capital today.

The new Capitol building rises at the center of Tallahassee's downtown as a sleek modern structure, juxtaposed next to the Old Capitol, built in the more classic domed style. A gallery atop the 22-story New Capitol provides a sweeping view of the hilly city and its tree-lined streets. From it, you can see all the way to Georgia, 20 miles away.

Around the capitol complex, a 10-block historic district spreads, preserving the town's gracious old homes along a linear park and holding a historic inn, bars and restaurants patronized by Senators and sophomores alike. With no shortage of culture, downtown also





DONALD L. TUCKER CENTER

The Donald L. Tucker Center is a multi-purpose convention and entertainment facility featuring a 12,100 seat arena, Luxury Suites and Club Seats and over 52,000 sq. ft. of meeting and exhibition space plus an arena view restaurant, Spotlight Grille. The Civic Center hosts a wide variety of concerts, family shows, Broadway shows, ice shows and sporting events including FSU basketball.

It is easy to understand why over one million people a year flock to the Donald L. Tucker Center, what with the varied array of attractions it offers. Some people go to the Tucker Center to enjoy the sounds of rock, country, pop and urban concerts. Some go for the thrills of basketball, rodeos and three-ring spectaculars. While others come for conventions, banquets, expositions, or consumer and trade shows.

Located downtown on Pensacola Street, the Tucker Center is only two blocks from the Capitol building.



- » Tallahassee is home to more than 60,000 college students between Florida State University, Florida A&M University and Tallahassee Community College.
- » Nearly sixty percent of Tallahassee's population is between the ages of 18-44.
- » The average maximum temperature in Tallahassee is 78 degrees and almost twenty-five percent of the year the temperature is above 90 degrees.
- » There are over 150,000 people living in the Tallahassee area and over 300,000 in the metropolitan area.
- » The capital of the State of Florida has been located in Tallahassee since 1823.
- » The Gulf of Mexico is just 20 miles south of Tallahassee and the Georgia border is just 14 miles to the north.

Florida State Athletics...

An Elite Program

*In 2007-08,
13 Seminole student-athletes
garnered District Academic
All-America honors.*

*Florida State student-athletes have earned over \$390,000 in
postgraduate scholarships, including 36 from the ACC,
over the last 14 years as well as other numerous academic honors and awards.*

IN THE CLASSROOM

*In 2005, Garrett Johnson became the first FSU student-athlete
selected a Rhodes Scholar*

*All of FSU's athletic teams achieved scores above the required 925 in the
Academic Progress Rate data based on the last four years. Softball and
Men's Golf earned Public Recognition Awards for earning high marks.*

*170 Seminole student-athletes were named to the 2008 ACC Academic Honor Roll
while six of Florida State's athletic teams had a 3.0 or better cumulative GPA.*

Five coaches with 10 or more years at FSU, including two coaches of 30 or more years of service

COACHING EXCELLENCE

*14 National Coaches of the Year
37 ACC Coaches of the Year
37 Regional Coaches of the Year*

Two coaches who rank in the top three among current coaches for career victories

Congratulations #1
1500
CAREER WINS

IN THE COMMUNITY

Student-Athletes perform more than 5,000 hours of community service annually.

Two-time National Consortium of Academics and Sports Outreach Program of the Year for Division I for reaching over 150,000 youth.

2 Heisman Trophy winners

4 Golden Spikes winners

Hermann Award for soccer

TOP ATHLETES

National Men's Track Athlete of the Year

777 First Team All-Americans
1,853 All-ACC selections
37 Individual National Champions
40 National Achievement Awards,
including 10 top athlete in the nation awards

USA Softball National Player of the Year

43 ACC Team Titles

TOP TEAMS

175 NCAA Postseason
team appearances including three
straight women's soccer College Cup appearances
and four in the last five years.

14 National Championships including
back-to-back-to-back
NCAA Men's Outdoor Track & Field titles

1999 Football Seminoles
first football team to go wire-to-wire as the AP No. 1 team