

DAYTONA

BEACH,

FLORIDA













































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## The Room With a View!

Fantastic views of beach  
of Atlantic Ocean,  
of people on the beach,  
of pelicans flying overhead,  
of white egrets hunting sandshrimp,  
of yellow-blue umbrellas  
with lounge chairs to  
lay back, relax, and  
enjoy all the wonders  
of Daytona Beach.

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On the way from St. Augustine to Daytona Beach we stopped at this place. Fort Matanzas National Monument preserves the fortified coquina watchtower, completed in 1742, which defended the southern approach to the Spanish military settlement of St. Augustine. It also protects approximately 300 acres of Florida coastal environment containing dunes, marsh, maritime forest, and associated flora and fauna, including threatened and endangered species. <https://www.nps.gov/foma/index.htm>















## Dunes Nightlife

Look for wildlife tracks in the sand. You might see the paw prints of a raccoon, opossum, or even a bobcat. Look carefully for the faint trace of a lizard or a black racer snake. You may see a raccooner board itself, but because of daytime heat and the threat of being caught by predators, many wild animals search for food in the dark of the night.

Matanzas  
National Monument



**Marsh Rabbit**  
These elusive mammals live only near water.

**Conejo de pantano**  
El conejo de pantano es un hábitat acuático. Solo vive cerca del agua.



**Raccoon**  
These mammals are most active at night.

**Mapache**  
El mapache es más activo durante la noche.



**Opossum**  
With America's only marsupial, the opossum is nocturnal and eats insects, small mammals, and plants.

**Armadillo**  
El armadillo es un marsupial que vive en la noche y come insectos, pequeños mamíferos y plantas.



**Gopher Tortoise**  
These burrowing reptiles are one of the most common species.

**Tortuga Gopherus polyphemus**  
Las tortugas gopher se refugian a menudo de los depredadores.



**Black Racer**  
When racing, these nonvenomous snakes reach a speed of 10 miles per hour.

**Colúbrer constríctor, priapius**  
Cuando se encuentra en reposo, este serpiente no venenosa parece una rama de árbol caída.



**Six-lined Racerunner**  
Its yellow or red-orange stripes give these lizards their name.

**Aspidotritón saxatilis**  
Las ranas verdes de color amarillo o naranja verdoso le dan su nombre científico a esta lagartija.

## Vida nocturna

Busque huellas de vida salvaje en la noche. Usted quizás pueda ver las huellas de un mapache, una armapuera o incluso un lince. Observe con cuidado para hallar el rastro apenas visible de una lagartija o una culebra negra. Es posible que vea una lagartija, pero debido al calor durante el día la amenaza de los depredadores muchos animales buscan su alimento durante la noche.







