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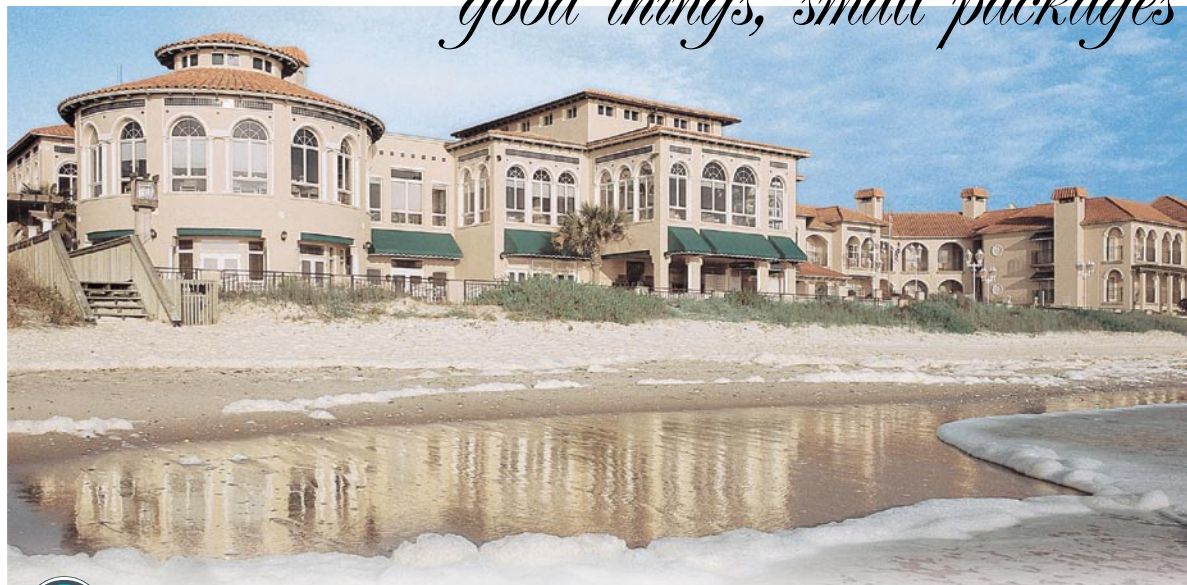
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Eat

Water, water everywhere and
great seafood to eat



Tasty Cakes
Ragtime's crab cakes
with remoulade sauce
update a classic with zip.

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BETWEEN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN, the St. Johns River, and the Intracoastal Waterway, Jacksonville has more water than you can shake a fishing pole at. That's great news for seafood lovers, who can find aquatic entrees on the menu at practically every restaurant in town.

Orsay (restaurantorsay.com) boasts inspired dishes like Maine lobster pot pie and sea scallop tartare. The high-end contemporary bistro in Avondale also has a raw bar featuring three varieties of oysters.

Ragtime Tavern (ragtimetavern.com) puts a Cajun spin on seafood with signature dishes like blackened flounder topped with barbecued oysters, and shrimp and Parmesan cheese grits.

Note to Yankees: It tastes way better than it sounds. The Atlantic Beach eatery brews its own award-winning beers on-site and jams to live music Wednesday through Sunday.

Situated on Julington Creek, the ultra-rustic Clark's Fish Camp (clarksfishcamp.com) specializes in flounder, catfish, and grouper entrees served charbroiled, or blackened. The former bait shop also boasts more exotic fare like kangaroo, snake, and ostrich and the most unusual décor in town—unless you're used to dining while surrounded by stuffed leopards, baboons, bears, and lions. And Clark's fried dill pickles—"excitingly different," says the menu—are a must. Trust us.

For Land Lubbers

Not a fish fan? You can still feast.

The Capital Grille

Personal wine lockers, leather chairs, and mahogany paneling make it feel like a private club, but the smell of a sizzling Kona-crusted, dry-aged sirloin assures diners it's the place for steak. thecapitalgrille.com

Bistro Aix

Reminiscent of a bustling bistro in the south of France, this stylish restaurant in the San Marco neighborhood attracts VIPs and common folk alike for its seasonal Mediterranean- and French-inspired cuisine. bistrox.com

Chew Restaurant

Upscale comfort food is the order of the day at downtown's trendiest eatery with lunch offerings like the fried-green-tomato BLT, the ham and brie sandwich, and short-rib sliders. chewrestaurant.com

Matthew's

Impeccable service, creative cuisine, and an extensive wine list make Chef Matthew Medure's unique, chic and elegant eatery the "it" spot for special-occasion dining in Jacksonville. matthewsrestaurant.com

Pastiche

Ladies who lunch favor this Ortega neighborhood restaurant known for "Southern comfort with a French flair." Friendly service, patio seating, and creamy crab bisque make it popular with everyone else. mypastiche.com