



## Daytona Beach Coastline and its Neighbors

Considering its slogan is the 'Sunshine State' it wouldn't seem right to not include Florida in the Top Ten Winter vacations list. There are so many reasons to come but one of the best is its legendary Daytona Beach. However you spend your time at Daytona you will quickly come to see why it is one of Florida's most popular destinations.

Still shirtsleeve weather, "beach-side" is one long stretch of sand bordering the Atlantic Ocean. Heading north from New Smyrna Beach up to Ponce Inlet and Port Orange, then South Daytona and Daytona Beach Shores you come to Daytona Beach. Still heading north you will come to Holly Hill, Ormond Beach, then Flagler Beach and Beverly Beach. From the water (and even from route A1A which parallels the beach, unless you read the signs) you can't tell where one stops and the other starts. And it all takes less than an hour.

An interesting stop on the Old Dixie Highway, north of Ormond Beach, is a regal mansion, built in 1821. It was once a thriving indigo, cotton and sugar plantation and it was called the Bulow Plantation (and its actually in Flagler Beach).

All that's left of this plantation are brick shells of what were the sugar mill, springhouse and the foundation. Rice was also a product of the plantation, and over 200 slaves cleared the land and worked it. It is now a state park. There are picnic facilities so take a lunch and enjoy the old growth forests and marshes, which look the same as they did in this early period.

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