

## **Beachfront Embassy Suites opens in St. Augustine**

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The new Embassy Suites Resort in St. Augustine has two of the most craved amenities in the First Coast area: waterfront views and ample meeting space.

Located at 300 A1A Beach Blvd., the resort has 175 suites with views of the beach and pool. Its 20,000 square feet of meeting space are broken out into several chunks, including a 5,200-square-foot oceanfront ballroom with up to three divisions and outdoor terraces for weddings and events. Another 1,400 square feet can be divided into two areas, and a boardroom can seat up to 12 with an oceanfront view.

Two new options in the Embassy Suites by Hilton portfolio are available at this hotel, too: "family" suites with bunk beds and single-room studios. The hotel has 500 feet of beach access and is bordered by Anastasia State Park. Its decorations of whitewashed wood and coquina stone, weathered driftwood and wheat and teal color palette give it an ocean vibe.

The Embassy Suites also has a full-service Starbucks Cafe and "Provisions of Ponce" 24/7 market as well as a poolside "Castaway Cantina" with Latin-inspired dishes, an upscale "Rhum Bar" and the resort's signature restaurant, "Harvest & Reel," serving specialty seafood from an open show kitchen. The restaurants will be led by director of food and beverage Robert Ivey and Executive Chef John Botkin. The general manager of the hotel is Jason Kern.