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NEIGHBORHOOD GUIDE · 2026 EDITION

Jensen Beach

Once the Pineapple Capital of the World

FOUNDED	POPULATION	ZIP CODE
1881	12,652	34957

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At a glance

ZIP CODES
34957, 34958 (PO boxes)

COUNTY
Martin County (unincorporated)

POPULATION
About 12,700 (2020 Census)

FOUNDED
1881 by John L. Jensen

WATERWAYS
Indian River Lagoon, Atlantic Ocean

DRIVE TIMES
Stuart ~10 min
Port St. Lucie ~20 min
West Palm Beach ~50 min



Population: 2020 U.S. Census. Drive times are approximate and vary with traffic.

WELCOME TO JENSEN BEACH

Beach-town living on the lagoon

Jensen Beach sits just north of Stuart on the west shore of the Indian River Lagoon, with Hutchinson Island and the Atlantic a short drive across the causeway. It is an unincorporated community of about 12,700 people (2020 Census), governed by Martin County.

Danish immigrant John Laurence Jensen started a pineapple plantation here in 1881, and by the early 1900s the area was shipping pineapples across the country. Freezes and fires ended that era by 1920, but the pineapple is still the town's symbol and the name of its best-known festival.

Today Jensen Beach mixes a small, walkable downtown with lagoon-front homes, established neighborhoods and oceanfront condos. It feels relaxed and friendly, with Stuart's amenities about 10 minutes away.

> *"Jensen Beach gives you an ocean beach and a quiet lagoon village in one ZIP code.*

Jensen Beach is known for

01 Sea turtle nesting beaches
02 Historic downtown on the lagoon
03 The annual Pineapple Festival
04 Hutchinson Island oceanfront condos
05 Fishing and boating on the causeway
06 Parks, museums and a lagoon-front pier

Lagoon mornings, beach afternoons

From the causeway to the boardwalks, Jensen Beach is built for time outdoors. Here is a starting list.

01 Beaches & Water

Jensen Beach Park. A guarded Atlantic beach on Hutchinson Island, known locally as Sea Turtle Beach, with picnic areas and surfing.

Jensen Beach Causeway. A local favorite for fishing, launching kayaks and watching the sunset over the lagoon.

Sea turtle season. Loggerhead, green and leatherback turtles nest on local beaches each spring and summer.

Indian River Lagoon. Calm water for paddling, sailing, fishing and spotting dolphins and manatees.

02 Parks & Nature

Indian Riverside Park. A lagoon-front park with a pier, playground, splash fountain and historic homes.

Savannas Preserve State Park. A protected freshwater marsh and pine flatwoods preserve with trails and paddling.

Children's Museum of the Treasure Coast. Hands-on, interactive exhibits inside Indian Riverside Park.

Mansion at Tuckahoe. A historic 1930s riverside estate in the park, often used for weddings and events.

03 Downtown & Dining

Historic downtown. A small, walkable village of restaurants, bars, shops and galleries near the lagoon.

Waterfront seafood. Casual, Old Florida-style seafood spots along Indian River Drive, including the long-running Conchy Joe's.

Live music. Downtown bars and restaurants offer live music most weekends.

Treasure Coast Square. The area's regional shopping mall, on US-1 at the edge of town.

04 History & Events

Pineapple Festival. An annual downtown celebration of the town's pineapple-growing history.

Historic churches and homes. Sites include All Saints Episcopal Church (1898) and the Capt. Henry E. Sewall House.

Mount Elizabeth. An archaeological site in Indian Riverside Park, once home to a Native American village.

Hutchinson Island museums. The Elliott Museum and Gilbert's Bar House of Refuge are a short drive south on the island.

Neighbors nearby

Hutchinson Island

Oceanfront condos and beaches just across the causeway.

Stuart

Downtown dining, the riverwalk and marinas about 10 minutes south.

Sewall's Point

An estate town on the peninsula south of Jensen Beach.

Port St. Lucie

Larger shopping centers and newer communities to the north.

EVERYDAY LIFE IN JENSEN BEACH

Getting around, schools and smart buying

Getting around

US-1 runs along the town's western edge, with I-95 and Florida's Turnpike about 15 minutes west. The Jensen Beach Causeway connects to Hutchinson Island, and Palm Beach International is about 50 minutes south.

Schools

Public schools serving Jensen Beach include Jensen Beach Elementary, Felix A. Williams Elementary, Stuart Middle and Jensen Beach High. Confirm your school zone by address with the Martin County School District.

Healthcare

Cleveland Clinic Martin Health's Martin North Hospital in Stuart is about 10 minutes away, with doctors' offices and urgent care clinics along US-1.

Before you buy in Jensen Beach

01 **Compare island and mainland.** Hutchinson Island condos put you on the beach, but they carry HOA fees and higher wind and flood exposure. Mainland homes often have lower carrying costs.

02 **Check the flood zone first.** Look up the FEMA flood zone for any home you like. Lenders require flood insurance in high-risk zones, and premiums vary by street.

03 **Budget for insurance.** Ask early for the roof age and a wind-mitigation report. Newer roofs and impact windows can lower premiums noticeably.

04 **Read the condo and HOA rules.** Florida now requires milestone inspections and reserve studies for many condo buildings. Review reserves and planned assessments.

05 **File for homestead.** For a primary residence, Florida's homestead exemption and Save Our Homes cap can lower property taxes. File with the Property Appraiser.

HELPFUL LOCAL RESOURCES

Martin County Parks & Recreation
Beaches, parks and boat ramps.

Martin County Property Appraiser
Property records, values and homestead filing.

Martin County School District
School zones by address and enrollment.

FEMA Flood Map Service Center
Official flood zone maps for any address.

Martin County Tax Collector
Property tax bills, licenses and vehicle tags.

Martin County Government
Permits, parks, beaches and county services.

REAL ESTATE IN JENSEN BEACH

From lagoon cottages to oceanfront condos

Jensen Beach offers a broad mix of homes at many price points, which makes it one of the most flexible markets in Martin County.

01	**Historic & village homes** Good fit for: Buyers seeking charm and walkability	Older cottages and bungalows near downtown and the lagoon, many with character and mature landscaping.
02	**Lagoon & canal homes** Good fit for: Boaters, anglers	Homes on the Indian River Lagoon and nearby canals, many with docks and sunrise views.
03	**Hutchinson Island condos** Good fit for: Beach lovers, second-home owners	Oceanfront and river-view condos across the causeway, with pools and beach access.
04	**Established neighborhoods** Good fit for: Buyers wanting a yard and a garage	Single-family homes, many built from the 1970s to the 2000s, on quiet streets near schools.
05	**55+ and HOA communities** Good fit for: Low-maintenance living, seasonal residents	Villas, townhomes and manufactured-home communities with low-maintenance living.

Market snapshot

Jensen Beach is one of the more accessible coastal markets in Martin County. Condos, villas and 55+ communities are usually the most affordable, single-family homes fill the middle of the market, and direct lagoon-front and oceanfront homes command a premium. Ask us for current prices and days on market.

Free Jensen Beach market report or home valuation
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Selling in Jensen Beach?

Buyers love Jensen Beach for its beach-town lifestyle. We highlight how close your home is to the lagoon, the beach and downtown, along with updates such as roofs and impact windows, and we market it to local, seasonal and relocating buyers.

QUESTIONS WE HEAR MOST

Jensen Beach FAQs

Q1 Is Jensen Beach part of Stuart?

No. Jensen Beach is a separate unincorporated community in Martin County, just north of Stuart. The two are about 10 minutes apart and share many services.

Q2 Where is the beach in Jensen Beach?

The Atlantic beach is on Hutchinson Island, across the Jensen Beach Causeway. Jensen Beach Park is a guarded public beach there.

Q3 What is there to do in Jensen Beach?

Plenty: the beach and causeway, Indian Riverside Park, the Children's Museum of the Treasure Coast, Savannas Preserve State Park and a lively little downtown.

Q4 Are Hutchinson Island condos a good buy?

They can be, especially for beach lovers and second-home owners. Review each building's reserves, inspections and insurance carefully before you commit.

Q5 When is sea turtle season?

Nesting season on Martin County beaches generally runs from March through October. Beachfront homes follow lighting rules to protect hatchlings.

Q6 Do I need flood insurance in Jensen Beach?

It depends on the address. Lagoon-front and island properties are more likely to sit in high-risk zones. We can check the zone for any home.

"J.J. gave us direction and sold our condo within our range in 3 days."

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YOUR LOCAL EXPERTS

Meet JJ Lambert Group

JJ Lambert is a top-producing real estate broker on Florida's Treasure Coast with more than 20 years of experience. As a Broker Associate based in Stuart, he leads one of the area's top-producing sales teams, serving buyers, sellers, investors and waterfront homeowners.

JJ began in land acquisition and development before moving into residential sales, and he previously led the #1 residential sales team in Santa Barbara, California. That background shapes how he judges land, construction and long-term value.

His focus includes waterfront and boating properties, luxury homes, condominiums, investment property and new construction. JJ lives the lifestyle he sells, spending his free time boating, fishing, diving and golfing along the Treasure Coast.

20+	500+	$250M+	#1
Years of experience	Transactions completed	In career sales	Sales team in its Stuart office

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"JJ is easy to talk to, super patient, and always honest, which made the whole process feel comfortable instead of stressful."

CASSIE PARKER, CLIENT

"His professionalism, market knowledge, and dedication made the entire process seamless and stress-free."

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