



## WELCOME TO THE 2026 EXECUTIVE SUMMIT

*Here are some details about the Executive Summit and The Ritz-Carlton Amelia Island, Florida*

**Getting to the Summit:** The closest airport is Jacksonville International Airport (JAX), located approximately 30 miles from the resort. Allow at least 35 minutes travel time to and from the airport.

**Transportation in Amelia Island:** Transportation (via rideshare providers such as Uber and Lyft, rental car, car service, and taxi) is available from the airport, but may be limited or delayed without notice, so we encourage you to book these services in advance.

**Consider downloading and using the WRYD (ride) transportation app, which locals commonly use.** WyrD makes getting a ride easier in less-populated areas. We've all been to the larger metroplexes and can easily hail a ride using a ride-sharing app. Unlike those apps, WyrD only uses local transportation companies that you're already using, and updates them with mobile options you're used to.

- For more information, visit the [WyrD website](#)
- Download the WyrD app from the [Apple Store](#) or [Google Play](#)

Upon the conclusion of the Executive Summit, guests will manage their own transportation. As with arrivals, we encourage you to book these services in advance.

**Weather:** While we hope for fabulous weather for our outdoor events, it is January and temperatures can be cool. The anticipated daytime high hovers around the mid-60s°F (around 20°C), while the nighttime low settles in the low 40s°F (approximately 5°C).

We will have outdoor events in the evenings, so please plan accordingly.

**Dress:** Resort casual (no formal cocktail or black-tie events). Please wear comfortable shoes.

- **Monday Evening Welcome Reception** – interactive dining outdoors at the Courtyard
- **Tuesday Dinner** – upscale interactive dining outdoors on the Ocean Front Lawn

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

**Registration:** Registration for the Summit will be on-site at the Talbot Registration Desk from 1-5 p.m. on Monday, January 26. Badges and Summit materials will also be available at the Welcome Reception on Monday evening.

**Badges:** Please wear your badge at all times, as it will be required for access to all program sessions, events, and meals. If you don't have your badge, you will not be admitted into the event.

**Program Agenda:** The 2026 Executive Summit will feature several insightful keynote presentations on timely and relevant topics, including AI, emotional intelligence, government and regulatory affairs, as well as an industry economic forecast for 2026 and a broad economic outlook.

The [full event agenda](#) is available on The Vision Council website.



**Meeting App: Download the 2026 Executive Summit App** ([Apple Store](#) or [Google Play](#)) to navigate the event agenda and map, network effectively with fellow attendees, and participate in event activities and sessions. Select Sign Up/Sign In and enter the email address you used when registering for the Executive Summit. Create a password if this is your first time using the Whova app. If you are having trouble signing in, you can use the event-specific invitation code to access the app: execsummit26

Need help with using the app? Refer to the [attendee user guide](#).

**Wifi:** Network – TVC Executive Summit, Password: vision26

**What Sessions Should My Spouse Attend?** Spouses and/or significant others of Executive Summit attendees are welcome to attend social events and meals. Please be sure to register them as a guest so they have a badge for access. There is an additional fee of \$650 to register a guest. If your guest plans to attend the Summit programming, please register him or her as a full attendee, thus allowing them access to all sessions and giving The Vision Council proper count for preparation purposes.

**Is There a Golf Tournament?** We are offering golf as a pre-event networking opportunity. When you registered for the Executive Summit, you were given the option to select golf as an “add-on” to your experience. Players will be teeing off at 8 a.m. on Monday, January 26.

*If you need to rent golf clubs for the tournament, please contact The Golf Club of Amelia Island at 904-277-0012 or email Chase Garner at [cgarner@golfclubofamelia.com](mailto:cgarner@golfclubofamelia.com). They also offer a convenient option to ship and store your clubs at the resort.*

**Share your experience on Instagram and tag @thevisioncouncil. Engage with us using the hashtag #ExecutiveSummit2026**

**Departing from the Summit:** Upon conclusion of the Executive Summit, Guests will manage their own transportation via rideshare providers such as Uber and Lyft, rental car, car service, and taxi. Allow 35 minutes of travel time from the hotel to the airport. We encourage you to book these services in advance.

## RESTAURANT GUIDE

### On-Site Restaurants

**Coast:** Coast offers a fresh new taste of coastal cuisine with a seasonal menu that includes local seafood, steaks, salads, and small plates created with great passion. Enjoy a delicious breakfast buffet at this Amelia Island restaurant.

Everyday: 7:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Coquina:** Set to a backdrop of ocean breezes, Coquina is an innovative, new Amelia Island Latin restaurant with cuisine focused on seafood and coastal dishes inspired by the island’s Eight Flags heritage. Open dependent on weather.

Everyday: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**First Drop:** Locally-roasted coffee, fresh juices, handcrafted smoothies and milkshakes. Carry-away small bites include sandwiches, salads, pastries, and more.

Mon–Fri: 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sat–Sun: 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**The Lobby Bar:** Enjoy cozy chats by the fire on the terrace of The Lobby Bar, a comfortable, classic lounge with exciting specialty drinks, live music, and dancing. Sushi service concludes nightly at 10 p.m.

Everyday: 3:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

**Salt:** Salt proudly presents a new era of fine dining on Amelia Island with a masterful dining room re-imagined, a beautiful lounge with innovative menu and the artful cuisine of Chef D' Cuisine Okan Kizilbayir, a Michelin-trained chef.

Mon & Sun: Closed

Tue–Sat: 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Tidewater Grill:** Tidewater Grill presents guests an instantly familiar, casual atmosphere for lunch, dinner, and drinks featuring a menu of American grill classics, coastal favorites, and a celebrated collection of regionally brewed beers. Hours subject to change.

Mon–Wed: Closed

Thu & Sun: 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Fri–Sat: 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

### Interested in exploring off-site options?

Check out an array of options in this comprehensive [Dining Guide](#) to Amelia Island. Enjoy!

## ABOUT THE RESORT

### The Ritz–Carlton, Amelia Island

Nestled along 13 miles of immaculate shorelines in North Florida, The Ritz–Carlton Amelia Island stands as an exquisite testament to refined luxury. This resort beckons with the allure of southern charm, where vistas seamlessly embody the sublime essence of our beachfront haven. Bask in the allure of Florida coastal panoramas that unfold from the secluded haven of your hotel room balcony. Each meticulously appointed room offers a serene retreat.

For more information about the resort, click [here](#).

Event Room Rate: \$419 plus nightly resort fee and tax

Resort Fee: \$20

Resort Fee Includes:

- Enhanced Wireless In-room Internet Access for up to 5 Devices
- Local, Toll-free and Domestic Long-Distance Phone Calls
- 24/7 Access to Wellness Center
- One Fitness Class Daily for two guests Daily
- Bicycle usage for up to two bikes, for 2 hours
- Use of practice facilities and one bag of range balls at the Golf Club of Amelia Island. Proper Attire is required.
- Tennis Court privileges, including racquet and balls, for one hour
- Ritz–Carlton Spa Facility Access, including Sauna and Steam rooms, private Spa Pool, and Women's, Men's and Co-Ed Lounge access

**Parking:**

- Valet Overnight Parking is available for hotel guests at \$40.00 +tax per vehicle, per night
- Valet Day Parking is available for non-hotel guests at \$15.00+tax per day
- Self-parking is not available

**Check-in:** 4:00 p.m

**Check-out:** 11:00 a.m.

Please note that the main resort pool will be undergoing renovations and closed during our time in Amelia Island. Guests have access to the heated and luxurious spa pool during their stay.

## **OTHER QUESTIONS**

Get Involved with The Vision Council: For more information about getting involved with The Vision Council, please contact Michael Vitale, Vice President, Membership & Technical Affairs at [mvitale@thevisioncouncil.org](mailto:mvitale@thevisioncouncil.org), or [click here](#) to fill out our committee interest form.

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