

U.S. ROUTE

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ROUTE 17 PRINTABLE LIBRARY

TRIP COMPANION

Punta Gorda to Jacksonville Road Trip Companion

The Route 17 Florida starter drive: soft harbor launch, one inland reset, and a Jacksonville handoff.

USE THIS FOR

Carry the live itinerary on paper: trip promise, route phases, anchor roles, backups, pacing posture, route distinctions, cut-first choices, and a final worksheet.

LIVE GUIDE <https://route17roadtrip.com/trips/punta-gorda-to-jacksonville-road-trip/>

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Trip promise and route phases

Keep the Florida opening calm and readable while still arriving in Jacksonville with enough margin for the Georgia coast next.

Route phases

- [] Punta Gorda - harbor-first launch.
- [] Arcadia / heartland - one useful inland reset.
- [] Central Florida - pacing-heavy crossroads; allow margin.
- [] St. Johns River towns - calmer recovery before Jacksonville.
- [] Jacksonville - city-scale finish and next-leg handoff.

START Punta Gorda Soft launch.	MIDDLE Arcadia Inland reset.
FINISH Jacksonville Gateway and handoff.	

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Backups, pacing, and what to cut first

The printable should never be more authoritative than the live guide; use current checks for anything time-sensitive.

Backup choices

- [] Zolfo Springs / heartland places if the drive needs additional old-Florida texture.
- [] A Central Florida break if the route pressure calls for it.
- [] A St. Johns River / historic-town break if the day needs a calmer second half.

Pacing posture

Direct transit, one-reset day, or slower split. Southbound, reverse the sequence and let Punta Gorda provide the softer finish.

Route distinction

At Zolfo Springs, Florida SR 66 is an optional eastbound choice; stay on U.S. 17 for the Route 17 sequence.

If the day runs long

Cut optional Central Florida or St. Johns River pauses first. Protect the main anchor roles and Jacksonville arrival margin.

FINAL WORKSHEET

Commit the day before you drive

Write the anchors and verification items that matter. Leave optional stops optional.

Start time / first anchor	
Primary reset	
Backup stop	
Finish / overnight	
Cut-first choice	
Live checks before departure	

Trip notes

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