



Where in the World

Tallahassee: The Other Florida

(NAPSA)—Far from the glaring strips of neon amusement and theme park castles and crowds lies another magical place in the Sunshine State—one of powwows, plantations, politics and great pride.

Often described as “The Other Florida” with its deep-rooted history, rolling hills, canopy roads of moss-draped oaks, cool climate and Southern-style hospitality, Tallahassee is a Florida few have seen. Best known as Florida’s capital, this intimate, neo-metropolitan city is a place where the power of state government, the academic and the artistic are complemented by subtle, old-fashioned charm.

Tallahassee touts a menagerie of sights, including one of the world’s deepest freshwater springs, site of America’s first Christmas, a wildlife habitat, capitol buildings, fascinating museums of history, sprawling plantations, civil rights monuments, highly acclaimed fishing and hunting adventures and nearby beaches. Appealing to the strokes of different folks, the area also features 117 holes of golf as well as its share of tennis courts.

With the Gulf of Mexico just 20 miles to the south and the Georgia border only 14 miles to the north, Tallahassee rests between the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains and the juncture of Florida’s panhandle and peninsula. Nearer in miles to Atlanta than to Miami, the city closely resembles its Southern neighbors with a persona marked by lush rolling hills (likened to the seven hills of Rome) and canopy roads of patriarch oaks.

Like the city itself, the story of how Tallahassee was chosen as



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the state capital is rich in history. In 1823, two explorers set out—one on horseback from St. Augustine and the other by boat from Pensacola—to find a permanent, central location for the legislature to convene. The two met at a beautiful site that the Creek and Seminole Indians called “tallahassee,” derived from the words “talwa,” meaning town, and “ahasee,” meaning old. Today, the rendezvous point remains Florida’s capital.

Although firmly linked with the past, the “old town” has undergone many changes. However, it is still a government town fiercely proud of and dedicated to preserving its heritage. Tallahassee is a collaboration of power-play politics and classical character splashed with a twist of Southern beauty and charm.

Visitor information is available from the Tallahassee Area Convention & Visitors Bureau at (800) 628-2866 or by logging onto www.visitTallahassee.com.