

2018 Equipment Dealers Associations' Convention Site

The 2018 Annual Convention of the Southern, Deep South, Midwest-SouthEastern Equipment Dealers Associations will be held at the Ritz-Carlton on Amelia Island, Florida. The convention is scheduled for **Sunday-Monday-Tuesday, January 14-15-16** with normal check out on Wednesday. Sunday Golf & Tailgate party precedes the Convention Welcome Luncheon on Monday. Group Room Rates are available beginning Friday January 12th.

At the Ritz-Carlton and Amelia Island, time doesn't stand still, but it does slow down and soften, southern-style. Unlike many convention destinations, here the pace of life moves with the whispering of waves, the ebb and flow of tidal marshes and the rhythmic croaking of tree frogs. Here, time heals, replenishes and refreshes...a good place to be in the winter, as historically the temperatures in January include an average high of 66° and low of 43°.

Amelia and the Ritz rest along the edge of a secluded 13 mile beach. It is one of a very few Florida resorts that is both beachfront and has on-property golf, plus features a state of the art spa and fitness center. The island, treasured for centuries, is rich in natural beauty and historical intrigue, and is unique in many ways. Those who will travel by air to Amelia will be pleased to know that the Ritz is located only approximately 30 minutes from the Jacksonville International Airport.



The Historic District of Fernandina Beach is a 50-block area located at the north end of Amelia Island and recognized on the National Register of Historic Places. The original town, now called Old Town Fernandina, still remains and celebrated its 205th anniversary in 2016. This seaside town is only 10 minutes from the Ritz-Carlton and is rich with famous restaurants, tours, and many other activities. Fernandina is certainly among the “do not miss opportunities” during the Joint Annual Convention.

Each year, one of the three participating Associations has the responsibility of planning and orchestrating the convention for equipment dealers of 16 states and friends throughout North America. The Southern Association (representing dealers in Alabama, Florida, and Georgia) is excited to have this opportunity for 2018 and is elated to serve as host and to feature one of the finest hotels & settings available anywhere.

Your registration information will follow. Meanwhile, for additional information call the Southern Association office at (478) 272-5400.