



Post-Visit Lighthouse Trivia

Directions: How much do you remember from your lighthouse visit? Read and answer the following questions to find out.

1. How many steps did you have to climb to reach the lighthouse gallery deck?
2. The Lighthouse took over three years to build. In what year was it finished?
3. What kind of fuel did the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse's lamp originally burn?
4. What was the original name of the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse?
5. What term do we use to describe a lighthouse, grounds, and buildings?
6. How tall is the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse?
7. What is the name of the special optic at the top of the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse that uses prisms to bend and reflect light into a focused beam?
8. How many lighthouse keepers did it originally take to run the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse?
9. What is the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse made of? How many are there in the Lighthouse?
10. What is the purpose of a Ponce Inlet Lighthouse?



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1. You have to climb **203** steps to reach the gallery deck at the top of the lighthouse and 213 to reach the lantern room.
2. Construction of the Ponce Inlet Light Station was completed in **1887**. The beacon was lit for the first time on November 1, 1887.
3. The Ponce Inlet Lighthouse used **kerosene** to produce the light for its beacon before switching to light bulbs when the station was electrified in 1933.
4. The Ponce Inlet Lighthouse was originally named **Mosquito Inlet Lighthouse**. The name was changed to Ponce de Leon Inlet Light Station in 1927.
5. The term **Light Station** is used to describe a lighthouse, grounds, and all related service and keepers' buildings located around it.
6. The Ponce Inlet Lighthouse is **175** feet tall. It is the tallest lighthouse in Florida.
7. A **Fresnel lens** is a special type of optic that is used in most lighthouses to bend (refract) and reflect light into a focused beam.
8. The Ponce Inlet Light Station was originally run by **three lighthouse keepers**; a Principal Keeper, a First Assistant Keeper, and a Second Assistant Keeper.
9. The Ponce Inlet Lighthouse and all of the light station's assorted buildings are made of **brick**. More than **1,250,000** bricks were used in construction of the tower.
10. The Ponce Inlet Lighthouse (originally called the Mosquito Inlet Lighthouse) is an **aid to navigation**. The **Light Station** was built to help ships safely navigate along the coast and in and out of the **Inlet** which is listed as one of the most dangerous on the east coast of the United States.