Making childhood an adventure again.



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Teach your family to be early adopters. Of water, wind and sky.

Think some people just seem born to the water, to dance in the waves, to breathe in the sky? There's no such thing. Like all the best wisdom, these things are acquired.

But there is a place where they come more naturally. Where the purity of the sand, the amazing tint of the water are perfectly mixed to create a childlike wonder.



Essential gear: playfulness, curiosity and a sense of adventure

But don't worry. You can pick all those up here.

There's something we've learned about getting families out on the water. The parents learn to detach and let their kids go and grow. And the children develop sides they never knew they had. Like courage. Independence. Self-confidence.

And something else: an appreciation of the natural world, its promise, and how caring for its future gives families a passion they can share together.



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The harbor



Destin-Fort Walton Beach, Florida, comes from humble beginnings. Today considered one of the world's premier beach vacation destinations, the area started as a small fishing village built around what is now known as the Destin Harbor. However, no matter how large we grow, the harbor will always be the backbone of this community.

Fleet means family

What started as a group of fishermen casting close to the shore with nets from small boats in the mid 19th century has evolved into what is now the country's largest charter fishing fleet. Today, the fleet is operated by men and women tracing their lineage in the area back more than 150 years. In the beginning, cooperation and unity were essential to the fleet's survival, and to this day, that sense of community continues both in the harbor and throughout the entire area.

Where parent and child can become captain and mate.



The heart of the harbor

The Destin Harbor is the epicenter of our community. It's the hub for almost all the commercial and recreational it also provides a livelihood for many of our locals and fishing businesses operating in the area. For many locals, the harbor provides a means to support their families. The harbor is popular among visitors looking for things to do both on and off the water. It's what our community was built on, and it's what helps us thrive today. We can't wait and nearby our local waters. The bounty of the Gulf for you to explore everything it has to offer.

The harbor is more than just where our area began; adventures for our visitors. Fishing, be it for leisure or for business, doesn't get any better than in Destin-Fort Walton Beach. While the species might change with the seasons, there's always fish to be caught in of Mexico is yours to enjoy with fresh, never-frozen

Gulf-to-Table seafood available throughout the area. The fleet works hard to guarantee that our local waters and ecosystems are respected and preserved while still ensuring there's plenty of fresh seafood available in area restaurants and local fish markets.

The harbor



With mouthwatering waterfront dining, live music, unique shops, evening fireworks and much more, the harbor is the place to be for fun and excitement. Whether you're looking to do a little fishing or just want to get out on the water, the harbor is home to hundreds of rental boats designed for groups of all sizes. If you're interested in doing some sightseeing, including a glimpse of dolphins in their natural habitat, choose from a number of guided boat tours operating out of the Destin Harbor. When it's time to eat, you'll enjoy walking or even boating in between the numerous waterfront restaurants to sample the variety of diverse food, drinks and live music. Uncover unique finds, hidden treasures and fun souvenirs at the different shops that call the harbor home. And stay close to all the action with beautiful accommodations available all along the water. This is only a sample of what the Destin Harbor has to offer; you'll have to explore the rest of it yourself.

Adventure



We have it no matter if you crawl. Walk. Swim. Or soar.

Fishing from a boat is a great way to experience the incredible outdoor adventures of our area. Hundreds of boats are available for rent throughout the destination, and fishing charters help anglers of any skill level reel in the "big one."

Teach a man to fish...

Catching the biggest fish of your life doesn't require a big boat – or any boat. Fishing from the Okaloosa Island Fishing Pier is a quick and easy way to reel in your catch of the day. Tarpon weighing more than 100 pounds, tuna, king mackerel, cobia and even sailfish have been caught off the pier. Plus, you'd be hard-pressed to find a better way to watch the sun rise or set than with a pole in hand at the end of the 1,262-foot Okaloosa Island Fishing Pier.



The Destin Fishing Rodeo started in 1948 and, to this day, continues to attract people from around the world to Destin-Fort Walton Beach. Playing a major role in giving Destin the distinction of the "The World's Luckiest Fishing Village," this month-long celebration is the ultimate fishing tournament for saltwater anglers of all ages.

An invasive species in the Gulf of Mexico, the lionfish is a threat to our native fish population. While lionfish have venomous spines that can cause pain and swelling if stung, lionfish filets are safe and delicious. Ordering lionfish in our local restaurants will create a higher demand for them and help reduce their impact on our waters.

Our menu

Featuring flavors fresh from the Gulf of Mexico and inspired by global traditions passed down through generations, dining in Destin-Fort Walton Beach is an experience unlike anywhere else. Waterfront restaurants offer panoramic views as incredible as the food they serve.



Take your taste buds on an adventure

From the refined elegance of a romantic, candlelit dinner to mouthwatering finger foods paired with a beer list that reads more like a book, dining in Destin-Fort Walton Beach has something for everyone. Whether you're looking for the perfect guys or girls night out, a place for just the two of you, or somewhere the whole family will love, there are a number of excellent restaurants perfect for any occasion.

Explore the numerous restaurants of HarborWalk Village, enjoy the family-friendly atmosphere of the Boardwalk on Okaloosa Island, or sample an array of different flavors in the easily walkable Downtown Fort Walton Beach. Indulge your senses with bustling waterfront restaurants located directly on the beach or quiet spots tucked away from the crowds. Wherever you go, you're sure to find everything from eclectic culinary delights inspired by international cultures to Gulf-fresh seafood you have to taste to believe.



Featuring everything from tried and true to try something new.





What makes our area dining experience truly unique is the use of Gulf-to-Table seafood at many local restaurants. Gulf-to-Table means seafood is caught in the Gulf of Mexico and sent directly to local fish markets where it's bought by local restaurants. Gulf-to-Table seafood is never frozen, caught within a few days before it's prepared for consumption, and exhibits a level of flavor unparalleled by seafood caught and shipped in from elsewhere.

Gulf-to-Table isn't just about incredibly fresh flavors; it's about sustainable practices and local empowerment. By definition, seafood is meant to be fresh, never frozen, going from the water to your plate in a matter of days, not months. So the local fishing industry takes only what it needs, leaving a sustainable ecosystem behind for generations. On a local level, seafood is caught by men and women living in our area, sent to local markets, bought by local restaurants and prepared by chefs who live, work and play right here. Pair a Gulf-to-Table meal with a beer from one of our craft breweries for a dining experience that's as local as it gets.





Our menu

Eat well, and healthy, in Destin-Fort Walton Beach. The area is home to a variety of delicious organic restaurants balancing clean eating and incredible crafters offer an array of locally grown fruits and vegetables as well as handmade items.

You've left the busy schedule of your everyday life behind, and now it's time for you to gather everyone together, around either a table in your vacation rental further than one of the area's many cook-yourflavor. The Downtown Fort Walton Beach Farmers' or a picnic blanket on the beach, and toast to good Market and their farmers, artisan food vendors and food, great weather and the people you love most.

If you're looking to get a little more hands-on in your Gulf-to-Table dining experience, look no catch restaurants. After a long day of fishing the gorgeous emerald-green waters, bring your own personal catch of the day to one of our participating restaurants and let an award-winning chef turn it into a meal you'll never forget.

The beaches



Sand so beautifully different, it even sounds like no other.

Destin-Fort Walton Beach is home to some of the world's most beautiful and unique beaches. Experience sugar-white sand that squeaks with every step you take and glistening emerald-green waters with waves that shine like jewels in the Florida sun.



Our sand is sweet

It's hard to believe that something as simple as sand could make all the difference in the world when it comes to creating world-renowned beaches. However, to truly appreciate our powdery, sugar-white sand, you have to understand where it comes from. Our beautiful sand started out as part of a mountain thousands of years ago. At the end of the last Ice Age, the world's temperatures rose, ice caps melted, and large volumes of water carried by rivers flooded the world's oceans. The rising Apalachicola River, originating in the Appalachian Mountains, carried quartz particles from the mountains down into the Gulf of Mexico and deposited them along our coast. Over time, the sea level rose, and the quartz sand formed the shoreline. Today, our beaches are made up of finely ground, perfectly round quartz crystals that squeak beneath your bare feet with every step.



Spend some time exploring our beaches and experience the area's warm, Southern charm while in Destin-Fort Walton Beach. For many, the unique shimmer of our emerald-green waters is what they remember most about their vacation. How is this historic hue possible? The quartz sand beneath the water reflects the area's abundant sunlight back through the waves to create this distinct emerald color. There are a lot of ways to enjoy our beaches and waterways, but the best thing you can do in the water is be safe. Understanding the safety flags before hitting the beach means the only thing you're worrying about is having a great time.

The beaches

Getting wet



Water this hue is like getting a personal invitation from nature.



When it comes to planning an unforgettable vacation on our emerald-green waters – dive in. From calm, still waterways perfect for paddleboards and kayaks to the expanse and freedom of the Gulf of Mexico where the largest and fastest boats reign supreme, spending some time on and in the water is the quintessential Florida experience.



Getting wet

Make a splash. Make memories.

Destin-Fort Walton Beach's waters are the perfect setting for outdoor, on-thewater adventures. Explore the calm, still waters of Choctawhatchee Bay on a paddleboard, kayak or canoe. There's no better way to immerse yourself among the pristine, natural surroundings of our area than with a paddle in hand. With several rental companies offering instructional classes to help turn even the most novice paddler into a pro, getting on the water is quick and easy.

A great way to explore the area's gorgeous waterways and coastline, kayaking, canoeing and paddleboarding are also total-body workouts that raise your heart rate and strengthen your muscles. For those looking to stay active during their trip, rapidly paddling the waters of the sound or taking your board or kayak on the waves along the coastline is an excellent way to work up a sweat while enjoying the area's beautiful, natural water.



While there's plenty of fun to have on the water, there's an entirely different world to explore below the waves. Scuba diving is one of the best ways to have an underwater adventure in the area. The area's several dive shops offer lessons, certification classes and a variety of excursion itineraries.

Among the pleasures of crystal-clear water is the thrill it lends to activities like snorkeling. Once you've mastered the basics, you'll want to try one of four snorkel reefs, also easily accessible by paddleboard or kayak. If you prefer taking the plunge without training or equipment, SNUBA is part snorkeling, part scuba diving. Swimmers of all ages can explore underwater worlds with the assistance of a 20-footlong air line connecting them to a boat on the surface.



Water, water, everywhere, and so much of it to see

Whether it's fish, rays, manatees or dolphins, the The Destin Harbor, HarborWalk Village and marinas of when interacting with any animals.

Getting wet

marine life found throughout the area is varied Fort Walton Beach provide ample opportunities for and beautiful. While the vast majority of native visitors of all ages to get out on the water. Choose from wildlife is friendly and harmless, please use caution hundreds of rental boats, knowledgeable charter fishing captains, and other on-the-water activities like jet skis and kitesurfing.

The wind in your hair, the rhythmic bouncing of the waves, and a thrilling ride you'll never forget. While paddling a kayak or canoe is a great way to relax, renting a pontoon boat and cruising up and down the coast is the best way to explore the area's many waterways. Whether it's by a paddle or a motor, go your own speed whenever you're on the water.

New worlds



Adventures in Destin-Fort Walton Beach don't end when you come in off the shore. Explore sprawling nature preserves, beautiful parks and so much more with a variety of inland activities perfect for satisfying that itch for adventure even off the water.



Get in some outside adventure

Whether you're a nature lover or someone who loves to stay active, the natural
splendor of our beautiful state parks offers outdoor adventures that will take
your breath away. Mattie Kelly Park and Nature Walk in Destin is a 10.13-
acre bayou access park with a pier, beach and picnic area. The majority of the
land is considered wetlands and cannot be developed, but a raised wooden
boardwalk makes the park easily accessible by explorers of all ages. The 30-
foot sugar-white sand dunes and sprawling pet-friendly trails of HendersonBeach State Park are ideal for reconnecting with nature with leisurely hikes
or overnight camping. This protected preservation features some of the area's
most intriguing wildlife, including waders and shorebirds (as well as migratory
birds in the spring and fall), migrating monarch butterflies, small reptiles,
rabbits, bobcats, and gopher tortoises. The area is also home to several other
parks that are perfect for playing, picnicking, exploring and taking in the
pristine, natural surroundings.

See what you've never seen. Do what you've never done.



The Gulf Islands National Seashore is a protected region of Northwest Florida, as well as sections of Mississippi, made up of several parks and includes mainland areas and parts of islands. Visitors will enjoy the iconic beaches the area is known for, plus picnic tables, areas for bird-watching (maybe you'll even see a bald eagle), a boat launch, and other amenities. The Gulf Islands National Seashore is teeming with native wildlife and buffers the mainland from storms. Here you'll find everything from shrimp and fiddler crabs to herons and egrets. Besides being a beautiful slice of the majestic outdoor tapestry found throughout our area, the Gulf Islands National Seashore also serves an important purpose. Without the protection afforded by these barrier islands, the plant and animal habitats found on the mainland coast would be susceptible to the impacts of storms and unable to flourish.





the sand dunes found throughout our area are some of our most impressive and cherished natural wonders. Found on barrier islands and mainland beaches, dunes form by the movement of sand with waves and wind. While beautiful, the sand dunes are protected by law, so please look, but don't touch.

New worlds

Reaching more than an incredible 30 feet in height, For those looking to take their adventures from the land to the water, several of our area parks feature conveniently located public-access boat ramps. Some boat ramps have restrictions on the size of vessels you can launch there and if they're allowed to have a motor or not.

Golf in Destin-Fort Walton Beach is one of the best ways to enjoy the abundant brilliance of our outdoors. With eight courses found throughout the area, including private clubs and public courses, you're sure to find the perfect place to tee off. Thanks to nearly year-round favorable weather, it's always a great time to play a round or two within mere feet of the coastline. Considering the incredible views you'll see while putting around the green, golfers of any skill level are sure to have a great time in Destin-Fort Walton Beach.

Our backyard



Discovering some not-so-hidden gems

Imagine this: You've spent hours in the car getting here, and your gang needs a little break before you hit the beach. Or you've been spending days in the sun and sand, and the family needs a change of pace. Either way, you're primed for one of these natural beauty spots that await behind the bay or Gulf. All easily accessible, all packed with wonderful surprises.



Fred Gannon Rocky Bayou State Park

Fred Gannon Rocky Bayou State Park is a mouthful. Fred won't mind if you call it Rocky Bayou like the locals do. Just off Route 20 north of the Mid-Bay Bridge, this beauty offers a convenient boat ramp if you're hauling one and want to get it in the water before you get to Destin. It's also a terrific place for kayaking or paddleboarding, or for getting some practice in for your kids. Also, a great spot for pull-behinds or to jet ski well away from the boat traffic further south. The park features some nice, flat hiking trails where you can get those legs loosened up while getting acquainted with the local fauna and flora. And if you're camping, the sites here have really great separation. The restroom facilities are always clean, and there's an inviting, modern bathhouse.

Sometimes, fun is where you find it. So come find it.

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White Point

Photography by Sean Murphy

Want some spectacular views of Choctawhatchee Bay that few ever get to see? With a little advance planning, you can get some jaw-dropping photos at White Point. Since this favorite is actually located on Eglin Air Force Base, you'll need to get a permit in advance at https://eglin.isportsman.net/. It's well worth it even for a day, and the pass is good for a year. Serene and undisturbed, this is an amazing place for breaking out a fishing pole, tossing in a kayak or just wading around looking for hermit crabs. There's easy access off Route 293 near Niceville, and there are picnic tables that come in handy after a day in the car. It's wide open and a little on the wild side, so it's easy to claim your own separate space. One caution: There are no amenities, so plan accordingly!



Our backyard



Turkey Creek Park

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How about a boardwalk adventure that provides the perfect opportunity for you to eavesdrop on the local turtles, ducks, wading birds and other wildlife beneath a spreading canopy of cypress trees? The raised wooden Turkey Creek Nature Trail is just one of the favorite features of Niceville's premier public park. This nature trail is so broad, it easily accommodates two-way traffic, including strollers. If it feels ten degrees cooler beneath the trees, that's because it usually is. Turkey Creek Park has an inviting pavilion with shaded picnic tables, and if you're tired of car food, there's a local favorite called Danny's just before the park entrance where you can load up on yummy fried chicken and Southern fare. Here's another local fave: Take your tubes and inflatables down to dock 6 or 7 and float lazy river-style all the way back to dock 1. Absolute heaven.



Blackwater River State Forest: Karick Lake Recreation Area

North of I-10, Blackwater River State Forest offers two opportunities for satisfying your adventurous spirit. Karick Lake Recreation Area, accessed with a minimal fee, rewards your inner explorer with vistas of unparalleled quietude and serenity. For a total change of pace from the Gulf strand, you'll feel like you've stepped into another world with wide-open spaces for walking or a needed outlet from going car-crazy. While Karick Lake does not permit swimming, canoeists and kayakers are welcome, and there is a boat ramp. The lake is well stocked if you have a hankering for some freshwater fishing. And if you're camping, you can pick out a campsite right on the shore of the lake that will be good for the soul from sunrise to sunset.

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Blackwater River State Forest: Wilderness Landing

Wilderness Landing, also at Blackwater River State Forest, is a backcountry experience like no other. Know how they say getting there is half the fun? From Highway 4 in Baker, take Barton Road to Corduroy Road. Go left on Corduroy, then left again on Wilderness Landing Road. If the road gets a little wild and bumpy, don't worry. You're on the right track. Eventually, you'll be well rewarded with some wonderful and challenging hiking trails, as well as a boat ramp right on the Blackwater River. There's even a small beach for tubing or just splashing in the sun. If you're RVing and into boondocking, this is an ideal spot with good amenities, including hot showers, nice bathrooms and running water. For a full- or part-day river adventure, check out Blackwater Joe's. These pro paddlers offer both canoe and tube rentals, as well as cabins and camping for a magical overnight experience. An absolute hidden gem that still has the feel of the primitive Florida panhandle.

Our backyard

Photography by Sean Murphy

Take a break

Refuel, relax and cool down with a range of off-the-beach attractions and activities. From shopping to live music, from mini golf and go-karts, there's something for everyone to enjoy in Destin-Fort Walton Beach.



Wherever you go, whatever you do, make it memorable

If you're looking for a break from the beach, look no further than the exciting attractions and activities of Destin. Destin Commons is a large outdoor, open-air mall with some of the area's most mouthwatering dining options, fun events for the whole family, and a movie theater. You'll also love the variety of incredible shops, including everything from national brands to unique styles found only here. For even more dining options, discover a range of restaurants in HarborWalk Village, featuring upscale, waterfront spots perfect for a romantic evening, family-friendly chain restaurants that will please the pickiest eaters, and fun bars with outdoor seating and live music nearly every night.

For those shopaholics, HarborWalk Village is also home to several shops, with everything from art and jewelry to apparel and cherished souvenirs. Offering fun activities guaranteed to entertain kids of all ages, don't miss the exciting go-kart racing and mini golf of The Track or the thrilling water slides and surfing at Big Kahuna's Water Park.



With fun restaurants, a craft brewery, lively bars, eclectic shops, beautiful parks and a large outdoor shopping center, Fort Walton Beach offers plenty to do if you're seeking some adventure off the sand. Downtown Fort Walton Beach features several restaurants and bars that are favorites among locals and visitors alike. The layout of the downtown area makes it convenient to walk from one establishment to the next, making it easy to sample the food and drinks at several different restaurants. Uptown Station is a large

Make the most of the moments between the moments.

outdoor shopping center with more than 60 national and specialty stores and dining options. Besides the terrific shops and delicious dining options you'll find in this center, Uptown Station holds outdoor movie nights, has a pet-friendly park, and is home to the tallest flagpole in Florida standing at an impressive 170 feet. For nature enthusiasts, you'll love the Fort Walton Beach Landing and the Fort Walton Beach Indian Temple Mound, an archaeological site and platform mound built in 850 C.E.



Destin-Fort Walton Beach hosts several annual events that have attracted visitors from around the world for more than 70 years. Whether it's the Destin Fishing Rodeo, the Mattie Kelly Arts Festival or our beloved pirate festival, there's never a shortage of fun, outdoor events.

While many annual events already include live music performances, there's never a shortage of musicians performing covers and original works throughout the area. Found in restaurants, bars, and even along the walkways of HarborWalk Village and Downtown Fort Walton Beach, you don't have to look far to find an area musician entertaining a crowd.

From the beaches to the nature preserves, the entire area overflows with inspiring beauty that's reflected in the art, culture and music found here. Whether it's the pieces on display in the Destin-Fort Walton Beach Convention Center or artwork featured in the several area galleries and shops, creative expression here is as abundant as the waves along the shore. If you're an art lover, a trip to Destin-Fort Walton Beach will surely result in an addition to your collection or at least a surge of creative inspiration.



Sail through the air with a number of exciting rides and activities perfect for thrill seekers of all ages. Whether you're strapped into a highspeed ride spinning through the air, swinging in a harness like a trapeze artist, or even sailing through the sky in a parasail high above the emerald-green waves, outdoor adventures are plentiful throughout the area.

Take a break

The laid-back, fun atmosphere found throughout the entire area makes this a great destination for families of all sizes and children of all ages. The calm, warm waves along the coast make our beautiful beaches a great place for families to play and grow closer together. However, when you're ready to move away from the beach, there are several indoor and outdoor activities to keep the whole family entertained.

> The Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport (VPS) is the area's closest airport and offers nonstop flights to several major cities throughout the United States. With major airlines already flying in and out of VPS, this award-winning airport is always growing and adding routes. When planning your trip, consider the convenience and efficiency of flying directly to VPS instead of another airport and driving into the area.

Indoor activities range from arcades and adventure zones to educational and interactive museums. The Gulfarium Marine Adventure Park lets you get up close to dolphins, sea lions, turtles, penguins and more. The Air Force Armament Museum features some of our country's most impressive aircraft and the stories behind how they shaped the world. Learn about our area's rich history at the Destin History & Fishing Museum.

Your place



A vacation in Destin-Fort Walton Beach isn't about what you'll gain; it's about what you'll lose: your stress, your anxiety, yourself. Relaxing in Destin-Fort Walton Beach isn't limited to lounging on the area's sugar-white sand and floating on its emerald-green waters.

Unpack, unwind and unwrap the gift of gorgeous beachfront accommodations for you. Many of our area accommodations are located on the water along found throughout the area. With more than 13,000 rooms available across the Gulf of Mexico and offer incredible panoramic views ideal for watching a variety of accommodations, from luxury hotels to private condos offering sunrises and sunsets. And, all of our beautiful accommodations are located all the comforts of home, you're sure to find the right place and amenities near popular attractions and are just steps from the water.

Make your nights as amazing as your days.

Get going with the perfect place to stay



The hotels in Destin-Fort Walton Beach are more than just a place to stay. Discover incredible views, rooms that fit your budget, brand-name chains you can find around the world, and charming locations only found here. Enjoy the space and privacy of multiroom units, the convenience of attached restaurants serving fresh Gulf-to-Table seafood, and the excitement of nearby attractions for all ages. Most of all, fall in love with the area's unique Southern hospitality found in every accommodation.

Unlock new levels of tranquil relaxation with a trip to an area spa. Several of our hotels offer their own spas so you can find rest and relaxation all in one place. However, we also feature independent spa locations throughout the area that offer massages, facials, skin treatments and much more.



Your place

Vacation rentals, such as beach homes and condos, offer you more space and amenities than what you'll find in hotels, such as fully equipped kitchens and together around the table for a home (away from home) cooked meal.

Staying in a private rental means more than incredible views; it means making where you stay an integral part of your vacation. Check the guestbook at any large dining rooms. Private rentals are a great option for families or groups one of our area's condos or homes to see annual entries from visitors returning interested in taking advantage of their time on vacation to bring everyone to the same property again and again. Spend just one night in a private condo or home and you'll see why these accommodations are as important to visitors as our beaches.

Our partners





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We're all in this together. Trust us to make it great.

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Beach Sand Sculptures

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850.622.1066 | BeachSandSculptures.com



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Boathouse Oyster Bar

Located on the Destin Harbor, the Boathouse specializes in making oysters a delicacy. Our awardwinning gumbo recipe has been passed down for fishing, exploring or even yoga, our super-stable over 35 years, and we've been voted Best Oysters in town. Live music and cold drinks every night, there is something for everyone at the Boathouse Walton Beach and Destin. **Oyster Bar!**



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With a BOTE paddleboard or kayak, you can make the most of your time on the water. Paddling, and easy-to-use platforms were built for all sizes and skill levels. Visit BOTE retail stores in Fort



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Brooks and Shorey Resorts Vacation Rentals specializes in beachfront rentals along the beautiful beaches of Okaloosa Island in Fort Walton Beach. Okaloosa Island is a perfect location for a laid-back vacation of your dreams. Relax and enjoy the vacation of a lifetime with Brooks and Shorey Resorts!



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Brotula's Seafood House

Here at Brotula's we specialize in fresh, locally sourced seafood, produce, and steamed and boiled shellfish platters that are integrated into a fun and rustic, yet sophisticated Southern fish house. Come and join us for a one-of-a-kind dining experience overlooking the historic Destin Harbor.



Buccaneer Pirate Cruise

Embark on a treasure-hunting adventure of a lifetime aboard the award-winning Buccaneer Pirate Cruise[®] – Destin's premier attraction! Sword fighting, water gun battles, treasure hunting and authentic cannon fire will keep you entertained during our two-hour voyage! The pirate life is for you!



Cattywampus Aquatic Adventures LLC

Cattywampus offers the most family-friendly snorkeling, swimming and dolphin cruises in Destin-Fort Walton Beach. The boat is smooth on the water, with plenty of shade on a hot day, and a large sun deck with nets and access to the water via a staircase. This cruise is a "must do" for your next visit!

850.460.8900 | Brotulas.com



850.269.0896 | DestinPirateShip.com



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Compass Resorts

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Since 2006, we've been a locally owned and operated business inviting guests and homeowners to join our family. With Compass, you'll experience a vacation getaway like no other. Whether it's a week in a luxurious beachfront condo or a family reunion in a private vacation home, we welcome you!



The Spa at Silver Shells

Silver Shells sets the standard of luxury for Destin resorts, bringing together the elements that make for a landmark beach resort. Bordering the natural setting of Henderson Beach State Park in Destin, this 31-acre resort has beachfront views, poolside cabanas, dining, full-service spa and pools.



850.337.5107 | TheSpaAtSilvershells.com



This family-oriented, luxurious beachfront condominium is located directly on the Gulf of Mexico in central Destin, Florida. Silver Beach offers 600 feet of private white-sand beaches, two beachfront pools, free wireless internet, hot tub, tennis court, private covered parking, BBQ grills and more.



850.269.1005 | TheSilverBeachTowersResort.com

The Palms of Destin Resort & **Conference Center**

Located in central Destin, The Palms of Destin is much more than condos and a pool. Spend your day floating your cares away in one of the many pools, being active on the sports courts, or enjoying your favorite food and beverages at the on-site restaurant. The Palms Bistro.



850.269.1005 | PalmsOfDestinFlorida.com





Our partners

Coastal Vibe Vacations

Okaloosa Island's crown jewels are the spectacular Waterscape and Destin West Beach & Bay Resorts. Home to 360° views, private beach access, hot tubs, lazy rivers and, most importantly, the perfect condo that is just right for you!

Destin Commons

Celebrating over 15 years as Destin-Fort Walton Beach's best outdoor shopping center, Destin Commons boasts 90+ stores and restaurants. and hosts thrilling events throughout the year. Enjoy our state-of-the-art play area and splash pad, mural art walk, and seasonal events for nonstop fun year-round.

Destin Gulfgate

Destin Gulfgate's luxurious beachfront condos are among the largest two-bedroom condos in Destin and offer the ultimate family beach vacation. All units have a 30' private balcony offering panoramic views of Destin's sugar-white beaches. Enjoy the privacy of our exclusive beach access while in Destin!

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850.337.8700 | DestinCommons.com





Destin Chamber

With the mission "Advocating for Businesses, Strengthening our Community," the Destin Chamber is a catalyst for successful businesses and a vibrant economy. We would love to work with you to make the Destin area the best in which to live, work and play.



Destin History & Fishing Museum

The Destin History & Fishing Museum invites you to visit the history that shaped Destin from the fishing village of the past to the worldclass fishing and resort destination. 5,500 sq. ft. exhibit space, interactive exhibits, over 100 mounts of locally caught fish, outdoor Historic Park Complex.



Destin Snorkel

Destin Snorkel provides family fun in, on or under the water with our Two-Stop Snorkeling, SNUBA, Dolphin/Shelling, Sunset Dolphin Cruise and our Thursday night Fireworks Cruise. Come explore our emerald-green waters from a different perspective and we'll provide memories to be cherished for years to come.



Destin West RV Resort





& 850.837.6611 FISHING MUSEUM DestinHistoryAndFishingMuseum.org 850.269.2329 | DestinSnorkel.com





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Our RV resort is all about the beach, the bay and the RVer's lifestyle. Book a stay at Destin West RV Resort and prepare to bask in the sun, sand, RV resort amenities, views and beauty of the resort. The RV resort is directly on the bay and across the street from the Gulf of Mexico.



Destin West Vacations

Paradise awaits you at Destin West Vacations. Our combination of spacious vacation rentals, resort amenities and gorgeous location makes us a favorite place to stay for families, business travelers, groups and couples.



Dewey Destin's Seafood Restaurant

Open seven days a week, Dewey Destin's Seafood Restaurant is home to award-winning fried shrimp, lunch specials, dinner entrees and cook-yourcatch options. Dewey Destin's Seafood Restaurant offers two more locations, Dewey Destin's Harborside Restaurant and Dewey Destin's Navarre Restaurant.



RV RESORT 850.200.4533 | DestinWestRVResort.com



800.947.0701 | DestinWest.com



850.837.7575 | DestinSeafood.com



East Pass Coffee Co.

East Pass Coffee Co. was established in 2020 by three friends with a passion to brew the best beans in town. Something as simple as a good cup of coffee can change the way we start our day. In hopes of brightening up customers' mornings, we provide coffee, acai bowls, smoothies, toast and sandwiches.



East Pass Seafood & Oyster House

East Pass Seafood & Oyster House is located within the world-renowned HarborWalk Village in Destin, Florida. This harborfront, family-style seafood house specializes in local fresh-caught seafood, fresh shucked oysters and good times served up in a rustic open-air ambiance.



Emerald Coast Charters: 5th Day

On the 5th Day...God created every creature that fills the sea, blessing them to be ABUNDANT. That is what we believe on the charter boat 5th Day. Rodeo fish, in abundance Capt. Brandy Miles is Destin's only lady charter boat captain, which sets this 40' vessel apart from the rest.



Emerald Coast Science Center

Step outside the box and experience science firsthand in our interactive museum including a STEAM Makerspace, exhibits, animal presentations and more at the Emerald Coast Science Center! Home to over 40 animals, amazing robotics exhibits and special events. Come discover the element of surprise!



850.353.2906 | EastPassCoffeeCo.com



850.424.3507 | EastPassSeafood.com



850.356.4034 | EmeraldCoastCharters.net



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Emerald Grande at HarborWalk Village

Emerald Grande at HarborWalk Village is a condoresort offering two-, three- and four-bedroom accommodations and breathtaking views of the Destin Harbor. Amenities include a full-service spa, room service and poolside services. Enjoy a boat shuttle ride to a private beach with complimentary chairs and umbrellas.

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Destin

Fairfield Inn & Suites Destin is located in the heart of Destin. We offer complimentary Wi-Fi, hot breakfast served every morning and on-site parking. Burn some calories with a refreshing swim in our indoor and outdoor pools.



855.923.7582 | EmeraldGrande.com





Fudpucker's Beachside Bar & Grill

Fudpucker's is famous for great food, FUN, live alligators and world-famous T-shirts! Stuff your face with the "Original" Fudburger or chow down on the best shrimp and local seafood around. Check out Gator Beach - admission is FREE! Remember. "Ya Ain't Been Pucked Til Ya Been Fudpucked!"

850.654.4200 | Fudpucker.com



Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce

The Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce brings together the business, nonprofit and cultural leaders of the area. As the largest Chamber from Pensacola to Tallahassee, we are the main resource for regional information and advocacy for our members and community.



850.244.8191 FWBChamber.com Chamber of Commerce



Gulf Coast Surf School

Gulf Coast Surf School has expert, friendly, CPRcertified instructors. As part of a 90-minute family lesson, you and your kids will start with land-based instruction to review water safety and learn the fundamentals. From there, you'll head out to the water where you'll receive active guidance.



850.324.7416 | GulfCoastSurfSchool.com

Harbor Docks

In 1979, Harbor Docks was just a weather-beaten Camille's is a beachside café by day and a refined seafood and sushi restaurant by night. Downstairs little cottage with six picnic tables. Harbor Docks was nothing fancy back then, and things haven't at the café, we offer quick eats, smoothies, cocktails changed much. One thing you can be sure of and more. Upstairs at 5pm, we open for dinner, Harbor Docks will be serving the freshest seafood serving award-winning sushi curated by Chef Yoshi and the coldest beer, right here in the heart of Destin. Eddings and plated Gulf-to-Table seafood dishes.



La Paz



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Camille's



850.837.2506 | HarborDocks.com

850.337.8860 | CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com

Since 1993, La Paz has been serving Destin's best Mexican and Southwestern cuisine. Our margaritas are made with freshly squeezed citrus juices and top-self tequilas. We showcase our local Gulf-to-Table seafood and source all of our seafood from Harbor Docks Wholesale Seafood Market.

Local Market

Sure, we are Destin's best sandwich shop and neighborhood breakfast joint. We offer freshly squeezed juices, smoothies and homemade ice cream. We are also a retail store selling Destin's best local products, and our beer and wine selection is extensive. A gathering spot for locals and visitors alike.







Gulfarium Marine Adventure Park

Delight in watching dolphins leap and sea lions play during our spectacular presentations! Go on the adventure of a lifetime and get up close and personal with marine animals during interactive encounters. Enjoy educational exhibits and beautiful ocean views at Gulfarium Marine Adventure Park.



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HarborWalk Village

HarborWalk Village, located in the heart of the Destin Harbor, is a lively marketplace offering fresh, local seafood, boutique shopping, and year-round events. HarborWalk Village features a variety of water adventures, including dolphin cruises, pirate expeditions, and pontoon and jet ski rentals.



Henderson Park Inn

Enjoy the perfect intersection of modern luxury and coastal charm at Henderson Park Inn, an all-inclusive, adults-only boutique hotel and favorite relaxing getaway. Named one of top 25 hotels in the U.S. by Tripadvisor, the Inn is nestled along Henderson Beach State Park's mile of undisturbed beach.



<u> Ienderson Park Inn</u> IENDERSON BEACH RESORT

877.305.9196 | HendersonParkInn.com



Harbor Docks.



850.259.5142

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Hey Baby Charters

Custom-built right here in Destin, Florida, the Hey Baby is one of Destin's finest charter boats. Captain Kevin Moak specializes in live bait, light tackle nearshore trolling and bottom fishing for king mackerel, red snapper, sharks and more! Charters available for up to six. Located behind



Holiday Inn Express Fort Walton Beach Central

Relax and enjoy your stay at the Holiday Inn Express Fort Walton Beach Central. Our newly opened hotel is just a five-minute drive to Okaloosa Island and the beautiful beaches. Our Downtown Fort Walton Beach Central location is just moments from unique shopping, dining, nightlife and local attractions.



850.737.2900 | HIExpress.com/ftwaltonbchflc HolidayInnResortFortWaltonBeach.com



Holiday Inn Resort Fort Walton Beach

Paradise FOUND. Located directly on the whitesand beaches of the Gulf of Mexico. our beachfront resort features a mix of complimentary amenities such as a seasonally heated beachfront lazy river pool, indoor heated pool, hot tub, beachfront tiki bar, game room, Dive-Inn movies and kids club.



850.301.9000





Island Watersports Company

Island Watersports Company offers pontoons, paddleboards, kayaks, double-decker pontoons, dolphin tours and much more. We pride ourselves on having the newest and cleanest equipment and the friendly and knowledgeable service provided by our staff. You can find us on Okaloosa Island.



Jackacudas Seafood & Sushi

Jackacudas is locally owned and serves up fresh seafood, award-winning sushi, burgers, poke bowls and more in a casual, high-energy family environment. The Bar features award-winning happy hours, live music, local brews and craft cocktails. Check us out at our new location on Highway 98 in Midtown Destin.



Jetty East Condominiums

Jetty East, a gated Gulf-front resort community, is conveniently located just a mile and a half from the BUSTLE of Highway 98 where you can find fantastic restaurants, an abundance of shopping, and attractions for everyone in the family.



Kitty Hawk Kites

Kitty Hawk Kites has locations in Destin and Fort Walton Beach offering kites, wind art, apparel, watersports rentals, toys and a selection of beach gear. Visit Life is Good at HarborWalk Village in Destin for optimistic apparel, accessories and sunglasses.





850.424.7625 | IslandWatersportsCompany.com 850.460.2909 | Jackacudas.com

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Destin, FL 800.368.0222 | JettyEast.com



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Lions Tale Adventures

Lions Tale Adventures is a top-rated, familyfriendly fishing charter in Destin. Our team of Captains specialize in both inshore and offshore fishing, nearshore sight fishing along the beaches, and shark fishing. Our Captains will handle everything to make this an enjoyable experience!

LuLu's Destin

Lucy Buffett's LuLu's in Destin is the best place for FUN, FOOD and MUSIC! Boat, float or paddle up! Live music nightly, sandy beach, for the kiddos to play on and a great gift shop. Free annual kids events such as the Easter Egg Dash, BooLu's and Noon Year's Eve! Open daily at 11am!



850.585.4747 | LionsTaleAdventures.com





Marina Café

At Destin's most awarded restaurant. Marina Café. it is all about sensational food, attentive service and breathtaking harbor views from the candlelit dining room. Enjoy our extensive wine collection that perfectly complements the progressive cuisine. here is something for everyone at Marina Café.



Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation

Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation is a cultural arts organization committed to cultivating a deep appreciation of the arts. The Mattie Kelly Cultural Arts Village provides a central location to celebrate cultural arts. Enjoy Concerts in the Village and the premier arts festival, Festival of the Arts.



The Nautilus Condominium

Affordable luxury vacation rentals - MILLION-DOLLAR VIEWS. Our sparkling new exterior complements the sugar-white sand Nautilus sits on. The seven-story Nautilus provides one-, two- and three- bedroom condos directly on the beach. We have a seasonally heated pool and in-season, free beach service!



Navigator



Marina Cafe

850.837.7960 | MarinaCafe.com



850.650.2226 | MKAF.org



850.244.9860 | NautilusCondominium.com

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The best way to experience Destin, "The World's Luckiest Fishing Village," is aboard Navigator, a 50-foot Viking Convertible specializing in fullservice, first-class fishing charters and upscale private cruises. Maintained by a full-time crew, Navigator is the perfect setting for Destin memories.

850.598.1893 | NavigatorDestin.com



Newman-Dailey **Resort Properties**

Newman-Dailey Resort Properties has been welcoming families to the beach for more than 35 years. With complimentary seasonal beach service, complimentary attraction tickets, and a premier collection of vacation rental homes and condominiums, you'll discover Newman-Dailey is where you'd rather be.





The Resorts of Pelican Beach

The Resorts of Pelican Beach is located on the Gulf of Mexico, offering superior vacation condominiums and entertaining resort amenities - close to Destin's popular restaurants, nightlife and the famous Destin Harbor. After just one visit, you'll know why so many of our guests choose to visit, again!





Residence Inn by Marriott Fort Walton Beach

Overlooking the Santa Rosa Sound and only five minutes from the beaches of Okaloosa Island. the newly opened Residence Inn Fort Walton Beach is your home away from home. Our pet-friendly, all-suite hotel features fully equipped kitchens, flat-screen TVs and complimentary Wi-Fi.



Rock Out Climbing Gym

Experience the premier indoor bouldering facility on the Emerald Coast! Pursue adventure, conquer new challenges and socialize with other active people all while you get great exercise and have fun! RAIN OR SHINE, ROCK OUT & CLIMB!



Screaming Eagle Sports

Screaming Eagle's daily dolphin tours are an exciting way to cruise the Destin Harbor, East Pass, Choctawhatchee Bay and Gulf of Mexico while searching for marine life. Screaming Eagle Sports offers fireworks tours every Thursday evening as well as sunset cruises. Private charters available.



ScubaTech

Residence INN. BY MARRIOTT 850.301.1369 | Marriott.com/vpsrw



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850.499.1444 | DestinSpeedBoat.com



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ScubaTech is a full-service scuba diving facility offering scuba diving trips for certified and noncertified divers, instruction, retail sales, equipment rental, equipment service, air/nitrox fills and some out-of-country travel. Come by and see us!



Smile N' Wave

Enjoy Destin by sailing on your own private 31' catamaran. We offer personalized dolphin excursions, snorkeling, swimming and amazing sunset spots all to yourself.



Southern Star Dolphin Cruise

Join the fun aboard the award-winning Southern Star Dolphin Cruise – Destin's Original Dolphin Cruise as featured on CNN and National Geographic Explorer! We have a 98% success rate of seeing coastal bottlenose dolphins on every cruise! Our narrated and family-friendly eco-tour provides fun for all ages.



850.368.5921 | SailingInDestin.com





Southern Vacation Rentals

Discover your next getaway to Destin and Fort Walton Beach with Southern Vacation Rentals. Enjoy beach homes with stunning Gulf views and condos with resort amenities. Explore. Unwind. Experience. This is vacation.



Sugarland Candy & Ice Cream

Conveniently located a few doors down from McGuire's Irish Pub, Sugarland is the Sweetest Place in Destin! Featuring 44 flavors of premium ice cream, locally roasted coffee, gourmet popcorn that is made on-site, and a wide variety of candies, we truly have something for everyone!



Swoop Party Fishing Boat

Reel in the time of your life aboard Swoop Deep Sea Fishing Boats! "The World's Luckiest Fishing Village" offers a wide variety of edible game fish. Our professionally trained and licensed crew will be on deck to assist baiting your hook and removing fish from your line. And, upon return, they will clean, filet and bag your fresh catch. Fishing tackle, bait, ice and a few local secrets are included in your fishing adventure! Trips offered daily. Ages 5 and up.



855.421.2959 | SwoopPartyBoat.com







888.965.1241 | SouthernResorts.com

850.598.9958 | SugarlandDestin.com

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The City of Fort Walton Beach Heritage Park and Cultural Center

Heritage Park & Cultural Center is an educational institution whose mission is to preserve, interpret and present the prehistory and history of Fort Walton Beach and Northwest Florida. We serve students, citizens and visitors through exhibits, educational programs and special events.

The Gulf on Okaloosa Island

The Gulf on Okaloosa Island is a restaurant, bar and venue adjacent to the Brooks Bridge. It is a hidden treasure in Fort Walton Beach where the sun, sand and lush beach setting complement the tasty food, drinks and friendly service. Recline with your toes in the sand and enjoy the good vibes and tunes!

The Henderson

Nestled in the heart of Destin. this resort hotel provides luxury for the ultimate beach retreat for leisure and business travel. Featuring guest rooms and suites, two refreshing pools, spa, dining at six restaurants and eateries, fitness center, children's program, and private access to miles of beach.



844.262.3289 | HendersonBeachResort.com



850.387.1300 | TheGulf.com

Saltwater Restaurants



The Crab Trap, Fort Walton Beach Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar

as the first and last stop for visitors. Be sure to taste their award-winning gumbo and the "must have while at the beach" Alaskan crab legs. Kids Crab Trap is everything you came to the beach for! fun on the beach!



Located at the Boardwalk, The Crab Trap is known Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar is a beachfront experience unlike any other. This famous fast-casual burger bar features classic American burgers and homemade custard milkshakes. The open-air are entertained with a beachfront playground. The venue is the perfect trifecta of food, family and



Floyd's Shrimp House

Floyd's Shrimp House is one of Okaloosa Island's most popular restaurants! This waterfront eatery is notorious for its all-you-can-eat fried shrimp, all day, every day. If bottomless isn't your style, Floyd's features baked oysters, local seafood platters and all-American fare.



Rockin Tacos

house DJ.





850.301.0959 | CrabTrapFortWaltonBeach.com 850.226.4100 | AlsBeachClub.com



850.243.2232 | FloydsShrimpHouse.com



850.226.8226 | RockinTacos.com

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This authentic Mexican eatery is elevated above the Gulf of Mexico, offering incredible Gulf-front things up with house-infused margaritas, local fish tacos with homemade tortillas, and a rockin'

The Boathouse Landing

Experience unique waterfront dining on the Boggy Bayou at this established Valparaiso restaurant. views with high-energy vibes. Rockin Tacos shakes Offering a maritime experience in a cozy atmosphere, featuring local seafood and American favorites. The Boathouse offers banquet facilities for large groups, weddings and special occasions.

The Crab Trap, Destin

The Crab Trap in Destin has been a family tradition for all the right reasons - it's everything you came to the beach for! Gulf-front views, local seafood and happy service complete the experience. Sandy toes and salty hair are welcome in the dining room and the beach bar.



850.678.2805 | BoathouseLanding.com



850.654.2722 | CrabTrapDestin.com



The Island

For generations, The Island Beachside Resort has been, and is, your vacation destination. Whether you're vacationing with your kids or marrying your sweetheart beside a beach sunset, let us take care of everything while you make memories. Newly renovated and always welcoming.



The Palms Bistro

The Palms Bistro is located inside The Palms of Destin Resort & Conference Center. We are open to the community! Make The Palms Bistro your signature place for food, drinks and entertainment. We host and cater a variety of events from weddings to business luncheons. Conference spaces available.



TripShock

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With 1,000+ exciting experiences in over 50 cities across the USA, TripShock is a one-stop shop for browsing, comparing and booking tours, activities and attractions that help make your vacation memorable. Get live, local support and save on family-friendly favorites in Destin-Fort Walton Beach.



Urban Air Adventure Park Urban Air Adventure Park is THE place for indoor family fun in Destin! With trampolines, a Ninja Warrior course, indoor zipline, VR and laser tag, there is something exciting to do for the whole family. Our café features pizza, burgers, waffle fries, along with plenty of refreshments.



850.243.9161 | TheislandFL.com



850.351.0900 | ThePalmsOfDestinBistro.com 850.424.5125 | TripShock.com



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Wet-N-Wild Watersports

Spend less and get more time for fun with Destin's favorite watersports adventure company! Save on parasailing trips, jet ski rentals, Crab Island dolphin tours and pontoon boat rentals from Wet-N-Wild Watersports. Our focus is providing you with an awesome experience while vacationing in Destin!

850.243.2628 | DestinFLBoatRentals.com





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