





Your vacation will tell a story uniquely your own. Maybe it's one of self-discovery, families growing closer together, or a romantic getaway. It can be a story of miles and miles of sugar-white sand, emerald-green waters and beaches you have to see to believe. It could include fresh Florida seafood pulled directly from the Gulf of Mexico and watching the sunset from a waterfront restaurant. Your story might consist of thrilling adventures on the water or exploring nature preserves teeming with native flora and fauna. Whatever the story of your vacation, tell it here in Destin-Fort Walton Beach, Florida.





Summer means making the most of your time outside. So, of course summer would be the time of the year when Destin-Fort Walton Beach is the most popular. However, with so many fun and exciting activities offered on and off the water throughout the area, it's always a good time for a vacation in Destin-Fort Walton Beach.





Stop by our welcome center for more guides, maps and information on the best activities, attractions and events offered throughout the entire area.

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Fleet Means Family

What started as a group of fishermen fishing 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 was essential to the fleet's survival, and to this day that sense of community continues both in the harbor and throughout the entire area.

To see the bond shared among the members of our fleet, just watch them leave the harbor in the morning. The fleet heads for the Gulf together and stops to gather bait for the day together before heading off to their own "lucky spot." It's a ritual that reminds us what this community stands for – where we came from, where we're going – and how we're stronger together.





Heritage of the Harbor

The Heart of the Harbor

Destin Harbor is the epicenter of our community. It's the hub for almost all the commercial and recreational 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 for you to explore everything it has to offer.





The harbor is more than just where our area began, it also provides a livelihood for many of our locals and 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 and nearby our local waters. The bounty of the Gulf 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.





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 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 Destin Harbor has to offer; you'll have to explore the rest of it yourself.





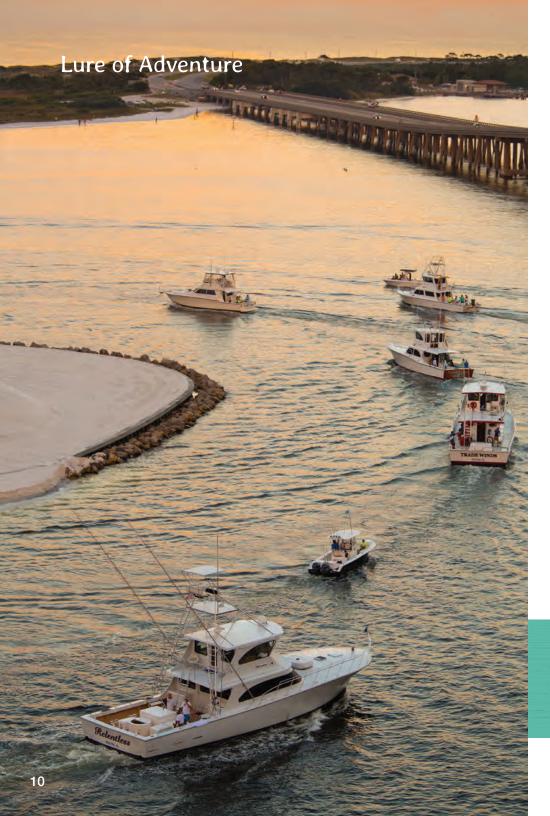
A Governor. A Fish. A Legend.

As the story goes, in 1956, then Florida governor LeRoy Collins was heading through Destin to the Pensacola State Fair. The governor had no plans of stopping in Destin, but since the Destin Fishing Rodeo was taking place — an annual month-long celebration of all things fishing that is still going strong to this day — he decided to stop by the harbor for some quick pictures. After a bit of persuading by a local captain, Mr. Collins agreed to go out on a fishing boat for a strict 20 minutes to grab more pictures. The plan was to set out a few rods so it looked like the governor was fishing, but fate or luck had other plans. As the boat returned to the dock nearing the end of their 20-minute voyage through the mouth of the East Pass, governor LeRoy Collins' rod got a strike and he reeled in a 29-pound king mackerel. Returning to the dock with more than just some great photos, the governor exclaimed, Destin is the "World's Luckiest Fishing Village."



Whether you're casting a line from the pier or taking part in a deep-sea fishing expedition miles from the coast, recreational fishing is a time-honored and beloved activity enjoyed by visitors and locals throughout Destin-Fort Walton Beach.







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.

Fishing from a boat is a great way to experience the incredible outdoor adventures of our area.

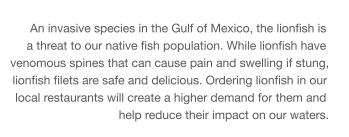
Hundreds of boats are available for rent throughout the area, and fishing charters help anglers of any skill level reel in the "big one."

The Destin Harbor is the backbone of the fishing community on which this area was built. It's also one of the best places to discover mouthwatering restaurants, one-of-a-kind shops and exciting activities for visitors of all ages. Make sure the Destin Harbor is part of your visit.

Teach a Man to Fish...



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







Savor Fresh Flavor



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 the 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.



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, Gulf-to-Table 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, Gulf-to-Table 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.



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 flavor. The Downtown
Fort Walton Beach Farmers' Market and their
farmers, artisan food vendors, and 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, either around a table in your vacation rental or a picnic blanket on the beach, and toast to good food, great weather and the people you love most.



If you're looking to get a little more handson in your Gulf-to-Table dining experience, look no further than one of the area's many cook-your-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.





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 — as pure as snow and perfect for lounging on in the Florida sun — 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.





Settle on the Sand



Better than a cup of coffee in the morning, more relaxing than a glass of wine at night, the sunrises and sunsets in Destin-Fort Walton Beach, are truly spectacles to behold. Fortunately for visitors to the area, the unique positioning of our destination means that throughout most of the year you can wake up with a brilliant sunrise and unwind with a calming sunset, all from the back door of your beachfront accommodation.



A day at the beach is one of the most relaxing ways to spend an afternoon, and our beaches are as relaxed as it gets. With 24 miles of sugar-white shore to choose from, you're sure to find your own place to settle in the sand. Plus, thanks to the calm, warm waves of the Gulf of Mexico, the adventures you take on the beach can be as laidback, or thrilling, as you like.

Whether you're digging your toes in the sand behind your beachfront accommodation, or enjoying one of the several public beach access points throughout Destin-Fort Walton Beach, spending time at the beach is a must for any visitor. Be sure to check out as many different public beach accesses as possible to discover picnic areas, pavilions, playgrounds and more.







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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.



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RIP CURRENT

A rip current is a powerful channel of water flowing away from shore. To escape a rip current, remain calm and remember these steps. First, don't swim against it. Second, swim out of the current and then back towards the shore at an angle. Third, if you can't escape, float or tread water calmly. Finally, face the shore and wave for help.



Two people in love, two hearts becoming one, and absolutely zero regrets. Imagine walking down an aisle of sugar-white sand, hand in hand, against a backdrop of emerald-green waves and a breathtaking sunset. Your picturesque, dream beach wedding is a reality in Destin-Fort Walton Beach. Go big or keep it small and intimate; the area offers a variety of wedding planners to fit any budget and fulfill any dream.

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Dive In When it comes to planning an unforgettable vacation on our emeraldgreen waters - dive in. From calm, still waterways perfect for paddle boards 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.

Make a Splash. Make Memories.

Destin-Fort Walton Beach's emerald-green waters are the perfect setting for outdoor, on-the-water 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 coastlines, 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 emerald-green 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.

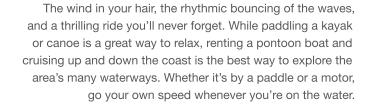
For those looking to take the plunge without a lot of training or equipment, SNUBA® is a fun and safe alternative. Part snorkeling, part scuba diving, SNUBA® enables swimmers of all ages to explore the underwater wonderlands of our area with the assistance of a 20-foot long air line connecting them to a boat above the water.



Water, Water, Everywhere, and so Much of It to See



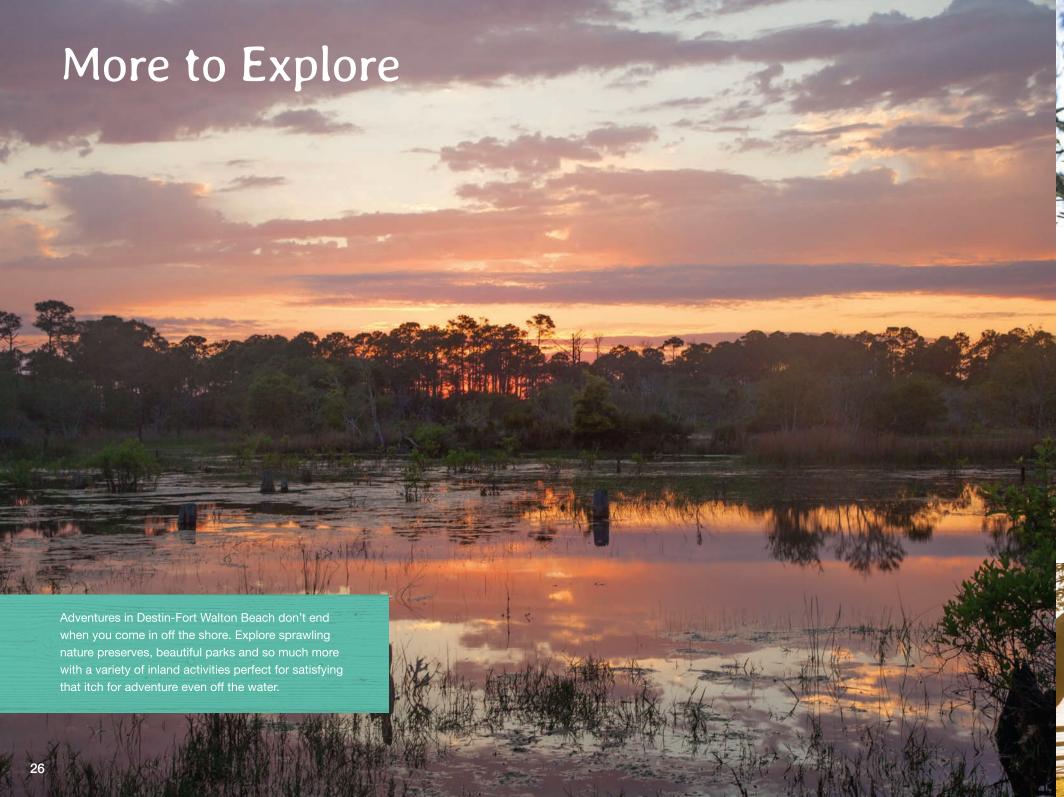
The Destin Harbor and HarborWalk Village provide ample opportunities for visitors of all ages to get out on the water. Choose from hundreds of rental boats, knowledgeable charter fishing captains, and other on-the-water activities like jet skis and kitesurfing.



Whether it's fish, rays, manatees or dolphins, the marine life found throughout the area is varied and beautiful. While the vast majority of native wildlife is friendly and harmless, please use caution when interacting with any animals.











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 offer 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 area 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 Henderson Beach 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 wading and shore birds (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.





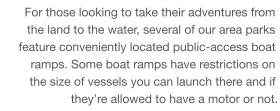
The Gulf Islands National Seashore is a protected region of Northwest Florida and parts of Mississippi made up of several parks and includes mainland areas and parts of islands. Visitors will enjoy the iconic beaches the area is known for, plus picnic tables, areas for bird-watching (maybe you'll even 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 coasts would be susceptible to the impacts of storms and unable to flourish.







Reaching more than an incredible 30 feet in height, 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.







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.



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. And, 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



Anchoring HarborWalk Village, the Emerald Grande is Destin's iconic luxury resort perfect for families, couples or anyone looking to get away and relax. Towering above the coastline, the Emerald Grande is one of the most recognizable accommodations in the entire region. Guests return year after year thanks to its impeccable service and close proximity to area attractions, restaurants and activities.







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 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 archeological site and platform mound built in 850 CE.

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, the culture and the 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.

Beyond the Beach



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.

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 high-speed 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.



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, and new airlines planning to expand their reach to the area in the near future, 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.

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Relax & Rejuvenate





Get Going With the Perfect Place to Stay

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

No matter your reason for visiting the area, you're sure to find accommodations to fit your needs. Group travel is made easy with resorts, hotels and vacation rentals designed for several people in multiple rooms so everyone can stay close together while still enjoying their privacy. Whether you're traveling for a reunion, retreat, convention, meeting or celebration, groups of all sizes can find a place to renew, refresh and relax.







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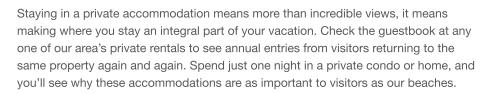


The hotels in Destin-Fort Walton Beach are more than just a place to stay. Discover hotels with incredible views, rooms that fit your budget, brand-name chains you can find around the world, and charming locations only found here. Enjoy the space and privacy of multiroom units, the convenience of attached 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.

Private rental accommodations, such as beach homes and condos, offer you more space and amenities than what you'll find in area hotels, such as fully equipped kitchens and large dining rooms. Private rentals are a great option for families or groups interested in taking advantage of their time on vacation to bring everyone together around the table for a home (away from home) cooked meal.









Our Partners



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Create memories in the sand with a fun two-hour, award-winning sandcastle building lesson the whole family will love. It's not just a sand castle lesson –

it's a vacation memory to last a lifetime. We're also available for marriage proposals, elegant wedding sculptures, events and more.

303.681.2631 BeachSandSculptures.com



BOTE

Everyone knows that the best way to spend your time in Destin-Fort Walton Beach is by getting out on the water. With a BOTE board you can make the most of your time on the water. Paddling, fishing, exploring and even yoga. Our boards are built for all sizes and skill levels.

850.460.2250 BOTEBOARD.COM





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Bliss Beach Rentals is an affordable luxury company that personalizes the guests' experience and provides Five Star service at an affordable rate. From Gulf-front condos, cottages and family homes, we have a home that fits your needs and exceeds your exceptions.

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Brotula's Seafood House & Steamer

Brotula's Seafood House & Steamer is a casual, family-friendly seafood restaurant on the Destin Harbor. We specialize in fresh, locally-sourced seafood, produce and a wide array of steamed and boiled shellfish platters that are integrated into a fun and rustic, yet sophisticated southern fish house.

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Buccaneer Pirate Cruise

Unlock the treasure of your heart and let your dreams come true aboard Destin's Premiere Pirate Ship, Buccaneer! Join us for a thrilling pirate-themed adventure on our 100' pirate ship. Interactive entertainment includes sword fights, face painting, water gun battles, story-telling and treasure hunting. Snack bar, gift shop and clean restrooms. Reservations suggested.

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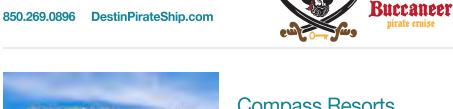


Cattywampus Aquatic Adventures LLC

Cattywampus offers the most family friendly snorkeling, swimming, and dolphin cruises in the area. 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 descending staircase. This cruise is a "must do" for your next visit.

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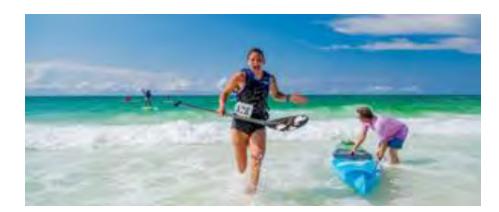




Brooks & Shorey Resorts

Stroll along miles of pristine, unspoiled, uncrowded coastline with beaches so beautiful you'll wonder if they're real. Find a secluded spot and watch dolphins swim and play in the warm Gulf water. Relax and enjoy the vacation of a lifetime with Brooks and Shorey Resorts.

888.244.4137 EmeraldCoastRentals.com



Destin Chamber of Commerce

Whether you are looking for the best beach vacation rentals, restaurants, and attractions for your next Destin vacation or info on the real estate market, utilities, schools and general information you need to relocate, let the Destin Chamber assist you.

DestinChamber.com 850.837.6241



Destin Commons

The Destin Commons boasts 95+ stores and restaurants. The lineup of stores and restaurants include national & locally owned favorites and a variety of restaurants. Enjoy the play area and splash pad & seasonal events for nonstop fun year-round.

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Destin Brewery

At Destin Brewerv we have combined our love of the Emerald Coast with our passion for craft beer and brewed them into a line of beers that reflects the flavor and fun of Destin. We hope you enjoy Destin Brewery Beers as much as we enjoy brewing them. Join us in our tasting room for specials brews, experimental batches, tours, and games. Cheers!

850.842.4757 DestinBrewery.com





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Northwest Florida's Premier Vacation DESTINation! Destin Gulfgate's luxurious, beachfront condos are among the largest two-bedroom condos in Destin and offer the ultimate family beach vacation in Destin - Fort Walton Beach. Enjoy the privacy Gulfgate of our exclusive beach access while in the heart of Destin!

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Azure

Come experience a beach vacation unlike any other at one of Okaloosa Island's newest properties: Azure. This Gulf-front Mediterranean-style paradise features three and four-bedroom units with floor-to-ceiling patio doors that open up to spacious balconies - the perfect place to enjoy spectacular Gulf of Mexico views.

Emerald Towers

Come enjoy luxury and convenience at Emerald Towers on your next beach vacation. Thistop-quality resort condominium is located directly on the beach in the heart of Destin, putting the sugar-white sand within steps and the gorgeous Gulf of Mexico within view from your private balcony.

Island Echos

This all-time favorite family resort will dazzle you with its one-, two- and three-bedroom deluxe units. Offering unique property amenities such as excellent beach access, seasonally heated Gulf-side swimming pool with oversized sundeck, lighted tennis court and kayak rentals.

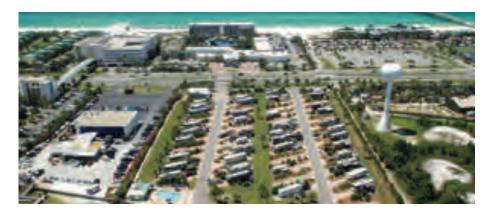
SunDestin Beach Resort

In the heart of all the action and having the luxury of every amenity under the sun, SunDestin Beach Resort is the place for your dream beach vacation! Located in central Destin and on its own beautiful beach, SunDestin features spacious condominium units with private balconies, fully-equipped kitchens and breathtaking views of the Gulf.

Waterscape

Imagine one of the area's most luxurious beachfront condominiums with every amenity desired, plus three beautiful blue swimming pools, waterfall and lazy river. With its great location on Okaloosa Island, Waterscape is unrivaled in Destin - Fort Walton Beach in setting the scene for family fun!





Destin West RV Resort

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

850.200.4533 DestinWestRVResort.com



Dock On The Island

Okaloosa Island's premier waterfront dining destination, our culinary expertise, and exquisite service will entice you to come back again and again.

Taste Executive Chef Joshua Tommy Lemasters innovative menu of Gulf Coast flavors with a true house-made culinary approach in our exhibition style kitchen.

850.744.0123
IslandTimeFL.com/dine





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 your catch options. Dewey Destin's Seafood Restaurants offer two locations, Dewey Destin's Harborside and Dewey Destin's Crab Island.

850.837.7575
DestinSeafood.com





Emerald Grande at HarborWalk Village

Emerald Grande at HarborWalk Village is a luxury condo resort located in the heart of the Destin Harbor. 2, 3, and 4 bedroom condos are perfect for your next family vacation. This full-service resort features a spa, room service, an on-site restaurant and heated pools overlooking the Gulf of Mexico.

800.676.009

EmeraldGrande.com





El Matador Management Co.

El Matador Condominiums is located next to 17 miles of uninhabited beach.

To make your Florida vacation unforgettable, our 12-acre beach resort offers an array of amenities which includes two pools, tennis, pickle ball and basketball courts, a fitness center, whirlpools, saunas, meeting rooms and more!

El Matador

866.796.2507 ElMatador-Rentals.com



Emerald Coast Science Center

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

850.664.1261 ECScience.org





Fifth Day

On the 5th Day...God Created every creature that fills the sea, blessing them to be abundant. That is what we believe on charter boat 5th Day. Captain Brandy Miles is Destin's only female charter boat captain which sets this 40' vessel apart from the rest!



850.356.4034 MyEmeraldCoastCharters@gmail.com



Five Star Properties

Five Star Properties has the vacation home of your dreams! With Gulf-front homes, lakeside retreats and everything in between, we have the perfect vacation rental home for you and your loved ones. At Five Star Properties, we're committed to ensuring that our guests have the time of their lives while they're here, so we do all we can to make your stay nothing sort of sensational.

850.741.7074
FiveStarGulfRentals.com





Escape Zone 60

Escape Zone 60 is a live, interactive, fun, puzzle solving game where you have 60 minutes to solve the puzzles needed to complete your goal of escaping the room before time is up. No special skills are required, only an interest to succeed and have fun.

850.650.0023 EZ60.fun





Fudpucker's

Fudpucker's is famous for great food, family 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. Visit Gator Beach – the world's greatest

alligator park – admission is FREE! Visit Fudpucker.com for more info.

850.654.4200 Fudpucker.com







The Boardwalk on Okaloosa Island

Serving as a county park and public beach access in Okaloosa Island, The Boardwalk offers a full range of waterfront dining, gift shops, and plenty of beachfront amenities. You'll discover award-winning seafood and dining experiences from casual beachside burgers to the fresh Gulf seafood you came to the beach for. After fueling up on your favorites, discover charming shopping and live entertainment to complete your beach experience. The Boardwalk's collection of restaurants include Al's burger Bar, The Crab Trap, Floyd's Shrimp House and Rockin' Tacos in Fort Walton Beach. You can also find an additional Crab Trap restaurant in Destin and The Boathouse Landing in Valparaiso.

TheBoardWalkOl.com





The Crab Trap

With locations in Destin and Okaloosa Island, The Crab Trap is everything you features classic American burgers came to the beach for. Gulf-front views, local seafood, and happy service The open air venue is complete with complete the iconic Crab Trap experience. **DESTIN:** 850.301.0959

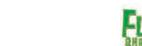
CrabTrapDestin.com **OKALOOSA ISLAND:** 850.301.0959

CrabtrapFortWaltonBeach.com AlsBeachClub.com



Al's Burger Bar

This famous fast-casual burger bar and homemade custard milkshakes. a kid's splash pad, corn hole boards and kid-friendly experiences. Al's is the perfect trifecta of food. family, and fun on the beach! 850.460.8979



Floyd's Shrimp House

This waterfront eatery is notorious for its all-you-can-eat fried shrimp, all day, every day. If bottomless isn't your tacos with homemade tortillas and a style, Floyd's features baked oysters, local seafood platters and all-American and Forbes both have featured the fare. One visit and you'll see why families have made this their favorite spot to revisit year after year. 850.243.2232

FloydsShrimpHouse.com



Rockin Tacos

Rockin Tacos' shakes things up with house-infused margaritas, local fish rockin' house DJ. The Travel Channel Cajun-favorite gator tacos. Whether you're looking for a flavorsome lunch or late-night snack, you'll find it here.

850.226.8226 RockinTacos.com



The Boathouse Landing

Experience unique waterfront dining on the Boggy Bayou at this established Valparaiso restaurant. The Boathouse Landing offers a maritime experience in a cozy atmosphere, featuring local seafood, American favorites and curated cocktails perfect for warm summer nights! 850.678.2805

BoathouseLanding.com



Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce

The Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce brings together the business, non-profit and cultural leaders of our area. As the largest Chamber from Pensacola to Tallahassee, we host the largest (and friendliest) regular business networking events in Northwest Florida.

850.244.8191 FWBChamber.com



HarborWalk Charters

HarborWalk Charters, located at the foot of the Destin bridge in HarborWalk Village, offers both deep sea and bay fishing adventures. Trips are customizable and can range from five hours to overnight trips. Our fleet can accommodate small, intimate fishing charters or groups with more than 20 quests.

850.837.2343 HarborWalkFishingCharters.com





Navigator Destin

Choose your adventure with the Navigator! The 50-foot Viking Convertible offers fishing charters and private cruises. She's a fullservice luxury ship with a full-time crew. The best way to experience the World's Luckiest Fishing Village is aboard the Navigator. Book your quest today!

850.598.1893 Navigator Destin.com





Henderson Park Inn

A hidden gem nestled along the emerald shores of Destin, Florida, Henderson Park Inn provides the ultimate sanctuary for romance, rest and relaxation. Comprised of 37-rooms, this all-inclusive, adult-only beach front boutique hotel remains a favorite destination for anyone looking for a secluded escape.

800.598.6721 HendersonParkInn.com





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 short 5-minute drive to Okaloosa Island. Our downtown Fort Walton Beach Central location is just moments from unique shopping, dining, night life

850.737.2900

and local attractions.

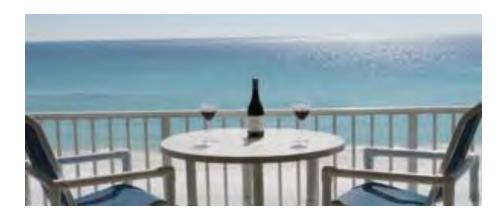


Island Water Sports

Island Water Sports Company offers vacationers pontoons, paddle boards, kayaks, double decker pontoons, dolphin tours and so much more. We pride ourselves on having the newest and cleanest equipment in town. The only thing better than our equipment is the friendly and knowledgeable service provided by our staff. You can find us on Okaloosa Island.

850.424.7625 IslandWaterSportsCompany.com





Kimberly Lang Vacation Rental Properties

After 16 years of rental management on Florida's Panhandle, Kimberly Lang Vacation Rental Properties, LLC has garnered a reputation of integrity, exceptional service and dependability. A key to our success is that we exclusively represent high quality and well-maintained properties at the beach.

850.226.8339
VacationRentalsOnTheGulfcoast.com





Jackacuda's Seafood & Sushi

Jackacuda's Seafood & Sushi is a locally-owned seafood and sushi restaurant. Jackacuda's specializes in fresh, locally-sourced seafood and products to provide guests with classic Gulf Coast seafood dishes featuring new south culinary preparation.

850.424.3507 Jackacudas.com



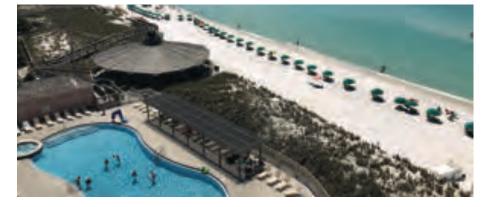


HarborWalk Village

Located in the heart of the Destin Harbor, HarborWalk Village is a must-see destination. Offering boutique retail shopping, waterfront dining, a variety of activities and an active event calendar that has something for everyone to enjoy. HarborWalk Village is the perfect place to make new vacation memories!

850.424.0600 EmeraldGrande.com/HarborWalk-Village





Jetty East Condominiums

Jetty East Condominiums is a beachfront Destin, Florida condo complex.

We offer condos with spectacular views of the Gulf of Mexico and Destin

Pass. Located directly on the beach with the emerald waters right outside
your condo door, as well as numerous amenities for
your family to enjoy!

800.368.0222 JettyEast.com



Holiday Inn Resort Fort Walton Beach

Located directly on the white sandy beaches of the Gulf of Mexico, our beachfront resort features a unique 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 more.

850.301.9000 HolidayInnResortFortWaltonBeach.com





Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation

Northwest Florida's premier cultural arts organization committed to cultivating and nurturing a deep appreciation of the arts along the breathtaking Emerald Coast. MKAF operates the Mattie Kelly Cultural Arts Village, providing a central location to celebrate cultural arts in Destin. Florida.

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850.650.2226 MattieKellyArtsFoundation.org

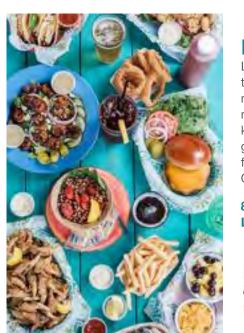
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Mid-Bay Bridge

The Mid-Bay Bridge welcomes visitors by making it easier than ever to get to Destin-Fort Walton Beach when traveling Interstate 10 down SR 85 in Niceville. In addition to cash, the Mid-Bay toll may also be paid using Sunpass and toll-by-plate for Florida residents, and is compatible with Georgia and North Caroline toll transponders.

Mid-Bay.com



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, fountain of youth, great gift shop and coastal southern favorites. Free annual kids events. Open daily at 11am!

850.710.5858 LuLuBuffett.com





Island Wedding Company

We invite you on a tour of The Island beachfront resort to explore the many wedding venue options for your wedding. From barefoot Gulf Coast casual chic on the sparkling white sand to glamour and glitz on our new Gulf Front Island Green, any of our venues deliver endless opportunities to fulfill the wedding of your dreams.

850.842.1188
ThelslandFL.com/weddings-and-receptions





Newman-Dailey Resort Properties

Voted "Best Property Management Company" by readers of Emerald Coast Magazine, Newman-Dailey Resort Properties manages a premier collection of Destin vacation rental homes and condominiums. From Jade East Towers to Beachside Inn, to beach homes of all sizes, vacation rental options are plentiful.

800.225.7652 DestinVacation.com







Harbor Docks

Back in 1979, Harbor Docks was just a weather-beaten little cottage with six picnic tables. Harbor Docks was nothing fancy back then, and things haven't changed much. The history of Destin lines our walls. Local legends fill our barstools. Fishermen unload the day's catch on our dock. Destin has changed a lot over the years, but one thing you can be sure of, Harbor Docks will be serving the freshest seafood and the coldest beer, right here in the heart of Destin. For some folks – we are the heart of Destin. Since 1979, Harbor Docks has expanded into three additional local favorite restaurants; Camille's at Crystal Beach, La Paz and The Local Market.

850.837.2506 HarborDocks.com



Camille's

Camille's is a beachside café by day and a beautiful, refined seafood and sushi restaurant by night. Downstairs at the beachside café and just a stone's throw away from the Gulf of Mexico, Camille's offers quick eats, smoothies, cocktails and more.

850.337.8860 CamillesatCrystalBeach.com



La Paz

Since 1993 La Paz has been serving Destin's best Mexican and Southwestern cuisine. All of La Paz's margaritas are made with fresh-squeezed citrus juices and top-shelf tequilas. We showcase our local Gulf-to-Table seafood in a Mexican setting.

850.837.2247 LaPazDestin.com



The Local Market

Welcome to Destin's best sandwich shop, neighborhood breakfast joint and retail store for locally made products. Offering fresh-squeezed juices, smoothies, and homemade ice cream The Local Market is a gathering spot for locals and visitors alike.

850.460.8979 LocalMarketDestin.com

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Resorts of Pelican Beach

The Resorts of Pelican Beach is in the heart of the Destin. Florida resort area and offers superb condominium accommodations and deluxe resort amenities. It's close to Destin's restaurants, nightlife and the famous Destin Harbor. After one visit, you will know why so many of our guests choose to visit again!

888.735.4226 Pelican-Beach.com



The Palms Bistro

The Palms Bistro and The Palms of Destin Resort & Conference Center are the premier gathering space along the Emerald Coast. Offering a chop house feel with a bistro menu, event space for up to 500 and onsite catering, The Palms Bistro are ideal for your family or group.

850.351.0900 ThePalmsofDestinBistro.com



Salt Water Vacations

It's in the water! For more than 30 years, Salt Water Vacations has provided a variety of vacation homes, condominiums and cottages. Salt Water Vacations is proud to be a full-service vacation rental and property management company filled with real people offering vacations with personalized service.

800.781.4570 SaltWaterVacay.com

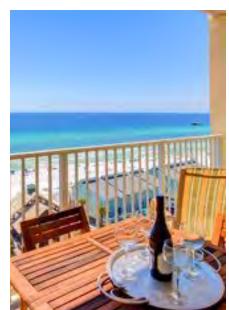


Smile N Wave

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

850.368.5921 SailingInDestin.com





Real Jov Vacations

Real Joy Vacations offers over 500 vacation homes & condos for your beach trip! We prize cleanliness & offer properties from luxury to budget. Named for 2 consecutive years as one of the fastest growing private companies in the U.S., let us put the Real Joy into your vacation!

850.974.0974 RealJoy.com





Rock Out Climbing Gym

Experience the premier indoor bouldering facility in Destin-Fort Walton Beach! Pursue adventure, conquer new challenges and socialize with other active people, all while you get great exercise and have fun!

850.837.0526 RockOutClimbing.com



Southern Rentals & Real Estate

Southern has been proudly offering local service, expertise, and sweet, Southern memories for 25 years. With a large selection of luxury beach homes, condos, and cottages in Destin and Fort Walton Beach, our local team is happy to help you with planning your perfect experience.

888.965.1241 SouthernResorts.com





Southern Star Dolphin Cruise

Expect a miracle aboard Southern Star, Destin's original dolphin cruise! A relaxing 2-hour narrated cruise on our 80' glass-bottom boat. We feature family fun; including dolphin watching, bird feeding, island music, kids steer, climate-controlled cabin, snack bar and clean restrooms. Reservations suggested.





Spa at Silver Shells

Savor the moment at The Spa at Silver Shells. The Spa specializes in many forms of rejuvenation, including massage, hydrotherapy, and aromatherapy. Other treatments for both men and women include facials, waxing, hair and nail care, and much more. Spend a day relaxing at The Spa and leave transformed. The Spa at

850.337.5107 TheSpaAtSilverShells.com



The Gulf Okaloosa Island

The Gulf is a uniquely designed restaurant serving locally inspired food and beverages in a relaxing and beautiful water front setting. Enjoy a delicious fried grouper sandwich, a cocktail and a beautiful view of the Destin-Fort Walton Beach!

850.387.1300 TheGulf.com





modern conveniences with the nostalgia of Destin's fishing village history. Inside, the 170-room hotel features spacious, coastal-inspired guest rooms and suites with romantic

The Henderson Resort

The Henderson, a Salamander Beach

& Spa Resort, seamlessly blends

Silver Shells

balconies and the state-of-the-art Salamander Spa.

855.741.2777 HendersonBeachResort.com



Swoop I & II Party Fishing Boat

Reel in the time of your life on Swoop Party Boat! Located at the gateway to the Gulf in HarborWalk Village, these deep-sea fishing boats are some of the fastest in the Destin fleet. Led by a licensed and professionally trained crew, all skill levels are welcome. Swoop offers a fun and friendly environment to cast your line.

850.337.8250 SwoopPartyBoat.com



The Island, by Hotel RL

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

850.243.9161 TheIslandFL.com



The Track Family Fun Park

The Track Family Fun Park in Destin features fun for the whole family. Ranging from thrill rides, to family go-kart tracks, miniature golf, bumper boats, bumper cars, Kids Country rides and more. The Track's signature attraction is the three-level Wild Woody go-kart track.

850.654.4668 FunAtTheTrack.com





TripShock

TripShock connects visitors with the best local businesses to create unforgettable, family-friendly travel experiences. Visit tripshock.com to book deep sea fishing trips, watersport rentals, city tours and more than 1.000 tours and attractions!

850.424.5125 TripShock.com





Destin-Fort Walton Beach Convention Center

Offering 12 meeting spaces, such as a 21,200 square-foot ballroom, the Destin-Fort Walton Beach Convention Center is the premier meeting space in Destin-Fort Walton Beach. The modern, recently renovated venue offers an array of event spaces, services and amenities customizable to your vision. Coupled with the precision and exceptional service of our staff, your event will be a resounding success.



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DestinFWB.com

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