DESTIN
FT. WALTON BEACH
OKALOOSA ISLAND
FLORIDA







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, Destin, Fort Walton Beach, Okaloosa Island, the Heart of Florida's Emerald Coast.





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, Okaloosa Island 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 the Heart of Florida's Emerald Coast.





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.





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, Okaloosa Island. 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 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.





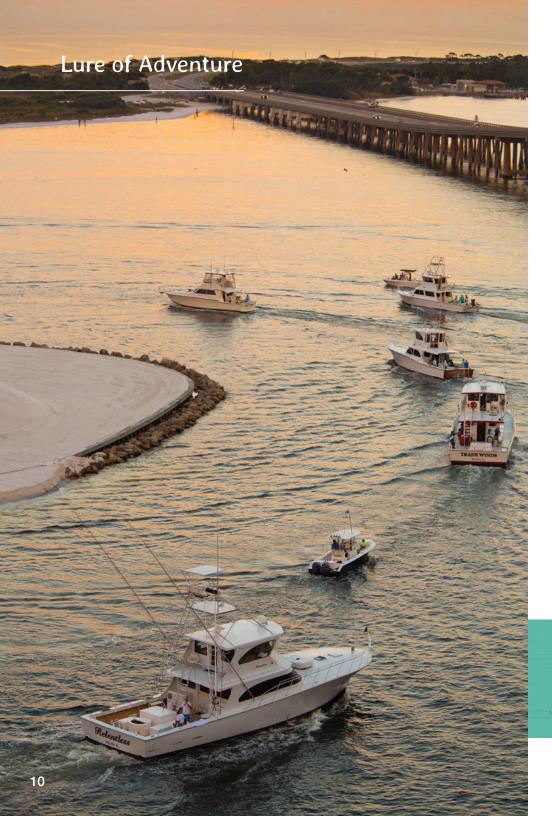
A Governor. A Fish. A Legend.

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, Okaloosa Island.







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.

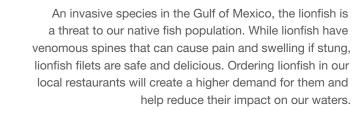
Hundreds of boats are available for rent throughout the area, and fishing charters help anglers of any skill level reel in the "big one."

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.





The Destin Rodeo started in 1948, and to this day it continues to attract people from around the world to Destin, Fort Walton Beach, Okaloosa Island. 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, Okaloosa Island 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.



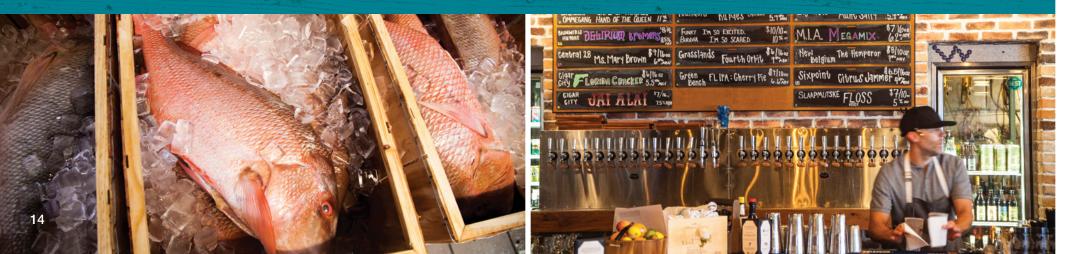


Explore the numerous restaurants of the HarborWalk Village, enjoy the family-friendly atmosphere of the Boardwalk on Okaloosa Island, or sample an array of different flavors in the easily walkable Downtown Fort Walton Beach. Indulge your senses with bustling waterfront restaurants located directly on 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 the Heart of Florida's Emerald Coast. 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 hands-on in your Gulf-to-Table dining experience, look no further than one of the area's many cookyour-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



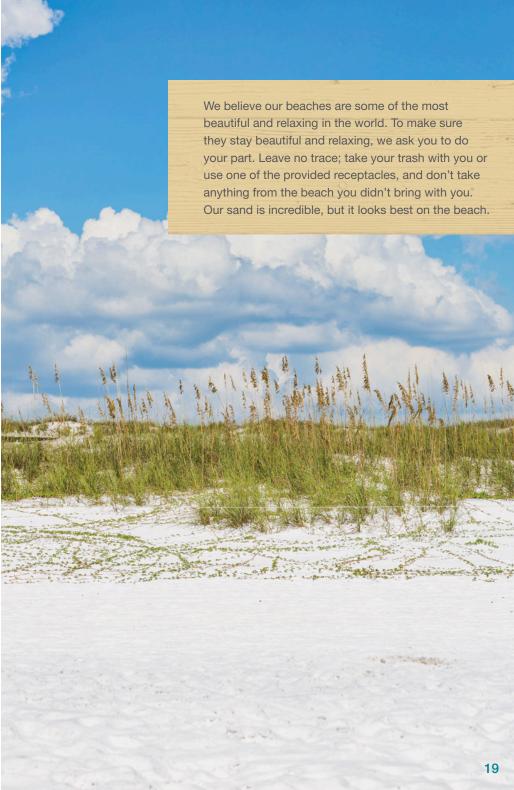
Better than a cup of coffee in the morning, more relaxing than a glass of wine at night, the sunrises and sunsets in Destin, Fort Walton Beach, Okaloosa Island are truly spectacles to behold. Fortunately for visitors to the area, the unique positioning of our destination means that throughout most of 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 and Okaloosa Island, 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.







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.



ESCAPE ESCAPE

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 the Heart of Florida's Emerald Coast. Go big or keep it small and intimate; the area offers a variety of wedding planners to fit any budget and fulfill any dream.

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.

Known as the Heart of Florida's Emerald Coast, our area'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.

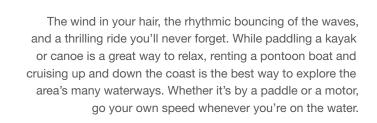


Whether it's fish, rays, manatees or dolphins, the marine life found throughout the area is varied and beautiful. While the vast majority of native wildlife is friendly and harmless, please use caution when interacting with any animals.

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

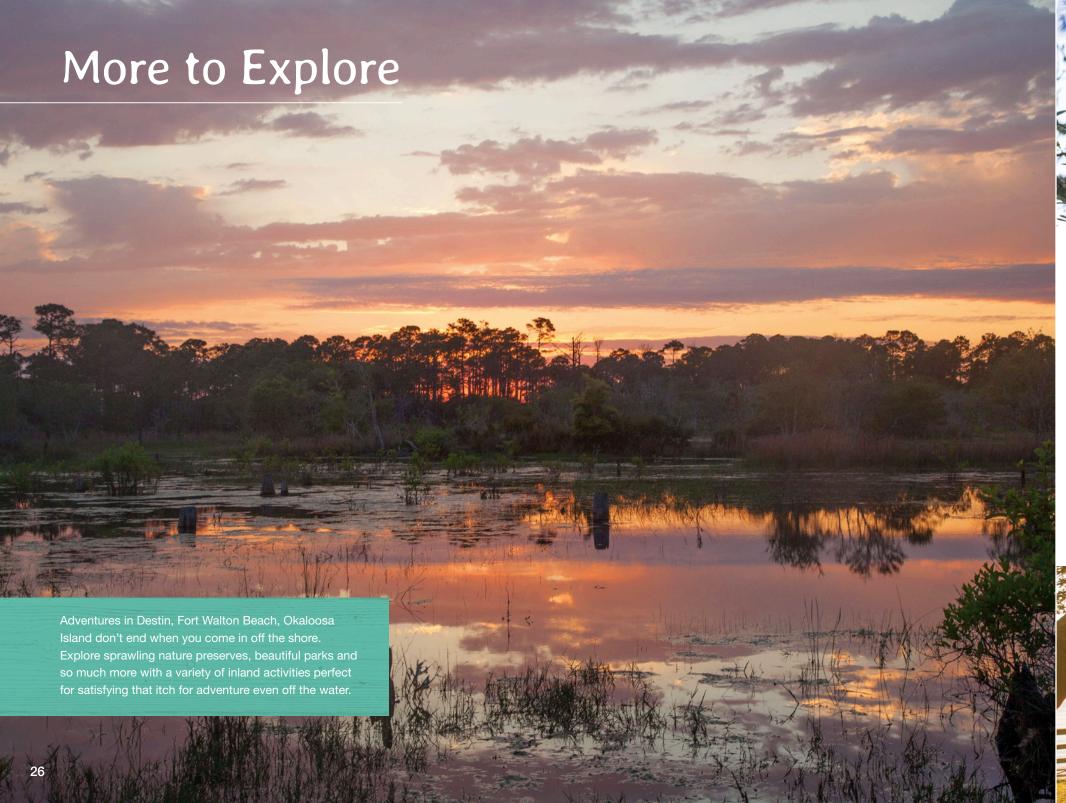


The Destin Harbor and HarborWalk Village provide ample opportunities for visitors of all ages to get out on the water. Choose from hundreds of rental boats, knowledgeable charter fishing captains, and other on-the-water activities like jet skis and kitesurfing.













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.





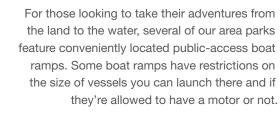
The Gulf Islands National Seashore is a protected region of Northwest Florida and parts of Mississippi made up of several parks and includes mainland areas and parts of islands. Visitors will enjoy the iconic beaches the area is known for, plus picnic tables, areas for bird-watching (maybe you'll even 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 on Florida's Gulf Coast 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 the Heart of Florida's Emerald Coast.



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 wave pool of Big Kahuna's Water & Adventure Park.



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 Landing and the Fort Walton Beach Indian Temple Mound, an archeological site and platform mound built in 850 CE.

Destin, Fort Walton Beach, Okaloosa Island 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 Emerald Coast 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, Okaloosa Island 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.

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.







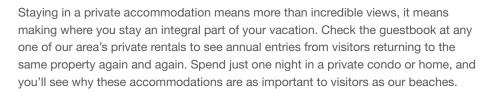


The hotels in Destin, Fort Walton Beach, Okaloosa Island are more than just a place to stay. Discover hotels with incredible views, rooms that fit your budget, brand-name chains you can find around the world, and charming locations only found here. Enjoy the space and privacy of multiroom units, the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













Beach Sand Sculptures

Create memories in the sand with a fun two-hour, award-winning sand castle 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 sand sculptures, events and more.

303.681.2631 BeachSandSculptures.com



Boogies Watersports

Boogies Watersports offers 2018
Jet Ski/WaveRunner rentals with
an unlimited riding area. Take a
parasail ride and view our Emerald
Coast, or be a captain for the day
and rent a pontoon boat for a half
or full day. Get an up-close view
of the dolphins on our dolphin
excursion on WaveRunners.

850.654.4497 BoogiesWatersports.com





BOTE

Everyone knows that the best way to spend your time on the Emerald Coast 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





Big Kahuna's Water & Adventure Park

When you're in Destin, the big name in fun is Big Kahuna's with big thrills like the 40-foot free fall of Jumanji. Take a breathtaking, headfirst ride on the Kowabunga Racer. It's all yours at the LARGEST WATER PARK on the Emerald Coast!

850.837.8319 BigKahunas.com





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.

850.460.8900 Brotulas.com



Cattywampus Aquatic Adventures LLC

Our three-hour outings include snorkelina, swimmina, dolphin watching, and sightseeing, all in the one package. The extra-wide design of the Cattywampus allows all passengers to have unobstructed views of the dolphins. This cruise is a must for those visiting the Emerald Coast.

850.586.0450 Cattywampus-Snorkeling.com





The City of Destin is a family-oriented beach community known for its emerald waters and sugar-white sands. Here you will find a sports complex, a state park, miles of beaches, charter fishing, golf courses, amazing restaurants, water activities, shopping opportunities and more.

350.837.4242 CityofDestin.com





Buccaneer Pirate Cruise

Unlock the treasure of your heart, and let your dreams come true as you embark on a thrilling pirate adventure aboard Buccaneer! Captain Cannonball and his motley crew will interactively entertain your whole family aboard this family-owned and operated 100-foot pirate ship.

850.269.0896 DestinPirateShip.com





Cuvée

Cuvée is a common French term associated with craftsmanship and excellence. Enjoy the finest selection of Gulf-to-Table seafood and wood-fire grilled steaks, an award-winning cocktail and wine program, and a staff who makes it their personal and professional mission to **CUVÉE** lead you on a culinary journey.



Destin Commons

The best in outdoor shopping. dining and entertainment for the entire family! Enjoy 90+ stores and restaurants including Bass Pro Shops, H&M, Lush, Sephora, Hollister, and American Eagle, and dining favorites like Paula Deen's Family Kitchen, Divieto Ristorante, Zoe's Kitchen, Smashburger and more!

850.337.8700 x 2 DestinCommons.com



WATERPARK



Destin Brewery

At Destin Brewery 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 style, flavor, and fun of Destin. Whether you are at home, at the beach, on the boat or golf course, or just enjoying a cool evening at one of your favorite watering holes, we hope you enjoy Destin Brewery Beers as much as we enjoy brewing them. Join us in our tasting room for special brews, experimental batches, tours and games. Cheers!

850.842.4757 DestinBrewery.com



KITCHEN + WINE BAR



Crab Island Water Park

Crab Island Waterpark! There's no better place to be during the summer than enjoying the inflatable slides, rope swing, climbing walls and many more awesome challenges! Indulge in a day of endless good crab island times and make memories with family and friends!

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The Destin Chamber of Commerce

Promoting the Destin area and its business community, the chamber's vision is to make Destin a great place to live, work and play, while building a world-class community one business at a time. Stop by the Chamber's Welcome Center for maps, things to do, local menus, coupons, and more.

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850.837.6241 DestinChamber.com



Destin Snorkel

Destin Snorkel is your headquarters for SNUBA®, snorkeling, shelling, dolphin and sunset adventures. You'll enjoy every excursion with our highly-trained, professional, and best of all, fun staff. Make great vacation memories – whether you're above or below the beautiful water of the Emerald Coast.

850.269.2329
DestinSnorkel.com





Destin Gulfgate

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 on the Emerald Coast. Enjoy the privacy of our exclusive beach access while in the heart of Destin!

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888.234.4853
DestinGulfgate.com





Discount Watersports

Discount Watersports offers 2018 Jet Ski/WaveRunner rentals with an unlimited riding area. Take a parasail ride and view our Emerald Coast, or be a captain for the day and rent a pontoon boat for a half or full day. Get an up-close view of the dolphins on our dolphin excursion on WaveRunners.

850.654.0099 DiscountWaterSportsDestin.com



Destin West RV Resort

This RV resort is all about the beach, the bay, and the modern RVer's lifestyle. With 54 sites, we're located directly on the bay, and across from the sugary-white sands and emerald waters of the Gulf of Mexico. Enjoy free access to 'The Island Beachside Resort.' Book your trip now.

850.200.4533 DestinWestRVResort.com

RV RESORT



Dewey Destin's Seafood Restaurant

Situated on a quaint dock on Choctawhatchee Bay, Dewey Destin's Seafood Restaurant provides gorgeous waterfront views, and the best seafood in town. Dewey Destin's Seafood Restaurant is home to award-winning fried shrimp, lunch specials, delectable dinner entrees, and cook your catch options.

850.837.7575
DestinSeafood.com





in Destin, Florida. Choose a boat from our award-winning fleet of fishing, pontoon, power, and sail boat rentals, and spend the day exploring the waters of Florida's Emerald Coast.

850.650.2628

DestinVacationBoatRentals.com





Destin West Vacations

Take your vacation to the next level and reserve one of our stunning penthouse suites with a private hot tub on a roof terrace. Each of our condos are owned, furnished and thoughtfully decorated by owners who care about your comfort. Start planning your upcoming vacation today.

800.947.0701 DestinWest.com

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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.

Capt. 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

If you're planning a trip to the Emerald Coast, Five Star Properties and Bliss Beach Rentals have 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.

850.741.7074
FiveStarGulfRentals.com





Emerald Grande at HarborWalk Village

The Emerald Grande at HarborWalk Village is perfect for a family vacation, a romantic getaway, wedding or meeting along the Gulf Coast. Dive in and make memories that will last a lifetime. All rooms have spacious balconies with panoramic views of the emerald coast.

844.651.9124 EmeraldGrande.com





Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce

The oldest, largest, and most active chamber in Northwest Florida. We bring together the business, non-profit and cultural leaders of our area, strengthening local businesses and enhancing our community's quality of life.









Boogies Glass Bottom Boat

Our glass-bottom boat dolphin cruise features a two-hour narrated bay and harbor cruise. Get educated with our sea school, including underwater viewing, dolphin encounters, crab trap discussions, and shrimp net operations where everyone can check out and identify our catch.

850.654.7787 BoogiesWaterSports.com



HarborWalk Village

HarborWalk Village offers activities and entertainment to please each and every taste in your family—dive in and make memories that will last a lifetime. Here you can find waterfront shopping, boat rentals, world-class fishing, an array of restaurants, and much more.

850.424.0600 HarborWalkVillage.com



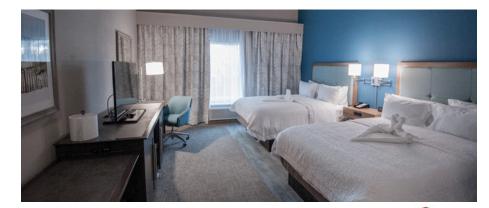


Harry T's Lighthouse

Harry T's is located on the Destin Harbor, and is known for its award-winning gumbo, as well as delicious drinks, beautiful sunsets and appetizing brunch. Open for brunch every day, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekends. Happy hour is Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

850.654.4800 HarryTs.com





Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton Mary Esther-Fort Walton Beach

Find all the comforts of home at the closest hotel to Hurlburt
Field Air Force Base. Near the Eglin Air Force Base, beautiful Florida beaches
and the Santa Rosa Mall, our welcoming atmosphere makes travel easy and fun.

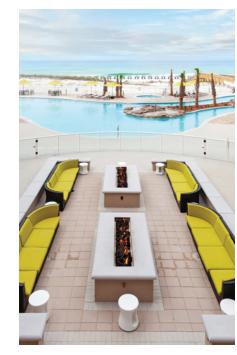
850.581.7000 MaryEstherFortWaltonBeach.HamptonByHilton.com



The Henderson Lofts

Welcome to The Henderson Lofts, situated on the award-winning Henderson Beach Resort. Our vacation rentals are designed with the guest experience in mind, ensuring all the luxuries of home were incorporated to provide both comfort and convenience that enhances your beach getaway.

855.741.2777 TheHendersonLofts.com



Hilton Garden Inn Fort Walton Beach

This isn't your typical hotel. The new 178-room Hilton Garden Inn hotel features an open and airy lobby bringing the feel of the outdoors inside, celebrating everything that's great about being at the beach. Outside, our large pool deck overlooks the Gulf of Mexico.

850.362.1000 HiltonGardenInnFortWaltonBeach.com





Gulfarium Marine Adventure Park

Located on the beach, Gulfarium Marine Adventure Park has brought fun, and learning to the Emerald Coast for over sixty years. Gulfarium provides exciting opportunities to see marine life up close, hosts daily dolphin shows and sea lion shows, educational chats, and hands on animal encounters.

850.243.9046 Gulfarium.com





Henderson Park Inn

Experience the ultimate sanctuary for romance at the Henderson Park Inn, located on sugar-white sandy shores and translucent emerald waters in Destin, Florida. At this adults-only Gulf-front boutique hotel, privacy seekers will find the ultimate sanctuary for rest, relaxation and romance.

866.398.4432 HendersonParkInn.com



Island Time

Enjoy gourmet pizza and the largest watersports rental facility on Okaloosa Island or Fort Walton Beach with Island Time and Island Watersports Company. Choose from pontoons, paddleboards, kayaks, Waverunners and more. Plus, your family will love our delicious pizza.



850.744.0123 IslandTimeFL.com IslandWaterSportsCompany.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; Dive-Inn movies; and more.

850.301.9000 HolidayInnResortFortWaltonBeach.com







Jackacuda's Seafood & Sushi

Jackacuda's Seafood & Sushi is a locally-owned seafood and sushi restaurant overlooking the Historical Destin Harbor specializing 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





Jetty East Condominiums

As a beachfront family condo rental resort, we offer one-, two-, three- or four-bedroom condos with spectacular views of the Gulf of Mexico and the Destin Pass. We're located directly on the beach, and offer 900 feet of gorgeous white-sand beaches to enjoy.

800.368.0222 JettyEast.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.

850.650.2226 MattieKellyArtsFoundation.org



LuLu's Destin

Lucy Buffett's LuLu's is all about FUN. FOOD & MUSIC! Located on Choctawhatchee Bay, next to Legendary Marina & the Mid-Bay Bridge, LuLu's Destin hosts live music every day, an extensive allergy menu, a large sandy beach with a fountain for youth, and the best cheeseburgers in paradise!

850.710.5858 LuLuBuffett.com/destin





Margaritaville

Escape to Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville, right in Destin. Margaritaville is more than a restaurant: it's a state of mind. Margaritaville has everything you need to have a good time: great island-inspired food, four unique bars, live music and two levels of outdoor seating.

850.460.7700 MargaritavilleDestin.com





Newman-Dailey Resort Properties

Founded in 1985 and specializing in vacation rentals, property management, real estate sales and association management, Newman-Dailey was voted "Best of the Emerald Coast" for property management by the readers of Emerald Coast Magazine, and earned a TripAdvisor "Certificate of Excellence."

800.225.7652 or 850.837.1071 DestinVacation.com



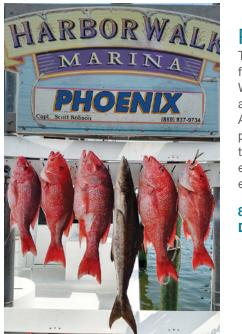


Beachside Inn

Located just steps from the beach, Beachside Inn's colorful, cozy rooms feature a kitchenette with a mini-fridge, microwave, and daily coffee service. Property amenities include a two-tier swimming pool and hot tub, as well as on-site bike rentals, sidewalk café and restaurant.

800.225.7652 or 850.650.9099





Phoenix

The charter boat Phoenix is a big. fast, clean, 55-foot custom G&S. We are fully equipped, including a very comfortable interior with A/C. USCG approved for up to 20 passengers. We specialize in all types of charter fishing, including exceptional deep-sea fishing expeditions.

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850.837.9734 DestinFLCharterBoats.com





Jade East Towers

Jade East Towers is an upscale Gulf-front condominium resort. featuring spacious two-bedroom units with large balconies overlooking the beach. Gulf-front pool, lighted tennis court, and grilling station on site. Great location across from Big Kahuna's Waterpark, and iust two-miles from Destin Harbor.

800.225.7652 or 850.837.1071 JadeEastCondos.com





The Resorts of Pelican Beach

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

888.735.4226 Pelican-Beach.com





Reef Burger

Reef Burger is your Crab Island destination for free volleyball, entertainment, and the best burger in Destin! Swim up to Reef Burger for delicious dining options and music aboard our floating restaurant. Enjoy a day of fun in the sun on beautiful Crab Island and Reef Burger! REEF · BURGER

850.685.7041

Facebook.com/Reef-Burger-at-Crab-Island-420796401395092



ResortQuest by Wyndham **Vacation Rentals**

Offering the largest selection of vacation rentals in Northwest Florida, and the winner of multiple awards for Best Vacation Rentals on the Emerald Coast, ResortQuest by Wyndham Vacation Rentals has the perfect accommodation for you. Choose your perfect Gulf-front condos or spacious coastal homes.

844.523.7579 RQEmeraldCoastFL.com





Azure

Come experience a beach vacation to Northwest Florida unlike any other at Okaloosa Island's Azure. This Gulffront. Mediterranean-style paradise features three- and four-bedroom units. Floor-to-ceiling patio doors open up to spacious balconies from which to enjoy soft, Gulf breezes and spectacular views.

844.523.7579 RQEmeraldCoastFL.com





Destin Pointe Resort

Destin Pointe Resort accommodations range from cozy cottages to the condominiums at Magnolia House. Destin Pointe is located at the point of the prestigious Holiday Isle, between the Gulf of Mexico and the Destin Harbor. This resort is filled with charm.

844.523.7579 RQEmeraldCoastFL.com







Island Echos

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

844.523.7579 RQEmeraldCoastFL.com

By Wyndham Vacation Rentals



Emerald Towers

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

844.523.7579 RQEmeraldCoastFL.com



By Wyndham Vacation Rentals



Pelican Isle

With picturesque views worthy of a painting, this mid-rise condominium offers one- and two-bedroom units with all the extras. Special property amenities include floor-to-ceiling glass doors facing the spectacular Gulf of Mexico, guest bunk area, fully equipped kitchen, washer/dryer, whirlpool tubs and much more.

844.523.7579 RQEmeraldCoastFL.com





Waterscape

Imagine one of the area's most luxurious beachfront condominiums with every amenity desired, plus three beautiful blue swimming pools, a waterfall and lazy river. Each unit at Waterscape is angled to maximize the breathtaking views of the Gulf of Mexico through the floor-to-ceiling glass doors and windows.

844.523.7579 RQEmeraldCoastFL.com





Rock Out Climbing Gym

Rock Out Climbing Gym's mission is to provide the premier indoor rock climbing facility on the Emerald Coast, giving residents and visitors alike a place to pursue adventure, seek new challenges, socialize with other active people, and exercise all while having fun.

850.837.0526 RockOutClimbing.com



SunDestin

In the heart of all the action, and with the luxury of every amenity under the sun, SunDestin Beach Resort is the place for your dream beach vacation! On its own beautiful beach, SunDestin features spacious condominiums, private balconies, fully equipped kitchens and breathtaking views of the water.

844.523.7579 RQEmeraldCoastFL.com





Salt Water Vacations

For more than 30 years, Salt Water Vacations has serviced Florida's Emerald Coast with a variety of vacation homes, condominiums and cottages. SWV is proud to be a full-service vacation rental and property management company filled with real people offering real vacations with personalized service.

800.781.4570 SaltWaterVacay.com





Seaspray Condominiums

Seaspray Condominiums is between downtown Fort Walton Beach and five miles west of Destin, on beautiful Okaloosa Island. We're a family oriented vacation spot of one-, two- or three-bedroom, townhouse-style condos on the Gulf of Mexico. See what separates us from the rest.

800.428.2726 SeasprayCondos.com





Southern Star Dolphin Cruise

Expect a miracle aboard Southern Star! Enjoy a relaxing, two-hour tour aboard Destin's Original Dolphin Cruise, as seen on National Geographic Explorer and CNN Earthwatch. Join us as we cruise the pristine waters along the sugar-white sand beaches of the Emerald Coast.

850.837.7741 SouthernStarDolphinCruise.com



Southern Resorts

Enjoy sweet Southern moments at the beach. Stay with Southern in beach vacation homes, cottages and condos in Destin and Fort Walton Beach to experience local service and beautiful accommodations. Southern is the perfect place for family vacations and reunions, couples and friends getaways, corporate retreats and more!

888.965.1241 SouthernResorts.com





Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar

Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar is the perfect place to grab a quick bite and take in the salty air. Located directly on the beach, this fast-casual burger bar features premium beef burgers, homemade custard milkshakes for both kids and adults, and the largest selection of craft beer on Okaloosa Island.

850.226.4100 AlsBeachClub.com





Sterling Resorts

Sterling Resorts provides the service and support of a hotel, combined with the conveniences and amenities of vacation rentals. Featuring hundreds of condos in over a dozen resorts, front desk service, local activity partners and so much more. Sterling Resorts creates vacation memories that will last a lifetime!

866.976.2534 SterlingResorts.com

BY PACIFICA COMPANIES



The Boardwalk

The Boardwalk is the largest collective location for dining and entertainment in the heart of Okaloosa Island. Serving as a county park and public beach access point along the beautiful Gulf of Mexico, The

Boardwalk offers a full range of waterfront dining, gift shops, and plenty of beachfront amenities.





Rockin' Tacos

Rockin' Tacos boasts a high-energy, family-friendly atmosphere with fresh and authentic Mexican cuisine, directly overlooking the gorgeous Gulf of Mexico! Check out the vast list of tequilas, freshly infused margaritas, and favorites such as table-side guacamole, fresh fish tacos, and sizzling fajitas with homemade tortillas.

850.226.8226 RockinTacos.com





Floyd's Shrimp House

Floyd's Shrimp House is one of Okaloosa Island's most popular restaurants! With a variety of specialty baked oysters, giant shrimp and seafood platters, and all-American fare, you'll see why families have made this their favorite spot to revisit year after year.

850.243.2232 FloydsShrimpHouse.com





The Boathouse Landing

The Boathouse Landing is recognized as a casual waterfront restaurant featuring seafood, steak, and pasta. Serving a delightful lunch and dinner with a variety of dishes to choose from, The Landing includes a view of the peaceful Boggy Bayou settled in Valparaiso, Florida. BOATHOUSE • LANDING •

850.678.2805 BoathouseLanding.com



The Crab Trap, Destin

Since 1991, The Crab Trap in Destin has been a popular destination for friends and families alike. Along with Gulf-front dining, unforgettable sunset views, and a beach playground for the kids, The Crab Trap features seafood favorites and southern-style jumbo lump crab cakes.

850.654.2722 CrabTrapDestin.com





The Crab Trap, Fort Walton Beach

Located at the busy and beautiful Boardwalk on Okaloosa Island, The Crab Trap is the first stop and last stop for locals and visitors alike. Serving local favorites such as hot crab dip and seafood gumbo, and specials ranging from grilled sirloin to Alaskan crab legs, we have something for everyone.

850.301.0959 CrabTrapFortWaltonBeach.com







The Henderson

Reminiscent of a luxurious, grand, seaside manner of yesteryear, The Henderson, a Salamander Beach & Spa Resort, seamlessly blends modern conveniences with the nostalgia of days gone by — all set against a backdrop of the authentic, bustling, beach town of Destin, located on the Northwest Florida Gulf Coast.

855.741.2777 HendersonBeachResort.com



The Track Family Fun Park

The Track Family Fun Park in Destin features fun for the whole family, ranging from thrill rides like the Hurricane 360 and SkyFlyer, to family go-kart tracks (double and single karts), miniature golf, bumper boats, bumper cars, Kids Country rides, and more.

850.654.4668 FunAtTheTrack.com/parks/destin





The Gulf Okaloosa Island

The Gulf on Okaloosa Island creates an ambience of chic and casual elegance that always greets you warmly. With the emphasis and focus on local ingredients, the seasonal menus take advantage of nature's true gift to any cuisine: the bountiful flavor and texture of freshness.

850.387.1300 TheGulf.com/Okaloosa-Island





The Island, by Hotel RL

One Place. Many Stories. Endless Fun. This newly renovated, beachside resort on Okaloosa Island features 600 feet of private, sugar-white beachfront. Enjoy drinks and bites at the Island Grille, Nineteen66 Southern Grill & Tap House, the Island Market and Tripp Tide Beach Bar.

850-243-9161 TheIslandFL.com



Wild Willy's Adventure Zone

Discover food and fun all in one place. Enjoy 18 holes of full-animatronic mini golf, a tree top challenge ropes course, a 4D movie theater, urban warfare laser tag, go-karts, bumper boats, "Ptero Jump," redemption arcade, pizza, wings, hand-dipped ice cream, smoothies, slushies, shakes, and much more.

850.400.3300 WWAZone.com



TripShock

TripShock connects tourists with the best local businesses to create a wealth of unforgettable, family-friendly travel experiences. Operating in destinations spanning the southeast United States, TripShock's personable team of innovators and local experts help deliver an incredible user-experience.

850.424.5125 TripShock.com





Emerald Coast Convention Center

As the premier convention center in Northwest Florida, the Emerald Coast Convention Center is perfect for meetings, conventions, expos, tournaments and gatherings of all sizes. The center offers 12 meeting rooms; a 21,200-square-foot Emerald Grand Ballroom; the ability to host up to 2,400 people; and a 30,000-square-foot outdoor venue overlooking the Choctawhatchee Bay.

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