



FACT SHEET

Panama City Beach Adrenaline Persona

OVERVIEW

Panama City Beach (www.visitpanamacitybeach.com) is located in Bay County, Fla., in the Northwest part of the state. The destination is best known for its more than 27 miles of white-sand beaches and emerald-green waters where the Gulf of Mexico and St. Andrew's Bay converge. With an average of 320 days of sunshine annually, the region has long been favored by adrenaline junkies and thrill seekers of all ages, who are looking to explore Florida's wild side.

Visitors in Panama City Beach are always seeking to challenge themselves with new experiences and adventures. Especially popular with teens and young adults, families and couples can choose between activities on land, at sea and in the air, including spotting sea life from a helicopter, swimming with dolphins off Shell Island, skidding through inland marshland on an airboat or flying across the ocean on a jet ski. Experience hair-raising fun in Panama City Beach with these endless options that offer the excitement that adrenaline junkies crave.

ACTIVITIES

Deep Dive the "Wreck Diving Capital of the South"

Known for some of the best shipwreck diving on the Gulf Coast, Panama City Beach is a premier diving destination for both beginner and advanced divers. Guests can become scuba certified with [Dive Locker](#) and discover hidden, underwater treasures, including the destination's newest artificial reef, the former [El Dorado Cruise Liner](#). Whatever a person's level of diving experience, the ideal underwater adventure awaits as divers will get up close and personal with octopus, grouper and other colorful wildlife that frequent these waters.

Explore the Gulf Of Mexico with a Snorkeling Adventure

For those who don't have their diving certification, snorkeling off the coast of the secluded [Shell Island](#) is the perfect way to explore Panama City Beach's crystal clear emerald green waters. An undeveloped seven-mile stretch of white sand, Shell Island is located just across the pass from [St. Andrews State Park](#). The waters between the island and the mainland also happen to be home to one of the world's highest concentrations of bottle-nose dolphins- a breathtaking sight to experience both from the water and onshore.

Deep Sea Game Fishing

The crystal-clear depths of Panama City Beach's sandy shores are home to a vast array of wildlife for adrenaline pumping offshore fishing. Novice and experienced anglers can reserve a [fishing charter](#) for a deep sea catch-and-release experience in the Gulf of Mexico to see why Panama City Beach is known for its world-class fishing. Guides can help reel in those king mackerel, blues, redfish, flounder, pompano hardtail and cobia—all common in the area.

Jet Set on a Jet Ski

Guests looking to chart their own course can enjoy a day of freedom on the water with an unguided [Jet Ski Tour](#), feeling the Gulf spray and warm sun as they sail across the waves on a Yamaha Vx110.

Need for Speed with an Airboat Ride

Those looking to explore the labyrinth of creeks, islands and marshes inaccessible by other modes of transportation can book an airboat ride with [Airboats Gone Wild](#). Riders will feel the wind in their face as they tear through the water at speeds approaching Mach 10 and explore the beaten path where the wildest of wildlife dwells.

Spot Wildlife on a Paddleboard

Beach lovers can surf the waves via paddleboard on Panama City Beach's protected and open waters like the [Grand Lagoon](#), St. Andrews Bay and various cold springs, rivers and lakes in the region. While paddleboarding, guests can spy rays, fish, sea turtles, dolphin and other wildlife beneath the water's surface. Equipment is easily rented from [The Boardroom](#) and for the especially brave and well balanced, paddleboard yoga is available at [Yoga Elements](#).

Leave the Earth Behind on a Parasailing Adventure

Adrenaline junkies looking to keep their feet off the ground can book a parasailing adventure through [Adventures at Sea](#). Once they strap in and leave the earth behind, gravity becomes a suggestion rather than a rule. Parasailers will see new perspectives soaring above the brilliant sugary white coastline and emerald green waters of Panama City Beach.

Take a Shell Island Tour via Helicopter

The 28-mile "Shell Island" adventure with [Panhandle Helicopter](#) flies guests above the area's emerald coast water where they can spot some of the destination's beautiful sea-life from the sky! An affordable, electrifying experience, those looking for an all-out expedition can soar above the city for 28 miles until reaching stunning Shell Island, passing Grand Lagoon and St. Andrews Park along the way.

Race on a Real-Life Mario Kart Track

Panama City Beach's hybrid amusement park, [Swampy Jack's WONGO Adventure](#), brings the thrill of a Mario Kart video game to life with its

unique interactive outdoor track- Marrakesh Road Rally. Teens can also experience thrilling rides and attractions such as the Blue Hole, funky and surreal bumper cars, the Swamp Ape, the park's signature attraction featuring a 25" tall photo-bombing Swamp Ape, lights, music and fog, the Yacuma, a grand serpent wipeout ride, and the iconic Kraken, an experience that will send adventurers swirling upwards.

Thrill Out at Cobra Adventure Park

The Max Flight Simulator at [Cobra Adventure Park](#) allows travelers to live life at full throttle and experience the "rollercoaster of the future." In addition, guests can race go-karts on a four-story track, with double riding available. Reach heights of over 160 ft. on the Vertical Accelerator, get lost in the electronic games at The Arcade or putt their way around the mini pirate course at Smuggler's Cove.

Soar through the Air on the SkyTrail

The [SkyTrail at SkyWheel Panama City Beach](#) is an aerial attraction engineered for the most daring climbers. Participants, fitted with a harness and redundant sling, can explore suspended bridges, cargo nets, rope ladders and more. For those looking for an additional adrenaline rush, the SkyRail allows guests to jump off a suspended platform and soar through the air.

DINING

Nothing works up an appetite like a day of adventure. Luckily, Panama City Beach has adrenaline junkies covered in the dining arena. Known as the "Seafood Capital of the South," Panama City Beach offers an array of dining options to please all palates including award-winning restaurants, casual beachfront cafes and family-friendly tables. Visitors can enjoy island cuisine, steakhouses, barbecue, ethnic cuisine and specialty sushi. Experiences are available for any occasion from elaborate multi-course meals and dinner cruises to buffets, grills, casual beachside dining and ice cream parlors.

ACCOMODATIONS

More than 16,500 rooms ranging from resorts, hotels, condos, town homes and villas are available for quick getaways or extended stays in Panama City Beach. Each accommodation caters to families of different interests, from luxury resorts with kid-friendly amenities to fully equipped campsites and RV parks.

ACCESSABILITY

Daily commercial air service is provided through Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport, just 15 minutes from the beach. Leading low fare carrier Southwest Airlines operates daily flights through the airport non-stop from Baltimore, Houston, Austin, Chicago and Nashville. Delta Airlines operates non-stop flights from Atlanta. United Airlines offers direct flights to their international hub in Houston. Florida's Intracoastal Waterway and the Gulf of Mexico bring boaters to the area's many marinas, and the destination is within a six-hour drive to major

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Southeastern cities including Atlanta, Birmingham, New Orleans, and others.

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