

Welcome to Golden Gulf Country.



This trip takes travelers to Panama City Beach along the Gulf of Mexico in the southern side of the Florida panhandle. Known for 27 miles of breathtaking white sand beaches and emerald colored seas, Panama City Beach offers the expected beach options Florida is famous for, while also delivering a multitude of family-focused amenities that won't sunburn your budget.



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Welcome to Golden Gulf Country, a place where the Sunshine State's bright demeanor is sure to entertain you and your travel companions, regardless of age. The Gulf of Mexico's sparkling waters will mesmerize you, but no worries – what's better than being beach bound on your Spring Break adventure? When the sun slips away at the end of your day, return to Country Inns & Suites By Carlson and enjoy all the expected comforts of home (and some that aren't, like fresh baked chocolate chip cookies!)

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Coconut Creek Family Fun Park	Mom's Choice** Can you find your way through the Gran maze? Experience the first "human" maze in the country – be sure to stick together. \$9.50 and up per person, based on activity	coconutcreekfun.com
Gulf World Marine Park	Mom's Choice** Gulf World Marine Park isn't your ordinary day at the beach. Fascinating families since 1969, Gulf World offers hands-on entertainment - whether it's swimming with dolphins, or serving up smelt to sea lions, this park will leave you smiling from gill to gill. Print a coupon from the park's website and save \$1. Admission is \$27 for adults, \$17 for kids 5-11; under 4 are free.	gulfworldmarinepark.com
Shell Island	Family's Choice: A short ferry ride will land you on uninhibited land, free to investigate ecological wonders and pristine beaches. The island is accessible by water with ferry and tour options available; fees vary per person.	shellislandshuttle.com/ shellislandtours.com
Angelo's Steak Pit	Family Choice** Have you met Big Gus? Be sure to stop by Angelo's and meet the 20,000 pound steer – after enjoying a steak prepared on the hickory fire pit. Entrees range from \$9 to \$30.	angelos-steakpit.com
Pirate's Island Mini Golf	Take to the greens of Pirate's Island Mini Golf and you'll be saying 'Yar Har Har' while you swing for 'Par'. Explore raging waterfalls, captivating caves and haunted ships. Look out for Captain Kidd, too many bogies and you'll be walking his plank! Swashbucklers under 12 play for \$7.50, while seasoned deckhands pay \$9 per round.	piratesislandgolf.com

St. Andrew's State Park	Explore the park's sugar white sand beaches; this former military reservation has over one-and-a-half miles of beaches on the Gulf of Mexico and Grand Lagoon. Water sports enthusiasts can enjoy swimming, snorkeling, scuba diving and kayaking. Admission is \$8.00 per vehicle	floridastateparks.org/StAndrews/
Dan Russell Municipal Pier	Take a sea-sprayed stroll along the Gulf Coast's longest pier. More than 1,600 feet long, grab a rod and reel in a snapper, or take photos of the "golden hour" sunsets - sure to create a screen saver for your computer! Admission to the pier is free, fishing equipment rentals vary.	pcbeach.com/panama-city-beach/attractions/funthings.asp
Alvin's Big Island	Head to Beach Road and hit up Alvin's flagship store to get the right tropical inspired outfit for your time in the Sunshine State. Fashions and souvenirs available for all ages.	alvinsisland.com
Barley's Bike Rental	Put your feet to the pedals and take in the coastal paths that make Panama City Beach famous. With a large selection of bikes to choose from, your entire family will be sure to smile as you put on the miles. Feeling adventurous? Try a tandem bike. Rentals prices vary by bike type.	barleysbikerental.com
Rock'it Lanes	Should the Florida sun disappear on you – be sure to partake in some indoor fun. Shoot a game of eight ball, try your hand at pin ball or dare to roller skate to today's Top 40 hits. Prices vary by activity.	rockitlanes.com
Man in the Sea Museum	If you've ever dreamed of finding treasure buried under the sea, the Man in the Sea Museum has an 'app' for that. Explore early submarine and diving technology, and get up close with treasure recovered from ships that sunk more than 500 years ago! Admission is \$5 for anyone age 7-64; seniors save \$. 50, while kids under 7 are free.	maninthesea.org
Pink Pelican Ice Cream Bar	Scoop an ice cold treat at the Pink Pelican Ice Cream Bar. A staple along the shores of Panama City Beach, this treat shop offers 40 flavors to choose from. The locals recommend trying a Mindsweeper. Prices vary by selection, check the website for more information.	pinkpelicanicecreambar.com

Reggae J's Island Grill	Crab claws are a must when alongside the Gulf of Mexico. Reggae J's Island Grill serves them up by the boatful. Go crazy with the claws or try the Voodoo Ribs – either way, the beachside tables guarantee a blissful experience. Entrees range from \$8-\$20	reggaejs.com
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** Family Choice and Mom's Choice designation based on fun for all ages, cost and Mom's approval.