



Panama City Beach Vacation

February 15 - 27, 2015



Overlooking the Gulf of Mexico, Panama City Beach is located in the Northwest region of Florida. Panama City Beach averages an elevation of 13 feet above sea level. Located 98 miles southwest of Tallahassee, Panama City Beach is a part of Bay County. Bay County boasts an average population of 150,000. Approximately 9,500 of these citizens reside in Panama City Beach.

The soft Panama City Beach sand is actually quartz crystals, which over time has been broken down, bleached, polished and deposited on the shoreline. This natural process has made Panama City Beach home to the "**World's Most Beautiful Beaches.**"

Bay County is an area rich in American history. The St. Andrew Bay area was home to many Indians before it was settled as a community in the 1800s. Pirates found the deep pockets of the Bay ideal to "lie in wait" for richly laden ships en route to Mexico or Spain. Legend has it that many a pirate buried his share of treasure at Spanish Shanty Point on Shell Island.

Another area teeming with history in Panama City Beach is St Andrews State Recreation Area. During World War II, it was part of the St. Andrews Sound Military Reservation. Circular cannon platforms are still in place near the jetties. Opened in 1951, the park now covers more than 1,200 acres.

Our **10 nights** lodging while at Panama City is the **Legacy By The Sea**, ideally located across the street from Gulf World Marine Park and within walking distance to the Pier Park shopping, dining and entertainment complex. The 14-story Legacy boasts an expansive lobby where guests can enjoy stunning gulf views with their FREE continental breakfast and front desk service of a hotel. This luxurious resort is home to an array of amenities including a heated oceanfront swimming pool, sundeck, hot tub, lots of beachfront and water sports like jet skiing and parasailing. Other on-site amenities and services include a game room, laundry facilities, 24-hour security, two 25" color televisions with cable including HBO and Pay-Per-View channels, direct-dial telephone with data ports and full-size bathroom in each unit.



Every **Suite** is oceanfront with a private balcony, and features 1 bedroom with 2 full size beds or a king, an efficiency-style kitchen with an apartment sized refrigerator, sink, stove, microwave, toaster and basic cooking and eating utensils, air conditioning, hair dryer, iron/ironing board, alarm clock radio, coffeemaker with complimentary coffee, a daily newspaper served to your doorstep and daily maid service.

Also available is a two bedroom, two bath **Penthouse Suite** with full kitchen, living room, dining room and double balcony.

Weather: With our cold Midwest winters, it is nice to take a warm break in Panama City in the winter. Panama City is known all over the country for its great beaches and waters, and during the winter they are at their peak. Though the water isn't extremely warm, it is still very pleasant. In the winter, you should probably have a sweatshirt or light jacket as well. In late February, average temperature is in the upper 60's and the average low is mid to upper 40's. It might be too cool to swim in the gulf, but it is great walking weather or just being outside!

Restaurants: There are many restaurants in the area: Sunnyside Grill, Saltwater Grill, Angelo's Steak Pit, Mike's Diner, Dusty's Oyster Bar, and many more.

Transportation: The **Bay Town Trolley** takes you where you need to go. Running weekdays from 6 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., the Bay Town Trolley provides a smart, economical and stress-free way to ride. (The last Trolley departs at 7:00 p.m.) The good thing about taking the bus system in Panama City is that it is very cheap. To ride, it will only cost you \$1, and if you want to transfer to a different route, just show your previous ticket and it will only cost you another 25 cents. On the evening of our arrival, we'll take our guests to Wal-Mart for drinks, snacks and groceries for their stay. We will return to Wal-Mart about midway through our stay.

Activities: **Capt. Anderson's Marina** in Panama City Beach offers Deep Sea Fishing, Seafari and Dolphin Tours on Shell Island, and Sunset Dolphin Encounters. **Pier Park** has become a mecca for entertainment, shopping, fine dining, and fabulous fun in the sun. **Pier Park** offers a **Grand Theater** which features 16 screens and a state-of-the-art theater system. It is also known for its world class shopping and unique stores and shops. **Gulf World Marine Park** is opened seven days a week at 9:30 a.m. **Gulf World Marine Park** is a place for everyone to explore. Enjoy daily live shows featuring dolphins, sea lions, reptiles and tropical birds. Explore fascinating exhibits showcasing penguins, flamingos, sharks, alligators, sea turtles, iguana and more. **Holiday Golf Club** boasts an 18-Hole Championship Course and a 9-Hole Lighted Par 3 Course. Holiday also has an extensive practice area with an illuminated range, practice chipping green, and large putting green. **Kaleidoscope Theatre** will be performing the play, "There's A Burglar in My Bed," when we are in Panama City Beach. **WonderWorks** is an amusement park for the mind with 35,000 square feet of "edu-tainment". The attraction combines education and entertainment with more than 100 hands on exhibits that challenge the mind and spark the imagination. There are many activities you can do while in Panama City Beach, as well, as walk in the beautiful sandy beaches and enjoy the sea breezes.

Lodging for the first and last night will be at the Drury Plaza in Franklin, TN. with dinner and breakfast included at each stay.

Hope you can join us on this great vacation!

**12 nights lodging
**Breakfast each morning
**2 dinners
**transportation

\$998 - Double Suite or King Suite
per person double occupancy
\$1098 - Penthouse Suite
per person quad occupancy

To take advantage of these rates you must reserve your space with a \$100 per person deposit no later than December 1, 2014. There may be space available after this date, but we cannot guarantee these rates.



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