

PANAMA CITY BEACH



With more than 50 km of white sand beaches along the warm turquoise waters of the Gulf of Mexico, and with an average of 320 days of sunshine per year, Panama City Beach is a very popular seaside destination. From spending hours relaxing on the beach to having fun in the area's many amusement parks to exploring the lively streets of the city, Panama City Beach has much to offer. You will also find one of the largest concentrations of bottlenose dolphins in the world.

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WHAT TO DO

ST ANDREWS STATE PARK ★★

This park has beautiful **nature trails** and **almost 3 km of white sand beach**. It is home to a **variety of wildlife** such as coyotes, foxes, alligators, snakes and marine birds. The shallow waters near the jetties are perfect for families with young children, and the park has several picnic areas. You can also rent **kayaks, chairs, umbrellas and snorkeling gear** at the **Camp Store** near the park entrance. Open every day from 8 a.m. until sunset. Just minutes by boat is the pristine barrier island of **Shell Island ★★**, a star attraction of Panama City Beach. This island has neither facilities nor shelter from the sun, but boasts a glorious beach and **one of the best spots for snorkeling**. Several departures every day with the **Shell Island Shuttle**, the park's marine shuttle, during the summer season. Visit the website for more information (standrewshellisland.com / 844-907-4355).

4607, STATE PARK LANE,
PANAMA CITY BEACH / 850-708-6100
WWW.FLORIDASTATEPARKS.ORG/PARKS-AND-TRAILS/ST-ANDREWS-STATE-PARK

THE BEACH AT PANAMA CITY BEACH ★

This 50 km stretch of soft white sand is what made Panama City Beach famous, with its warm

turquoise waters, a few waves and plentiful fish. Of course the beach is a busy and popular place, but given its length, you're sure to find your own little corner of paradise. A wide variety of activities are available such as swimming, snorkeling, windsurfing, parasailing with dolphins, jet skiing, etc. There are many restaurants on the road that runs along the beach. There are dozens of public beach access points along **Front Beach Road**. Some also offer public parking.

PIER PARK

This **outdoor shopping and entertainment complex** contains more than one hundred clothing and accessory stores as well as a large number of restaurants. The site also offers many attractions and events, guaranteeing fun and entertainment for locals and visitors alike!

600 PIER PARK DRIVE, PANAMA CITY BEACH / 850-236-9974
WWW.SIMON.COM/MALL/PIER-PARK

CAPTAIN ANDERSON'S MARINA

Captain Anderson's Marina offers adventures on the water. Try your hand at **deep sea fishing** on a large boat, or a more intimate fishing trip on a smaller boat with a private captain. A family

dolphin cruise and an **excursion to Shell Island** are also possible.

The schedule varies depending on the adventure.

5550, N. LAGOON DRIVE,
PANAMA CITY BEACH
850-234-3435
WWW.CAPTANDERSONSMARINA.COM

MUSEUM OF MAN IN THE SEA

Owned by the **Institute of Diving**, this small museum is dedicated to the **history of diving**. It features interactive exhibits, slide shows, photographs, diving suits, a collection of early diving equipment, a submersible, a marine aquarium, and much more. Open Wednesday-Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm.

17 314, PANAMA CITY BEACH PARKWAY, PANAMA CITY BEACH
850-235-4101 / MANINTHESEA.ORG

GULF WORLD MARINE PARK



This popular park allows you to get up close with several marine animals. Attractions include educational shows with sea lions and dolphins, a stingray pool where you can touch the rays, shark and turtle feeding, etc. There are also different programs that let you swim with dolphins!

15 412, FRONT BEACH ROAD,
PANAMA CITY BEACH
850-234-5271
WWW.GULFWORLDMARINEPARK.COM

SHIPWRECK ISLAND WATERPARK



If you'd like to cool off without going to the beach, come and spend the day in this water park. Fun and entertainment guaranteed for the whole family in the water slides, rapids, wave pool, lazy river, and much more.

12 201, HUTCHISON BOULEVARD,
PANAMA CITY BEACH
850-234-3333
WWW.SHIPWRECKISLAND.COM

FOR A QUIETER BEACH EXPERIENCE...

At the **west end of Panama City Beach ★** is **Carillon Beach ★★**, located near a residential area. If you are looking for a **pristine white sand beach without the crowds**, this is the beach for you. Sunrise and sunset are great times to go for a stroll, pick up a few shells and enjoy the peace and quiet! Be sure to respect private property and use only the 8 public walkovers along **Beachside Drive**.



PANAMA CITY BEACH AT NIGHT

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NEARBY

GRAYTON BEACH STATE PARK ★★

Located in **Santa Rosa**, less than 60 km from Panama City Beach, this magnificent small state park boasts nearly 2 km of shoreline and consistently ranks among **the most beautiful and pristine beaches in the United States**. It's the perfect spot for swimming, sunbathing, fishing and surfing. Visitors can also paddle the backwaters of lovely **Western Lake**. A magnificent nature trail winds through sand dunes, pine flatwood and sand scrub oak to the edge of Western Lake. Open every day, all year round, from 8 am until sunset.

357, MAIN PARK ROAD,
SANTA ROSA BEACH
850-267-8300

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SUNSET ON THE OCEAN

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WHERE TO EAT

DEE'S HANG OUT (\$\$)

Dee's Hang Out is a local favourite serving American cuisine and good Cajun-style seafood at affordable prices. Try the oysters: you won't be disappointed! Relaxed atmosphere and the very good service despite the crowds.

529, N. RICHARD JACKSON
BOULEVARD, PANAMA CITY BEACH
850-249-4264

DEESHANGOUT.COM

SALTWATER GRILL (\$\$-\$\$\$)

As soon as you enter Saltwater Grill, you will be wowed by the huge tropical aquarium! Enjoy Gulf fresh seafood and delicious steaks. You can also have a good martini at the bar.

11 040, HUTCHISON BOULEVARD,
PANAMA CITY BEACH
850-230-2739

WWW.SALTWATERGRILLPCB.COM

RUNAWAY ISLAND BAR AND GRILL (\$\$-\$\$\$)

This new restaurant specializes in local seafood cuisine and delicious iced drinks. There are 2 levels of inside dining space and a large outdoor deck offering a breathtaking view of the Gulf of Mexico. Enjoy an excellent meal and then take a walk on the beach to enjoy the sunset. Live entertainment some evenings.

14 521, FRONT BEACH ROAD,
PANAMA CITY BEACH
850-634-4884

WWW.RUNAWAYISLANDPCB.COM

FIREFLY (\$\$\$\$)

This fine dining restaurant offers a unique culinary experience, from starters to dessert, in a casually elegant setting. You simply must try their sushi and She Crab soup! You will also like the wine list and signature cocktails. Reservations recommended.

535, RICHARD JACKSON
BOULEVARD, PANAMA CITY BEACH
850-249-3359

WWW.FIREFLYPCB.COM



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