

Mexico Beach

FLORIDA

The Unforgettable Coast[®]

DAY TRIPS





HERE THERE & EVERYWHERE

In Mexico Beach, you'll find countless hours of fun and relaxation. One of the many outstanding things about our little town is its location. We are very lucky to have some really great neighbors, and we encourage you to get out and meet them! Each of these neighboring destinations makes a wonderful day trip. So get out, explore, and make your Mexico Beach visit even more unforgettable. And who knows? You may just decide to stay with us a few more days!

APALACHICOLA | Distance: 35 miles

This quaint fishing village just thirty-five miles east of Mexico Beach on Highway 98 will take you back in time to the mid-1800s. Be sure to spend some time viewing the beautifully restored antebellum homes in the historic district, relaxing at scenic Lafayette Park, and browsing the numerous antique and specialty shops. Visit the waterfront to welcome commercial fishing boats as they bring in the day's catch, and dine on Apalachicola's nationally acclaimed oysters in any of the superb downtown restaurants.

PANAMA CITY BEACH | Distance: 34 miles

Want a break from the peace and quiet of Mexico Beach? Panama City Beach needs little in the way of introduction. Spend the day enjoying family-friendly attractions such as Gulf World Marine Park, Zoo World, and Shipwreck Island Waterpark. There is no shortage of great nightlife either—the city is home to hundreds of great restaurants, nightclubs, and gathering spots.

WAKULLA SPRINGS | Distance: 100 miles

Claimed by some to be the site of Ponce de León's Fountain of Youth, Wakulla Springs is the longest and deepest known submerged freshwater cave system in the world. The Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park, once roamed by mastodons, giant sloths, and saber-toothed tigers, is now home to manatees, alligators, and an abundance of birds. Several early movies were filmed here. The park service offers guided boat tours throughout the year.





CAPE SAN BLAS | Distance: 24 miles

The cape is a great picnic spot, offering visitors a backdrop of towering white sand dunes at either Saint Joseph Peninsula State Park or Gulf County's Salinas Park. Cape San Blas is also one of the very few beaches in the entire state of Florida where horseback riding is permitted.

DESTIN | Distance: 80 miles

If shopping is on your agenda, the Destin and Miramar Beach corridor will not disappoint. Silver Sands Premium Outlets is a shopper's paradise with more than a hundred brands represented. Baytowne Wharf, Grand Boulevard, Destin Commons, and countless other nearby shopping opportunities will surely satisfy you as well.

MARIANNA | Distance: 73 miles

Although it was the site of a minor Civil War battle in 1864 and is home to a number of restored antebellum homes, Marianna is best known for nearby Florida Caverns State Park. There, visitors will find the only air-filled, publicly accessible caves in the state. Ranger-led tours are available, and the park offers a host of additional amenities.

PORT ST. JOE | Distance: 18 miles

Port Saint Joe is rich in history—including the drafting of Florida's first constitution—and natural beauty. Visitors can explore historical sights while enjoying true Southern hospitality. Scattered throughout the town are great places to dine and a shopping district to find unique gifts, outfits, local art, and much more. The relocated Cape San Blas Lighthouse is open for tours at George Core Park on Saint Joseph Bay.

WEWAHITCHKA | Distance: 23 miles

The Dead Lakes State Recreation Area offers the finest freshwater fishing grounds in the state of Florida. The lakes are strewn with the stumps and trunks of dead cypress trees, creating a stunning vista. Wewahitchka is well known as an important source of tupelo honey and served as the location for the 1996 Peter Fonda film, *Ulee's Gold*, of Sundance Film Festival fame. ❏

TAKE A SWING

GREAT GOLF NEAR MEXICO BEACH

ST. JOSEPH BAY GOLF CLUB

Distance: 16 miles

This golf club, located in Port Saint Joe, boasts a 6,655-yard eighteen-hole championship layout, a driving range, a putting green, a pro shop, and a snack bar.

(850) 227-1751
stjoebaygolf.com

NATURE WALK GOLF COURSE

Distance: 27 miles

This eighteen-hole executive course in Lynn Haven, near Panama City, plays to par of 60 and offers outstanding practice facilities.

(850) 265-2582
naturewalkgolfcourse.com

HOMBRE GOLF CLUB

Distance: 34 miles

With championship holes surrounded by lush greenery and exciting water obstacles, this Panama City Beach course is known for being home of the PGA Tour's qualifying school. Relax and enjoy lunch in the newly renovated clubhouse.

(850) 234-3673
hombregolfclub.com

BAY POINT RESORT GOLF CLUB

Distance: 36 miles

Located in Panama City Beach, this thirty-six-hole resort facility boasts two championship courses, one of which is the only Nicklaus Design course in Northwest Florida.

(850) 235-6950
baypointgolf.com

HOLIDAY GOLF CLUB

Distance: 37 miles

Holiday Golf Club is located in Panama City Beach and offers an eighteen-hole championship course, a nine-hole lighted par 3, an illuminated range, a chipping green, and a putting green.

(850) 234-1800
holidaygolfclub.com