The Beach Less Traveled

While much of Florida has given way to high-rises and oversized theme parks, there are a few tucked-away treasures that still cling tightly to their roots. Located at the western end of Florida's "Forgotten Coast," Mexico Beach is a quiet town where the natural beauty of the land and sea combine to make a spellbinding destination. Many Florida travelers have never even heard of this tranquil enclave and that's exactly the point. It remains an unspoiled treasure of intrinsic natural beauty, friendly people and carefree spirits.

Nature abounds here. Bald Eagles migrate in the winter, cobia run close to shore in the spring. Sea turtles hatch in the summer, and dolphins frolic all year long. Ranked as one of ten "Great American Beach Towns" by YahooTravel.com, the beaches are blindingly white, shorts and sandals are the norm, and the pace is languorous.

This is truly a beachfront community with an endless expanse of water and sky stretching to the horizon. Nothing is more than a quarter mile from the shore!

Sheltered by the long arm of the St. Joseph Peninsula, the seven miles of pristine beach are dotted by modest cottages, newer upscale houses and beach motels. Residents are relaxed and cordial and the local bistros provide the perfect setting to meet with family and friends. Seafood is an area specialty and every day the charter fleets unload a bounty of shrimp, grouper and crab.

Vacation rentals offer a range of accommodations with everything from beachfront homes and cottages, to urban coastal lofts. Parker Realty has been the area's vacation rental leader, sharing sunsets for over 65 years. If you are looking to buy or rent Mexico Beach property you've come to the right place. The Parker family and Parker Realty were the ones who originally developed Mexico Beach. They offer nearly 200 vacation rental homes and townhomes, from beachfront to specialty units with pools, and boat docks. Panama City Beach is a popular 45-minute day trip and Crooked Island is a nearby excursion for boaters.

Crooked Island is actually not an island at all, but a combination of two narrow peninsulas that circle a saltwater lagoon. Located just west of Mexico Beach, it's a favorite location for surf fishing, shelling, and kayaking. Divers can explore the Empire Ship an oil tanker sunk by German U Boats during WWII.

Golfers can tee off at St. Joseph's Bay Country Club, a pristine 18-hole championship golf course. The intermediate player will do well on this course. Mature trees, lush fairways, sloping greens, and strategically placed hazards highlight this traditional links style layout. Duffers will encounter plenty of wildlife, including alligators.

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Escape to a place without crowds or traffic. A place where white sand beaches edge the calm waters of the Gulf of Mexico and you're welcomed with open arms. A place no one knows better than Parker Realty. Family-owned and operated for 67 years, Parker Realty offers a large inventory of quality vacation properties, friendly customer service and affordable rates. We hope to see you soon.

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