



## **THE HEART OF FLORIDA'S EMERALD COAST INVITES VISITORS TO DIVE RIGHT IN TO MARITIME CULTURE AND ADVENTURES AT SEA**

*With miles of beaches lining the pristine waters of the Gulf, Destin, Fort Walton Beach and Okaloosa Island collectively make up a playground for water lovers*

**Destin/Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.** – Best known for its pristine sugar-white sand and vibrant, emerald-green waters, a trip to Destin, Fort Walton Beach, Okaloosa Island offers an abundance of adventures off the shores of the world-renowned beaches. From the moment guests arrive they have an opportunity to experience a variety of activities, including boating, fishing charters, waterfront shopping, Gulf-to-Table dining and more.

### **A Day at the Beach**

The sugar-white sand and vibrant emerald-green waters in Destin, Fort Walton Beach, Okaloosa Island are arguably some of the most beautiful in the world. Appalachian quartz crystals, washed from rivers and tumbled by tides over thousands of years, form the fine white powder sands that exist today. The calming, unspoiled beaches of the region form a picturesque backdrop for a dream vacation.

### **Getting Out on the Water**

The Destin, Fort Walton Beach, Okaloosa Island area is a natural playground for water adventures. For memories that will last a lifetime, guests can book cruises with [Destin Vacation Boat Rentals](#), explore the destination's waterways and experience the world's underwater beauty with a [Destin Snorkel](#) and SNUBA tour, or opt instead for a ride on the [Cattywampus Catamaran](#) that boards from [The Gulf on Okaloosa Island](#). Other offers include pontoon boat rentals and charter boat excursions through [Boogies Watersports](#).

### **Along the Shores**

Beachgoers can lay out on the sand, letting time slip away or break up their days on the boardwalks. Strolls down Destin's [HarborWalk Village](#) or [The Boardwalk on Okaloosa Island](#) are feasts for the senses. Savor Gulf-to-Table seafood served at restaurants just steps away from the fishing boats that just recently pulled them from the water or chart your course for the boardwalk shops selling sweet treats and cool beach apparel.

## **Beyond the Beaches**

The shopping doesn't have to stop when you're away from the shore. With quirky shops and antiquing in [Downtown Fort Walton Beach](#) and well-known shops and brands at [Destin Commons](#), an open-air mall, there's a multitude of shopping available. Ecotourists can also enjoy a day off the water with daytime hikes in nature parks and nighttime educational turtle walks.

The Heart of Florida's Coast offers endless ways to embark on outdoor water adventures. No matter what time of year, Destin, Fort Walton Beach, Okaloosa Island is the perfect place to discover beautiful beaches, enjoy water excursions and adventure along the shores.

## **ABOUT DESTIN, FORT WALTON BEACH, OKALOOSA ISLAND ([www.emeraldcoastfl.com](http://www.emeraldcoastfl.com))**

Discover the sugar-white sand and crystal-clear, emerald-green water of Northwest Florida's Destin, Fort Walton Beach and Okaloosa Island, or as we like to call it, the Heart of Florida's Emerald Coast. Enjoy more than 20 miles of pristine beaches, Gulf-to-Table seafood, abundant watersport activities, championship golf, lively nightlife, and numerous attractions designed to thrill all ages. Indulge in fresh, local dining at its best with delicious seafood caught straight from the Gulf of Mexico only hours before it reaches your plate. Plus, open-air shopping, nature parks and preserves, annual festivals and events year-round, there's truly something fun for everyone.

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