

The Panhandle

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Best Places to Stay

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Why Go?

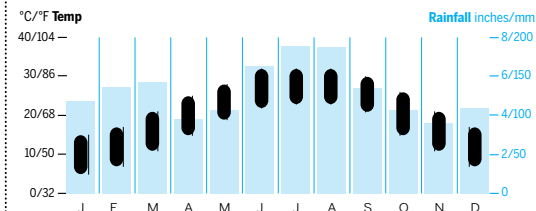
Take the best bits of the Deep South – friendly ('howdy y'all!') people, a molasses-slow pace, oak-lined roads and fried green tomatoes – then add sugar-white beaches, clear natural springs and bountiful seafood and you're beginning to conjure up the magnificent, diverse and highly underrated Florida Panhandle: so overlooked in the bigger Florida picture that we almost want to keep it to ourselves.

Dig your toes into the endless miles of impossible white sands and azure waters of the Gulf Coast, gallery-hop in pretty Pensacola with its surprising wealth of history and understated class, fish the primeval Steinhatchee, explore the rugged wilderness of St Vincent Island and be sure to bunker down for some slow, balmy nights in charming Apalachicola. Too chilled? Head on over to gaudy Panama City Beach and suck down Jell-O shots with the spring-breakers.

Consider it road-trip heaven.

When to Go

Pensacola



Mar & Apr
Spring-breakers descend upon the gulf to party.

May–Oct Steamy temps: accommodations fill fast. Sweltering heat eases: vacationing families depart.

Nov–Feb Low season: the Panhandle is all yours at bargain rates.

