

# FAMILY VACATION TIPS

## Scooping Up Sand—And Family Travel Savings

(NAPSA)—If you and your family love the beach, there's no reason you can't enjoy the sun and the sand year-round.

For example, Panama City Beach, Fla., is a place for family fun during every season. As one of America's premier beach destinations, this northwest Florida town has something to offer each member of the family, from award-winning beaches to exciting water sports and entertaining attractions.

While in Panama City Beach, visitors enjoy both in- and out-of-the-water activities. They soak up the sun along 27 miles of sugar-white sand beaches. Scuba diving, snorkeling, parasailing, jet-skiing, fishing and boating are popular, too in the emerald-green waters of St. Andrews Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. Visitors also enjoy hiking, fishing and camping in St. Andrews State Recreation Area.

Families can choose from a vast selection of attractions and entertainment. You can swim with dolphins, watch the X-treme High Dive Show and experience reptiles at Gulf World Marine Park. Have fun at one of Florida's largest theme water parks, Shipwreck Island Waterpark. Or view unbelievable exhibits at Ripley's Believe It or Not! Odditorium. Showcasing fascinating finds from around the globe, the Odditorium displays a mummy discovered off the Florida coast, an 11-foot Eiffel Tower made entirely of matchsticks, an authentic shrunken head from Ecuador and so much more.



**Panama City Beach is known for its sugar-white sand beaches and clear, emerald waters.**

Panama City Beach has long been a favorite destination for travelers seeking an affordable, fun-filled beach vacation. The area was cited as one of America's Most Beautiful Beaches by Condé Nast Traveler, 2006. Additional recognition as a top beach destination comes from The Travel Channel, USA Today, Southern Living, and Dr. Beach. Family attractions, championship golf courses, sporting events, delectable dining, predictably sunny weather and a vast number of recreational activities draw visitors to this seaside destination annually.

Panama City Beach boasts 320 days of sunshine annually and a year-round average water temperature of 70 degrees. During the off-season months, visitors save with special packages and deals. They can be found online at [www.thebeachloversbeach.com](http://www.thebeachloversbeach.com) under "Vacation Deals." Then grab a pail and shovel and scoop up significant savings.

For additional information, call (800) PC-BEACH.