

# An Island Escape...



## Pensacola Beach is a magical place.

A place where the continent's long sweep drifts across the fine white sand, disappearing into the Gulf of Mexico. Santa Rosa Island's salty magic is a tasty gumbo whose ingredients are history, soul-stirring beauty and a warm dollop of Southern tradition, finished off with a tangy taste of new things to do.

"This year on Pensacola Beach is going to be very exciting," said Buck Lee, executive director of the Santa Rosa Island Authority. "We're adding two new hotel options and spectacular, one-of-a-kind restaurants to our already stellar lineup of great eateries and accommodations. We're also constantly creating exciting events and looking for new ways for people to enjoy the beauty and fun of Pensacola Beach while always making sure we cherish and preserve the island's charm."

## with something for everyone!

A big part of that charm comes from nearby Gulf Islands National Seashore, an unspoiled paradise that bookends Pensacola Beach to the east and west. At the island's far western tip, on the edge of Pensacola Pass, the historically significant entrance from Pensacola Bay into the Gulf stands Fort Pickens. A massive, pre-Civil War era fort, Fort Pickens offers campgrounds, nature trails, ranger-led tours or a chance to just explore while taking in spectacular views.

Whatever your tastes, Pensacola Beach has something to offer. Whether its Bands on the Beach, a festive weekly concert featuring music to get your motor running, the annual Pensacola Beach Air Show, which always features the Blue Angels, water adventures or just a tranquil surfside walk away from it all, we have what you need.

So get ready to turn loose of the day-to-day and dig your toes into our soft, white sand. Free yourself. Escape to a far away place that is surprisingly close to home.

