

Catching some rays under the Florida sun is already a dream come true. This guide is for the friend groups who want to head home with memories that will last longer than their tans. Here's our well-tested guide to a girls trip on **Pensacola Beach!**

The Primary Hangouts

1. Casino Beach

Want to show off your bikinis and drink on the beach? This is your place. The East Side of the Pier allows open alcohol consumption in moderation. Just make sure there's no glass. Casino Beach is the center of the party, so lay out your towels here if you love the energy of a crowd. This beach is easily located thanks to our iconic Pensacola Beach ball water tower.

2. Quiet Water Beach

Like the water but hate the waves? Try this soundside beach. The calm waters are perfect for paddleboarders and lovers of enormous floaties. It's also shallow enough to wade out with a drink in hand. You'll find it behind Bamboo Willie's Beachside Bar. Make sure to take a picture with the giant shell before you leave!

3 Gulf Islands National Seashore

You can't find a more private stretch of beach than this. It's the perfect place to relax and soak in the beauty of nature. Drive here for an uninterrupted water side picnic and photo shoot. We stop and park on the side of the road when we don't see any other cars for a stretch.



Getting Around

1. Walking

If you're staying in the main Pensacola Beach area (QuietWater, and Casino Beach) walking is the easiest and fastest way to travel.

2. Trolley

If you're wanting to head out further towards Fort Pickens or the Gulf Islands National Seashore, we recommend taking the FREE trolley that runs from May 27th - September 6th. Three trolleys will be there to whisk you around 7 days a week from 4:00 pm to 11:30 pm. A trolley map and tracker can be found on goecat.com under routes/maps

3. The Fun Store

It's in the name! This is the fun way to get around. The store rents out scoot coupes (The tiny cars you'll see zooming along Pensacola Beach), bikes, electric bikes, tandem bikes, and scooters. It's a great way to welcome more laughs and more photo opportunities into your trip.

Food & Drink

Restaurants

If you're craving a bite you'll be overjoyed to know you and the girls don't even have to leave the beach to find it:



H2O Grill

is located inside Hilton Pensacola Beach and prides itself on serving the finest local ingredients from land and sea to create amazing dishes. Serving a different menu for breakfast, lunch and dinner as well as a brunch menu means you and the girls have options when deciding which meal you'll savor here.

Water Pig BBQ

is a unique local experience that's a safe haven for those who love the beach, but not the seafood. They specialize in house-smoked meats, homemade southern sides and contemporary cocktails. This open-air setting is perfect for a casual night out with the girls after a long day at the beach.

Bonsai

is located on the 2nd floor of Hilton Pensacola Beach, a restaurant serving gourmet Asian fusion cuisine. Expect an exquisite array of sushi, Wagyu beef, top shelf sake, aged soy and even Southern "Smoked" spicy tuna rolls topped with two types of caviar. The stunning views of the gulf will pair beautifully with your meal.

Bars

There is an abundance of booze on this island. Here are a few standout gems to

Bamboo Willies

is an adult slushie paradise located on QuietWater beach boardwalk. They boast a long line of flavors that range from wildberry to swamp juice. If you love rock music in its various forms, this is also the place to get your live music.

Sneaky Tiki

is a seasonal soundside tiki bar with a laid-back atmosphere. It's located in the back of the Pensacola Beach RV Resort but is open to the public. Multiple lounging areas, regular specials, and live music make it a great place to spend a lazy day. Our favorite thing to do is to throw a floaty in the sound and sip on one of their reasonably priced, but outrageously delicious, drinks.

Sal De Mar

is the place to be if you're looking for something swankier. You'll find this bar on the Hilton pool deck, but it's open to guests and walk-ins alike. The main draw is their 40 oz margaritas. The smoked pineapple margarita particularly wows in both presentation and flavor. Enjoy it with a side of calamari, conch fritters, or another plate of their Spanish inspired tapas.



TOP 5 THINGS TO DO DURING YOUR GIRLS TRIP

BRUNCH What's a girls' outing without brunch? For a luxurious experience try Brunch2O at the Hiltons' H2O. Book ahead to enjoy an all you can eat menu, bottomless mimosas and bloody marys, as well as seafood towers piled high with food. Other great spots include Water Pig BBQ, Café Nola, and Flounders.

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SPA TIME A vacation is the best excuse to pamper yourselves! Island Skye Spa is a local startup salon focusing on clean beauty. They'll offer you all the glam with innovative techniques and formulas to protect the long-term health of your hair, skin, and nails. Indulge in a variety of treatments such as the gua sha facial, goddess facial, and deep tissue massage! It's also easy to pop in for your appointment thanks to its central location right across the street from the Hilton.

CRUISIN' TIKI This experience is just what it sounds like: an island tiki bar plopped right into Little Sabine Bay. Seeing one for the first time is surreal and cruising along in one is even more magical. Drink on the water, visit local bars, and take in stunning views of the bay. Each floating tiki can accommodate up to 6 people. Options include 3 hour and 1.5 hour day cruises, 1.5 hour sunset cruises, and custom tours. Bring your own booze and food to the party, or have the tiki pull up to a waterside establishment to order to-go.

BAR CRAWL Pensacola Beach is known for its libations and there's no better way to enjoy it than a bar crawl! Pit stops include Sneaky Tiki, Red Fish Blue Fish, Water Pig BBQ, The Break, The Reef, Bamboo Willies, and Flounders. Finish things off at the Sand Shaker for the Original Bushwacker, Pensacola's signature drink. Prepare for all the deliciousness.



all deserve. A backdrop of sparkling waters and a gorgeous picnic laid out on sugar-white sand. Enjoy decadent food, wine and a carefully crafted atmosphere. Check out Sunset Beach Picnics by Grocery Concierge. They'll provide everything you need for a truly magicial beach picnic experience. They'll have your picnic set up with plush pillows and throws. Your picnic items will be arranged on low custom-made tables. All you and your girl friends have to do is sit back, relax and enjoy the scenery.

For more information, please visit PensacolaBeach.com

