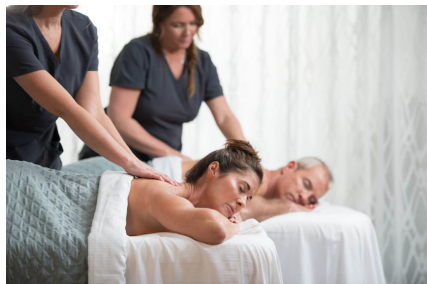


## Sandestin Excursion Ideas

Some guests will choose to visit Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa for just one reason – the beautiful Gulf of Mexico views, for instance, or the nearby world-class golf options. But once they arrive, they discover there's so much more to the near Destin, Florida resort. And without fail, they end up leaving with memories to cherish for a lifetime.

Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa has so much to offer our Empowered to Love Guests, that your downtime from the event can be filled to the brim with fun activities to enjoy and explore.



## Beaches & Parks

- **Beach at Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa:**

The beach at Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa is part of a stretch of coastline in South Walton that is considered one of the world's most beautiful. Hilton Sandestin Beach is the largest full-service beachfront resort on Northwest Florida's Gulf Coast. Here, our guests can have their toes in the sand or the surf within minutes of leaving their [rooms and suites](#). They can watch beach sunsets from their private balconies, as each [guest room](#) and [suite](#) offers full or partial Gulf views. Our [Barefoot's Beachside Bar & Grill](#) and the Sandbar are both beachfront, so our guests can dine and drink while gazing out at the Gulf. We can provide anything

you might need for a great beach day – beach chairs, umbrellas, towels and sunscreen. [Beach setup may be reserved online](#). We also offer kayaks, stand-up paddle boards, beach volleyball and beach bonfires.

- **Grayton Beach State Park:**

Grayton Beach consistently ranks among the most beautiful and pristine beaches in the United States. Western Lake offers fishing and paddling, and those who want to explore on foot have 4 miles of trails to traverse through a coastal forest where scrub oaks and magnolias are bent and twisted by salt winds.

An overnight excursion yields its own unique experience with a stay in one of the well outfitted cabins or a more rustic accommodation at one of Grayton's cozy campgrounds. At nearly 2,000 acres, Grayton Beach State Park is more than a backdrop for golden sunrises and silver moonlit evenings.

*Parking \$5/ per vehicle*

*8am - Sundown*

*357 Main Park Road*

*Santa Rosa Beach FL 32459*

- **Topsail Hill Preserve State Park:**

Two of the area's dune lakes – Morris Lake and Campbell Lake – can be found just a few miles away from the Hilton Sandestin Beach at Topsail Hill Preserve State Park.

Those same white quartz dunes are responsible for a rare coastal ecosystem of freshwater dune lakes that teem with aquatic wildlife. Walkers will pass through old-growth pine forests, sandy scrubland, dunes and wetlands, where they may see some of the 13 imperiled species that find refuge here. Topsail Hill offers 3 miles of pristine beaches and is a bird-watching and hiking paradise.

*Parking \$6/ per vehicle*

*8am - Sundown*

*7525 W. County Highway 30A*

*Santa Rosa Beach FL 32459*

## Fishing

Located about 10 miles away from Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa – Destin, Florida is known to many as the “luckiest fishing village in the world.” Naturally, fishing is a favorite Destin activity among locals and visitors to the area. From deep sea fishing in Destin to near-shore excursions, the area's proximity to the East Pass and the Gulf of Mexico make it an ideal location to find red snapper, grouper, triggerfish and amberjack.



- **Baytowne Marina** - Guests at Hilton Sandestin Beach can take the complimentary resort shuttle to the nearby [Baytowne Marina](#), located on the Choctawhatchee Bay. There, you can arrange half-day, full-day and overnight fishing charters on one of the marina's two boats – Ceviche or Lil' Lucky. Both boats include top-of-the-line light tackle fishing gear. Their small size is perfect for navigating the shallow back bays and grassy flats of the bay, to catch a variety of species including redfish, speckled trout, Spanish mackerel and flounder. If you prefer, you can also rent your own boat from the marina, or just cast a line off the marina's main dock! For more information call (850) 699-2286.
- **Charter Boat Backlash** - If you're looking for a [deep-sea fishing charter in Destin](#), check out [Charter Boat Backlash](#). Backlash is one of the [best offshore charter fishing boats](#) in the area. Captain Chris Kirby guides guests on deep sea fishing adventures lasting 8-16 hours. And for the real enthusiasts – the team offers overnight bottom fishing or Tuna and Sword fishing trips! Backlash is ideal for small group trips, or a quick getaway with your fishing buddies. Book your trip today by calling Shelby at (850) 685-9368.
- **Finest Kind Charter** - The [Finest Kind](#) is a great charter boat for larger groups. The 53-foot boat can carry up to 22 passengers and the experienced Captain Jason Mikel has been fishing for over 25 years. Located at the Harborwalk Marina in Destin, Finest Kind offers deep sea fishing trips ranging from four hours day trips, to three-day overnight adventures. Book your trip [online here](#), or call (850) 837-6629.

*Pricing is created at the time of booking with a selected charter. Availability may be limited and bookings are done by contacting the numbers listed above, or using the booking link online within charter description if available.*

## Golf

Guests have full access to four award-winning, championship golf courses at Sandestin – Raven Golf Club, Burnt Pine Golf Club, Baytowne Golf Club and The Links Golf Club – and to The Dunes putting course at Sandestin. The four courses were all designed by renowned golf course architects, have hosted an array of national tournaments and are the recipients of an array of national awards and accolades.

- [Raven Golf Club](#) -



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- Overview - Designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr., was home to the 2013 NCAA Division III National Championship. It was also voted Florida's best new course in 2000 by Florida Golf News, and ranked "#14 in Florida" by Golf Magazine. Given four-and-a-half stars by Golf Digest Best Places to Play, Raven Golf Club was home to a stop on the PGA Champions Tour in 2006 and 2007. For more information about Raven Golf Club, give us a call at 850.267.8155.
- Location - Raven Golf Club, 1199 Troon Dr N, Miramar Beach, FL 32550  
*7 minute drive from resort*
- Price -
  - Golf Club Rentals \$60 (Limited supply of rental clubs)
  - Practice Facility \$20 for members or day of golf players and resort guests
  - Golf Rate for Resort Guests \$95 (Rates include greens fee, golf cart, and practice balls prior to your round)

- [Burnt Pine Golf Club](#) -



- Overview - designed by Rees Jones and featuring gorgeous views of Choctawhatchee Bay, has been called “The Crown Jewel of Florida Golf” by Golf Magazine. Golf Digest has named it “#19 in Florida” as well as one of America’s top 75 upscale courses. In 1995, it called Burnt Pine Golf Club the “#3 New Resort Course in America.” Golfweek has named the course one of America’s best resort courses as well as “#14 in Florida.” For more information on membership and fees, please call 850.267.6500.
- Location - Burnt Pine Golf Club, 3300 Burnt Pine Ln, Miramar Beach, FL 32550  
*11 minute drive from resort*  
*For Resort Guests only before 7:30am and after 12pm*
- Price -
  - Golf Club Rentals \$60 (Limited supply of rental clubs)
  - Golf Rate for Resort Guests \$139 (Rates include greens fee, golf cart, and practice balls prior to your round)

- [Baytowne Golf Club](#) -



- Overview - stretches from the Gulf of Mexico to the bay, with magnificent views along the way. Home to the 2013 NCAA Division III National Championship, Baytowne Golf Club has been given four-and-a-half stars in Golf Digest's Best Places to Play. Florida Golf News named it one of the "Top 100 in Florida." For more information about Baytowne Golf Club, call at 850.267.8155
- Location - Baytowne Golf Club, 9300 Emerald Coast Parkway West, Troon Drive North, Miramar Beach, FL 32550  
*8 minute drive from resort*
- Price -
  - Golf Club Rentals \$60 (Limited supply of rental clubs)
  - Practice facility (irons only) \$20
  - Golf Rate for Resort Guests \$73 (Rates include greens fee, golf cart, and practice balls prior to your round)

- [The Links Golf Club](#) -



- Overview - designed by Tom Jackson, is the shortest of Sandestin's four courses. Home to the 2013 NCAA Division III National Championship, the views from this course are known as some of Northwest Florida's most spectacular. The layout winds past Choctawhatchee Bay and Baytowne Marina. Florida Golf News called it one of the "Top 5 in Northwest Florida." For more information about The Links Golf Club, call at 850.267.8144.
- Location - The Links Golf Club, 165 Sandestin Blvd N, Miramar Beach, FL 32550  
*6 minute drive from resort*
- Pricing -
  - Golf Club Rentals \$60 (Limited supply of rental clubs)
  - Practice facility \$20
  - Golf Rate for Resort Guests \$65 (Rates include greens fee, golf cart, and practice balls prior to your round)

## Other Excursions

- [YOLO Adventure Tours:](#)



- Location: YOLO Board + Beach, 11610 US-98, Miramar Beach, FL 32550  
*8 minute drive from resort*
- Overview: Hop on a YOLO board for a sunset paddle, fitness class on the water, or a casual ride on the waves. YOLO Adventures offer both walkup rentals and adventure tours.
- Cost:  
Rentals - Electric Bike Rental \$95/1 day (+\$75 for every extra day), Beach Cruiser \$30/ 1 day (+\$5 for every extra day), Stand Up Paddle Board \$70/ 1 day (+\$30 for every extra day), SurfBoard \$50/ 1 day (+\$25 for every extra day), Boogie Board \$15/ 1 day (+\$3 for every extra day), Snorkel \$15/ 1 day (+\$3 for every extra day).
- Tours -
  - Stand Up Paddle Board Tour (Tuesday - Saturday @ 6:30AM & 9:30AM, \$90, 2hrs)
    - A Guided Stand Up Paddle Tour from the Hotz Ave boat launch into Western Lake. Explore the rare coastal dune lake and wind your way through to the Gulf of Mexico. Breathe in the salt air, take a dip in the gulf, and live in the moment - we'll capture all the unforgettable photo memories for you.
  - Farmers Market Ride - Electric Bike (Saturdays @ 9AM, \$100, 3hrs)
    - Take the Timpoche Trail for a leisurely group eBike ride to enjoy the sights, sounds, and tastes of the 30A Farmers Market. You'll be amazed at how much easier it is to find parking!
  - Safari Trail Ride - Electric Bike (Saturdays @ 9AM, \$125, 3hrs)
    - An experienced rider will guide a group on a eBike tour of 30A's Long Leaf Trails. Expect some off-road mudslinging and dress appropriately. After the ride, we'll swing by Chiringo for food and drink. Not recommended for beginners!



- Mind, Body, Meditation - Stand Up Paddle Board (Mondays @ 6:30AM & 9:30AM, \$90, 2hrs)
  - Rise with the sun and start your week with the best mindset. Guided paddle to a serene spot between the dunes to sink into a 10-15 guided meditation followed by a light paddle, some floating, and connecting with Mother Nature.
- Electric Bike Rental w/ Free Delivery (3-7 Day Rental, Starting at \$245-\$470)
  - There's no better way to get around in town than the official Electric Bike of 30A! Our 30A Cruiser eBike was literally designed for casual riding and commuting on 30A. Don't spend your vacation stuck in traffic - traverse the entire 30A bike path on a single charge and experience 30A in a whole new way.

- [Hurricane Lanes:](#)



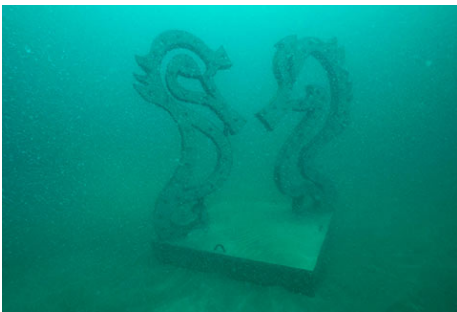
- Location: Hurricane Lanes, 34876 Emerald Coast Pkwy, Destin, FL 32541  
*22 minute drive from resort*
- Overview: Find 26 bowling lanes, Cabana Café, 12 pool tables, an arcade and Ping-Pong here. The place also houses Rupert's Billiards & Blues Sports Bar.
- Cost:
  - Regular bowling (age 10 and over) - \$5 per person per game
  - Hurricane Bowl (blacklight bowling) - \$6 per person per game
  - Military rate - \$4.25 per person per game
  - Late night unlimited bowling (Mondays, Fridays, and Saturdays, 10 pm - 2 am) - \$14 per person flat rate (includes shoes)
  - Group rate regular bowling - \$32.99 per lane per hour
  - Group rate Hurricane Bowl - \$34.99 per lane per hour
  - Shoe rental - \$3.95 per person

- [Gulfarium Marine Adventure Park:](#)



- Location: Gulfarium Marine Adventure Park, 1010 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548  
*35 minute drive from resort*
- Overview: The huge draw at this aquarium is its various marina animal encounters. You can feed fish and penguins, and get up-close and personal with dolphins, harbor seals, sea lions and sea turtles. You can also snorkel with stingrays and swim with dolphins (age restrictions apply).
- Cost:
  - General Admission - Adult (ages 13-61) - \$25.95
  - General Admission - Senior (ages 62 and up) - \$24.95
  - Military Discount General Admission - Adult (ages 13-61) - \$23.36
  - Military Discount General Admission - Senior (ages 62 and up) - \$22.46

- [Underwater Museum of Art:](#)



- Location: Grayton Beach State Park, 357 Main Park Rd, Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459  
*23 minute drive from resort*
- Overview: The Underwater Museum of Art's sculpture garden is located in the Gulf of Mexico in Walton County, Florida. The site lies in approximately 58-feet of water and at a distance of less than one nautical mile from shore. Visitors traveling by car can access the museum via [Grayton Beach State Park](#) which offers parking, showers, restrooms, changing rooms, and a beach walkover. Visitors who wish to experience the site at-depth should be

certified divers who are comfortable swimming in open water. The coordinates for the center sculpture (SWARA Skull) are N 30°18.754 W 086°09.562. Out of respect for the art, boaters are asked to find the center location and then move away from the park to anchor in order to avoid damage to the artwork.

[Dive30A](#) will offer regular trips directly to the dive site from Grayton Beach. Call 850-460-1442 for more information.

[Emerald Coast Scuba](#) in Destin offers regularly scheduled trips to the dive site and can schedule private charters.

- Cost:
  - Certified and have your own scuba gear... FREE (except \$5 parking fee)
  - Grayton Beach State Park Fee - \$5
  - Guided dive with Emerald Coast Scuba - \$175 for trip, full scuba gear rental +\$65

<https://divedestin.net/en/underwater-museum-of-arts-trip>

- [City of Fort Walton Beach Heritage Park & Cultural Center:](#)



- Location: Heritage Park and Cultural Center, 139 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548  
*40 minute drive from resort*
- Overview: Fort Walton Beach. This is an educational and cultural center that aims to preserve, interpret and present the prehistory and history of the Fort Walton Beach community and the Northwest Florida area from 14,000 B.C. through the 1950s. The Center encompasses the Indian Temple Mound Museum, Camp Walton Schoolhouse Museum, Garnier Post Office Museum, Fort Walton Temple Mound and the Civil War Exhibit Building.
- Cost:
  - Adults (18+): \$5.00 + Tax
  - Seniors (55+): \$4.50 + Tax
  - Military (w/ID): \$4.50 + Tax

*Indian Temple Mound Museum and Museum Store*

-Tuesday-Saturday: 10:00am-3:00pm

-Sunday & Monday: CLOSED

*The Historic Buildings*

-Tuesday-Saturday: 10:30am-2:30pm

-Sunday & Monday: CLOSED

- **The Shard Shop:**



- Location: The Shard Shop, 26 Logan Ln, Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459  
*24 minute drive from resort*
- Overview: Welcome! We're a home-grown Make-Your-Own-Art Boutique where GLASS is the center of our inspiration! We offer daily classes in ShardWorx®, art made with glass and resin. Classes are about an hour long and are suitable for all skill levels age 6+. Break glass with us!
- Cost: Classes range from \$30-\$130

<https://shardshop.com/collections/grayton-beach-classes>

- **Air Force Armament Museum:**



- Location: Air Force Armament Museum, 100 Museum Dr, Eglin AFB, FL 32542  
*50 minute drive from resort*
- Overview: View weaponry and interactive displays from World War I to present-day, including vintage military aircraft.
- Cost: Admission is free, open Monday-Saturday 9:30am-5pm