

**If you go**

**By air:** Rosemary Beach is easy to get to. You can choose from two airports: Panama City-Bay County International Airport offers daily service by Delta, USAir Express and Northwest AirlinK; Okaloosa Air Terminal in Fort Walton Beach offers daily service by Delta, Northwest and American airlines.

**By car:** If you prefer to pack the car with everything you might want and drive, Rosemary Beach is about 770 miles from San Antonio. Just head east on I-10 and exit at County Road 331; then follow the signs south to U.S. 98. Turn left on U.S. 98, continue approximately 12 miles to Inlet Beach and turn right at the intersection of County Road 30A and U.S. 98. Rosemary Beach is ¼ mile west of the intersection of U.S. 98 and County Road 30A.

**More:** For vacation rentals, to make a reservation, and get information on local activities, visit [www.rosemarybeach.com](http://www.rosemarybeach.com) or call (888) 855-1551.

# A GREAT ESCAPE

Whether swimming, biking or just relaxing, Rosemary Beach in Florida lets you get away from it all



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**R**iding your bicycle along the boardwalk, the tang of the sea in the air and the warm sun on your face, it's easy to flash back to the simpler times of childhood holidays. Florida's Rosemary Beach has that effect on visitors.

Now that you're grown up, the holidays can be stressful, even if you love decorating the house and getting together with family and friends. Sometimes you need a place to recover: This new beach community on northwest Florida's gulf coast between Panama City and Destin offers the comforts of home a world away from the daily cares.

You can walk miles of

**LEFT:** Studying shells on the beach is a popular pastime.

**BELOW:** Wide sand beaches offer lots of room to relax at Rosemary Beach.



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**No weather woes:** If the National Hurricane Center predicts a tropical system will hit the Florida Panhandle between Pensacola and the Bend Big Area during the dates of your stay, you can cancel and receive a full refund of your deposit, according to the Web site.



**CLOCKWISE FROM FAR LEFT:** Visit with friends or check your e-mail with the free Wi-Fi collection at the local wine bar. Shady boardwalks offer safe and easy passage for walkers and bicyclists throughout the community. Fresh-water swimmers have lots of pools to choose from throughout Rosemary Beach.



broad, clean, white sand beach, serenaded by the sounds of the surf and the singing gulls; relax in a deck chair overlooking the water; take a sailing lesson or rent a boat. You can rent a bicycle to travel the short distance from your rented house to the beach on the boardwalks, or ride along scenic Route 30A just for the fun of it. Or play in one of the many pools, or on the competition-quality tennis courts.

Car traffic is limited here, so life slows down to a walking (or biking) pace, and the soothing sound of the waves is always in the background.

Most of the homes at Rosemary Beach are privately owned and available to rent when the owners aren't using them. Everything you'd want, from a fully equipped kitchen to beach toys, is waiting for you. It's like borrowing a friend's really nice va-

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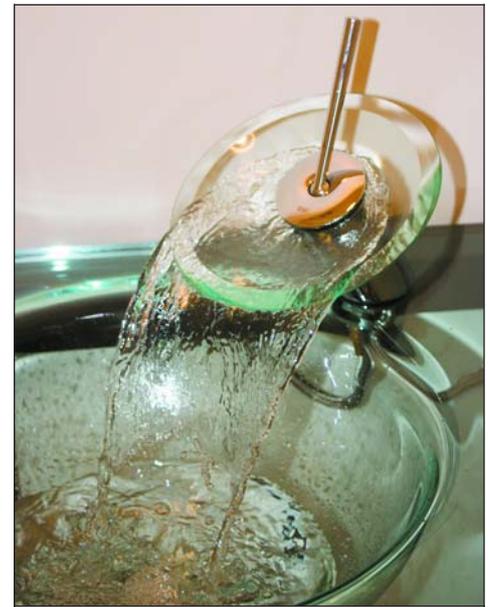


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**LEFT:** What better way to recover from the holidays than lounging on the beach?

**RIGHT:** Many vacation homes surprise you with unusual features, such as this artist-designed powder room sink.



cation home.

Homes come in all shapes and sizes, from one-bedroom carriage houses to multibedroom beachfront houses with gourmet kitchens and large living spaces that are perfect for sharing with friends and family. Even if you're not right on the beach, you're never more than a short walk away; you can walk from one end of the town to

the other in fewer than 10 minutes.

A town square provides all the necessities, from a gourmet deli and grocery store to bike rentals. If "vacation" means no cooking, there are several restaurant choices on the square, and more close enough to bicycle to. The wine bar offers free Wi-Fi, so you can sit with your laptop and relax with a glass of red or white in

the garden or at the bar.

There's also a fitness center, a full service day spa, activities for kids, golfing, fishing and visits to nearby towns to explore the local arts and dining scenes. The best part, though, may be how easy it is to just relax and do nothing more than read that book you've been meaning to get to.

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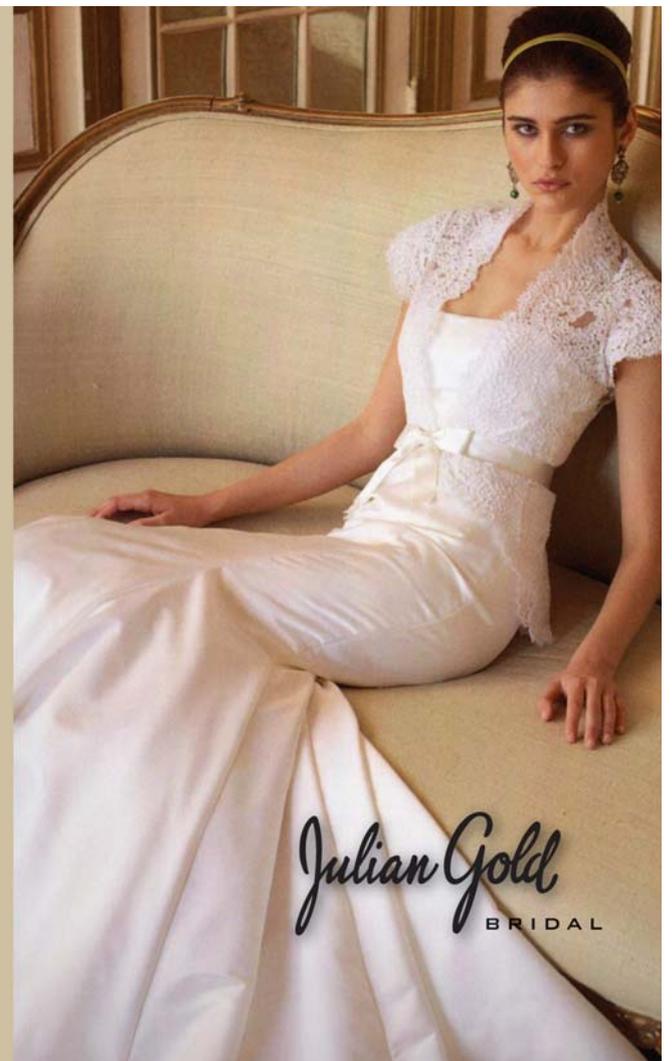


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