



PANAMA CITY
FLORIDA

Where Life Sets Sail



Fit For Foodies

Sample the best of Panama City's culinary landscape while taking in its historic downtown and gorgeous waterfront.

Begin your tour at Massalina Bayou

WHERE TO PARK

Park at **Bayou Joe's Marina & Grill**, 112A E. 3rd Court. From downtown, turn left on 6th Street, and then take a right on Magnolia Avenue. At the end of Magnolia, turn right and Bayou Joe's will be immediately on your left down by the water. Look for the pink building.

Go to the restaurant's website for hours, menu, alternate driving directions, and other visitor information.
[Bayou Joe's Marina & Grill](#) – (850) 763-6442

Start your day with a hearty Southern breakfast of “garbage grits” or papaya-marinated steak and eggs dockside at **Bayou Joe's**. Tucked right in the heart of Massalina Bayou Marina, sailors and landlubbers alike can't help but get in a Jimmy Buffett frame of mind at Bayou Joe's. Offering delicious food with a rustic water view, Bayou Joe's is unlike any other waterfront dining option in Panama City. While you're there, be sure to browse Bayou Joe's amazing condiments for sale, like their popular Fuzzy Navel Jelly or Mean Jean Hot Sauce.

Located only a couple of blocks from Bayou Joe's you will find the **CityArts Cooperative**, 318 Luverne Ave., the largest arts cooperative in Northwest Florida with 7,000 square feet dedicated to the visual, literary, and performing arts. Head over there on foot or park in the lot to see the current gallery exhibit.

Visit the website for detailed visitor information, including gallery hours.
[City Arts Cooperative](#) – (850) 769-0608

Continue your tour in Historic Downtown Panama City

WHERE TO PARK

Park in one of the numerous parking lots located at various public buildings such as **City Hall** at 9 Harrison Ave. or the nearby **Marina Civic Center** at 8 Harrison Ave. On-street parking is also plentiful throughout the area. **Historic Downtown Panama City** encompasses the section from Oak Avenue to McKenzie Avenue and along Harrison Avenue from 11th Street to the Panama City Marina.

Check the **Historic Downtown Panama City** Facebook page for upcoming events and other visitor information specific to the neighborhood.

[Historic Downtown Panama City](#) – (850) 785-2554

Or go online at <http://destinationpanamacity.com/events/> for a comprehensive overview of activities and events happening throughout Panama City.



Historic Downtown Panama City provides entrepreneurs, workers, residents and visitors with an innovative, creative and progressive environment, where the individuality of this historic bayside neighborhood can be felt. A walkable community that provides urban loft living, authentic experiences, and access to recreation, Historic Downtown Panama City is the heart of Panama City. Take some time to explore the unique shops, visit historical buildings and sites, and enjoy the warm breezes coming off the bay.

Drop by the stunning Art Deco-style **Martin Theatre**, 409 Harrison Ave., beautifully restored to its original glory. Visit the theatre's website for scheduled performers, theatrical productions, and other events.

[Martin Theatre](#) – (850) 763-8080

Across the street from the Martin Theatre, on the corner of Harrison Avenue and 4th Street, is the **Panama City Center for the ARTS**, 19 E. 4th St., where past exhibits have showcased fine art, sculpture, jewelry and ceramics. The Center also hosts music and film events during the year which represent the community.

[Panama City Center for the ARTS](#) – (850) 640-3670

If you're in need of a powdered-sugar pick-me-up, **Millie's Café** will serve you a respectably convincing beignet along with a cup of coffee strong enough to stand a spoon up in. Housed in a National Register building, Millie's, 228 Harrison Ave., transports New Orleans just slightly east along the coast to serve up Louisiana-style seafood and po' boys, plus live music on Saturday nights.

[Millie's Café](#) – (850) 215-4950

Panama City's proximity to the Gulf of Mexico and deep history as a fishing village mean that seafood reigns supreme. And when it's time for lunch, **Ferrucci Ristorante**, 301 Harrison Ave., is a great choice. Owner Mike Ferrucci executes perfect Italian maritime recipes by taking full advantage of the seafood coming into the Panama City Marina just blocks away. Nothing beats a caught-that-day pan-seared snapper treated to lemon-caper butter sauce or shrimp linguini studded with fresh zucchini, tomato and basil.

[Ferrucci Ristorante](#) – (850) 913-9131

Another first-class downtown eatery and local favorite is **Trigo San Francisco Deli**, 119 Harrison Ave. When owner Gilbert Hamati moved to Panama City in 2007, he eventually solved his growing hunger for Bay City fare by opening Trigo, now known for its daily soups, salads, subs, and pizzas. Trigo's cable-car atmosphere makes the iconic restaurant's sourdough pizza crust taste even more authentic.

[Trigo San Francisco Deli](#) – (850) 481-0132

Located downtown at the corner of Oak and Park avenues is **McKenzie Park**, a nice place for a leisurely, scenic stroll to work off some of that lunch. This peaceful nature park's main entrance is on Harrison Avenue and it features a large gazebo that serves as a focal point for many outdoor activities. McKenzie Park is shaded by many oak trees and is a popular site for concerts, arts and crafts shows, and more.

Conclude your tour in Historic St. Andrews

WHERE TO PARK

Park near or in the lot at **Floriopolis**, 1125 Beck Ave., a community arts metropolis offering art exhibits and events. To get there from McKenzie Park, follow Harrison Avenue north to 11th Street. Turn left (west) on 11th and continue on for about 28 blocks until you reach Beck Avenue.

OR turn left (west) off of Harrison onto 6th Street and follow it until it merges with West Beach Drive (ALT U.S. Hwy. 98). Stay on Beach Drive all the way to Frankford Avenue. Still following ALT U.S. 98, turn left off of Frankford onto West 9th Street, which dead-ends at Oaks by the Bay Park. Turn right on Chestnut Avenue and travel one block to West 10th Street. Turn left onto West 10th and proceed one more block to Beck Avenue. Check out the Floriopolis Facebook page for gallery hours and other visitor information.

[Floriopolis](#) – (850) 249-9295

A unique arts and culture venue, **Floriopolis** features a gallery showcasing the work of more than 100 local artists. Here you'll see pottery, jewelry, sculpture, paintings, photography, and more. Shop the market for one-of-a-kind creations and relax in the inviting public art courtyard. Take a 10-minute art break by participating in *Art on the Spot*, free mini art lessons disguised as fun projects that happen daily.

There are plenty of other interesting places and shops to explore on Beck Avenue such as **Estate Treasures** and **Hectic Eclectic**, both located in the same block as Floriopolis. In addition, the **Destination Panama City Visitors Center** is located nearby at 1000 Beck Ave. They're open six days a week so stop in, say hello to the friendly staff, and pick up a visitors guide.

[Destination Panama City](#) – (850) 215-1700

From ultra-casual dockside oyster bars to upscale eateries, there's something to suit every palate and budget in Panama City. For dinner, you can eat like a local at **Hunt's Oyster Bar**, 1150 Beck Ave., and witness firsthand the skill of Honor Allen, a 20-something oyster-shucking whiz who won the 2016 U.S. National Oyster Shucking Championship in Maryland. His amazing ability to shuck a dozen oysters in one minute have earned him a trip to Ireland to compete in the 2017 International Championship. Hunt's Oyster Bar is a local institution housed in a bright yellow bungalow with a decrepit wooden boat beached out front – just what you'd expect from an old-time Northwest Florida oyster shack.

Visit the restaurant's website to learn more and see their menu.

[Hunt's Oyster Bar](#) – (850) 763-9645

Panama City is also home to Chef Ernie Hall, who was named by Food Network as one of the Top 16 Cooks in America. Head over to Chef Ernie's floating restaurant, **Just the Cook**, for his award-winning Dan-D-Donut Burger, a rosemary-seasoned all-beef burger topped with Canadian bacon, Swiss and bleu cheeses, and a grilled red pepper, sandwiched between two locally-made grilled doughnuts. Located at 3151 W. 10th St., Slip 80, Just the Cook also serves up some killer Latin Caribbean-inspired fare, such as Shrimp Tortuga.

Check out the restaurant's Facebook page for hours of operation, photos of menu items, and more.

[Just the Cook](#) – (850) 610-1775



ADDITIONAL NEARBY RESTAURANTS INCLUDE:

[Captain's Table Fish House Restaurant](#), 1110 Beck Ave., (850) 767-9933

[The Shrimp Boat Restaurant](#), 1201 Beck Ave., (850) 785-8706

ADDITIONAL DINING OPTIONS

Numerous independent dining establishments, coffee shops, and bars round out Panama City's diverse dining scene, offering cuisine ranging from Mexican to Italian to downhome Southern barbecue and other comfort food. On Wednesday nights, many local eateries partake in the *Music Matters* initiative and host live music allowing locals and visitors alike the opportunity to enjoy authentic downtown Panama City culture. Learn about Panama City's many other amazing dining experiences online at <http://destinationpanamacity.com/location-type/restaurants/>

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