

Kids

Panama City is a quintessential family community offering a wide range of activities for all ages. Whether you are enjoying Panama City's natural beauty through outdoor trails, or wanting a thrilling experience at Escape Manor, you can capitalize on several child-friendly activities. This full-day itinerary showcases places to bring the whole family and experience the best of Panama City.

FULL-DAY ITINERARY

Begin your day at Massalina Bayou

You and your family can start your day with smiley face pancakes at **Bayou Joe's Marina & Grill**, 112A E. 3rd Court, a laid-back dockside restaurant tucked right in the heart of Massalina Bayou Marina. Offering delicious food with a rustic water view, Bayou Joe's is unlike any other waterfront dining option in Panama City with 180-degree views of the water. You can access the restaurant by car or by boat, just dock to the side of the restaurant and climb through the full size sliding windows!

[Bayou Joe's Marina & Grill](#) - (850) 763-6442

Continue your day in 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. **Downtown Panama City** encompasses the section from Oak Avenue to McKenzie Avenue and along Harrison Avenue from 11th Street to the Panama City Marina.

You can also hitch a ride on the **Bay Town Trolley**. Rolling through the town, the Bay Town Trolley takes passengers through Historic St. Andrews and Historic Downtown Panama City for \$4.00. You won't want to miss this romp through the town with informative and entertaining conductors.

[Bay Town Trolley](#) - (850) 769-0557

The Maddie Hatter, 228 Harrison Ave., is a baby and children's boutique selling the latest trends in boys and girls fashion. They also have a unique selection of toys and games for your little ones.

[The Maddie Hatter](#) - (850) 252-6039

Visit **Tutu Pink Boutique**, 452 Harrison Ave., for unique children's clothing and accessories. They offer everything from doll clothes, mommy and me outfits, to themed clothes for special occasions! They're also a party center offering fun group parties for birthdays and other occasions.

[Tutu Pink Boutique](#) - (850) 257-5933

Take a break from shopping and have some fun at **Escape Manor**, 430 Harrison Ave. You'll be locked in a room full of puzzles and you've got one hour to solve your way out! It's perfect for families with older children. Make sure you get the chance to play by making your reservations ahead of time.

[Escape Manor](#) - (850) 209-8112



Stop for lunch at one of the many places to eat in Downtown Panama City, then enjoy a sweet treat at **Sugar Boogers**, 556 Harrison Ave., offering gourmet cupcakes and ice cream!

[Sugar Boogers](#) - (850) 640-0790

After lunch, visit the **Science and Discovery Center of Northwest Florida**, 308 Airport Rd., for a fun interactive experience! Through hands-on, interactive exhibits and programs, children and adults are educated in science, technology, and history.

[Science and Discovery Center of Northwest Florida](#) - (850) 769-6128

WHERE TO EAT

[Dan-D-Donuts & Deli](#), 1147 Harrison Ave., (850) 785-1771

[Maddie's La Casita](#), 561 Harrison Ave., (850) 784-6817

[Millie's](#), 228 Harrison Ave., (850) 215-4950

[The Bagel Maker](#), 41 W. 4th St., (850) 215-7501

[The Place Downtown](#), 429 Harrison Ave., (850) 818-0590

[Tom's Hot Dogs](#), 555 Harrison Ave., (850) 769-8890

[Trigo San Francisco Style Deli](#), 119 Harrison Ave., (850) 481-0132

[Willow's British Tea Room](#), 461 Harrison Ave., (850) 747-1004

Conclude your day 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 Downtown, 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.

Get creative at Floriopolis, a family friendly art gallery and interactive art studio. Shop for one-of-a-kind creations and relax in the inviting public art courtyard, where you can play a giant game of chess or checkers. Bring the family to take a 10-minute art break by participating in Art on the Spot, free mini art lessons disguised as fun projects that happen daily or have a Studio Day and create your own masterpiece!

[Floriopolis](#) – (850) 249-9295

For more fun art projects, stop in **Jani Ceramics**, 1119 Beck Ave. She provides the pottery and paint and you decorate and design in it!

[Jani Ceramics](#) - (850) 769-7703

End the day with a bite to eat and exploring **Oaks by the Bay Park**, 2715 W. 10th St., featuring a boardwalk overlooking St. Andrews Bay, also a perfect location to watch the sunset. The park's power-equipped gazebo and historic oaks provide for the perfect location for family outings and other special events. Oaks by the Bay also exhibits several historic artifacts and an unusual four-headed palm tree.

WHERE TO EAT

[Breezy's Country Cooking](#), 1316 Beck Ave., (850) 257-5096
[Captain's Table Fish House Restaurant](#), 1110 Beck Ave., (850) 767-9933
[Enzo's Pizza & Grill](#), 1322 Beck Ave., (850) 215-4562
[Finns Island Style Grub](#), 2808 W. 12th St., (850) 215-9273
[Hunt's Oyster Bar](#), 1150 Beck Ave., (850) 763-9645
[Just the Cook](#), 3151 W. 10th St., Slip 80, (850) 610-1775
[Los Antojitos Mexican Restaurant](#), 1236 Beck Ave., (850) 784-6633
[Sugeez Sweets](#), 1105 Beck Ave., (850) 215-3790
[Uncle Ernie's Bayfront Grill](#), 1151 Bayview Ave., (850) 763-8427

HALF-DAY ITINERARY

Historic St. Andrews

WHERE TO PARK

Park in the parking lot located at **Oaks by the Park** at 2715 W 10th St. or across the street at the **Destination Panama City Visitors Center** at 1000 Beck Ave. There is also ample on-street parking in the area and at the **St. Andrews Marina**, 3151 W. 10th St.
[St. Andrews Marina](#) – (850) 872-7240

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at **St. Andrews Coffee House**, 1006 Beck Ave. Perfect for the whole family, they brew a perfect cup of java along with their constantly changing breakfast specials! Take a seat in the corner nook surround by fluffy pillows and children's book's, and even a set of checkers. Bay County's oldest existing coffee house, St. Andrews Coffee House has a charming and friendly atmosphere.
St. Andrews Coffee House - (850) 215-0669

Schedule a guided tour to explore Shell Island, an uninhabited barrier island stretching for 7 miles between the Gulf of Mexico and St. Andrew Bay. You're likely to catch a pod of dolphins playing in the water, and can even jump in to join the fun! Once on the island, there's endless amounts of fun to be had! Shelling, snorkeling, fishing, and maybe even a sea turtle sighting! If you prefer to take the trip with just the family, you can rent a boat or jet skis for unguided excursions or partially guided tours.

Hire an experienced fishing charter service to take the family out to the best spots where the fish are plentiful. Numerous charter boat captains can arrange for inshore and offshore fishing year-round.

Sprawling more than 68,000 acres behind the protection of the Gulf of Mexico shoreline, **St. Andrew Bay** is home to abundant aquatic life. The bay spans more than 20 miles and includes a wealth of saltwater flats and seagrass beds that offer a rich bounty. Redfish, speckled trout, black drum, cobia, sheepshead, and flounder are just a few of the species populating these channels.



NEARBY CHARTER BOAT & CRUISE SERVICES INCLUDE:

- [AAA Jet Ski Rentals & Tours](#), 5611 US Highway 98, (850) 541-6879 - unguided rentals & partial tours
[Ashely Gorman Shell Island Cruises](#), 5701 W Hwy 98, (850) 785-4878 - dolphin tours, snorkeling
[Capt. Salty Charters](#), 1201 Beck Ave., (850) 624-8893 – dolphin tours, fishing
[Fair Trades Charters](#), 3151 W. 10th St., (850) 625-0205 – sailing charters, sunset cruises
[Family Tradition Boat Charters](#), 1201 Beck Ave., (850) 819-4610 – deep sea fishing
[Fifth Generation Charters](#), 1201 Beck Ave., (850) 867-5404 or 850/867-3018 – sport and shark fishing
[Panama City Dolphin Seafari](#), 1 Harrison Ave., (850) 358-1013
[Panama Yachting Tours](#), 3151 W. 10th St., (850) 890-7428 – sunset cruises, overnight tours, snorkeling
[Parramore Offshore Fishing](#), 1 Harrison Ave., (850) 358-1013
[Reef Runner Sailing](#), 3151 W. 10th St., (850) 774-6070 – sailing classes and charters
[Scotty Boat Rentals](#), 5611 W. U.S. Hwy. 98, (850) 872-1714 – jet ski tours, fishing, pontoon boat rentals
[Seminole Wind Charters](#), 1104 Bayview Ave., (850) 234-6740 – fishing trips

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