Holidays on the Florida Gulf Coast

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The beauty of Florida holidays in the panhandle section of the Sunshine State is their affordability. Of course, there are more expensive options if one has the desire and the wherewithal but excellent accommodations and amenities exist all the way from Pensacola in the west down to at Naples near the tip of the peninsula.

The Panhandle - Pensacola, Ft. Walton, Panama City

Hundreds of miles of uninterrupted shoreline define the coast of Northern Florida and there are dozens of public access beaches to accommodate the thousands of visitors to this area of the state. Condominiums and private homes are available all along the coast for Florida villa holidays.

Other attractions include the museums dedicated to the storied history of the area as well as a tremendous number of wildlife preserves. Further inland thereâ€™swhitewater rafting, tuning and canoe tours of the lakes and rivers of the area. For the adults in the crowd, there are tours of wineries, outstanding golf courses and elegant dining and shopping opportunities.

Midway Down the Coast - Tampa, St. Pete, Sarasota

The beautiful beaches of St Petersburg and the elegant trappings of the Tampa Bay area serve as a fantastic backdrop for the activities available on Florida villa holidays midway down the western coast of the Florida peninsula.

The breathtaking ocean views of your villa can serve as a comfortable and relaxing stop in itself. Otherwise, it can serve as a base camp for any number of trips to the scenic and fascinating sights and sounds of Central Florida.

Start by visiting the Museum of Fine Arts and see the finest collection of Monets in the Southeastern U. S. and then step next door to view the largest collection of Daliâ€™s in the world.

Then, take a stroll on the Pier in downtown St Pete that stretches out over Tampa Bay and have a romantic moonlight dinner.

For more excitement, head out to the downtown docks and get some sailing lessons or take a day cruise and do a little gambling. Florida holidays in these world class cities combine all the delights of big city living with the remarkable weather and people of south central Florida.

Further South - Cape Coral, Naples

Nestled amid the Ten Thousand Islands and just north of the Everglades National Forest, the small towns of Naples and Cape Coral are among the priciest pieces of real estates in Florida. The area is famed for its pristine environment and is a renowned â€œmust seeâ€• area for colourists from around the world.

Luxury Florida villa holidays in this area will be expensive but the rewards are well worth the cost. Trips to the untamed Everglades and to the nature sanctuaries where the Florida panther and the Big Pines reside are trips that create memories to last a lifetime.

All of these Florida cities have a distinctive charm. Florida holidays on the Gulf coast offer views of

nature, exciting adventures and romantic experiences to fit any budget and lifestyle.

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