SOBIE 2020
THINGS TO DO, PLACES TO GO!

**Guest Services**

**Resort Check-in**
The **Sandestin Welcome Center** is open 24 hours! It is located on Highway 98 at the main north gate entrance of the resort on the bayside.

**Resort:** [http://www.sandestin.com](http://www.sandestin.com)

**Resort map:**

**GPS Coordinates:** 30.378230, -86.330954

**Resort Security**
Dispatch: 850-267-5000
In-House: 5000
Emergency from in-house phone: 9-911

**Concierge Services (Bayside):**
Grand Concierge: 850-351-3917
In-House: 23917

**Weather Forecast**
**SOBIE** has requested *Chamber of Commerce* and *Tourism Bureau* weather!

**The Nearest.....**

**Hospital:** Sacred Heart Hospital-Emerald Coast
(1.7 miles east of Sandestin)
7800 Highway 98, West
Destin, FL 32550
850-278-3000

**Pharmacy:** CVS
(1.6 miles west of Sandestin)
35 Poinciana Blvd
Airports
http://www.sandestin.com/ExploreSandestin/GettingHere/AirportInformation.aspx

1. Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport (ECP)
   Located 40 miles east of the resort: www.iflybeaches.com

2. Northwest Florida Regional Airport (VPS)
   Located 30 miles northwest of the resort: www.flyvps.com

3. Pensacola Gulf Regional Airport (PNS)
   Located 65 miles west of the resort: www.flypensacola.com

Grocery Store: Publix
(located on property at the Grand Boulevard, 0.8 miles from the entrance)
75 Grand Blvd.
Destin, FL 32550
850-622-2326

Walmart
6712 US Highway 98, West (located 3 miles east of Sandestin)
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459
850-622-6237

SOBIE-Sponsored Events

SOBIE Golf: Wednesday, April 15. Course (TBA): Divide into 3-4, three-man teams, scramble. Twilight rate (TBD, depending on course selection). Please contact David Kern (dkern@astate.edu/ 870-926-5071) or David Deviney (deviney@tarleton.edu/ 972-636-5280).

SOBIE Volleyball: Wednesday, April 15!

SOBIE Tennis: TBD. Sandestin Tennis Center (Bayside; located next to the Marina).
Sandestin Activities

At Sandestin:  

Sandestin Wine Festival

The Sandestin Resort asked me to remind our attendees about their annual Sandestin Wine Festival, Friday through Sunday, April 16-19, at the Baytowne Wharf. Enjoy Brunch on the Bay at the Baytowne Marina, on Sunday. For a schedule of other events: http://www.sandestinwinefestival.com/

In Destin:  http://www.sandestin.com/ExploreSandestin/TheBeach/Activities.aspx

Compliments of Sandestin:  Free tennis, bike, and canoe/kayak rental.

The Villages at Baytowne Wharf  

Family Fun at Sandestin!  
Friendly events:  http://www.sandestin.com/Families/FamilyFriendlyEvents.aspx

Area Activities

The Track Recreation Center  
http://www.destintrack.com/  
About 8 miles west of Sandestin on Highway 98  
1125 Highway 98  
Destin, FL 32550  
850-654-4668

Destin Snorkel  
www.destinsnorkel.com  
850-797-2963  
Activities include dolphin tours, snorkeling, shelling adventures, deep sea fishing, and SNUBA adventures.

Hiking and Biking along South Walton Trailways  
In addition to walking along the Emerald Coast or biking around the Sandestin Resort, almost one half of South Walton County is dedicated to preservation, hiking, and biking.  
Florida State Parks:  www.floridastateparks.org
Florida Division of Forestry:  [www.fr-dof.com](http://www.fr-dof.com)
Great Florida Birding Guide:  [www.floridaconservation.org](http://www.floridaconservation.org)
Florida Trail:  [www.floridatrail.org](http://www.floridatrail.org)

**Retail Therapy**

**The Villages at Baytowne Wharf**

**Grand Boulevard**

**Silver Sands Factory Stores**
(located about 2 miles west of Sandestin on Highway 98)

**Destin Commons**
Located about 6 miles west of Sandestin on Highway 98 at State Road 293 at the Mid Bay Bridge.
http://www.destincommons.com/component/option,com_frontpage/Itemid,1/
DC Kids (Destin Commons Kids)  [http://www.dckidsclub.com/](http://www.dckidsclub.com/)

**Area Sight-Seeing**

**Watercolor, FL** (about 10-15 miles east of Sandestin on 30-A)
1. East on Highway 98
2. Turn right on CR 283 (about 2 miles)
3. Turn left on 30-A (about 2.5 miles)

*If you like beach-cottage architecture, this is worth the trip!*

**Seaside, FL** (the next development beyond Watercolor on 30-A)

*If you like more beach-cottage architecture, this is worth the trip!*

- Enjoy this exclusive grocery/deli at Modica Market (850-231-1214)!
- Enjoy the ocean views from Bud & Alley’s Restaurant (850-231-5900)!
- Enjoy the art galleries!
- Enjoy the architecture, the site for the movie, *Truman*!

*It is worth a short trip – you’ll see when you get there!*
Cullinary Therapy

Emeril’s Coastal Italian
435 Grand Boulevard
Miramar Beach, FL 32550
850-608-7040
http://emerilsrestaurants.com/emerils-coastal-italian

Kenny D’s
2964 Gulf Drive (Old Highway 98)
850-650-0755
Limited view of the gulf, but fantastic seafood! Chef Gracie has brought the best of New Orleans to Destin!
www.kennyd’s.com

Lin’s Asian Cuisine
130 Scenic Gulf Drive
850-424-5888
Small café, but huge portions! Enjoy the Seafood Delight, Scallops & Beef, Steamed Red Snapper, or the Peking Duck!
www.linsasiancuisine.com

The Villages at Baytowne Wharf
http://www.baytownewharf.com/where_to_go.asp?type=4

Another Broken Egg
Located at Baytowne Wharf at Sandestin
http://www.anotherbrokeneegg.com/
Try the Crabcakes Cavallo, the Crab Stack, or the Benny! Don’t miss this one!
Please see Chris Chandeysson, General Manager

Sunset Bay Café
Located at the Linkside Conference Center
http://www.sunsetbaycafesandestin.com/

McGuire’s Irish Pub
(about 10-12 miles west of Sandestin on Highway 98 )
http://www.mcguiresirishpub.com
850-650-0000; 33 Highway 98 East
Cross Streets: Between SR-30 and Stahlman Ave
Steaks – wow! Don’t miss this one!
• Enjoy the famous Senate Bean Soup for 18 cents! (Yes, this is the same soup served at the U.S. Senate dining room with no adjustment for inflation – price frozen since 1977!)
• Irish pub music!
• On-site made brews!
• Attach a dollar to their ceiling or wall to commemorate your experience!

**louisiana lagniappe**  
(about 10 miles west of Sandestin on Highway 98)  
[http://www.thelouisianalagniappe.com](http://www.thelouisianalagniappe.com)  
**Wow – New Orleans style food!**  
Specialties: Seafood, Cajun  
Cuisine: Cajun, French  
850-837-0881; 775 Gulf Shore Dr, Destin  
1. Turn left on Gulf Shore Dr  
2. Turn right on Sandpiper Cove (stop at guard post for a parking pass)  
**Don’t miss this one!**

**Dewey Destin Seafood**  
(about 12 miles west of Sandestin on Highway 98 at the Destin bridge)  
9 Calhoun Avenue; 850-837-7575  
**Local and rustic – so it must be good! Don’t miss this one, either!**

**Local Catch**  
Located on Highway 30A  
850-622-2022  

**Whale’s Tail at Seascape**  
(about 3 miles west of Sandestin on Scenic Gulf Drive)  
850-650-4377  
Turn left on Old Highway 98, with the Silver Sands Outlet Stores on the right.  
**Enjoy the food and the views – as close to the beach as you can get! Don’t miss this one!**

**Louis Louis**  
Located about 4 miles east of the Resort entrance.  
[http://www.louislouis.net/](http://www.louislouis.net/)  
850-267-1500  

**Bayou Bill’s Crab House**  
Located about 3.5 miles east of the Resort entrance.  
850-267-3849

**The Back Porch**
1740 Scenic Hwy 98
850-837-2022
(great views!)

**The Ocean Club Restaurant**
Located at the entrance of Tops'l Beach & Racquet Resort, next to the Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort.
8955 US 98 West (Emerald Coast Highway), Suite 107
850-267-3666
Directions: [http://theoceanclubdestin.com/](http://theoceanclubdestin.com/)

**Vue on 30A** (A great view!)
Located about 5 miles east from the Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort on Highway 30-A.
4801 Highway 30A
850-267-2305

**Stinky’s Fish Camp**
(Don’t worry about the name; it is a local favorite. But, please make reservations).
Located about 4 miles east from the Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort on Highway 30-A.
5960 CR 30-A
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459
850-267-3092
Email: info@stinkysfishcamp.com
Dinner Menu: [http://www.stinkysfishcamp.com/dinner/](http://www.stinkysfishcamp.com/dinner/)

**The Red Bar** (more food than bar!)
70 Hotz Avenue
Grayton Beach, FL 32459
850-231-1008

**The Crab Trap (Destin)**
[http://www.crabtrapdestin.com/main.htm#Scene_1](http://www.crabtrapdestin.com/main.htm#Scene_1)
(about 6 miles west of Sandestin, located at 3500 Old Highway 98 or Scenic Gulf Drive)
**Kids’ meals served in beach pails! Great views! Don’t miss this one!**
Lucky Snapper
www.luckysnapper.com
(about 12 miles west of Sandestin on Habor Blvd. near McGuire’s)
850 654-0900

Captain Dave's on the Gulf
http://www.beachdirectory.com/captdaves/
(about 5 miles west of Sandestin on Old Highway 98 or Scenic Gulf Drive); 850-837-2627
Turn left on Old Highway 98, with the Silver Sands Outlet Stores on the right. 3796 Scenic Beach Road 98
Enjoy the food and the views!

Fishermen's Wharf at Destin
http://www.fishermanswharfdestin.com/
(located about 6 miles west of Sandestin on Old Highway 98 or Scenic Gulf Drive)
850-654-4766

AJ’s Seafood Restaurant
http://www.ajsdestin.com/
(located on the left, just before McGuire’s Irish Pub)
116 East Highway 98; 850-837-1913

Baytowne Marina Bar & Grill
http://www.sandestin.com/Portals/0/includes/pdfs/MarinaGrillMenu.pdf
(located on the resort at the marina, close to the Baytowne Wharf)

Fat Tuesdays Daiquiri Bar
http://www.sandestin.com/Portals/0/includes/pdfs/menu_fat_tuesday.pdf
Located at the Baytowne Wharf

Roberto’s Pizzeria
Located at the Baytowne Wharf. They deliver inside the resort.
http://www.robertositalianpizzeria.com/

Groovy Grouper Grill
Located at Destin Commons
http://groovygroupergrill.com/

Rum Runners
http://www.rumrunnersusa.com/
Located at the Baytowne Wharf
Great fun with dueling pianos!
Acme Oyster House
http://www.acmeoyster.com/
https://acmeoyster.com/seascape/
Located at Destin at Seascape
90 Seascape Drive
Miramar Beach, FL 32550
850-460-7773
Eat their entire menu – raw oysters, po’ boys (including roast beef), etc – a 100 year-old New Orleans’ tradition, now in Destin!

Graffiti and The Funky Blues Shack
http://www.sandestin.com/Portals/0/includes/pdfs/menu_Graffiti.pdf
Located at the Baytowne Wharf

Hartell’s Village Diner
http://www.sandestin.com/Portals/0/includes/pdfs/Hartells_LunchMenu.pdf
Located at the Baytowne Wharf
Great Hamburgers!

Osaka Sushi Rocks
http://www.osakahibachiandsushi.com/menu/
3475 Emerald Coast Parkway
Destin, FL 32541
850-650-4688

Poppy’s Seafood Factory
http://www.poppysseafoodfactory.com/
Located at the Baytowne Wharf
Try the world famous, succulent blackened lobster!

Chanticleer Eatery
55 Clayton Lane
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459
850-213-9065
http://www.chanticleereatery.com/

Bistro Bijoux
http://www.bistrobijouxdestin.com/
Located at the Baytowne Wharf

The Beach House
Located at beach next to the Hilton Hotel
http://thebeachhousesd.com/
850-608-6300

Marlin Grill
http://www.marlingrill.com/
Located at the Baytowne Wharf

Borago Restaurant
80 East County Highway 30A
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459
850-231-9167
http://www.boragorestaurant.com/

Hammerheads
http://www.hammerheadsbarandgrille.com/
Located at the end of the pier at Baytowne Wharf.
Great food!  Great views!  Great music!  Don’t miss this one!

Lazy Gecko
114 Cannery Lane
Miramar Beach, FL 32550
850-461-6440

Tuscany Italian Bistro
36178 Emerald Coast Parkway
850-650-2451
http://tuscanybistrodestin.com/

Café Thirty-A
3899 East County Highway 30A
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459
850-502-5001
http://www.cafethirtya.com/

Cuvee Bistro
36120 Emerald Coast Parkway
850-650-8900
http://www.cuveebistrodestin.com/

Vin’tij Wine Boutique & Bistro
500 Grand Boulevard, #100K
Miramar Beach, FL 32550
850-650-9820
http://www.vintij.com/

**Surf Hut**  
Located directly on the Gulf – great views!  
551 Scenic Gulf Drive  
850-460-7750  
https://surfhutdestin.com/  

**Surfing Deer**  
2743 East County Highway 30A  
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459  
850-213-4200  
http://surfingdeer.com/seagrove/  

**790 On the Gulf**  
2996 Scenic Hwy 98  
850-650-4853  
http://www.eatmoregumbo.com/  

**Agave Azul Mexican Cuisine**  
111 Cannery Lane  
Destin, FL 32550  
http://www.agaveazulmexicancuisine.com/  
850-424-5177  

**Caffe Siena at Sandestin (Coffee Shop)**  
Located at the entrance of the Baytowne Wharf  
850-267-4488  

**Angelina’s Pizzeria & Pasta Restaurant**  
4005 East Scenic Highway 30A  
Seagrove Beach, FL 32459  
850-231-2500  
http://www.angelinas30a.com/  

**Moo La-La Ice Cream & Desserts**  
Located at Baytowne Wharf  
101 Cannery Lane  
Miramar Beach, FL 32550  
850-654-3333  

**Pino Gelato & Frozen Yogurt**  
10562 Emerald Coast Parkway, #118  
Destin, FL 32550
**www.pinogelato.com**  
850-837-4775

**Village Door Dockside Restaurant (BBQ and Seafood)**  
Located at Baytowne Wharf  
850-502-4590

**Fish Out of Water** (located at the Water Color Inn)  
34 Golden Rod Circle  
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459  
850-534-5050  

**Marina Café**  
Located at the Destin Harbor  
404 Harbor Blvd  
Destin, FL 32541  
850-837-7960  
[https://marinacafe.com/menu/](https://marinacafe.com/menu/)

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**Massage Therapy**

You are at a resort – treat yourself!

1. **Linkside Fitness Center and Spa.** Make reservation with Betsy or contact Shelley DeVaugh, Massage Therapist, at 850-267-6466.  

2. **Serenity by the Sea Spa located at the Hilton Inn on the beach.**  
   [http://www.sandestinbeachhilton.com/serenity](http://www.sandestinbeachhilton.com/serenity); 800-559-1805; 850-267-9500.


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**Area Churches**

**South Walton Church of Christ**  
64 Casting Lake Dr., Destin, FL 32550  
850-622-3817  
[http://www.southwaltonchurchofchrist.com/Contact.htm](http://www.southwaltonchurchofchrist.com/Contact.htm)
Corpus Christi Catholic Church  
307 Beach Drive  
Destin, FL 32550  
850-654-5422  
http://www.corpuschristidestin.com/5.html

Destin First Baptist Church  
201 Beach Drive  
Destin, FL 32550  
850-837-6515  
http://firstbaptistdestin.com/

Destiny Worship Center  
122 Poinciana Blvd  
Miramar Beach, FL 32550  
850-650-6800  
http://www.destinyworshipcenter.com/small-groups/

Safe Harbor Presbyterian Church  
801 Airport Road  
Destin, FL 32550  
850-837-2133  
http://www.safeharborpcadestin.org/

Village Baptist Church  
101 Matthew Blvd  
Destin, FL 32550  
850-837-8107  
http://www.villagebaptist.org/

St. Rita’s Catholic Church  
137 Moll Drive  
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459  
850-267-2558  
http://www.saintritaparish.org/

Grace Lutheran Church  
4325 Commons Drive, West  
Destin, FL 32550  
850-654-1679  
http://www.gracedestin.org/

Santa Rosa Beach Community Church  
3524 US Highway 98, West  
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459  
850-267-2599