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The Forgotten Coast is located on the Gulf of Mexico in North Florida’s panhandle along the Big Bend Scenic Byway; 80 miles southwest of Tallahassee and 60 miles east of Panama City. The area features more than 700 hundred miles of relatively undeveloped coastal shoreline including the four barrier islands of St. George, Dog, Cape St. George and St. Vincent. The coastal communities of Apalachicola, St. George Island, Eastpoint, Carrabelle and Alligator Point are accessible via US Highway 98. By air, the Forgotten Coast can be reached through commercial airports in Tallahassee and Panama City. By boat, on Gulf Intracoastal Waterway from Florida’s West Coast enter at St. George Sound through East Pass, between Dog Island and St. George Island, or through Bob Sikes Cut. From the west, take the ICW through East Bay from Panama City on past White City and continue east through Lake Wimico to the Jackson River, which will lead to the Apalachicola River.
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Apalachicola

Apalachicola's rich history and maritime culture is complimented by the area’s bountiful natural resources.

Apalachicola, or “Apalach”, as it is known by locals, is far from a typical tourist town. Established in 1831, it was once the third largest port on the Gulf of Mexico. Wide, tree-lined streets are proudly graced by picturesque homes that give visitors a glimpse of the wealth and craftsmanship that existed here in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Apalachicola’s vibrant history and rich maritime culture can also be seen on its working waterfront. Buildings that once served as 19th century ship’s chandleries, net factories and a sponge warehouse now house a mix of eclectic and trendy shops, restaurants, galleries and meticulously restored hotels and B & B’s. These locally owned and operated businesses create a quaint and friendly atmosphere for visitors as well as local residents. A grand theater lies in the center of town. Restored in 1997, the Dixie Theatre hosts professional theater and musical events January through March.

Apalachicola is also noted for having some of the finest oysters in the country. They have a pure, mild, briny flavor that has been recognized by top chefs throughout the country. Smaller open bay boats moored or trailered each day, tong for oysters in the many shallow areas of Apalachicola Bay. Larger fishing vessels line the waterfront and regularly net fresh local shrimp and fish. Eat at one of our acclaimed restaurants that feature fresh, local seafood harvested daily.

The Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce started around 1842 making it one of the oldest Chamber of Commerce’s in the United States still in operation.
Apalachicola has more than 900 historic homes, buildings and sites listed in its extensive National Register District, and the city was selected one of America’s Dozen Distinctive Destinations in 2008 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The National Trust for Historic Preservation chose Apalachicola as one of its 2008 Dozen Distinctive Destinations based on its unique character, exceptional charm and dedication to historic preservation. Awarded to only a handful of communities throughout the nation, this designation confirms Apalachicola’s commitment to preserving its working seafood industry, maritime culture and history.
A History Rich with Steamboats, Timber and Seafood

The port of Apalachicola was established in 1831. Shipping cotton was Apalachicola’s big industry and it soon became the third largest port on the Gulf of Mexico. By the 1850s, the waterfront was lined with brick warehouses and broad streets to handle the loading and unloading of cotton. Steamboats laden with cotton came down the River and were unloaded. Then small shallow-draft schooners (lighters) shuttled the cargo to ships moored offshore.

As the railroads expanded throughout the United States, a new industry took shape in the City. Home to large cypress forests, Franklin County developed several big lumber mills in the late 1800s. Lumber magnates built many of the magnificent historic homes that line our streets.

By the end of the 19th century, harvesting oysters and seafood became an important industry. Today Franklin County harvests more than 90% of Florida’s oysters and 10% of the oysters consumed in the nation. Shrimp, blue crab and finfish are also very important commercially, bringing in over $14 million worth of seafood to Franklin County docks annually.
Eastpoint

There are endless pristine shallow bays and marshes, plus miles of forest to explore.

Gateway to Tate’s Hell State Forest, St. George Island and the Apalachicola National Forest, Eastpoint is the central point of the Forgotten Coast. There are thousands of acres in Tate’s Hell and the Apalachicola National Forest for hiking, birding, hunting and fishing. Wildflower savannahs and marshes attract outdoor enthusiasts nationwide. It is a place one can truly feel untouched by today’s world.

Eastpoint is also home to the new Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve Center, a 5,000 square foot research and nature center near the foot of the bridge to St George Island. The center, open to the public Tuesday through Saturday, houses many exhibits representative of the coastal ecosystem, popular educational exhibits of the plant and animal life found in this region, live fish tanks, oyster boat, natural resource and history information.
The waters of the Apalachicola Bay are among the cleanest and most productive in the nation, yielding seafood landings in excess of $14 million annually in Franklin County. Apalachicola Bay oysters are among the most delectable and nutritious seafood in the world and are a very important part of the Franklin County economic picture. More than 1,000 people in Franklin County are employed by this industry and approximately $6.5 million (2.6 million pounds of oyster meat) are shucked here.

Historically, Franklin County harvests more than 90% of Florida’s oysters and 10% of the nationwide supply. Oystermen harvest oysters in the Apalachicola area from more than 7,000 acres of public oyster “bars” and 600 acres of private leased bars in Apalachicola Bay. Public bars are divided into “winter” bars, which are harvested from October through June and “summer” bars which are harvested from July through September. There are more than 1,000 people employed by the oyster industry in Franklin County.

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Tongers, traditionally called “oystermen”, harvest the oysters today in the same manner they have for a century. From small wooden boats 20-23 feet long, using tongs that look somewhat like two rakes attached in scissor-style, the oystermen bring the oysters to the surface. The oysters are brought on board and sorted on a culling board where they are separated by size.

On shore, the seafood houses sort the oysters and package them for sale either in bags or boxes, or send them to be shucked, washed and sold in pints or gallons. The Bay is carefully monitored to ensure the health and productivity of the oyster beds. As early as 1949, the state was involved in restocking oyster shell into the bay to create new oyster bars. It is estimated that 750 acres of bars have been constructed since then.

Noted for their pure, mellow, briny flavor, Apalachicola Bay oysters have been recognized by chefs throughout the country as one of the best tasting oysters and have been recently been highlighted in New York Times and Garden & Gun magazines. Listen to oral histories gather by the Southern Foodways Alliance at

http://www.southernfoodways.org/oral-history/floridas-forgotten-coast-life-on-the-apalachicola-bay/

The Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve (ANERR) encompasses 246,000 acres making it the second largest of 28 existing in the National Estuarine Research Reserve system. The Reserve is intended as a protective blanket for the fragile wetlands, bays and coastal uplands. In 2011, ANERR opened its new 5,000 square foot research and nature center in Eastpoint near the foot of the bridge to St George Island. The center, open to the public Tuesday through Saturday, houses many exhibits representative of the coastal ecosystem, popular educational exhibits of the plant and animal life found in this region, and live fish tanks, an oyster boat, natural resource and local history information.

The Reserve boundaries include a large section of the Apalachicola River and adjoining floodplains, all or portions of three barrier islands, Apalachicola Bay and associated sounds. Apalachicola Bay, the primary water body, is one of the most productive bays in the country. The bay supports major fisheries for oysters, shrimp, crabs and finfish. Much of the local economy is connected to the bay.

The Reserve is also one of the most important bird habitats in the southeastern U.S. with more than 315 species. There are also more than 360 species of marine mollusks found in the Reserve and in its near-shore waters, many of these are also endangered. Fifty seven species of mammals are also found in the drainage basin including the Florida black bear, the West Indian manatee, the Indiana bat and the gray bat. Contact the reserve office at (850) 670-7700 for a schedule of workshops, lectures and special events.

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St. George Island State Park occupies the far eastern end of the island where you will find nine miles of undeveloped shoreline, majestic dunes, bay forest, sandy coves.
Cape St. George Lighthouse: An Historic Maritime Beacon

The Cape St. George Light, located at the center of St. George Island, is the fourth construction of the historic lighthouse. The first was built in 1833, with reconstructions in 1848, 1852, and 2008.

The lighthouse was originally built on the western tip of St. George Island, but was rebuilt in 1848 on Cape St. George. The third lighthouse was built after the hurricane of 1851, and withstood storms, wars, and beach erosion for 153 years. It collapsed into the Gulf of Mexico on October 21, 2005.

A succession of Lighthouse Keepers tended the light for more than 100 years, carrying heavy buckets of fuel up the spiral staircase each day, trimming the wicks, and polishing the lenses.

During the Civil War the light was extinguished so as not to offer guidance to Federal war ships, and the lens was removed from the tower for safe keeping.

In a dramatic team effort involving private contractors and local volunteers, the pieces of the Light were salvaged and reconstruction began in the fall of 2007. The original bricks cleaned by volunteers are used on the interior walls, and pieces of the original granite sills and lintels are used in the doorway and windows.

The fourth Cape St. George Light was completed in December of 2008, and stands as a tribute to the commitment of a community to the preservation of its maritime heritage.

The Lighthouse, the Keeper’s House Museum and Gift Shop, and the St. George Island Visitor Center are located in St. George Lighthouse Park at the center of the island.

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and salt marshes. The park has a series of hiking trails, boardwalks and observation platforms. Bird watching is a popular activity here. You might encounter one of the many migratory birds that use the island as a stop-over on their way south or north. We have even had rare appearances by a flamingo and a snowy owl! St. George Island State Park was voted #3 Beach in America by Dr. Beach in 2015.

A 79-foot St. George Island Lighthouse now stands proudly in the center of island. Climb the 92 wooden stairs plus an eight-rung ladder to the lantern room where you will see spectacular views of Apalachicola Bay and the Gulf of Mexico.
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You could stay outside all day every day in Franklin County. Spend the day fishing, boating, kayaking, birding or hiking. Take a guided tour on the Apalachicola River, see the historic waterfront and learn about the role the river has played in our history and economy, then head up Apalachicola River to view the many wild and isolated marshes or take a trip across Apalachicola Bay to one of the barrier islands - St. Vincent Island National Wildlife Refuge, Cape St. George State Preserve and Dog Island. Or rent a boat or kayak and explore the remote bays and inlets where you’ll likely catch a glimpse of a bald eagle overhead or a dolphin swimming in the surf. Land based adventures include trips into the expansive Apalachicola National Forest or Tate’s Hell State Forest. Here visitors can enjoy hiking, birding, hunting and fishing on thousands of acres of primitive forests. Whether you are staying on the beach or touring the historic district in Apalachicola, bicycling is a great way to get around. Bike rentals are available on the beach and in the historic district. Browse the many shops and galleries that feature locally made, one-of-a-kind works.

Apalachicola Historic District Over 900 homes, buildings and sites are listed in the National Register District some dating from the 1830s. A scenic walking tour of the town acquaints visitors with sites such as cotton...
warehouses, which housed the City’s once prosperous cotton export during the 1800s, a sponge exchange and Victorian homes nestled amid magnolias. Map available at the Apalachicola Bay Chamber office and Visitors Center located at 122 Commerce Street or can be downloaded at www.apalachicola.org

**Apalachicola Maritime Museum** Have fun while learning about maritime heritage, river and bay ecology or learn new skills of sailing, paddle sports or traditional wooden boat building. Come see the 86’ paddlewheel boat, a fleet of wooden sailboats, steam powered launches at our main museum. Enjoy educational exhibits, lectures, excursions, and much more. Located at 103 Water Street. (850) 653-2500 www.AMMFL.org

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**Apalachicola Museum of Art** The Greek Revival style Fry-Conter House, built in 1845 by Daniel Fry an illustrious riverboat captain, has been meticulously restored and now serves as the Apalachicola Museum of Art where period-ic temporary visual art exhibits can be viewed. 5th Street and Avenue F (850) 653-2090

**Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve** Encompassing over 246,000 acres in Apalachicola Bay, it is the 2nd largest Estuarine Research Reserve system in the nation. Exhibits on the flora and fauna of the area and giant live fish tanks, video and a ½ scale model oyster boat. Open Tuesday-Saturday 9:00 am-4:30 pm 108 Island Drive (850) 670-7700

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Cape St. George Lighthouse After collapsing on Cape St. George in 2005, this historic lighthouse has since been painstakingly reconstructed in the center of St. George Island. Original materials were salvaged and used in the reconstruction. Now you can climb the 92 wooden stairs and an eight-rung ladder to the lantern room which offers spectacular views. Also visit the Keepers House Museum next door to see exhibits on the history of the lighthouse and artifacts. March-October open Monday-Saturday 10:00 am-5:00 pm, Sunday 12:00-5:00 pm. Closed Thursday. November through February noon-5:00 p.m. 2 East Gulf Beach Drive (850) 927-7745 www.stgeorgelight.org

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October
Blues in the Lot Oct 10th, great blues acts starting at noon until 8:00 pm. (850) 653-5564
Second Annual Apalach Oktoberfest Oct 11th www.apalachoktoberfest.com
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Bowery Gallery Fall Art Show Oct 23 6-9 pm. Fourth annual show “Falling Up and Beyond” 149 Commerce Street, Apalachicola
Ghost Walk Oct 24th, 7:00-9:00 pm Hauntings abound at the Chestnut Street Cemetery when local history enthusiasts take on the persona of the cemetery’s notable inhabitants.

Lantern Fest Oct 24th at the Crooked River Lighthouse (850) 697-2732

November
Downtown Oyster Roast Nov 6th, 6:00 to 9:00 pm Featuring roasted oysters, oysters on the half shell, creamy artichoke, oyster

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and thyme soup, fresh local shrimp, blue crabs, salad greens, fantastic desserts and live music. Dine under the stars next to the Apalachicola River (850) 653-9419 info@apalachicolabay.org

52nd Florida Seafood Festival Nov 6-7 marks the 52nd year of this two-day celebration of delicious seafood, arts and crafts exhibits, musical entertainment oyster eating and oyster shucking contest, blue crab races, a parade, 5k run and the Blessing of the Fleet www.floridaseafoodfestival.com

Auto’s & Oysters Car Show Nov. 13th & 14th Riverfront Park

Apalachicola Christmas Celebration Nov 27-28. The day after Thanksgiving the streets of Apalachicola will be lined with luminaries and filled with holiday spirit. Merchants will be open late and the sounds of carolers will echo through the streets. Santa arrives on a shrimp boat at 4pm at the City Dock on Water Street. Saturday, Santa has a special day devoted to hearing wishes from pets. Pet costume contest.

Shop Small Saturday Nov 28 11-6 pm Shop independently owned small businesses. From art to jewelry, food or antiques, you’ll find the perfect gift for everyone on your list.

December

Holiday Fresh Market Saturday, Dec 5th. Why fight the crowds and traffic at the malls? Come for the day or the weekend and find one-of-a-kind unusual presents. Shop in a relaxed, hassle-free environment. Buy hand crafted Apalachicola specialties such as fresh seasonal wreaths, baked goods, artwork, wood carving, pottery, hand knitted goods. Your gift shopping has never been easier! (850) 653-9419

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Eastpoint Christmas Parade & Celebration Dec 11th 4:00 pm Bring your golf cart, convertible, pick-up truck or boat. We’ll end at the Pavilion on Patton Drive where Santa will arrive by oyster boat, there will be caroling and Santa will listen to children’s wishes.

2016 January

Tallahassee Swing Band Jan 9th Big band ensemble (850) 653-3200 www.dixietheatre.com

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February

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Mardi Gras Celebration Feb 7th

Feb 8th Pet & golf cart parade Friday. Saturday mardi gras themed ball with entertainment, dinner, dancing. Habitat For Humanity annual fundraiser info@franklincountyhabitat.com

St. George Island Tour of Homes Feb 13th (850) 927-7745 www.sgitourofhomes.com

Groovy Kind of Love : 34 West Theater Feb. 13th (850) 653-3200 www.dixietheatre.com

Forgotten Coast Chef Sampler Feb 14th, 6:00 pm Chefs from all over the Forgotten Coast will prepare their most creative. Sample an array from our area restaurants (850) 653-9419 or email us at info@apalachicolabay.org.

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Oystertown USA Feb 20th-24th-27th (850) 653-3200 www.dixietheatre.com

March

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St George Island Chill Cook-off March 5th Regional Chili Cook off 5K, Auction, Miss Chili Pepper and Miss Hot Sauce contest. Proceeds benefit the St. George Island Volunteer Fire Department and First Responders (850) 927-2753.

Slingo Line Irish Music & Dance March 12th (850) 653-3200 www.dixietheatre.com

Eastpoint Rib Cook off March 19th Join the Volunteer Fire Dept for BBQ ribs and chicken cook off, a car show, Lairs Contest, live music, events for the kids and more. (850) 670-9000 www.eastpointvfd.com/18th Annual Forgotten Coast Chef’s Sampler

GhostWalk May 7th, 7:00pm Hauntings will abound at the Chestnut Street Cemetery from as local history buffs don the garb and take on the persona of several of the cemetery’s more notable inhabitants.

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June

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July

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August

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TO THE EAST

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**Lanark Village** Located eight miles east of Carrabelle, the village of Lanark was once home to a fashionable resort in the late 1800s as it was the terminus of the Georgia, Florida and Alabama Railroad. During WWII, the area was known as Camp Gordon Johnston, a military installation that trained over a quarter million men for amphibious assaults from 1942 until 1946. Be sure to visit the Camp Gordon Johnston Museum in Carrabelle, 1001 Gray Avenue in the city hall complex.

**Carrabelle** Located twenty minutes east of Apalachicola, the town of Carrabelle is a paradise for boaters, with plenty of deep water boat slips and several marinas that offer fuel, provisions, bait and tackle. Don’t miss the Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum located at the city complex or the Carrabelle History Museum on Avenue B in downtown Carrabelle. Stop by the Carrabelle Chamber Visitors Center for more information (850) 697-2585 apalachicolabay.org
TO THE WEST

Indian Pass West of Apalachicola, take US Highway 98 for about seven miles to a fork in the road where 98 meets C-30: the next ten miles offer a scenic route with great bay views. Ten miles further down the road you’ll stumble upon the Indian Pass Raw Bar, an iconic oyster bar where you get your own beer or coke from the fridge and belly up to the bar for a dozen of Apalachicola’s finest oysters. As you leave the raw bar explore Indian Pass. Serving as the gateway to St. Vincent Wildlife Refuge, this small peninsula divides Indian Lagoon from the Gulf of Mexico and remains one of Florida’s best kept secrets.

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Blue Moon Inn - Lovely bungalow located in the heart of historic Apalachicola one block from shops, restaurants, bars, the waterfront, and fishing piers. Rent half or the whole house, sleeps 2-10 people. Bikes and golf carts available, minimum two night stay. 19 Avenue C (Leslie Street), Apalachicola, (404) 550-5110 www.vrbo.com/409918 Blue-moonRSVP@gmail.com

Bryant House Bed & Breakfast - Outstanding hospitality, quiet, luxurious rooms in a romantic, turn of the century setting and full German breakfast (Frühstück) to start your day off right. 101 6th Street, Apalachicola (850) 653-3270 (888) 554-4376 www.bryanthouse.com

Buccaneer Inn - Beachside hotel in the center of St. George Island with beachfront rooms overlooking the beautiful Gulf of Mexico, fully equipped efficiency units, a pool and conference room. 160 West Gorrie Drive, St George Island (800) 847-2091 www.buccinn.com

Consulate Suites - Former location of the French Consulate in the early 1800’s with four 1-2 bedroom, luxury vacation suites with fully equipped gourmet kitchens, large, beautifully decorated living areas with balconies overlooking the Apalachicola River. 76 Water Street, Apalachicola (850) 653-1515 (877) 239-1159 www.consulatesuites.com

Coombs House Inn - Luxury romantic 23 guest suites with private baths, many with individual verandas and porches overlooking lush gardens. Amenities include breakfasts, afternoon cookies and tea, weekend wine receptions, beach chairs, bicycles, wifi, cable TV. Within blocks from shopping, restaurants. Children and pets welcome. 80 6th Street, Apalachicola (850) 653-9199 (888) 244-8320 www.combshouseinn.com

Cypress House - Nestled a few miles upriver from downtown this 1,600 sq ft house is built out of “pecky” cypress recovered from the river. Comforts include a 1500 sq. ft. full wrap-around porch and a full masonry fireplace. Sleeps 4 adults comfortably, plus a double bed on a landing for two kids or one adult. 207 Bay City Road, Apalachicola (512) 703-0334 http://personplaces.com

Gibson Inn - Restored turn-of-the-century Victorian inn, with all the charm of the era. Built in 1907, this 3-story beautiful hotel has been fully restored. Each room has a full bath, phone, free internet access, cable, TV

MainStay Suites hotel has 67 guest rooms and features continental breakfast, pool, fitness center, BBQ courtyard area and guest laundry facilities. There are daily, weekly and monthly rates offered. Guest rooms feature full kitchen, work space, sleeper sofa, iron and board and free high speed internet.

Call 850-229-MAIN or visit www.choicehotels.com
and the hotel has a full-service restaurant and beautiful Victorian era bar. 51 Avenue C, Apalachicola (850) 653-2191 www.gibsoninn.com

Houseboats at River Watch - Houseboats at River Watch offers two options for your stay aboard these floating homes. “Southern Comfort” and “Reelaxation” When staying aboard, you will be able to enjoy both the screen porch as well as the outside fishing area or just watch all of the water activity float by. It is truly a relaxing adventure. 908-432-4040 shadowlawn1@comcast.net

House of Tartts Restored guest house in historic downtown. All rooms have private baths and TV. Whole house rental is available, plus The Carriage House, is a self-contained accommodation with 2 bedrooms, 2 baths and kitchen overlooking the garden. 50 Avenue F, Apalachicola (850) 653-4687 www.houseoftartts.com

MainStay Suites 68 room hotel that offers amenities designed for extended-stay travelers. Daily, weekly, monthly rates, pool, fitness center, high speed internet, full kitchens, work space, sleeper sofa and guest laundry facility. 3951 East US Highway 98, Port St Joe (850) 229-MAIN (6246) www.MainStay-suitespsj.com

Old Saltworks Cabins Located at Cape San Blas on the site of a Civil War battle and recommended as one of the nine hidden getaway places in Florida by Florida Trend magazine. 1085 Cape San Blas Road, Cape San Blas (850) 229-6097 www.oldsaltworks.com

The Port Inn Recently restored hotel overlooking beautiful St Joseph Bay located in downtown Port St. Joe. Beautiful rooms with all the amenities, plus the Thirsty Goat Lounge. www.thethirstygoat.com. Two bedroom cottages also available. 501 Monument Avenue, Port St. Joe (866) 825-PORT (7175) www.portinnfl.com
The Rancho Inn 32 rooms with coffee pots, refrigerators and microwaves, including 2 suites, 1 jacuzzi room, and a pool. Located at the edge of Apalachicola’s residential historic district. 240 US Highway 98, Apalachicola (850) 653-9435 🐐

Raney Guest Cottage Experience historic charm in downtown Apalachicola. Circa 1835, the two bedroom/two bath Raney Guest Cottage has been tastefully renovated to include all the comforts of home plus a fully-equipped kitchen. 46 Avenue F, Apalachicola (850) 653-9749 www.apalachicola-vacation.com

Rivercrest Vacation Home Lovely architecture in a secluded wooded setting near the Apalachicola River. Four bedrooms, 3 baths with full kitchen that opens to family room with dining area. Front and back porch with fire pit. Boat ramp, dockage off Scipio Creek. 501 Bay City Road, Apalachicola (850) 370-0075 www.apalachicolabay.org/index.cfm/?pageid=213/

Riverfront Vacation Home Located in a quiet area of the Apalachicola River near a full service marina, this is a furnished home with all the amenities to make your stay as comfortable as possible. 125 Melanie Lane, Apalachicola (205) 926-4816 www.apalachfishing.com 🐐

Riverwood Suites - Historic Baltimore House built in 1908. While leaving the original rustic look on the outside, the inside is a mixture of rustic and romantic chic. Each room has a unique headboards made from reclaimed wood, old metal ceiling tiles, corrugated metal and old reclaimed barn door. All rooms have California King Beds and sleeper sofa, separate kitchenette area. (850) 653-3848 monica@riverwoodsuites.com 🐐

Sportsman’s Lodge Quiet, shaded, bay front motel and marina on secluded East Bay. Large family units with fully equipped kitchenettes. Just 5 minutes from Historic Apalachicola and beautiful St. George Island. 99 North Bayshore Drive, Eastpoint (850) 670-8423 http://sportsmanslodgeonthebay.blogspot.com 🐐

St. George Inn Located in the heart of St. George Island, one block from the beach. Spacious rooms dog friendly, each room has refrigerator, coffee maker, cable TV, free wireless internet, microwave, private bath, view of the water from wrap-around porches and new mattresses! 135 Franklin Boulevard, St George Island (850) 927-2903 www.stgeorgeinn.com 🐐

St. George Island State Park - There’s a touch of fall in the air and it’s time to GO CAMPING! What better way to spend a weekend than relaxing at the beach. Whether you like to fish, go kayaking, bird watch, or look for shells, St. George Island State Park has something for everyone. 850-927-2111 joshhodson@dep.state.fl.us

St. James Bay Villas Luxurious condominiums with breathtaking views of the surrounding golf course, covered parking, tennis

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courts, swimming pools, golf pro shop, picnic pavilions, on-site restaurant and of course all the golf activities you love! 151 Laughing Gull Lane, Carrabelle (850) 697-9606 http://www.stjamesbay.com

Turtle Beach Inn Charming bed & breakfast nestled between long-needled pines and cabbage palms on an often-deserted Gulf coast beach. Guest rooms overlook the Gulf of Mexico and include private baths. 140 Painted Pony Road, Indian Pass (850) 229-9366 www.turtlebeachinn.com

Water Street Hotel Apalachicola’s Newest Hotel & Marina 1-2 bedrooms with living-dining area fully equipped kitchen, washer-dryer, private screened veranda overlooking the river, outdoor pool and daily maid service. Meeting rooms for up to 60 people and boat slips for up to 55’ vessels. 329 Water Street, Apalachicola (850) 653-3700 www.waterstreethotel.com

Water Street Loft Located right on the water, the Loft is within easy walking distance of the area’s best shops and restaurants with 3 bedrooms (sleeps 9) and over 1,400 square feet. Features include a spacious living room, large kitchen and boat ramp. 317 Water Street, Apalachicola (850) 653-6279 www.waterstreetloft.com

Yule Tide A unique loft experience tucked away in the heart of downtown Apalachicola. Beautifully decorated one bedroom, one bath with full kitchen 44 Avenue E, Apalachicola (617) 413-1968 www.vrbo.com/392307

Indian Pass Campground - Indian Pass Campground is at the far western end of Apalachicola Bay, where it flows into the Gulf of Mexico. In the midst of a beautiful, deeply fertile area, full of unspoiled beaches and rich estuaries, there are no high rises here in Indian Pass - just wonderful beaches, succulent oysters, world class fishing and spectacular sunsets. 850-227-7203

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Carrabelle Beach RV Resort - RV sites and cabins across from Carrabelle Beach, store with RV supplies, bait, tackle and groceries, recreation hall, a bath house, a pool, laundry facilities, and picnic tables. 1843 US Highway 98, Carrabelle (850) 697-2638 www.rvcoutdoors.com

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Gormley’s at the Gibson - Gormley’s at the Gibson is set in the Historic Gibson Inn in downtown Apalachicola, Florida. The unique old world dining room offers an elegance that’s hard to match. Chef Gormley’s diverse menu of classic French and modern cuisine, decadent homemade desserts and Fayah’s expansive wine menu paired with authentic southern charm make for an unforgettable dining experience. - (850)653-1040

Old Time Soda Fountain Serving ice cream, malts, sodas, floats in an original 1950s interior. Located in downtown Apalachicola on 93 Market Street (850) 653-2606

Oyster City Brewing Co.- Oyster City Brewing Company was founded in 2014 by Cassie Gary, Susan Gary, Rex Humphries and Bo Walker. Cassie, Susan and Rex, owners of Apalachicola’s Owl Cafe & Tap Room, have long shared a passion for fine wine and craft beer. 850-653-2739

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The Owl Café  Relaxed dining featuring thoughtfully prepared local seafood, steak & pastas, accompanied by an excellent selection of fine wines. Lunch & dinner Monday-Saturday, Sunday brunch is served from 10:30am-3:00pm, closed Sunday evenings. Located on Avenue D & Commerce Street (850) 653-9888 www.owlcafeflorida.com

Papa Joe’s Oyster Bar & Grill  Waterfront dining with a full oyster bar, fresh local seafood, salads and steaks. Open 11:30am-10:00pm Monday-Saturday, closed Sundays. Located at 301-B Market Street at Scipio Creek Marina. (850) 653-1189 www.papajoesoysterbar.com

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Tamara’s Tapas Bar  Small plates, draft beer, fine wine plus a full bar with house specialty drinks like kiwi margaritas. Also bar menu or you can order traditional favorites from Tamara’s next door. Entertainment nightly - Trivia Tuesdays, Wild Wing Wednesday, and live music on the weekends. Mondays closed. 73 Market Street (850) 653-8272 https://www.TamaraTapas.com

Tap Room  The Owl Café’s casual gastro pub with over 16 American craft brews on tap, a full bar, award winning wine list, plus creative and delicious fare from the Owl kitchen. 75 Commerce Street (850) 653-1910 https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Owl-Cafe-Tap-Room/164384706996987?ref=ts&fref=ts

Tamara’s Café  Delicious Caribbean/South American dishes served in a charming and romantic old-town setting. Seafood, steaks, salads, and pasta. Serving lunch and dinner Tuesday-Sunday 11:00am-10:00 pm, every day except Monday. Breakfast served Sunday 8:00-11:00 am. 71 Market Street (850) 653-4111 www.tamarascafe.com

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Port St Joe

Indian Pass Raw Bar- The Original McNeill’s Indian Pass Raw Bar since 1929. Enjoy local fresh seafood and oysters baked, steamed or raw Indian Pass style in a casual atmosphere. Flip flops welcome. Come on in, grab a cold beer or wine out of the cooler, mark your own honor system tab, sit back and listen to live music on the porch. When you are ready, hand your waitess your food order. It just doesn’t get any better than that. That is why the locals love it. (850) 227-1670

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Artemis Gallery  Original artwork by local and regional artists specializing in Florida plein air landscapes and folk art, great jewelry and women’s clothing, plus crafts, gifts, cards, and books. 127 Commerce Street (850) 653-2030 www.artemisgalleryonline.com

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Market Street Antiques & Art  Local artwork and antiques. Paintings and prints by Susan Richardson and folk art by Nancy Kerr, plus woodcarvings and an array of antiques. Open Thursday- Monday 10:00am -5:00pm Sunday noon-5:00pm. 115 Market Street, Apalachicola (850)-653-1500.

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