# **DESTINATION GUIDE 2020**

### PANAMA CITY BEACH

### Need to Get Around?

Going to the mall or out to dinner with a small group of friends? Call Beach Boy Shuttle Service @ 850-236-6234. They will get you were you need to go! Be sure and show your GradWeek Wristband for \$1.00 off.

### Need GradWeek On-Site Assistance?

Do not hesitate to call. GradWeek Staff are here to help! <u>If you have an</u> <u>issue or a situation during your trip, you must call us so we can assist</u>. Do not hesitate to call or text. If you cannot contact us have a friend call. ON-SITE 24-HOUR GRADWEEK NUMBER IS:

### **Need Medical Attention?**

GradWeek staff members are not doctors and thus will not make any judgment calls on whether or not medical attention is necessary for any reason. This decision is entirely up to the traveler and his or her parents. If you are in doubt as to whether medical attention is needed, we strongly recommend you contact your parent(s) and/or guardian(s) and ask for advice. If you are in need of medical attention and it is a non-emergency, you can locate a GradWeek Staff member for directions to the nearest medical facility. If you cannot find a GradWeek Staff member, simply go to your hotel/condominium front desk for assistance or call the number above. If it is an emergency, dial 911 and have your friend notify a GradWeek Staff Member.

#### Local Urgent Care Facility - Bay Medical at the Beach | 11111 Panama City Beach Pkwy, Panama City Beach, FL 32407 | Phone: (850) 636-3175

### Helpful Safety & Travel Tips

- Need To Call Home? Make sure you call Mom and Dad! We often get calls from parents saying they have not heard from their son or daughter. To avoid unnecessary calls and worrying, take 5 minutes and calls your parents to let them know you made it to Panama City safely.
- Bus To GradWeek Events/Activities Meeting for bus pick up in the horseshoe at the times listed on GW Readerboard in the hotel lobby – be there and be prepared you may have to wait in line. Don't be late, buses will leave without you!
- Hydration DRINK PLENTY OF WATER!! After many hours of travel, combined with laying in the sun, lack of sleep, it's critical that you stay hydrated. Be sure to drink lots of water during your trip. You'll feel better, be less susceptible to illness, and you have an overall better experience!
- The Buddy System We highly recommend the buddy system. Please stay out in groups, especially when going back to your hotel at night. Always remember that there is safety in numbers!
- Taxi's The taxi's run all day and night (less frequent in the early morning hours). They will cost anywhere from \$3-\$10 depending on where you want to go. You can take up to four people in a standard taxicab. Or you can order a ride from Uber or Lyft. We strongly recommend that no one rides alone, especially at night.
- Drugs & Alcohol Just say NO! Drug & Alcohol use are illegal. Do not buy, sell, or use drugs or alcohol anywhere. You will be kicked out of your hotel/condominium and will most likely end up in jail.
- Hotel Room/Condominium Room Damage You and your roommates are all responsible for paying any and all damage to your room. This also includes any extensive cleaning due to stains, smoking, liquid spills etc. Take care of your room!!!
- Checkout Buses leave early so don't be late or you can get left behind! Travelers MUST clean their condos – take out all trash (very important) – garbage bags are available from GradWeek Staff or the hotel front desk, start dishwasher and tidy up room. Proceed to front desk to settle any damages and be at horseshoe 30-mins before departure time. For Example – If the bus is leaving at 8:00 AM, then you must have completed all of the above and be at the horseshoe by 7:30 AM! \*Buses will leave without you!!!
- Motorized Water Sports All equipment is owned locally and any damage to the equipment will be your responsibility. Be careful! Many students have

been charged for damage they may not have done. Check the equipment for damage before using.

- Ocean The Ocean has a strong undertow! During the day, please check to see if your hotel has warning flags in front of the beach area. Most hotels/condominiums will post these flags to let you know the current Ocean conditions. Please do not go in the Ocean at night regardless of the posted flags. It is extremely dangerous at night!
- Balconies Do not sit on the ledge of your balcony or try and jump balconies from one room to another. It is very easy to fall off your balconies and can cause life threatening injuries!
- Crossing the Street Be sure and look both ways as to avoid being hit by moving vehicles.
- Personal Belongings We strongly recommend that you do not leave your valuables out when you are not in the room. Always put them away when they are not in use.
- **Mopeds** We strongly recommend that you NOT rent mopeds. Mopeds are not allowed on the hotel property and can not be parked in the parking garage. You are also responsible for damages.
- Money Wire Service If you run out of money and need money sent from home, GradWeek has a service that is easy and will save you time. Simply call home and have your parents contact our Corporate Office at (800) 448-4444 to request a Wire Transfer Form or they can download it from the GradWeek website (from the Resources page at www.gradweek.com). Our office will process their credit card for up to \$300 and GradWeek will pay you on-site. Please see a staff member for all money wire pick-ups. Money wires are distributed Monday-Friday at 7:00 PM (destination time). You will need to bring photo ID to the GradWeek 24-hour room to receive your money.

### **COVID-19 INFORMATION**

CONGRATULATIONS Class of 2020! We're so happy you're here to have the trip of a lifetime! We want you to have the best week of your life but more importantly, we want you to be SAFE! Here's what you need to remember to have a happy and healthy grad trip:

- 1. Wash your hands OFTEN, for at least 20 seconds!
- 2. When soap and water aren't available, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- 3. Stay at least 6 feet away from others when possible! Space out those beach chairs!
- 4. Wear your mask whenever you are in public.
- 5. Cover coughs & sneezes- If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow & immediately wash your hands.
- 6. Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth.
- 7.If you have a fever, cough or difficulty breathing, seek medical attention 2 and inform a GradWeek staff member IMMEDIATELY!
- 8.Regularly clean hard surfaces. This means allowing housekeeping to clean your room DAILY!
- 9. Drink only from your OWN cup- Do NOT share drinks!
- 10. Relax, be safe, and get ready for the best week of your life!

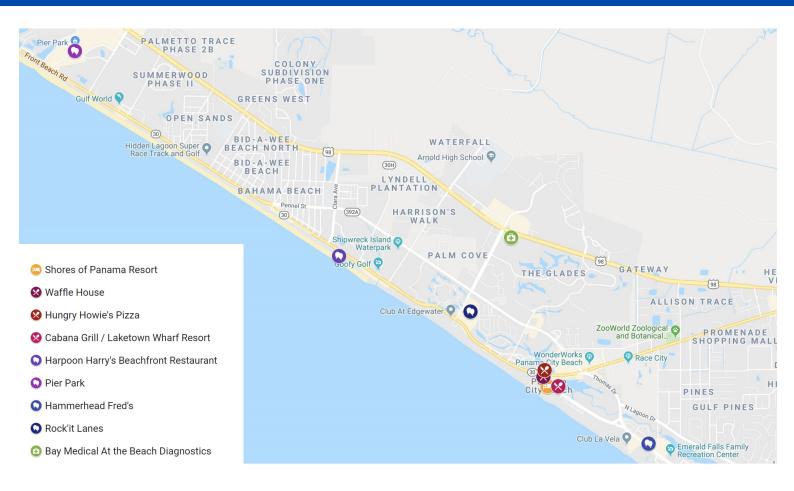
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### **GRADWEEK STAFF 24-HOUR PHONE:**

## PANAMA CITY BEACH LOCATION INFO

### SHORES OF PANAMA HOTEL

9900 S Thomas Dr. Panama City Beach, FL 32408 Phone: (888) 402–5155, press 3 (for Front Desk)

### WAFFLE HOUSE

- Behind the Shores hotel 10327 Front Beach Rd. Panama City Beach, FL 32407 Phone: (850) 236-0081

HUNGRY HOWIE'S 10430 Front Beach Rd. Panama City Beach, FL 32407 Phone: (850) 230-3999

### CABANA GRILL 9902 S Thomas Dr. Panama City Beach, FL 32408 Phone: (850) 563–3000

HARPOON HARRY'S 12627 Front Beach Rd. Panama City Beach, FL 32407 Phone: (850) 234–6060

### **PIER PARK MALL** 600 Pier Park Dr. Panama City Beach, FL 32413 Phone: (850) 236-9974

### HAMMERHEAD FRED'S

8752 Thomas Dr. Panama City Beach, FL 32408 Phone: (850) 233-3907

### **ROCK'IT LANES**

513 N Richard Jackson Boulevard Panama City Beach, FL 324078 Phone: (850) 249-2695

### BAY MEDICAL AT THE BEACH/URGENT CARE

11111 Panama City Beach Pkwy. Panama City Beach, FL 32407 Phone: (850) 636-31759