

# PANAMA CITY DESTINATION GUIDE

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### 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 where you need to go! Be sure and show your GradWeek Wristband for \$1.00 off. **BEACH BOYS SHUTTLE**

### NEED GRADWEEK ON-SITE ASSISTANCE?

Do not hesitate to reach-out to Grad Week Staff, we are here to help! If you have an issue or a situation during your trip, you must contact on-site staff so we can assist you while at the destination. Do not hesitate to **call or text**. If you cannot contact us yourself, have a friend call or text

**ON-SITE 24-HOUR GRADWEEK STAFF NUMBER: PROVIDED UPON ARRIVAL IN PCB**

### 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: Healthpoint Medical Group**  
**12234 Panama City Beach Pkwy, Panama City Beach, FL 3240**  
**Phone: (850) 233-2323 | Email: info@healthpoint.hush.com**

### 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 call or text your parents to let them know you made it to Panama City Beach safely.
- **Bus To GradWeek Events/Activities** – Meet for bus pick up in front of the hotel at the times listed on GW readerboard located 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 and 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!
- **Taxis** – The taxis run all day and night (less frequently 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 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!!! Upon arriving to your room make sure you and your roommates take 5 minutes to check your room and report any damages to the room if any so that you are not charged for it when you check out. Please walk down to the Front Desk and report any damages immediately. Do not let strangers into your room. Keep your doors locked at all times, including any balcony sliders.

- **Checkout** – Buses leave early so don't be late or you can get left behind! Travelers **MUST** clean their rooms, 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 your room may have incurred, and **be out front of the hotel 30-minutes BEFORE departure time.** **Example** – If the bus is leaving at 8:00 AM, then you must have completed all of the above and be out front by 7:30 AM! **\*Buses will leave without you!!!**
- **Motorized Water Sports** – We strongly recommend NOT renting mopeds, Jet-skis or other motorized water sport equipment. Moped collisions are a common occurrence and you are responsible for any damages. 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 and report it 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 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. Do not sit anything on the railing, 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. Looking both ways before crossing the street will insure safety.
- **Mopeds** – We strongly recommend that you NOT rent mopeds. Mopeds are not allowed on the hotel property and cannot be parked in the parking garage. You are also responsible for damages.
- **Money Wire Services** – 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 email 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](http://www.gradweek.com)). Our office will process their credit card for up to \$300 and Grad Week will pay you on-site. Travelers must see a staff member on-site for all money wire pick-ups. Money wires are distributed Monday-Friday at 7:00 PM (Florida time). You will need to bring photo ID to the Grad Week 24-hour room to receive your money.

### COVID SAFETY REMINDERS

CONGRATULATIONS Class of 2024! While COVID is becoming a thing of the past, we still recommend exercising caution during your trip. We want you to have the best week of your life but more importantly, we want you to still be safe! Here's what you need to remember to have a happy and healthy grad trip:

- Wash your hands OFTEN, for at least 20 seconds! When soap and water aren't available, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Masks are recommended and may be required in some establishments.
- Cover coughs and sneezes! If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow and immediately wash your hands.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth.
- If you have a fever, cough or difficulty breathing, seek medical attention and inform a Grad Week staff member IMMEDIATELY!
- Regularly clean hard surfaces. This means allowing housekeeping to clean your room DAILY!
- Drink only from your OWN cup. Do NOT share drinks!!
- Relax, be safe, and get ready for the best week of your life!

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#### READ THE FINE PRINT

Tours and events may only be redeemed with an Action Pac Wristband and the appropriate ticket. You must bring your appropriate ticket to each event to be admitted. Events are subject to change without notice. Please check in your hotel lobby every night for any event changes. Action Pacs are non-refundable and non-transferable.

You will not be reimbursed for any unused portion of the purchased package. You are responsible for your actions on any given tour or event. It is your decision and choice to participate or not to participate in any given tour or event you have purchased. Activities are not mandatory; they are voluntary. Your decision to participate is not actionable against Grad Week. Your actions while on the tour or event are not actionable against GradWeek.

**ALL EVENTS & PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**



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## PCB AREA MAP

### IMPORTANT NOTES:

- **\*Please check your phone each morning for text messages from GradWeek staff for all start times, pick-up locations, and/or schedule changes.**
- **\*All events are optional, and attendance is not required.**
- **Shell Island Adventure Day:** GradWeek Staff will **alert you BY TEXT** of your cruise date and time, as we will have several departures throughout the week.
- **GradWeek Club Pass:** This is valid for each night for arrival before 11:00PM. \*Anyone arriving after 11:00PM will be subject to an additional cover charge!
  - » Attendance at the event, mode of transportation to and from the event, and length of stay at the event is at the sole discretion of the traveler.
  - » GradWeek will provide several designated times for transportation to and from the event. However, it is up to each individual if they want the transportation at that designated time or get their own transportation.
- **The Bus Pick-up and Drop-off Area:** This is just to the right of the hotel if standing in lobby looking at parking garage. This is the stop where the hotel will load and drop off for every event!

