

# INTERNATIONAL **Overview**



**GULF SHORES &  
ORANGE BEACH  
TOURISM**

Alabama's White-Sand Beaches



## **Explore the Possibilities on the Alabama Gulf Coast**

Sparkling turquoise water and sugar-white sand beaches attract more than six million visitors to our shores annually. Convenient to major southeast cities like Atlanta, New Orleans and Nashville, the Alabama Gulf Coast is an easy addition to your southeastern U.S. tours.



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# INTERNATIONAL Getting Here



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## NONSTOP FLIGHTS

Mobile Regional Airport and Pensacola International Airport



## Travel Options

The Alabama Gulf Coast is an easy drive from most major southeast cities. Airports in nearby Mobile and Pensacola are about an hour's drive from the beach, and most major airlines fly into both.

### Approximate Distance and Mileage

Atlanta, GA..... 5.3 hrs ..... 370 mi  
Baton Rouge, LA ..... 3.6 hrs ..... 252 mi  
Biloxi, MS..... 1.6 hrs ..... 110 mi  
Birmingham, AL..... 3.9 hrs ..... 274 mi  
Chattanooga, TN..... 6.2 hrs ..... 435 mi  
Chicago, IL ..... 13.2 hrs ..... 928 mi

Dallas, TX..... 9.2 hrs ..... 650 mi  
Detroit, MI ..... 24.2 hrs ..... 1000 mi  
Houston, TX..... 7.4 hrs ..... 518 mi  
Huntsville, AL..... 5.3 hrs ..... 369 mi  
Jackson, MS..... 3.5 hrs ..... 245 mi  
Louisville, KY..... 9.1 hrs ..... 636 mi

Memphis, TN..... 6.8 hrs ..... 480 mi  
Minneapolis, MN .... 19.5 hrs ..... 1362 mi  
Montgomery, AL..... 2.7 hrs ..... 191 mi  
Nashville, TN ..... 6.4 hrs ..... 450 mi  
New Orleans, LA ..... 3.1 hrs ..... 214 mi  
St. Louis, MO..... 9.0 hrs ..... 632 mi

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# INTERNATIONAL Destination History



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## Historical Points of Interest

From the Civil War and other naval battles to a long-established fishing and maritime industry, Gulf Shores, Orange Beach and surrounding areas have much history to be explored.

### Local Museums

Small local museums offer a distinctive perspective of the area's rich history, dating back to the first Native American inhabitants of the island.

- The Gulf Shores Museum hosts several special exhibits, films and events throughout the year
- The Orange Beach Indian & Sea Museum houses artifacts specific to the area's Native American and fishing heritages.
- Swift-Coles Historic Home in Bon Secour is filled with stunning antiques and is rumored to have a ghost or two hanging around.

### Civil War Trail

The Battle of Mobile Bay Civil War Trail is comprised of 14 stops throughout Baldwin and Mobile Counties where action occurred during the Battle of Mobile Bay and the Overland Campaign.

### Fort Morgan State Historic Site

Constructed between 1819 and 1834, this 479-acre site was the famed location where Admiral David Farragut is believed to have cried, "Damn the torpedoes. Full speed ahead!" moments before he led his sailors into the Battle of Mobile Bay on Aug. 5, 1864. The fort was used during the Spanish-American War and both World Wars.

### National Museum of Naval Aviation (Pensacola, FL)

The National Museum of Naval Aviation is the world's largest naval aviation museum and showcases an extensive collection of more than 150 aircraft representing every military branch. NAS Pensacola is also home to the world-famous Blue Angels. They can be seen practicing over the museum several times throughout the year. Practices are free and open to the public.

### GulfQuest National Maritime Museum of the Gulf of Mexico (Mobile, AL)

Guests can take in 90 interactive exhibits, simulators, displays, theaters and more on multiple decks of a life-size replica of a container ship to explore the many wonders of the Gulf of Mexico.

### USS Alabama at Battleship Memorial Park (Mobile, AL)

Discover the USS Alabama battleship's past in the present. The massive ship went to battle for 37 months during World War II and brought home nine battle stars among many other triumphs. The park is also home to the WWI submarine USS Drum, a historic aircraft collection and much more.

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# INTERNATIONAL Activities



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## There's Something for Everyone on the Alabama Gulf Coast

Amusement parks  
Deep-sea fishing  
Dolphin cruises  
Golf  
Historical sites  
Mini golf  
Nature trails

Parasailing  
Sailing cruises  
Sightseeing cruises  
Watersports  
Waterpark  
Zoo



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