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# 5 Grown-Up Girls' Getaways in Florida



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Sure, you could hit up Daytona Beach with its parties and wet t-shirt contests. But if you're after something a bit more grown-up on your next girls' trip, you may want to try one of these five retreats that are off the spring break trail.

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If you're done with the spring break parties of Daytona, it may be time to look for something a little more upscale for your next getaway with girlfriends. Here are five Florida resorts that won't have you participating in a wet t-shirt contest or doing keg stands.

## The Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Destin

Like a lovely little Caribbean island, this resort has everything you can possibly imagine for a getaway. The sugar-white sand beaches and Caribbean-coloured water are simply incomparable. Stay right by the beach in the Westwinds condos or the super luxurious Luau condos, both of which have several bedroom choices and full kitchens—great for eating in and saving your money for shopping! Or stay in one of the condos right by the bay and pedestrian-friendly Baytown Village, which has dozens of great restaurants and shops. Be sure to have dinner at the [Marlin Grille](#) or [Bistro Bijoux](#) one night for some truly wonderful food, and spend a day at the fabulous spa right on the resort grounds. Bike, golf or stroll the shaded paths that wind through the hundreds of acres—and don't forget to allow plenty of time for lounging on the beach.

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## Henderson Park Inn in Destin



Some resorts offer a free breakfast with your stay but how many also offer a fabulous boxed lunch daily? Not many, but it's one of the amenities you can expect at this beachfront hotel with incredible views of the sunset. Reminiscent of a New England inn in the design, it's definitely all Southern in the staff friendliness and generous amenities—there's even a fridge right in the lobby area packed with soft drinks, water and candy bars for you to just help yourself! If possible, stay in the Presidential Suite with a separate bedroom and French doors that open to a wooden deck overlooking the beach.

## Bay Point Wyndham Resort in Panama City











Located just far enough away from the frantic activity at the beach, this resort is situated right on a quiet bay and offers five pools, a wonderful spa and great restaurants, along with a huge golf course. The Lanai hotel rooms have a covered patio right outside the French doors, furnished with a table and chairs and overhead fan. You can also choose to stay in one of the golf villas, which have a choice of bedrooms and full kitchen. Take the complimentary shuttle out to Shell Island for the day and relax on this nature preserve where you can find seemingly endless shells and can watch dolphins frolic right offshore.




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## Summerwind Resort in Navarre Beach

Step out onto the balcony of one of these furnished one, two or three-bedroom condos for a view of the fabulous Gulf of Mexico and that incredible white sand beach, and you'll really feel like you're on vacation. Each condo has a full kitchen and even comes with a washer and dryer—great for washing and drying those beach towels. A private pool offers a change from the beach and you can easily walk to the area restaurants.

## Holiday Inn Resort in Pensacola Beach

Holiday Inn has established several resorts that are a little different from their typical hotel offerings. The resort in Pensacola Beach is located right on the beach, the rooms are furnished with free wifi, a microwave and fridge, and the huge pool on the property has a 250-foot lazy river and cascading waterfall. There are also two hot tubs—perfect for relaxing after shopping all day or dancing all night.

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After a lifetime of travel, Jan Ross can pack a bag and hit the road with very little notice, although she will always have a little black dress and some snazzy shoes in there. She loves to travel with her husband of more than 35 years as he is a great photographer and she is often way too busy having fun to think about taking pictures. Active travel or relaxing, she is up for it all!

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