

DoItForBreak

FEB 27 – MAR 26, 2027

The Panama City Beach Spring Break Guide

Dates, weeks, where to stay, the party card, the rules, and the packing list. Everything you need to do it right, in one place.

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The four weeks



WEEK	DATES	WHAT IT'S LIKE	BOOK BY
Week 1	Feb 27 – Mar 5	Quietest. Early-break schools, coolest weather, best lodging odds.	February
Week 2	Mar 6 – 12	The build-up. Big Florida and Georgia crowds arrive. Full theme rotation.	Early December
Week 3 · Peak	Mar 13 – 19	The most schools, the most events, the fullest beach. Roughly 4 in 10 passes.	End of October
Week 4	Mar 20 – 26	Warmest week, full calendar, noticeably easier to book.	Mid-January

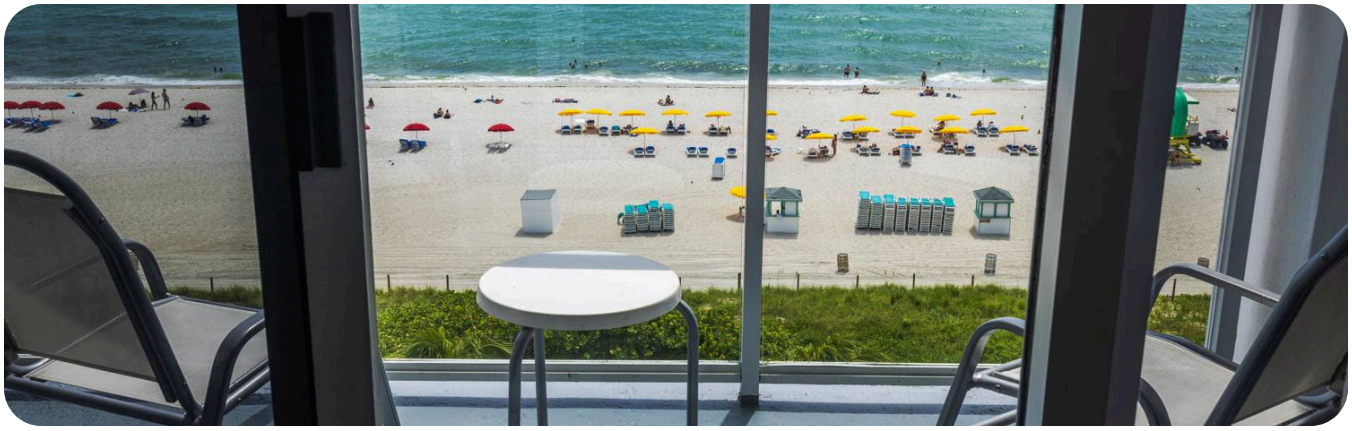
What the data says

Two seasons of PCB Club Card sales: Week 3 is roughly four in ten weekly passes, Week 2 three in ten, Week 4 one in ten. Nine out of ten passes sell in March, on-site. Lodging doesn't work that way — book in the fall.

How to choose

- Check your school's official 2027 break dates.
- Week 3 for the biggest scene; Week 2 for most of the energy with shorter lines.
- Book lodging first, then the party card.

Lodging: decide in October, not March



The zones

- **Club district** — walkable to everything, loudest, first to sell out.
- **Central beach (within a mile)** — the sweet spot for most groups.
- **Pier Park / west end** — calmer base, rideshare to the clubs.
- **East end** — quietest beaches, farthest from the party.

Condo or hotel?

Six or more people: condo or resort-style. Five or fewer: hotel. Kitchens and a living room are what make spring break feel like spring break.

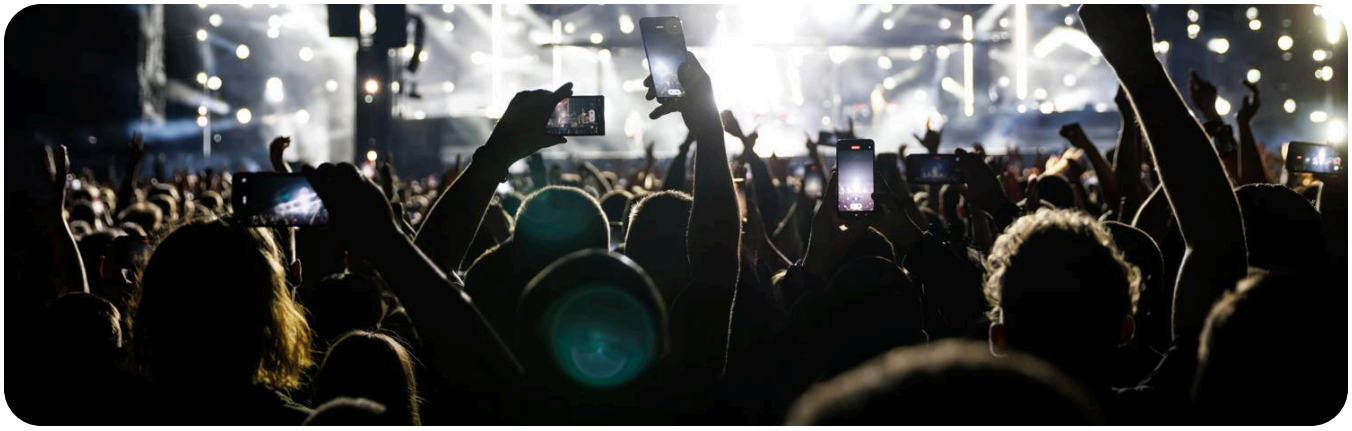
Check before you pay

- ☐ Minimum age to book and to stay (21 and 25 are common)
- ☐ Maximum occupancy — enforced in March
- ☐ Written spring break policy
- ☐ All-in cost: rent, cleaning, resort, parking, tax, deposit
- ☐ Deposit refund terms
- ☐ Real building name you can find on a map
- ☐ Paying through a platform or management company, never a wire

The Spring Break Package. Book through a DoItForBreak partner and the person who books gets a 10% discount code for the PCB Club Card by email. Same room rate, no fee. **doitforbreak.com/stay**

NIGHTLIFE

The PCB Club Card



What's included

- Free entry to the major theme parties and Hammerhead Fred's
- Selected free drinks at official day parties and nightly events
- Discounts at participating local businesses

How it works

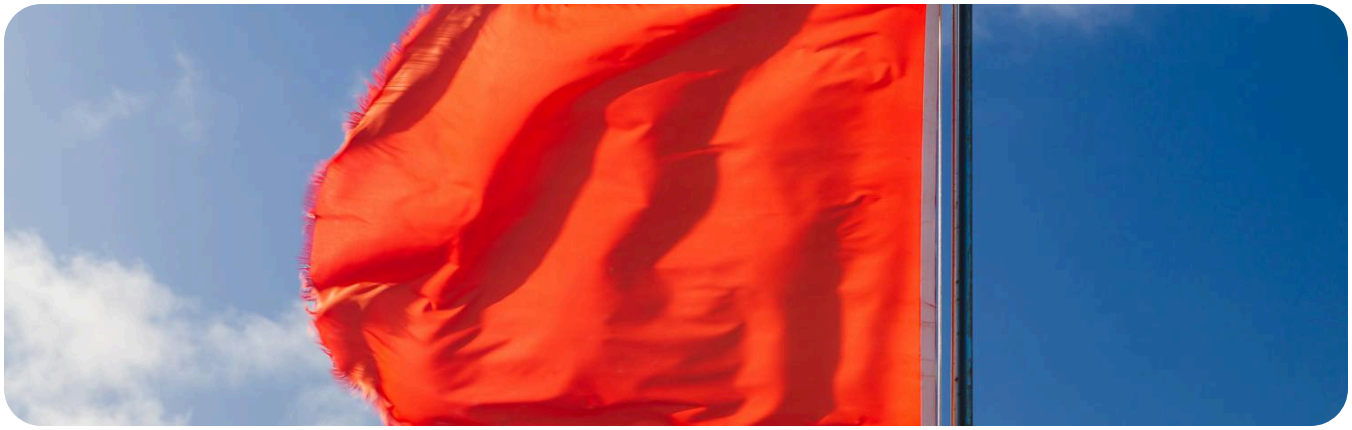
- Pick your week. Passes are sold per week.
- Buy on Eventbrite; the pass lives on your phone.
- Scan at the door. 21+ unless marked all-ages. Real ID.

The theme rotation

NIGHT	WEAR
Foam	Wet-safe everything; shoes that stay on
Paint (Illumination)	White you're done with
Glow (LIT)	White, neon, reflective
Pardi Gras	Purple, green, gold
St. Patty's	Green
Country night	Boots

Skip the line. Nine in ten passes sell on-site in March. Buy before you arrive with code **DOITFORBREAK** from your lodging booking, and you're not in the general line in Week 3. **doitforbreak.com/tickets**

The March rules, in plain English



The big ones

- **No alcohol on the sandy beach in March.** The party is at the venues, your pool, your condo.
- **Alcohol sales stop at 2 a.m.** Start earlier.
- **No drinking in commercial parking lots.**
- **Balconies:** no climbing, no railings. People die doing this.
- **Scooter rentals are restricted** in March. Don't plan on one.
- **21 to drink. Real ID.** Fake IDs are a felony in Florida.

Beach flags

FLAG	MEANING
Green	Calm. Swim.
Yellow	Moderate. Stay near shore.
Red	Dangerous. Stay out.
Double red	Water closed. Swimming can get you fined.
Purple	Marine life (jellyfish).

Rip current

Don't fight it. Swim parallel to the beach until the pull stops, then angle in. Float and wave if you're tired.

Rules change. Confirm with the City of Panama City Beach and Bay County before you go. This guide is not legal advice.

DAYS

The week has a rhythm



Morning

Water first. Breakfast at the condo. Sunscreen before you leave. The boat trip you booked for the first good-weather day.

Afternoon

Beach, pool, or the official day party. Eat something real before it. Shade for an hour mid-afternoon.

Night

The reset (food, shower, nap), then the theme night. Go earlier than you think in Week 3. Meeting point outside the venue.

Worth your daylight

- **Shell Island** — the boat trip everyone should take
- **Dolphin tour** — near-guaranteed sightings in March
- **Jet ski** — Gulf or bay side; guided island rides
- **Parasailing** — book your first sunny day
- **St. Andrews State Park** — the calm side
- **Russell-Fields Pier** — the sunset photo
- **Pier Park** — food and whatever you forgot
- **Nothing** — one full rest day mid-week

Boats and flights sell out in Weeks 2–3. Book before you arrive. **doitforbreak.com/things-to-do**

The list that isn't obvious

Don't forget

- ☐ Real, unexpired ID — physical, not a photo
- ☐ Second pair of shoes that can get wet
- ☐ Phone battery pack (your ticket, ride, and group live on it)
- ☐ Waterproof phone pouch for foam and paint nights
- ☐ Reef-safe sunscreen + aloe
- ☐ Refillable water bottle
- ☐ Light hoodie — March nights drop into the 50s
- ☐ Cash in small bills
- ☐ Lodging confirmation + the property's rules

For the theme nights

- ☐ White (glow / white party)
- ☐ Clothes you're done with (paint, foam)
- ☐ Green (St. Patty's) · Beads (Pardi Gras)

Leave at home

- A cooler for the beach (no alcohol on the sand)
- Glass anything
- A full-size speaker (quiet hours are enforced)
- Nice clothes

Where the money goes

LINE	THE MOVE
Lodging	Fill the condo; book in the fall
Getting there	Fill the car; two drivers
Nightlife	Weekly pass if you go out 3+ nights; 10% off via lodging
Food	Day-one grocery run cuts it in half
Activities	One or two, booked ahead
Surprises	2 a.m. rideshare surge, chair rentals, lost deposit

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YOUR TIMELINE

What to do, and when

WHEN	DO
September	Pick the week. Lock the group — names, not maybes. Decide who books.
October	Book lodging (Weeks 2–3). Collect deposits within a week. Run the checklist.
November	Transportation. Flights if flying. Watch the week pages for lineup news.
December	Final lodging payment. Party card goes on sale — use your discount code.
January	Book boats and water activities. Read the rules with the group. Out loud.
February	Packing list. Everyone confirms a real ID. Grocery plan. Weather check.
The week	Arrive Saturday. Booker present at check-in. Sunscreen, water, sleep.

Keep this guide close

doitforbreak.com — week guides, lodging, the party card, and the daily "Tonight in PCB" during the season.
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