

Daytona Beach

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Daytona Beach, located in Florida's central east coast region, is one of two beaches in the country open to automobile traffic and is one of the most popular vacation destinations in Florida.

Gentle slopes of sand have been packed by centuries of tide in weather averaging 70.5 degrees Fahrenheit, and March is typically mid 70s in the days and low 50s at night.

Major highways leading to Daytona Beach are I-90, I-4, Us 1

and US 92, the Daytona Beach Regional Airport services air travel from the United States and Canada, and in any case of emergency the number to dial is 911. The area code for the Daytona Beach area is 904.

To learn and travel the easiest way about town in Daytona follow two basic rules. Stay beachside, get to know AIA and take buses and taxis to your destinations. There's no way to avoid traffic jams day or night.

Thousands of students occupy a ten mile strip of constant party. Some places that stand out among a selection of more than 20 are leg-

endary Texan Hotel/701 south entertainment complex.

701 South, 701 S. Atlantic Ave, (904) 255-8431, is an extremely popular nightclub year in and year out. It is spring break headquarters for MTV and has six full size video screens surrounding a sunken dance floor centered in the middle of three bars for high energy partying. It has over \$1 million dollars in lasers and lights and an awesome sound system. There are contests and drink specials nightly. Texan/701 South is known as the "Spring Break Center of the Universe."

Kokomos has an island flavor

atmosphere and is located Ocean-side of the new Marriot Hotel. Take in the Jammin' reggae band, enjoy great food and overlook the Atlantic Ocean beachfront.

Also behind the Marriot is a true Bavarian pub, Bernkastle Festhaus features authentic German atmosphere, 62 types of beer and fabulous sandwiches to spice up your Daytona visit.

In the Marriot Hotel itself is Waves, Daytona's classiest night-spot.

Other popular night spots include:

• Calico Jacks 2 S. Atlantic Ave.

672-6734

- Oyster bar, rocking establishment.
- Checker's 219 N. Atlantic Ave. 252-3626
- Oyster bar, DJ on pool deck, student discounts.
- Club 24 N. Atlantic Ave. 677-7880
- In New Voyager Resort Hotel, 3 bars, live bands, home of the half pound burger.
- The Hole 301 S. Atlantic Ave. 255-6421

• In Econo Lodge basement, request your own tunes.

South Padre Island

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South Padre Island is a 34 mile long barrier reef off the coast of Texas between Corpus Christi and Brownsville.

The 1200 residents of the island, winter Texans, welcome students from mid-February to mid-April with ample facilities for water sports, tennis, golf and horseback riding. The island comes alive at night with music from rock and roll to reggae.

Breakfast for \$1.99 is available all over the island and Mexican tacos range from \$2 to \$4, depending

on what you put in them.

Accommodations range from inexpensive to luxurious depending on whether you want hotel/motel or a condominium with a full kitchen and laundry facilities.

Students can fly to the island by taking Continental, American, or Southwest airlines to Valley International Airport in Harlingen, Texas and rent a car or take a Gray Line or SurfTran Shuttle to and from South Padre Island for \$12 each way.

If you drive by way of Corpus Christi pick up I-37 South in San Antonio to Texas 77/83 south to Texas 100, then it's about three and

a half hours south from Corpus Christi to South Padre Island.

Do not drink and drive; Texas is hell on wheels when it comes to laws and their enforcement, notably the speed zones in small towns, and there isn't much slack on the open road, either.

The drinking age is 21, no drinking in public after 2:15 a.m. or before noon on Sunday. The police don't all wear uniforms or ride in marked cars, and they carry tape recorders. You can be arrested if you appear drunk in public and it's against the law to take glass containers onto the beaches. Beware of sharks in the water.

For all emergencies dial 911 from any phone, no change is needed. The Help Hotline is 761-5029, the Western Union is 761-4949, and Public Information is 761-6456.

Matamoros, Mexico is a border town 30 minutes from South Padre Island, and the laws there are different than in the states. You are guilty until proven innocent, an auto accident is possible jail.

Americans and Canadians need proof of residency to return to the states.

Walking across the International Friendship Bridge costs a dime to go and a quarter to return.

Most stores take American money; you don't have to change your money to Mexican pesos. If you take a taxi ask how much they'll charge before you get in, and make sure you have small bills to pay them.

A \$10 round trip bus trip is available to Mexico from the island, and this is the recommended way to go.

Get tour package and visitor information by calling 1-800-343-2368 or writing the South Padre Island Visitor & Convention Bureau, P.O. Box 3500-PB, South Padre Island, TX. 78597.

Palm Springs

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Palm Springs, many times called the playground of the stars, is an ideal romp for Spring break. The weather is similar to Las Vegas, with the exception of balmy breezes and slightly elevated temperatures.

Golf, golf, and more golf is the word for this paradise away from home. But don't forget to bring along a racquet for those of you who get your kicks on the tennis

court.

Glamour and excitement await as you prepare for a Spring break to remember. But make sure you look around and choose a hotel resort to fit your needs.

The Oasis Water Resort and Villas is located just three miles from downtown Palm Springs and boasts a lifestyle of "casual elegance." The Tennis Club Resort, a unique 25-acre private resort is nestled at the base of the breathtaking San Jacinto Mountains and features luxurious suites, a poolside

bar, and the traditional Lunadas (Mexican luau). Or for those health and fitness nuts out there, the resort for you is the Desert Hot Springs Spa. Also situated alongside Mt. San Jacinto, this spa is known worldwide for its natural mineral water. The water is crystal clear, odorless, refreshing, and healthful to drink, not to mention a pleasure to relax in, since each of the mineral spas is a different temperature.

Once you have decided upon the accommodations best suited for you, the fun begins. Among the

various activities offered are horseback riding, freshwater fishing, hiking, or just tanning by the poolside.

Take a stroll through downtown Palm Springs which features delightful shops, and fine boutiques. But make sure you don't miss the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway. This is an exhilarating two-and-a-half mile, fifteen minute ride, open from October through April, and the view is spectacular. At the top awaits a green and lush natureland for hiking and picnics.

Palm Springs does not boast

many water activities, but if you enjoy sports and the great outdoors, this is the place for you. Be ready for a lavish and relaxing vacation but make sure to consult a travel agent for the best package deals because prices vary. And make sure you have plenty of spending money for the equally exciting daytime and nighttime activities.

And don't forget! — pack a camera and lots of film to catch the beautiful scenery and maybe a "star" or two.

Foreign Countries

By Carol Rhodes
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Most students are familiar with spring break rituals in America, but what about other countries? The Yellin' Rebel asked some of the foreign students on campus to talk about spring break customs in their country. Here's what they said:

BELGIUM: Gunnar Peters,

junior, Marketing, said the school system is different in Belgium. "But we do have about a week-long break in February, and people go skiing in the Alps," he said. Students do take advantage of the break and usually plan to go out of town in large groups, according to Peters.

MALAYSIA: Penny Lim, sophomore, Hotel Administration said although students do have holi-

days in Malaysia, there's no such thing as spring break. "Our biggest holiday is in November and December, when we break for about seven weeks," she said. Lim said that there isn't really a spring season in Malaysia because of the tropical climate.

KOREA: Kim, senior, Management, said that Korean students don't have a spring break either.

"We do have a four or five day break, but we don't do anything during the spring," he said.

BAHAMAS: Roderick Colebrook, sophomore, Hotel Administration, said that spring break in the Bahamas isn't recognized as a big holiday for the students there, but people are aware of it because of incoming tourists. "Many foreigners come into the Bahamas . . .

it's a hospitality country and basically the people there are providing the comforts for those who do the traveling," he said.

GUYANA: Alfred Hammond, Hotel Administration, said there's no such thing as spring break in Guyana, where the climate is the same 12 months a year. "The big thing is summer," said Hammond.