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## National Publication Honors Destin Along With Other Beaches

**Shalimar** – World renowned news magazine and list-maker *U.S. News and World Report* named Destin, Florida as the number two Best Family Beach Vacation in the USA in their most recent issue.

The Magazine named no other Florida beaches in the same category's top five.

"This Florida town's family-friendly vibe and impressive beaches entice multigenerational groups year after year," The magazine said, "The stark white sand and calm jade water at Henderson Beach State Park are picture perfect. Plus, many of Destin resorts cater to kids, so parents can let their little ones play."

Destin beat out other southern beach spots, such as Myrtle Beach and Hilton Head in South Carolina, as well as Maui in Hawaii.

More than four million people come to bask in the sun and play in the sand of Okaloosa County every summer, making it one of the most popular summer vacation destinations in the south.

"I think they were pretty close on the mark on this one," Commissioner Kelly Windes, who represents Destin on the County Commission, "But we are definitely the best place in the country to take a family on vacation. We've worked hard to maintain a family-friendly atmosphere on the world's best strand of beach, and it's nice to receive recognition for our efforts."

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