

Nature Lovers Fly South

(NAPSA)—Budget-minded travelers who wish to enjoy mild temperatures and fewer crowds while cherishing nature's wonders have begun to flock to Panama City Beach, Fla.

Visitors report that the area provides an oasis for eco-adventurers this winter. From encountering dolphins at Shell Island and exploring nature trails at St. Andrews State Park, to canoeing the swift waters of the Econfina Creek or catching a glimpse of a giant manta ray in the Gulf of Mexico, Panama City Beach is host to a myriad of natural wonders. What's more, hospitality prices drop up to 30 percent during the winter months.

The area's most popular resort accommodations, such as Edgewater Beach Resort and Majestic Beach Towers, offer eco-savings and lie just a few short, sandy steps away from the following natural eco-adventures:

- The 1,260-acre St. Andrews State Recreation Area is surrounded with rolling sand dunes, woodlands, marshes, bird-watching and eco-trails on one side and the sparkling green Gulf on the other.

- Shell Island, a natural, undeveloped barrier island accessible



Nature lovers are flying south for an affordable eco-adventure.

only by boat, is home to one of the world's highest concentrations of captivating, bottle-nosed dolphins, "close enough to touch."

- Eco-enthusiasts paddle down the crystal-clear springs and honeycomb limestone banks of Econfina Creek.

- Home to hundreds of natural reefs and dive sites, the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico give guests an up close and personal look at sea life.

For guests looking for an exclusive resort experience, Edgewater Beach Resort offers rates starting at \$98 per night for a one-bedroom suite through March 31, 2007. The resort offers 550 full-service suites and access to a half mile of private beach as well as 27 holes of golf, 11 Plexicushion tennis courts and a spa and fitness center.

For a more quaint, intimate atmosphere, Majestic Beach Towers has discounted one-bedroom rates starting at \$103 per night through March 31, 2007. The newest upscale condominiums offer many luxuries, including Gulf-front dining, a fresh market and an on-site movie theater.

For more information, visit www.edgewaterbeachresort.com as well as www.majesticbeachresort.com or call (866) 203-1164.



Travelers to the south are learning of accommodations offering rates up to 30 percent lower this season.