Moving to Navarre Florida

Relocation Guide

Your guide to where to live, things to do, and more.

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Welcome...

Thinking about moving to Navarre? Whether you're relocating for work, military orders, or just chasing that dream of beachside living, this guide will walk you through everything you need to know. From navigating the housing market to understanding the local lifestyle, I'll provide expert insights to help you make a confident move.

Navarre isn't just a pin on the map — it's a unique community with its own rhythm, quirks, and hidden gems. While some agents boast about working from Panama City to Perdido Key, I'm not sure how they do it — or why. I stay focused right here on Navarre, FL, because I believe deep knowledge beats wide coverage every time. I live here, work here, and know this community like a neighbor, not a tourist.



Whether you're buying sight unseen or planning a full scouting trip, this guide is designed to give you need to know to give you local advantage from day one. From commute times to Hurlburt, to which parts of Holley By The Sea are in flood zones — I know what matters. That's why I created this guide: to give you the kind of insight only a hyperlocal agent can provide.



About Navarre, Florida

Navarre is a coastal gem along Florida’s Emerald Coast, known for its laid-back atmosphere and stunning beaches. Here’s what makes Navarre a great place to call home.

- ✅ Beautiful Beaches – White sand and emerald-green waters make Navarre Beach one of Florida’s best-kept secrets.
- ✅ Strong Military Presence – Close to Hurlburt Field and Eglin AFB, making it a top choice for military families.
- ✅ Top Rated Schools – Santa Rosa County School District is consistently ranked among the best in Florida.
- ✅ Outdoor Activities – Boating, fishing, hiking, and exploring the Gulf Islands National Seashore.
- ✅ Small-Town Feel – A quieter alternative to Destin or Pensacola.

A Hidden Gem with a Divided Heart

In 2010, local hospitality businesses declared Navarre "Florida's Best Kept Secret," and tourism has been growing ever since. But, many residents would prefer it stay a secret, fiercely opposing efforts to expand tourism to preserve Navarre’s tranquil way of life.

While visitors flock to our emerald waters, locals want to maintain their unspoiled charm.

History & Culture

Navarre was named in 1925 by US Army Colonel Guy Wymen. He named it after the province Navarre in Northern Spain, which his wife loved so much. But Navarre's roots go back much further.

Spanish explorers first charted this area in 1693 during an expedition to map potential sites for colonization. They named one area near East Bay River "El Robledal," meaning "The Oakgrove," after encountering native camps and thick oak forests.

The Spanish even exchanged gifts with the local Native Americans, establishing a surprising connection across cultures.

Climate

Navarre enjoys a humid subtropical climate. Summer lasts from May to September, with an average temperature of 76.6°F. **Pro Tip:** Get your outdoor projects done before mid-June because, after that, it gets pretty darn hot and humid, with record temperatures breaking 100°F.

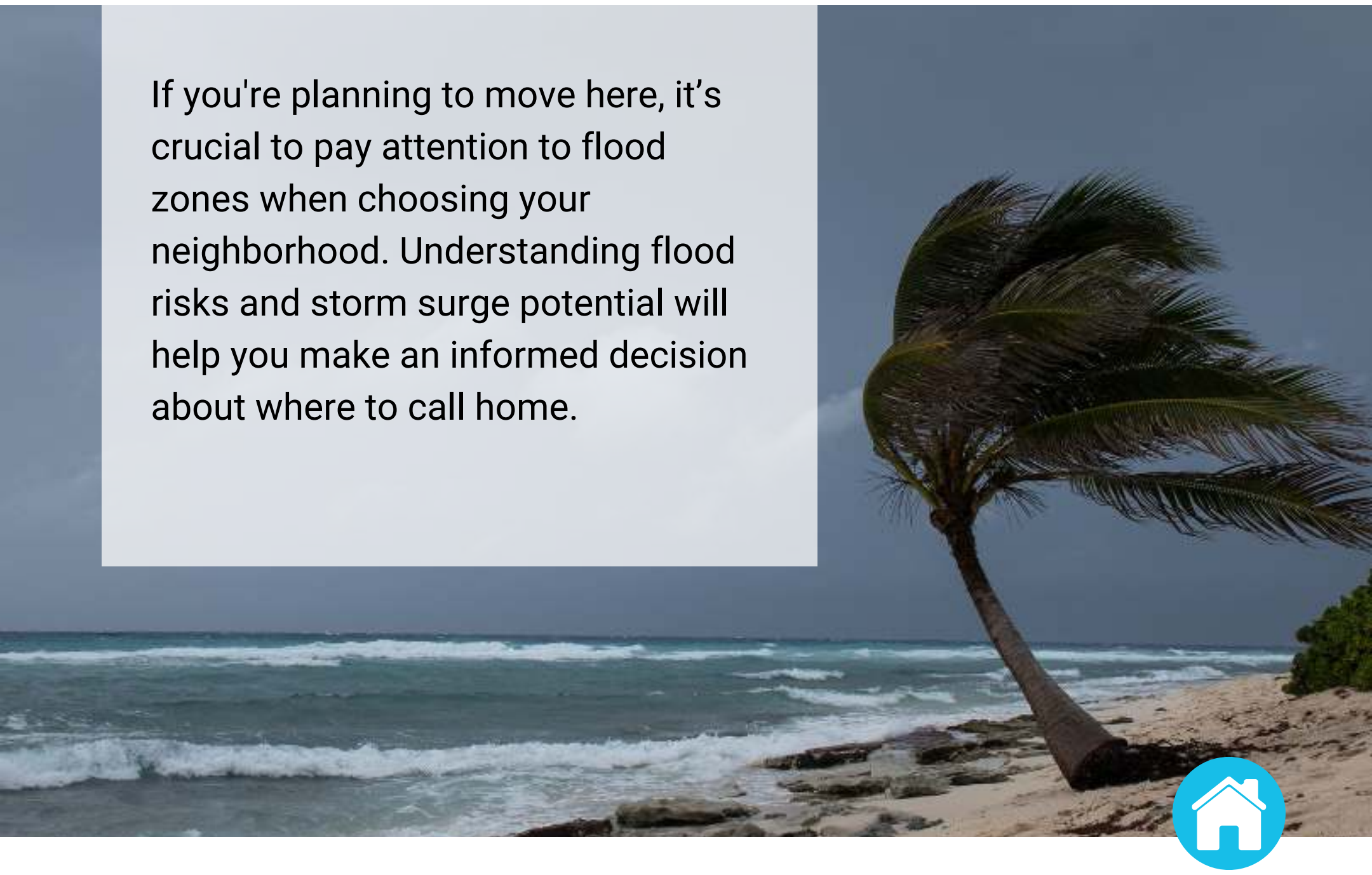
Rain is a regular guest here, with about 65.3 inches of rainfall annually. When it rains, it pours—but luckily, storms usually pass quickly, often leaving you enough time to sneak in a poolside afternoon after the clouds clear.

Winter, on the other hand, is much more forgiving. Many days hover around a comfortable 70°F. We do have those shockingly cold mornings that'll make you rethink Florida's reputation as the "Sunshine State."

Hurricanes

Yes, hurricanes are a reality of life in Navarre. Major storms like Erin, Opal, Ivan, Dennis, and Sally have left their mark here over the years. Hurricane season runs from June 1st to November 30th, with mid-August to mid-October being the most active period.

If you're planning to move here, it's crucial to pay attention to flood zones when choosing your neighborhood. Understanding flood risks and storm surge potential will help you make an informed decision about where to call home.





Mainland Navarre vs. Navarre Beach

Navarre Beach, with its luxury waterfront homes, differs significantly from mainland Navarre, which offers a wider range of housing options. Keep this distinction in mind when reviewing cost-of-living data, as housing prices can skew averages.

Quick Stats at a Glance

- 🏡 Housing: 25% lower than the national average.
- 🛒 Groceries: 14% cheaper than the national average.
- 🚗 Transportation: 3% higher than the national average.
- ⚡ Utilities: 11% higher than the national average.
- 🏥 Healthcare: 14% lower than the national average

Pro Tip: Housing affordability often offsets higher insurance premiums. Shop around for insurance during your inspection period to get the best rate.





Healthcare at a Glance

Whether you're looking for emergency care, a primary care provider, or specialized medical services, Navarre offers a variety of options to meet your needs. Below is a quick snapshot of the healthcare services available locally.

Local Services Available

24 Hour Urgent Care	✓
Emergency Rooms	✓
Urgent Care	✓
Pediatric Care	✓
Mental Health Providers	✓
Specialists	✓
Physical Therapy	✓
Chiropractic Care	✓

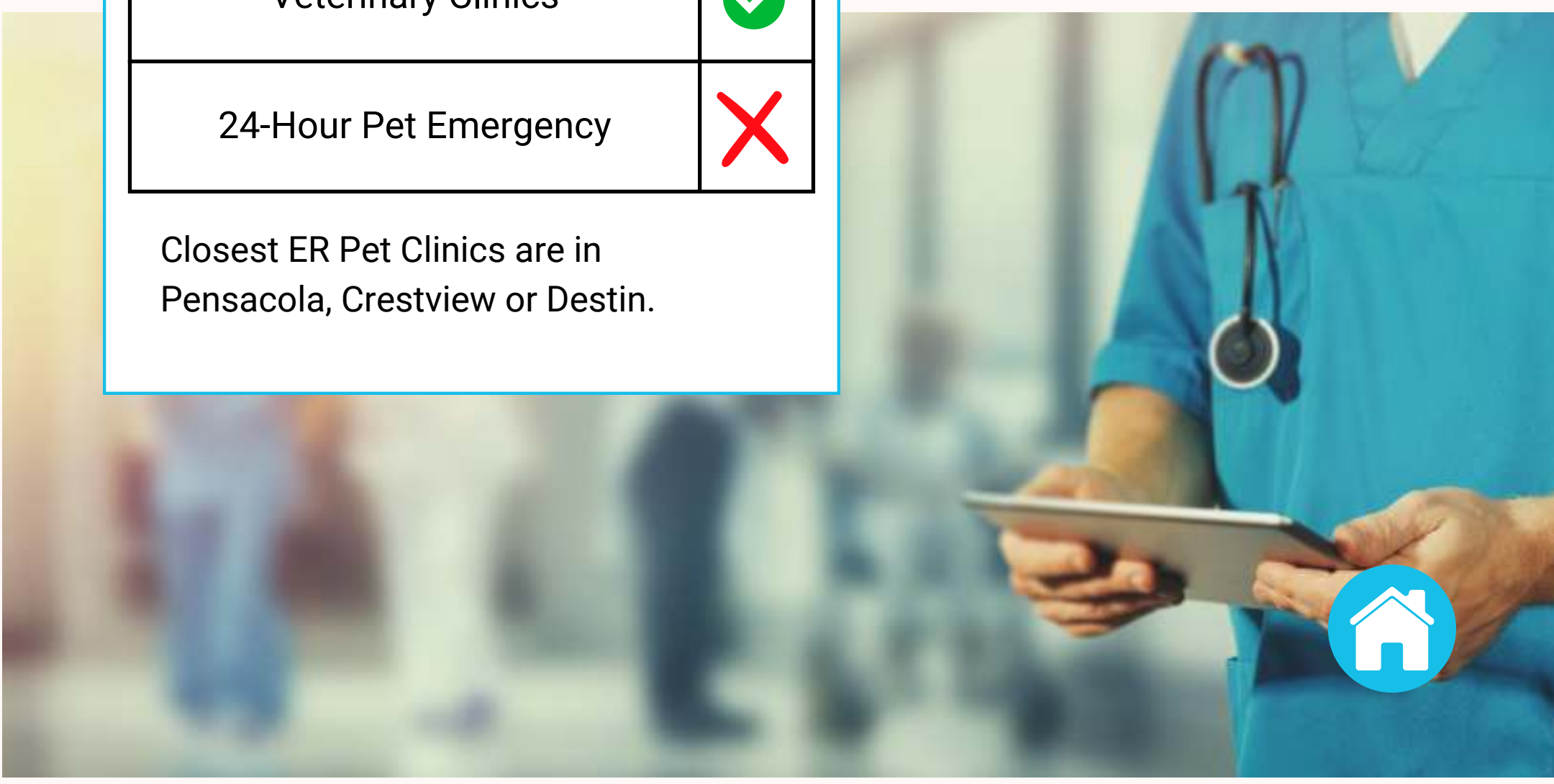
Veterinary Clinics	✓
24-Hour Pet Emergency	✗

Closest ER Pet Clinics are in Pensacola, Crestview or Destin.



My Personal Experience

"I brought my daughter to Baptist Emergency Room and Urgent Care when she hurt her wrist, and I was blown away by how efficient and caring the staff were. We didn't spend a single minute in the waiting room—they took us straight back! Instead of moving from room to room for X-rays and tests, they brought all the equipment to us, including a portable X-ray machine on wheels. It was such a relief to have everything handled in one place, quickly and seamlessly."





Welcome To The Neighborhood

Exploring Navarre’s Communities

Things to consider when choosing a neighborhood in Navarre.

Finding the perfect neighborhood is about more than just the house—it’s about how the area fits your lifestyle. Here are a few things to consider:

- Commute: How close is the neighborhood to your work, schools, or frequent destinations?

- Proximity to the Beach: Living closer to the beach means easier access to the Gulf, but it may come with trade-offs like bridge traffic or longer drives for errands.

- Amenities: Does the neighborhood offer community amenities like pools, parks, or waterfront access?

- HOA or No HOA: Decide if you prefer the structure and amenities of an HOA or the freedom of a no-HOA neighborhood.

- Traffic and Access: Consider how easy it is to get in and out of the neighborhood during peak hours or tourist season.

Holley By The Sea



As the largest HOA in Florida, Holley by the Sea offers an impressive array of amenities, including multiple pools, a fitness center, tennis courts, and a waterfront park. This community features spacious half-acre lots. Homes range from $350K to over $700K, built between the 1980s and today.

Pros: Tons of amenities with low annual dues.

Cons: HOA imposed restrictions.



Hidden Creek

Nestled near the Hidden Creek Golf Course, this upscale community offers scenic views and peaceful living. Residents enjoy proximity to golfing while also benefiting from access to all of Holley by the Sea's amenities.

Homes are larger with more elegant designs, priced between $400K and $800K+ with many homes built after 2000.

Pros: Golf course views and access to Holly by the Sea Amenities.

Cons: A little deeper into residential areas making the beach and shopping slightly farther away.

Navarre Beach









A dream destination for Gulf-front living, Navarre Beach is known for its stunning white sand beaches, laid-back vibe, and breathtaking views. It’s an ideal spot for anyone seeking a vacation-like lifestyle or investment property.

Homestyles range from beachfront condos to single-family homes and townhomes ranging from $600K to $2M+.

Pros: Unparalleled beach access, a relaxed atmosphere, and high rental potential.

Cons: Higher property prices, higher insurance costs, and limited shopping and dining options that require crossing the bridge.



Sound Side Living

South of 98, you will find dozens of smaller neighborhoods, many offering private access to the Santa Rosa Sound. Homes range from cozy ranch-style to larger multilevel waterfront homes, and some streets even have private docks.

Pros: Access to the Sound, quieter, usually dead-end streets

Cons: Limited lot size in some neighborhoods and occasional flooding concerns during heavy storms









East of the Bridge

This section of Navarre offers a variety of neighborhoods catering to those seeking shorter commutes to Hurlburt Field or Eglin AFB. It features a mix of homes on cul-de-sac streets and newer developments.

Homes are typically priced between $300K and $500K, with many built after 2000.

Pros: Quick access to the bases, avoiding traffic near the bridge, newer homes.

Cons: Smaller lot sizes in some neighborhoods with less privacy compared to other areas.





West of Highway 87

If you’re looking to avoid HOA rules and fees, the area west of Hwy 87 offers a variety of small, quiet streets with no mandatory associations. The homes here range in size and age, giving buyers plenty of options.

Typical homes are priced from $250K to $450K, with builds dating from the 1970s to the early 2000s.

Pros: No HOA fees or restrictions, larger lots, and more space for RVs, boats, or workshops, plus shorter drives to the beach.

Cons: Fewer modern upgrades in older homes, hitting bridge traffic on the way to the base, and less than optimal views of your neighbor's RVs, boats, and workshops.

East Bay Road

The neighborhoods along East Bay Rd. provide a peaceful retreat with quick access to Hwy 98 via Hwy 87, avoiding much of Navarre’s town traffic. These neighborhoods are further from the beach but offer an easy commute to local amenities.

Homes here range from $275K to $450K, with most built between the 1990s and early 2000s.

Pros: Convenient easy access to Hwy 87, quiet living, and larger lots.

Cons: Further from the beach and local grocery stores, which may mean longer drives for errands.

Navigating Navarre's Housing Market

Known for its mix of affordability and desirable location, Navarre attracts everyone— from first-time homebuyers and military families to retirees and vacation home investors. Homes here range from cozy single-family residences in quiet neighborhoods to luxury waterfront properties on Navarre Beach, ensuring something for nearly every buyer.

Market Snapshot

As we step into 2027, Navarre's median home prices remain around $450K, delivering excellent value compared to nearby hotspots like Destin.



- **Price Ranges:** There's a little something for everyone, with price points ranging from the $300s for smaller, older properties to $2M+ for luxurious Gulf-front estates. Townhomes and condos, especially on the beach, are also popular options starting in the mid-$400Ks.

- **Buyers Have More Power:** Higher interest rates have cooled demand, creating a more balanced market where buyers can negotiate for closing costs, rate buy-downs, and price adjustments.

- **Affordability Edge:** While rising interest rates pose challenges, Navarre's lower cost of living compared to neighboring coastal cities helps even the playing field.

Current Trends and Challenges

- **Flood Insurance**: Increasingly, flood insurance is becoming mandatory, particularly in coastal areas.
- **Rising Insurance Costs**: Hurricanes and coastal risks have driven up premiums, especially for waterfront properties.
- **Pro Tip**: Use your inspection period to shop for competitive insurance rates. Ask if you can assume the seller's existing policy, which can sometimes be more affordable. Budget for potential increases at renewal.
- **Bridge Traffic**: Living on or near Navarre Beach has its perks, but traffic on the bridge can be a headache during peak tourist seasons.

Tips for Navigating the Market

- **Work with a Local Expert**: Navarre's market is unique. An experienced local agent can help you save time, money, and stress.
- **Get Pre-Approved**: A pre-approval letter not only strengthens your offer but also shows sellers you're serious.
- **Consider Future Resale**: If this is your forever home, you have more freedom to follow your heart. But if you might sell in the next 5 years, focus on properties with broad appeal to maximize future resale potential and profits.
- **Be Ready to Act**: Despite the slower market, 40% of homes are still selling within 30 days. Define your must-haves in advance so you can recognize "the one" and act fast to secure it.
- **Review All The Costs**: Navarre's insurance premiums can be higher than expected. During your inspection period
    - Confirm if flood insurance is required.
    - Double-check HOA dues and inquire about pending increases.
    - Shop for homeowners' insurance to ensure it fits your budget.



Navarre’s housing market is always evolving. For the latest trends and insights, look for my most recent Navarre Housing Market Update on YouTube or Facebook



Pro Tip: Book a strategy session with me either in person or via Zoom where I will help you to define and prioritize what you need most in your ideal home.

Click Here To Book A Stategy Session

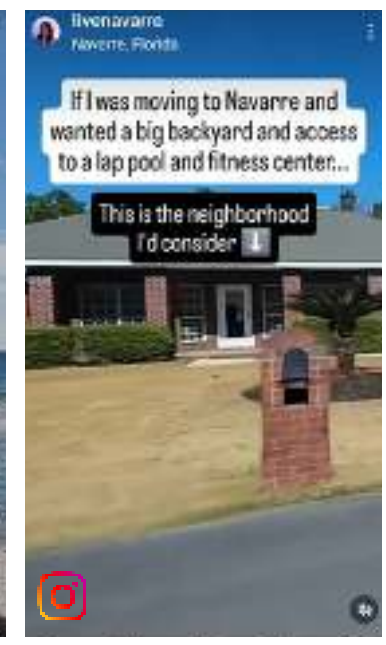












PCS Homebuying Timeline

Step 1: Receive Orders

➡️ As soon as you have an idea of your report date, reach out! We can start talking strategy before you even have your orders in hand.

Step 2: Connect with a Local Agent (That's Me!)

➡️ I'll help you narrow in on the best Navarre neighborhoods for your commute, needs, and budget.

Step 3: Get Pre-Approved + Set Budget

➡️ As a VA savvy mortgage loan originator myself, I can help you get pre-approved so you're ready to move fast when you find the right home.

Step 4: Virtual or In-Person Home Search

➡️ Whether you're visiting or buying remotely, I'll send you walk-through videos, schedule FaceTime tours, and keep you looped in on new listings.

Step 5: Make an Offer & Go Under Contract

➡️ I'll guide you through offer terms, inspections, and deadlines — all remotely if needed. My local network keeps things moving.

Step 6: Closing Coordination + Move-In Support

➡️ We'll align your closing with your arrival window, and I'll make sure everything's ready when you land in Navarre. Movers, utility info, keys — done.



Buying a Home in Navarre
—From Anywhere

Can’t make it to Navarre before you buy? I’ve been in your shoes—I bought my current home sight unseen before moving to Florida. Now that I’m here, I know exactly what I wish I had known before making that decision. That’s why I go above and beyond to give my buyers every tool they need to feel confident in their purchase.



I offer detailed virtual tours tailored to your needs. We can hop on a live Zoom call so you can see every inch of the home in real time and ask questions as we go, or I can record a thorough walkthrough for you to watch at your convenience. These videos go beyond listing photos—you’ll see the good, the bad, and everything in between.

But buying a home isn’t just about the house—it’s about the lifestyle. My neighborhood video tours show you the full picture: where you’ll grocery shop, grab a coffee, go to the gym, or take care of everyday errands. You won’t just be buying a house—you’ll be picturing your new daily routine in Navarre.

Once you find a home you love, a **professional inspector** will go through every detail and provide a full report. Florida’s standard 15-day inspection period gives you the flexibility to fly in and see the home in person if needed. During this time, we can renegotiate terms or even walk away if the home isn’t the right fit.



With my expert guidance, you’ll never feel like you’re making this decision alone. I’ll be your boots on the ground, making sure your home-buying experience is smooth, transparent, and stress-free.



Financial Readiness

Getting Pre-Approved

Buying a home in a new city comes with its own set of challenges. Financial readiness is the key to making the process smooth and stress-free. Getting pre-approved is one of the most important steps before house hunting It not only sets your budget but also strengthens your offer.

Why Pre-Approval Matters

A mortgage pre-approval isn’t just a casual estimate of what you can afford. It’s a lender’s commitment (pending final underwriting) that you qualify for a specific loan amount. Sellers take pre-approved buyers more seriously because it shows you’re ready and able to close. Some sellers may not even consider an offer without it.





Key Steps to Financial Readiness

✅ Check Your Credit Score: Your credit score impacts the interest rate. If your score needs improvement, work on paying down debts and avoiding major purchases before applying for a loan.

✅ Determine Your Budget: Don’t forget to factor in property taxes, insurance, HOA fees, and maintenance costs. Your lender can help you calculate your full monthly payment so there are no surprises.

✅ Choose the Right Loan Type: VA loans, FHA loans, conventional loans—there are different financing options available, each with its own pros and cons. Florida has a variety of down payment assistance programs for buyers who qualify. If you’re unsure which option is best for you, I can walk you through the possibilities and connect you with resources to maximize your buying power.

✅ Prepare Your Documents: To get pre-approved, you’ll need recent pay stubs, W-2s, tax returns, and bank statements. If you’re self-employed or have unique income sources, additional documents may be required. Set aside these documents or digitize essential paperwork before you start boxing your things up in your current home.

✅ Know Your Cash-to-Close Needs: Beyond your down payment, there are closing costs and other expenses like your home inspection. Some buyers may also need to show proof of reserves, depending on the loan type.





Special Considerations for Relocating Buyers

If you’re moving to Navarre for a new job, your lender may need a signed offer letter or proof of employment in Florida. Some loan types also have restrictions on how soon you need to start your new job before closing. If you’re military, VA loans offer unique benefits like zero down payment loans.

Let’s Get You Set Up for Success

Whether you’re buying remotely or planning a visit, having financing in place ensures you're ready to act when you find the perfect home. As both a real estate agent and a lender, I can help you find the perfect loan to go with your new home.

GET A LOAN QUOTE



Top Rated Schools & Education Options

Navarre has several highly rated public and private schools to choose from. Here's a closer look at the educational options in the area:

Public Schools

Navarre's public schools are part of the Santa Rosa County School District, one of the top-rated districts in Florida. Known for strong academics and high graduation rates, these schools are a solid choice.

- Elementary Schools: Holley-Navarre Primary and West Navarre Elementary both have strong reputations for academic achievement and teacher quality.

- Middle Schools: Middle Schools: Holley-Navarre Middle School serves most of Navarre, while Woodlawn Beach Middle School covers the western part of Navarre, including a large portion of Holley by the Sea, Navarre's largest neighborhood.

- High School: Navarre High School offers Advanced Placement (AP) courses and career and technical education (CTE) programs. Extracurricular activities include championship-winning sports teams. Students can take part in dual enrollment classes through Pensacola State College, earning college credits while still in high school. Looking ahead, Soundside High School is currently under construction and is expected to open in the fall of 2026.

For more information on individual school performance, explore resources like Niche.com or GreatSchools.com.



Private Schools

Navarre also offers private school options for those seeking alternative education paths. These schools feature smaller class sizes, specialized curriculums, and a focus on faith-based or individualized education. Private schools in the area include:

- Lighthouse Private Christian Academy
- Gulf Pointe Latin School



For more information on private schools in Navarre and their offerings, check out Private School Review.

Nearby Colleges & Higher Education

Navarre’s proximity to colleges and universities provides excellent opportunities for higher education and lifelong learning.

- Northwest Florida State College: Located less than a 30-minute from Navarre in Fort Walton Beach. This college offers a variety of associate’s and bachelor’s degree programs, along with continuing education courses.

- Pensacola State College: Located in nearby Pensacola, this institution partners with Navarre High School for dual enrollment opportunities, allowing high school students to earn college credits.

- University of West Florida (UWF): Located in nearby Pensacola, UWF offers a wide range of undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs and is a major hub for research and innovation in the region.



Navarre’s mix of excellent public schools, private school alternatives, and nearby higher education institutions make it an attractive choice for students of all ages. Whether you’re looking for top-rated elementary schools or opportunities for college, Navarre has plenty to offer!

Employment & Economy

Navarre’s economy offers a mix of opportunities. With its thriving tourism industry and steady growth in tech-based and healthcare sectors. Here are some key insights into the local job market:

📉 Unemployment Rate: 4%
📈 Minimum Wage Growth: $13.00/hour (2024) → $15.00/hour (2026)
💼 Largest Industries: Military, healthcare, retail, tourism, food services
🏠 Average Income: $35,053 (2023)

For military families, Hurlburt Field and Eglin Air Force Base are major employers. Resources like the Military Spouse Employment Partnership can assist with job searches for spouses.



Transportation

Getting around Navarre requires a car for most people, as public transportation options are limited. Here’s what you need to know:

Driving in Navarre

- Main Routes: U.S. Highway 98 is the primary road through Navarre, connecting the area to Fort Walton Beach to the west and Gulf Breeze to the east.

- Traffic Tips: Traffic can be heavy, especially during peak commute hours or tourist seasons, particularly near the Navarre Beach Bridge. Planning your trips during off-peak times can make a big difference.

- Gas Prices: While gas prices in Navarre tend to be lower than the national average, fluctuations can occur due to seasonal demand.

Public Transportation

Navarre does not currently have a local bus system, so residents rely on personal vehicles or ride-sharing services like Uber and Lyft.

Nearby Airports

For longer trips, Navarre residents have convenient access to several airports:

- ✈️ Pensacola International Airport (PNS): Located about 40 minutes away, it offers flights to major cities.
- ✈️ Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport (VPS): About 35 minutes away, it's another great option with regional and domestic flights.
- ✈️ Mobile Regional Airport (MOB): About 1 hour 15 minutes away, this is a brand new airport. Slightly cheaper than Pensacola or Destin, and still a reasonable drive.

The airport in New Orleans (MSY) offers more direct flights and cheaper tickets. Depending on how many of you are traveling, you may find the cost savings to be worth the 3 and a half hour drive.

Biking & Walking

Navarre has limited bike paths and sidewalks, but more infrastructure improvements are being made. The multi-use path along Navarre Beach Causeway is a scenic route for cyclists and pedestrians.

Transportation Tips for Newcomers

Owning a car is essential for day-to-day errands and commuting. Many errands will require you to drive to Fort Walton Beach, Destin, or Pensacola, as the shopping here in Navarre can be quite limited, depending on what you need. If you can find it a Walmart, great. If they don't sell it there… plan on making the drive to better shopping in nearby cities.



Shopping & Dining



Navarre's small-town feel extends to its shopping and dining scene, which is relatively limited compared to larger neighboring cities.

Shopping in Navarre

- Local Finds: There are a handful of beach boutiques and specialty shops in Navarre where you can pick up unique gifts, coastal décor, or other small treasures.

- Everyday Essentials: Walmart is Navarre's go-to for major shopping needs, but if you can't find what you need there, you'll likely need to make the drive to Pensacola, Fort Walton Beach, or Destin. This makes running errands a bit more time-consuming, with many locals planning ahead to make it worth the trip.

- Groceries: Besides Walmart, you can also choose to shop at either Publix or Winn-Dixie. Though I find, the closer you are to the bridge, the more expensive the shopping trip. If I'm looking for the very best prices I can find, I will make the drive out to the commissary.

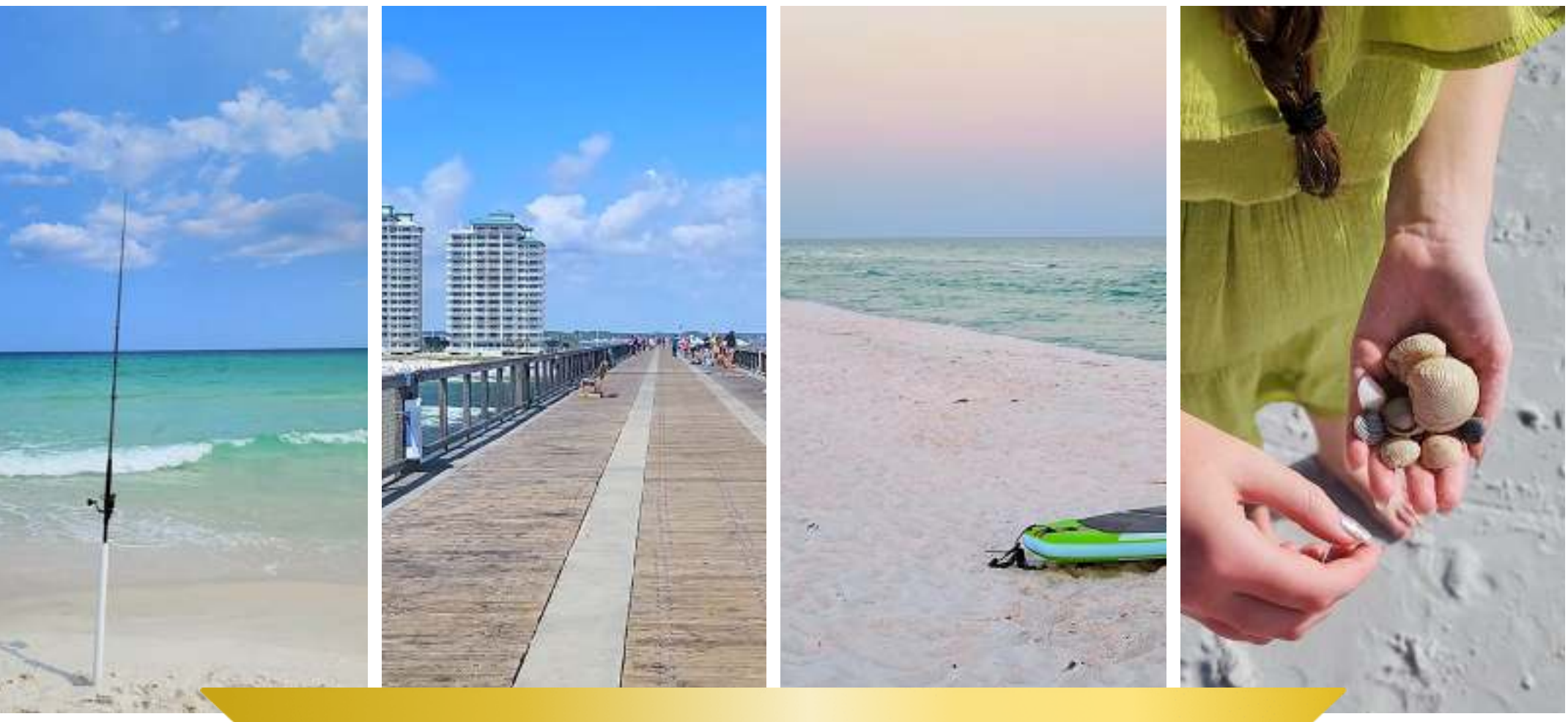


Dining in Navarre

Navarre has a reputation as being something of a "food desert," with only a handful of truly good restaurants. For a more diverse dining scene, nearby cities like Destin or Pensacola once again become your best bet.

One important note for night owls: Navarre's dining options close down early, with most restaurants shutting their doors by 9 p.m. Late-night food runs are slim pickings, so plan accordingly.

Weekend Itineraries



#1 The Classic Navarre Beach Day

Navarre Beach is the crown jewel of the area, offering sugar-white sand and emerald waters. It's perfect for swimming, paddleboarding, kayaking, or just relaxing with a good book. The Navarre Beach Marine Park is a great spot for snorkeling, with artificial reefs teeming with marine life just offshore.

Start your day with breakfast at **Sailor's Grill**, known for its hearty morning meals and waterfront views.

Take a leisurely stroll along the **Navarre Beach Fishing Pier**, the longest in Florida, offering panoramic vistas of the Gulf and a chance to watch the fishermen reel in their catch.

Set up your beach spot for a day of swimming, snorkeling, paddleboarding, or seashell hunting. The **Navarre Beach Marine Park** offers artificial reefs teeming with marine life, ideal for snorkeling enthusiasts.

Visit the **Navarre Beach Sea Turtle Conservation Center** to learn about marine life and ongoing conservation efforts.

End the day with some live music at **Windjammers**, **Juana's** or **Andy D's** offering a relaxed beachside dining experience.

#2 Fishing Adventure

Fishing is also a major pastime in Navarre. Whether you're casting a line from the iconic Navarre Beach Fishing Pier – the longest pier in Florida – or launching a boat into Santa Rosa Sound, there are plenty of opportunities to reel in redfish, pompano and more.

Navarre Beach Fishing Pier – The longest pier in Florida, offering deep-water access without needing a boat. Great for catching king mackerel, redfish, pompano, and more.

Surf Fishing – Many locals fish right from the beach, especially near Navarre Beach Marine Park or Opal Beach. Early morning and late evening are prime times.

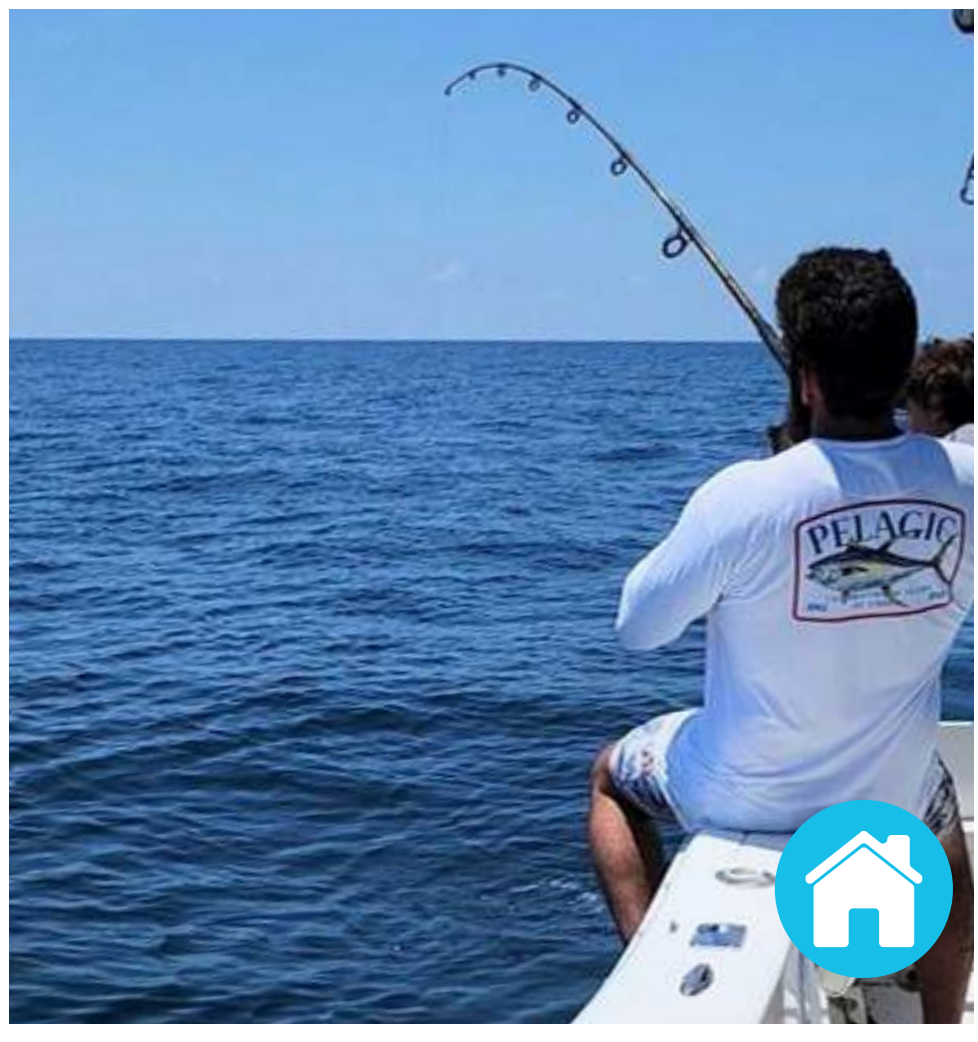
Navarre Beach Marine Sanctuary – A great spot for kayak fishing, with opportunities to catch trout, redfish, and flounder.

East Bay & Santa Rosa Sound – Popular for inshore fishing, with seagrass beds and shallow waters full of speckled trout, redfish, and sheepshead.

Blackwater River & Escambia Bay (Milton area) – Freshwater and brackish fishing spots known for bass, bream, and catfish.

Charter Fishing Trips – For deep-sea fishing, there are several charters operating out of Navarre and Destin, offering trips for snapper, grouper, tuna, and mahi-mahi.











#3 Family Fun Day

Start out at **Shark Bite Navarre** for the best breakfast burritos in Navarre.

Spend the day at **Gulf Breeze Zoo,** where you can feed the giraffes, the goats, and the **Scottish Highlander cows**. Give your walking feet a break while you ride the Safari Train.

Head back to **Navarre Park**, where the kids can play at the splash pad and playground.

Treat everyone to ice cream at **The Twist**, a local favorite.



#4 Day Trip to Destin

Have breakfast at **The Donut Hole**, a local favorite.

Spend the morning at **Henderson Beach State Park**, offering pristine beaches and nature trails.

Explore **HarborWalk Village**, where you can browse unique shops, enjoy waterfront dining, and book a dolphin cruise or jet ski rental.

Dine at **Dewey Destin's Seafood Restaurant**, a local institution known for its fresh catch and harbor views.

#5 Pensacola

Pensacola offers a mix of history, culture, and entertainment, making it a great destination for a day trip.

Explore **Fort Pickens** – This historic military fort, part of the Gulf Islands National Seashore, offers fascinating history, scenic walking trails, and stunning views of Pensacola Bay. It’s a great place for history buffs and nature lovers alike.

Lunch along the **Pensacola Beach Boardwalk** – Enjoy waterfront dining at spots like **Red Fish Blue Fish** or **The Grand Marlin**, both highly rated for fresh seafood and laid-back atmospheres.

Stroll through **downtown Pensacola** – Walk along Palafox Street, lined with boutiques, art galleries, and historic architecture. If you're visiting on a Saturday, stop by the **Palafox Market**, an open-air farmers market featuring local crafts, produce, and baked goods.

Experience Pensacola’s arts and entertainment scene – Depending on the season, catch a **Pensacola Ice Flyers hockey game** at the **Pensacola Bay Center**, see a Broadway-style performance at the historic **Saenger Theatre**, or attend **Gallery Night** (held monthly) when downtown streets come alive with art, live music, and street performers.











#6 Gulf Island Exploration

This itinerary is perfect for those who want a peaceful, nature-focused escape.

Take a scenic drive through **Gulf Islands National Seashore** – Take in breathtaking coastal views, rolling dunes, and quiet beaches as you drive between Navarre and Pensacola Beach.

Relax at **Opal Beach** – This hidden gem offers fewer crowds than Navarre Beach, with crystal-clear water and soft white sand. It's free for military and costs $5 for non-military visitors, making it an affordable alternative to more tourist-heavy spots.

Explore **Soundside Nature Preserve** – A quiet, off-the-beaten-path nature walk where you can spot coastal birds, turtles, and other wildlife. It's a peaceful retreat, especially for birdwatchers and photographers.



Annual Events

Navarre may be a small town, but we still have our fair share of lively festivals and local traditions, there’s always something happening. Here’s a breakdown of the biggest annual events by season.

Spring

Woofstock- Food trucks, pet vendors, a "Strut Your Mutt" parade, costume contests, and more.

Pensacola Beach Art & Wine Festival - troll along the boardwalk, sip wine, and browse works from talented local artists.

Burger Battle by the Bay - Where local chefs battle it out for the best burger title.

Summer

Navarre Beach Fireworks Show Celebrate Independence Day with fireworks over the Gulf of Mexico.

Pensacola Beach Blue Angels Air Show- Featuring breathtaking aerial stunts from the U.S. Navy’s Blue Angels.

Santa Rosa County Sherrif’s Rodeo -A night of bull riding, mutton bustin’, and thrilling K-9 and SWAT demonstrations.

Fall

Annual Seafood Festival - fresh seafood, live music, arts and crafts, and local vendors in downtown Pensacola.

Juana Good Time Regatta - Sailing races, open to all experience levels, with parties, food, and live music.

Navarre Fishing Rodeo - -A competitive fishing tournament that attracts anglers from all over.

Winter

Penguin Plunge n’ Paddle - Take a chilly dip in the Gulf, followed by warm drinks, food, and live music.

Annual Snowbirds Festival- Themed party with entertainment, vendors, and local hospitality

Navarre Beach Mardi Gras Parade - Beachfront parade with colorful floats, beads, and an after party.

Arts & Entertainment

When it comes to entertainment, Navarre is all about the beach. Unlike some nearby tourist destinations, Navarre doesn't offer art galleries, theaters, or a bustling nightlife scene. Visitors and locals alike are drawn here for the stunning coastline, not the off-beach attractions.

That said, Navarre does have a consistent lineup of live music at local restaurants, making for a laid-back way to enjoy an evening. For the latest list of live performances and other happenings, be sure to check out my Local Events Guide.

Here's your local list of fun things to do in and around Navarre

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For those looking for more arts, culture, and entertainment, destinations like Pensacola, Destin, or Fort Walton Beach are just a short drive away. The Saenger Theatre in Pensacola, for example, offers a steady stream of shows, and both Destin and Fort Walton Beach have more nightlife and entertainment options.



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Next Steps...

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Determine Your Budget + Get Pre-Approved

Getting pre-approved for a mortgage is vital before beginning your home search. It will give you a clear idea of your borrowing capacity.

Start Your Home Search

We'll set up an MLS search so that you are notified immediately of any properties that come to market. I'll work hard to find homes before they even come to the market. You'll attend open houses, and together, we'll tour properties.

Write The Offer

Once you find a property you love, I'll guide you in preparing a competitive offer. We'll consider market conditions, recent comparable sales, and the property's condition. I'll negotiate on your behalf to secure the best possible terms.

Under Contract

Once we're under contract, it's crucial to conduct inspections and perform all due diligence. I'll guide you through all the necessary negotiations with the seller. We'll work through any contingencies stipulated in your contract and ensure financing and closing preparations are taken care of.

Settlement

Before the closing, we'll conduct a final walkthrough to ensure the property is in the agreed-upon condition. At the closing, you'll sign the necessary documents, pay the closing costs, and officially take ownership of the property.



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