

Vortex Spring/Panama City Beach, Florida

April 17-19, 2026

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Please use your own navigation system.

Overnight Accommodation:

We have an AirBnB in Ponce de Leon close to Vortex. It can sleep 8 divers comfortably, including 2 bunk beds. Cost for the weekend is \$125 per diver and includes breakfast both mornings.

Trip Fee Schedule:

Certified Divers: \$300 includes: tanks, weights, 2 days diving fees at Vortex, air fills, lunch on Saturday, light snacks, drinking water, and indirect supervision from an Easy Divers Staff Divemaster. Gear Rental: add \$50.

Please note: Wetsuits are required, and beanies and gloves suggested for the 68- 70 degree crystal clear, spring water. Ask about our dive traveler discount on wetsuits purchased prior to departure.

PANAMA CITY BEACH DIVING- Hopefully conditions will allow us to go to PCB on Sunday morning for a 2 tank boat dive. If so- *there will be an additional cost for the boat dives.* We **estimate** the additional cost will be \$100.

Monday, April 6, 2026

5:00 PM Trip money is due in full. To claim your space on this limited availability first local trip of the year, please deposit as soon as possible. Early deposit will also allow you to claim a spot in the AirBnB.

Friday, April 17, 2026:

?? Head to Florida. Depart anytime, just keep in mind you have about an 8-hour journey.

Saturday, April 18, 2026:

8:00 AM Breakfast

9:00 AM All divers meet at the onsite dive shop for daily briefing and to get arm band

All day Dive, eat, play, nap, any order, any time limit - 3 dives are planned

Noon (ish) Lunch onsite

7:00 PM Optional Dutch Treat Dinner at local area restaurant

Sunday, April 19, 2026:

TENTATIVE- if conditions are good, we will depart early am to head to Panama City Beach and board the boat for 2 dives. If we are unable to dive in the Gulf, we will check out Morrison Springs close by or dive at Vortex again.

Please note:

- **This is our FIRST local trip of the year, and dives for fun & experience plus specialty dives are planned. Please confirm your space and gear reservation as SOON as you know you want to go. Space is limited.**
- Everyone will need their own mask, snorkel, fins, boots, anti-fog, wetsuit, and gear bag.
- The water in the springs is a constant 68 – 70 degrees. We have found that keeping your head and hands warm can make all the difference. Please bring a sweatshirt or jacket and warm-ups to use between dives.
- You might also like to bring folding camp chairs to use at the dive site and campfire.
- Please make a personal diving checklist and follow it!!
- **Be sure to bring along a tarp or drop cloth to set up your equipment on.**

Equipment Checklist

- Lawn chair and ground tarp
- Pop up tent if you want sun protection at our gear setup area
- Folding wagon to cart your stuff around (Easy Divers has one to share)
- Personal drinks & snacks
- BCD
- Regulator with compass
- Wetsuit, Scuba hood or beanie and gloves
- Mask, snorkel, boots, fins

- Logbook or app, dive computer, pen
- Towels and warm clothes
- Sunscreen, hat, sunglasses
- Hoodie sweatshirt, warm up pants
- Insect repellent, swimmers ear preparation, mask anti fog

Please note: Your trip deposit and payment are a promise to travel, reservations are confirmed and staff engaged, so please understand that trip money is non-refundable. We must have 8 confirmed divers for the trip to run at the posted price as scheduled.