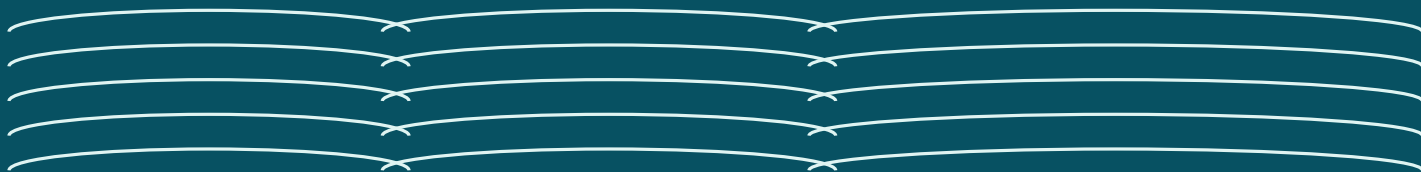


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One Night or Two? Gulf Coast Weekend Planner

Choose the base first, then decide how much weekend time you need. 

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USE THIS WHEN

You are deciding whether a quick overnight is enough or whether the trip needs a second morning and a looser pace.

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Base-town shortcuts

Base	Strong fit	Weekend shape
Venice	The easiest all-around beach weekend	Good for a compact overnight or a relaxed second morning.
Nokomis	Beach-first simplicity	Best when sunset, sand, and one nearby meal are enough.
Sarasota	The group wants more options	Two nights make more sense when beach, town, culture, and dining all matter.
Englewood / Boca Grande	Calm is the point	Use the extra time to slow down rather than add more stops.
Punta Gorda	Waterfront more than sand	A compact harborfront weekend can work without beach logistics.

Keep it simple

- Pick the base town before building the itinerary.
- One night works best when one anchor carries the trip.
- A second night should buy a slower pace or a second distinct day - not just more driving.

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Weekend decision checklist

- ☐ We chose the base town before choosing activities.
- ☐ One night gives enough time for the main reason we are going.
- ☐ If staying two nights, the second day has a distinct purpose.
- ☐ The backup plan stays close to the base.
- ☐ We are not using the second night as permission to overpack the itinerary.
- ☐ We know the departure-day stop rule.
- ☐ We will use the live guide to confirm current stay-area and access details.

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