



## Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa

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### **HILTON SANDESTIN BEACH GOLF RESORT & SPA RECEIVES BEST OF THE SOUTH AWARD**

Destin, Fla. (July 7, 2009) – The Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa, celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2009 as the premier Gulf-front meetings resort hotel in Northwest Florida, has been honored with a “Best in the South” award by the readers of *Meetings South* magazine, recognizing exceptional meeting properties in the Southern United States and the Caribbean. For the 10th consecutive year, readers selected the Hilton Sandestin Beach among their favorite properties based on the quality of meeting space, guest rooms, staff, service, food and beverage, amenities and value.

“This accolade means a tremendous amount to us, especially given it is awarded to us by our clients,” says Marshall Thompson, vice president of sales and marketing for the Hilton Sandestin Beach. “And, it comes in such a milestone year for us as we celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.”

The Hilton Sandestin Beach offers spacious meeting and banquet facilities to accommodate more than 2,000 people. The hotel’s 32,000 square feet of meeting space contains the exquisite 10,000-square-foot Emerald Ballroom; the Coral Ballroom, perfect for groups from 25 to 400; the Boardroom, an intimate meeting space accommodating 14 with conference-style seating; 20 breakout rooms for workshops or smaller group sessions; and outdoor deck areas providing breathtaking views of the Gulf of Mexico. Plus, the hotel’s professional conference and event managers are dedicated to ensuring that each group gathering is a memorable one.

And, just in time for its silver anniversary, the Hilton Sandestin Beach recently completed a three-year, \$3.4 million room renovation which included a complete transformation of suites in the Hilton Sandestin Beach’s Emerald Tower, which houses 400 of the resort hotels 600 guest suites. The resort hotel also recently earned its Florida Green Lodging designation.

When it is time to unwind, the Hilton Sandestin Beach has relaxing resort amenities including *Serenity by the sea*, the resort’s spa, salon and fitness center; two outdoor and one indoor pool; five onsite dining options; and, of course, the fabulous sugar white sand and emerald green waters of the Gulf. Other resort activities include golf, tennis, shopping and more.

For more information or to book a meeting or special event at the Hilton Sandestin Beach, call (877) 705-6641. Special packages for meeting planners are available through the end of the year.

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**About the Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa:**

The Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa, managed by Sandcastle Resorts of Sandestin, Inc. and located directly on the sugar-white sands of the Gulf of Mexico within the 2,400-acre Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort community, celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2009 as the Southeast's premier Gulf-front resort hotel. The Hilton Sandestin Beach has continued its quest to improve and upgrade to ensure that guests' expectations are exceeded during all hours of their stay. Whether in search of a leisurely getaway or an extraordinary wedding destination, the Hilton Sandestin Beach is the perfect retreat, offering a variety of amenities and activities including more than 32,000 square feet of meeting space, an unparalleled resort spa and fitness center, elegant dining venues and much more. For more information, visit [www.HiltonSandestinBeach.com](http://www.HiltonSandestinBeach.com).