



**FEAST OF
TABERNACLES**
2018 HOUSING
INFORMATION



WELCOME TO THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES

2018 FESTIVAL HOUSING GUIDE

Before we know it, we will all be gathered at sites around the world to keep the Feast of Tabernacles! We plan and save our second tithe to go to “the place where LORD your God chooses to put His name” (Deuteronomy 14:24). We are excited and eager to make arrangements for accommodations for our family. Since we spend so much time in our housing at the Feast, this part of our Feast planning is extremely important to us!

With this fact in mind, the Feast coordinators for all our Feast sites strive to procure properties that will meet the needs of all the brethren—with a focus on quality, price and value.

Each year the Church evaluates the accommodations we offered the previous year. We do this by reviewing the housing surveys that the brethren fill out at the various sites. The Feast coordinators consider the price brethren paid for housing, the quality and cleanliness of the facility, and the cooperation of the management. By doing so, we are able to make the necessary adjustments to Feast housing at each site to meet the needs of brethren. As a result, you may find a few new properties and also a few that are no longer being used.

As you and your family make your plans and prepare to select and reserve housing for 2018, we recommend that you review all available housing at the site you will be attending. To assist you in this endeavor, we have included websites for most of the housing establishments listed in this housing brochure. Please take the time to visit those websites. It will allow you to preview the facility and the amenities it offers. This will greatly assist you in avoiding unpleasant surprises.

We again want to remind you of the benefits the Church realizes when our members use the housing establishments that are listed in the COGWA Festival housing brochure. Your doing so enables us to secure fair prices with the

housing establishments, and it is central in our ability to secure quality meeting space at sites where we meet in a hotel.

As you make your housing arrangements, please remember these important guidelines:

1. In general, please do not attempt to make reservations prior to the opening day and time for reservations, which is Monday, **May 14, at 10 a.m. in the time zone of the site you are attending**. The establishments have been asked to **not accept reservations prior to the agreed-upon time**.
2. Those with disabilities, health problems or other special needs that require specific types of facilities may make early housing reservations beginning Monday, **May 7**. (Check with your local Festival adviser for guidelines.) Some sites may require a password in order to make early reservations.
3. When making your reservations, identify yourself as a member of the “Church of God, a Worldwide Association, Feast of Tabernacles.” Be sure to give your arrival and departure dates, be prepared to pay a deposit, and be sure to ask for a confirmation number.
4. Please take notice of the maximum number of occupants allowed in a room and do not exceed that number. Reserving a room for four people and then putting six to seven people in the room is not allowed. It causes extra work for the housekeeping staff and violates the agreements we have made.
5. PLEASE make only one housing reservation at one Feast site. Making duplicate reservations limits others who are looking for housing. If your plans to attend a particular site change, be sure to cancel your housing reservations as soon as possible to free up housing.

Jon Pinelli
Festival Planning Team



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. What if I have a large family and need a larger facility, such as a house, to have enough space. Can I rent “outside” our housing list?

A. If there is no satisfactory housing on our housing list, you are certainly free to rent something that isn't on it. Most of the large, home-type facilities are one of a kind, and it would cause more potential problems than it would solve for us to list a large number of one-of-a-kind facilities. Once such a facility was reserved, it would be a frustrating waste of time for any other members who tried to reserve the facility.

Q. What if I'm torn between two different housing properties (maybe even at two different sites). What is wrong with reserving them both until I decide and then releasing the one I decide not to use?

A. This situation probably happens more often than most would think. It causes difficulties on more than one level. First, it removes a room from the “available block” that may eventually go unused if you cancel just before the Feast. Second, it may cause a facility to assume it is full and turn down possible bookings only to later have one or several cancellations by people who had “double-booked” rooms. This causes us problems when we go to book blocks of rooms for the following year.

Q. My extended family is all attending the same site, yet we find we are paying different tax rates on our rooms. Why is that? It seems confusing!

A. Some Feast sites have facilities in different communities, each with different lodging tax rates. Some facilities have a county tax, while others have a county tax and a city lodging tax. Generally, the difference isn't that great, but it may be 4 to 5 percent different.

Q. What about extra fees that appear on my bill in addition to the basic room charge?

A. Some facilities have extra charges, such as parking, a resort fee, or a fee for “Internet service in sleeping rooms” (in some facilities, the Internet is free only in the public areas). Most of these should be listed in the housing brochure, but it is good to ask about any extra fees that the facility charges when making your room reservation. When in doubt, ask, so you aren't surprised when you check out.

Q. I have found an establishment that I feel would be a great fit for our housing block. How do I go about giving this input to the right person?

A. At times, members may find a facility that we may have overlooked or that may be under new management. There are a couple of ways you can give input in this area. First, since we may already have our room blocks set for this year, you can write in your suggestion on your copy of the Housing Survey, which is passed out at each site. The Festival coordinator for that site will see it and can follow up on it. Second, you can email the suggestion to the Festival coordinator for that site

or to a member of the Festival Planning Team. But either way, please do not try to negotiate with the establishment on behalf of the Church.

Q. I have several ideas on areas that I feel would make wonderful Feast sites. How do I go about giving input on possible locations?

A. We are always keeping our eyes open for possible Feast sites. Our main criteria for site selection is desirable locations within a reasonable distance of the majority of our people in a region. We will occasionally have a specialty site on a one-time or a periodic basis, but due to manpower and expense, we mostly focus on regional sites across the United States and regional sites in the international areas as well.

The Festival Planning Team is always open to suggestions for possible future sites and welcomes input from interested members. If you know of a specific facility in a particular area, feel free to

mention it in an email to a member of the Festival Planning Team. But please do not contact the facility directly or discuss possible terms with the facility, as if you are representing the Church. Doing so can cause confusion. Send in your ideas, and we will look at and consider them in light of current needs, contracts and other relative conditions.

Q. What do I do if, after checking into a facility selected from the housing guide, I find the conditions to be totally unacceptable?

A. While this situation seldom happens, it is a possibility. Before you actually occupy the room, go back to the management and tell them the conditions are totally unacceptable and ask for either another room that is acceptable or for a refund. Most facilities will work with you. In the event that you still have a situation, feel free to contact the Festival coordinator for the site or, if you know his name, the housing officer. Either of them will be able to help you with the situation.

Key Dates for 2018 Feast of Tabernacles

April 1-May 7, 2018
Online registration

May 7, 2018
Early housing reservations begin (check with your local Festival adviser for guidelines)

May 14, 2018
General housing reservations begin

July 3, 2018
Activity information posted to website

Sept. 24-30, 2018
Feast of Tabernacles

Oct. 1, 2018
Last Great Day

REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 1

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ORANGE BEACH, ALABAMA

Serving the southeastern area of the United States, this year's Feast of Tabernacles will be held at beautiful Orange Beach, Alabama. Services will be held in the Orange Beach Event Center, located in the Wharf district. The Wharf has many fine restaurants, shopping, a marina and lots of outdoor activities for the whole family. Many area restaurants are now catering to our dietary requirements, so look for those establishments when you arrive.

We expect the weather to be quite warm this year as the Feast will be two weeks earlier than last year. As a result, we expect to have wonderful outdoor activities that include Family Day, a golf scramble and a teen activity.

There are multiple beach locations—stretching across several miles—that allow for parasailing, diving, deep-sea fishing, glass-bottom boats, dolphin tours, beach volleyball and a host of other Gulf-related activities. If your interest isn't beautiful white sand, then just minutes from the beach are golf, sailing and several theme parks for the young at heart. As this area is rapidly growing, check out the new adventures in nearby Foley, where a new amusement park has been opened.

If your plans call for a beach venue for this year's Feast of Tabernacles, we welcome you to Orange Beach, Alabama!

Fragrance-controlled room available: No.

Tax rate for accommodations: 13 percent. (Note: Some Orange Beach accommodations include taxes and fees in their rates.)

Closest airports: Pensacola (PNS), 36 miles; Mobile, Alabama (MOB), 66 miles.

Phillip Sandilands

Kaiser Realty by Wyndham Vacation Rentals

251-968-6868
800-225-4853
251-968-4668 fax
wvral.com

1557 Gulf Shores Parkway
Gulf Shores, AL 36542

\$77-\$157	1-bedroom condo, 1-4 people
\$87-\$210	2-bedroom condo, 2-6 people
\$127-\$550	3-bedroom condo, 2-8 people
\$210-\$515	2- to 4-bedroom home

Note: Rates apply two nights before and after the Feast based on availability. Rates do not include taxes, fees or parking pass. To make reservations, call Kaiser's 800 number. A deposit will be due at time of booking any unit in the amount of 25% of the rental. Final payment is due 30 days prior to arrival. Cancellations on or before the 30th day prior to arrival will be subject to a cancellation fee of \$144. Cancellations made within 30 days prior to the arrival date will result in a full forfeiture of the amount paid.

Amenities: Shopping nearby, laundry facilities, waterfront, indoor pool, outdoor pool, king or queen beds, air-conditioning, elevator, free Wi-Fi, online reservations, no maid service.

Distance from meeting hall: varies

Brett Robinson Gulf Corp. – Phoenix Apartments

251-747-7192
888-633-7101
251-968-3048 fax
brett-robinson.com
3259 Gulf Shores Parkway
Gulf Shores, AL 36547

Phoenix I (24132 Perdido Beach Blvd.) and II (24160 Perdido Beach Blvd.)

\$120.83	1-bedroom, 1-bath condo, 2-4 people
\$141.08	2-bedroom, 2-bath condo, 2-6 people
\$179.80	3-bedroom, 2-bath condo, 2-8 people

Phoenix West II (23450 Perdido Beach Blvd.)

\$197.20	1-bedroom, 2-bath condo, 2-4 people
\$246.50	2-bedroom, 3-bath condo, 2-6 people
\$307.40	3-bedroom, 4-bath condo, 2-8 people
\$476.57	4-bedroom, 4.5-bath condo, 2-10 people

Note: Rates guaranteed through July 31, 2018. After that, all reservations will be offered at 10% off rack rate at time of booking. The daily rate includes the group discount, but other taxes and fees apply. Deposits are due at time of booking. Payment in full on all units to be made by 30 days prior to arrivals. In order to cancel, you must give notice of cancellation eight or more days prior to scheduled arrival. There is a \$40 cancellation fee. If you cancel seven or less days prior to scheduled arrival, you will forfeit one night's rent plus tax. Reservations must be made by phone. (There

is no online reservation for our group.) Give the following number when you call: **Group ID #1293274**. If you forget this number, just mention you are with Church of God.

Amenities: No resort fee, private balcony with Gulf front view, restaurant on premises or adjacent, shopping nearby, waterfront, indoor pool (Phoenix West II only), outdoor pool, lazy river (Phoenix West II only), hot tub, sauna, fitness room, tennis courts, racquetball courts (Phoenix I and II only), king or queen beds, fully equipped kitchens, laundry facilities in unit, air-conditioning, elevator, equipped for handicapped, free Wi-Fi, no maid service.

Distance from meeting hall: Varies

Caribe Resort

251-980-9000
888-607-7020
caribe-resort.net
28103 Perdido Beach Blvd.
Orange Beach, AL 36561

\$226.77	2-bedroom, 2-bath condo, 2-6 people
\$275.72	3-bedroom, 3-bath condo, 2-8 people
\$304.14	3-bedroom, 3.5-bath + media condo, 2-8 people
\$138.75	cleaning fee for 2-bedroom
\$160.95	cleaning fee for 3-bedroom
\$177.60	cleaning fee for 3-bedroom + media condo

Note: Stay seven nights and get the eighth night free. All taxes and fees are included. Rates apply three nights before and after the Feast based on availability. There is a one-time reservation charge of \$50. (You may also wish to consider the monthly rate, which is equal to the rate of only nine or 10 nights.) Reservation policy: 25% deposit required within 10 days to hold any room. Deposit refunded in full if reservation is canceled 15 days before check-in.

Amenities: Restaurant on premises or adjacent, shopping nearby, laundry facilities, equipped for handicapped, waterfront, indoor pool, outdoor pool, king or queen beds, air-conditioning, elevator, free Wi-Fi, no maid service, online reservations.

Distance from meeting hall: 7.6 miles

Microtel Inn and Suites

251-967-3000
tinyurl.com/microtel-gulf-shores
3600 Gulf Shores Parkway
Gulf Shores, AL 36542

\$59	standard, 1 queen bed, 1-2 people
\$59	standard, 2 queen beds, 2-4 people

Note: Rates apply two nights before and after the Feast based on availability.

Amenities: Shopping nearby, laundry facilities, equipped for handicapped, outdoor pool, king or queen beds, air-

conditioning, suites, elevator, fitness center, coffeemaker, free Wi-Fi, continental breakfast included.

Distance from meeting hall: 4.3 miles

Springhill Suites Orange Beach at The Wharf

251-981-7882

888-236-2427

251-943-6650 fax

marriott.com/pnsor

4673 Wharf Parkway W.

Orange Beach, AL 36561

\$104 double queen suite, 2-4 people

\$104 king suite, 1-2 people

Note: Rates apply two nights before and after the Feast based on availability. No deposit required to hold any room. Deposit refunded in full if reservation is canceled 30 days before check-in.

Amenities: Restaurant on premises or adjacent, shopping nearby, laundry facilities, equipped for handicapped, waterfront, outdoor pool, king or queen beds, air-conditioning, suites, elevator, free Wi-Fi, online reservations, continental breakfast included.

Distance from meeting hall: adjacent

Young's Suncoast – The Wharf

251-968-2839

251-968-5139 fax

youngsuncoast.com/rentals/complexes/the-wharf

23101 Canal Road

Orange Beach, AL 36561

\$150.36 1-bedroom, 1-bath condo, 1-4 people

\$183.83 2-bedroom, 2-bath condo, 2-6 people

\$224.32 3-bedroom, 3-bath condo, 2-8 people

Note: Rates are available two nights before and after the Feast based on availability. Reservation policy: \$89 nonrefundable deposit due at time of registration. Balance due 30 days prior to arrival.

Amenities: Restaurant on premises or adjacent, shopping nearby, laundry facilities, waterfront, outdoor pool, king or queen beds, air-conditioning, suites, elevator, free Wi-Fi, online reservations, no maid service.

Distance from meeting hall: 0.3 mile

Young's Suncoast – Orange Beach Villas

251-968-2839

251-968-5139 fax

youngsuncoast.com/rentals/complexes/orange-beach-villas

24198 Canal Road (off of Lindsey Lane)

Orange Beach, AL 36561

\$141.55 3-bedroom condo, 2-8 people

\$160.30 3-bedroom condo (with pet fee), 2-8 people

Note: Rates are available two nights before and after the Feast based on availability. Reservation policy: \$89 nonrefundable deposit due at time of registration. Balance due 30 days prior to arrival.

Amenities: Shopping nearby, laundry facilities, equipped for handicapped, pets allowed, outdoor pool, king or queen beds, air-conditioning, free Wi-Fi, online reservations, no maid service.

Distance from meeting hall: 1.6 miles

INTERNATIONAL FEAST SITES

AFRICA

Mugina, Burundi
Man, Côte d'Ivoire
Douala, Cameroon
Kinshasa, Democratic
Republic of the Congo
Kumasi, Ghana
Migori, Kenya
Salima, Malawi
Flic-en-Flac, Mauritius
Benin City, Nigeria
Giti, Rwanda
Uvongo, South Africa
Kpalimé, Togo
Mapoko, Zambia
Gweru, Zimbabwe

ASIA/PACIFIC

Coffs Harbour, Australia
Pacific Harbour, Fiji
Kochi, India
Taupo, New Zealand
Baguio City, Philippines

CARIBBEAN

Barbados
Grenada

Lethem, Guyana
Runaway Bay, Jamaica

EUROPE

Winchester, England
Normandy, France
Cortona, Italy

LATIN AMERICA

Villa la Merced, Argentina
Santa Cruz, Bolivia
Lican Ray, Chile
El Rodadero, Santa Marta,
Colombia
Antigua, Guatemala
San Miguel de Allende,
Mexico
Huanchaco, Peru

NORTH AMERICA

Orford, Québec

Note: Not all locations in this list are final. Please check feast.cogwa.org for up-to-date information on international sites.

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