

American Association of Pesticide Safety Educators (AAPSE)
National Conference July 28-31, 2025
Courtyard Gulfport Beachfront - Gulfport, MS
HOTEL & TRAVEL INFORMATION

Hotel Information

- **Courtyard Gulfport Beachfront**, 1600 East Beach Blvd, Gulfport, MS 39501
 - Conference hotel: <https://www.marriott.com/gptcy>
 - Block rate: \$129 per night, July 27-31, 2025
 - Booking link: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1729189139454&key=GRP&guestreslink2=true>
 - Deadline: June 26, 2025
 - ✓ Hotel is connected with the Conference Center
 - ✓ Fitness Center
 - ✓ Outdoor Pool
 - ✓ Onsite Restaurant and Bar
 - ✓ Near Beach Access

Travel Information: <https://www.coastalmississippi.com/plan/transportation/>

- **Nearby Airports and Driving Distances:**
 - Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport (GPT) – Distance: 5 miles from the hotel – Approximate Driving Time: 10 minutes
 - New Orleans Louis Armstrong International Airport (MSY) – Distance: 75 miles from the hotel – Approximate Driving Time: 1 hour 15 minutes
 - Jackson-Evers International Airport (JAN) – Distance: 125 miles from the hotel – Approximate Driving Time: 2 hours
 - Mobile Regional Airport (MOB) – Distance: 85 miles from the hotel – Approximate Driving Time: 1 hour 30 minutes
- **Regional and Local Transportation:**
 - Local hotel shuttle service is not available from the hotel.
 - Uber and Lyft are both readily available in Gulfport for guests.
 - Taxi service is available through the hotel front desk.
 - Car rentals available at the airport and through the hotel concierge.

Food Options: <https://www.coastalmississippi.com/restaurants/>

- **On-site Dining:**
 - The Bistro – Serving breakfast and dinner, featuring local Gulf Coast favorites and seasonal options.
 - Bistro Bar – Enjoy refreshing cocktails and light bites at our stylish bar with a view of the Gulf.
- **Nearby Restaurants (Walking Distance):**
 - Shaggy’s Biloxi Beach – Casual seafood dining with a beachfront view.
 - The Reef – Gulf Coast cuisine with outdoor seating and ocean views.
 - Mary Mahoney’s Old French House – Historic restaurant serving classic Southern seafood dishes.
 - The Half Shell Oyster House – Known for fresh oysters and other seafood dishes.
- **Nearby Restaurants (Short Drive):**

- Taranto’s Crawfish – A favorite for authentic crawfish dishes.
- The Crawfish House & Grill – Serving Southern-inspired dishes with a focus on crawfish and seafood.

Recreation Options (for attendees to enjoy during their stay):

<https://www.coastalmississippi.com/things-to-do/attractions/>

- The Beach: Just steps from the hotel, enjoy the beautiful white-sand beach on the Gulf Coast.
- Ship Island Excursions: Take a ferry ride to Ship Island for an unforgettable beach experience and sightseeing.
<https://www.shipisland.com/lander>
- Walter Anderson Museum of Art: Explore local art celebrating the Gulf Coast’s natural beauty.
<https://www.walterandersonmuseum.org/>
- Mississippi Aquarium: A state-of-the-art aquarium offering interactive exhibits and marine life experiences.
<https://www.msaquarium.org/>
- The Port of Gulfport: Take a tour to learn about the port’s history and its significance to the Gulf Coast.
<https://www.portofgulfport.com/>
- Gateway America: Visit this cultural landmark that explores the history and heritage of the American South.
- **Family-Friendly Activities:**
<https://www.coastalmississippi.com/things-to-do/attractions/things-to-do-with-kids/>
 - The Big Play Entertainment Center – Indoor arcade and fun for all ages.
 - Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center – Science and learning fun for kids.
 - Gulf Islands Waterpark – A family-friendly waterpark for summer enjoyment.

Additional recommendations: <https://travefy.com/trip/6yw9rq5sn8sqz2af3g9z98ceakknzq>

FREE Play Coastal Savings Pass: <https://www.coastalmississippi.com/plan/deals/attractions-pass/savings-pass/>

Weather: <https://www.coastalmississippi.com/plan/faqs-visitor-info/weather/>

Coastal Mississippi offers temperate climates year-round. Our winters are short and mild, and our summers are long and toasty—perfect for soaking up some sun! With an average summer temperature high of 90°F and a low of 76°F, outdoor activities and sunshine are the ideal things to do on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. So have some fun, for fun’s sake!