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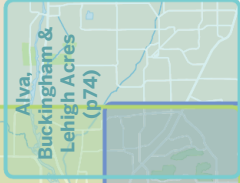
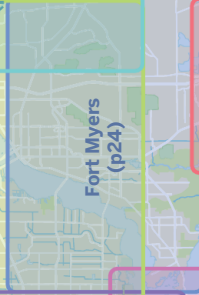
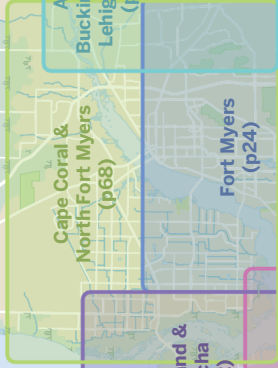
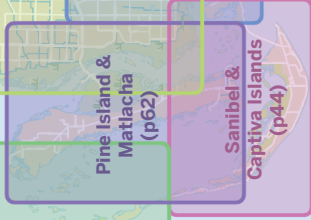
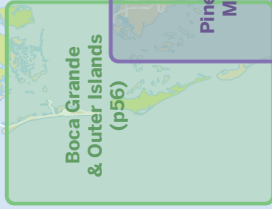
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Fort Myers Towns & Islands

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City	Distance	Estimated Driving Time
Daytona Beach	250mi / 400km	4 hours
Jacksonville	320mi / 515km	5¼ hours
Miami	155mi / 250km	2½ hours
Naples	45mi / 70km	1 hour
Orlando	200mi / 320km	3 hours
Sarasota	80mi / 130km	1¼ hours
Tampa	130mi / 210km	2 hours



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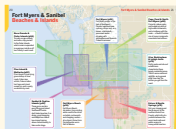
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Bar Hemingway

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Legend has it that Hemingway liberated this upholstered bar from the Ritz's show photos taken by the martinis in town. (www.ritzparis.com; Hôtel Vendôme, 1er; ☎6.30pm-2a



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Welcome to Fort Myers & Sanibel

Think 'Florida' and your mental View-Master flips through certain images: white sands, blue waters beneath clear skies, lush greenery, golf courses and the *Golden Girls*, glitz, glamour and *Miami Vice*. In Southwest Florida, trade in whatever you think you know about America's third-most populous state for the pure, quiet joys of plucking shells from the sand and watching egrets pick across tidal lagoons, as the sun dips brilliantly beyond the magnificent Gulf of Mexico. Welcome to paradise.

Fort Myers & Sanibel

Top Experiences

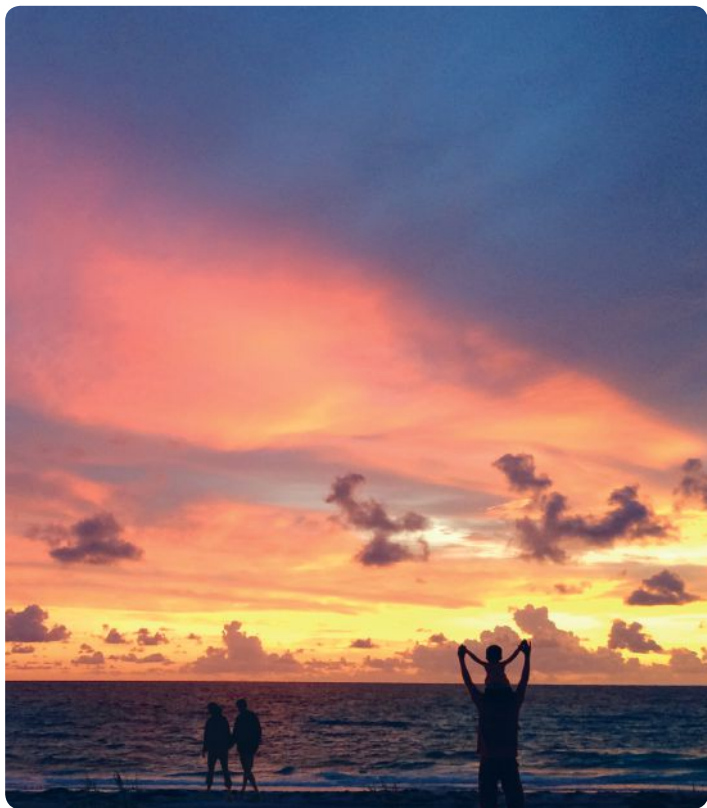
Bask on the Beach

The tranquil Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel occupy some of the most picturesque, prime waterfront real estate on the planet. With over 50 miles of beaches and a broad range of aquatic pursuits to enjoy, there's something for everyone. Sanibel's **Bowman's Beach** (p48) is a great place to start.



Savor the Sunsets

If you've never seen the sun set over the Gulf, you're in for a real treat. A profound color palette is revealed every evening on the area's abundance of west-facing beaches. Enjoy the show over a bottle of wine from the shoreline of Captiva's **Turner Beach** (p49), or vie for a window seat in one of the island's top-notch bars or restaurants.



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Become One with Nature

No populated area in South Florida offers access to nature quite like The Beaches of Fort Myers and Sanibel. You can lose yourself in miles of primordial wetlands, watch flocks of birds migrate across land and sea, spot dolphins with outfitters such as **Captiva Cruises** (p60), and see alligators and manatees dance along the drivable 'safari' trail through **JN 'Ding' Darling National Wildlife Refuge** (p48).



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Go Shelling

Stroll along the seemingly endless beachfront here and you'll probably feel a crunch along the way. Local beaches, especially on Sanibel and Captiva, offer the best shelling in the USA, if not the world. You'll soon develop the 'Sanibel Stoop' as you find yourself constantly looking footwards for beautiful sprinkles of white, pink and peach-colored magnificence. But do take care that the inhabitant of your bounty isn't still kicking: the taking of live shells is strictly prohibited. Make sure to stop by the **Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum** (p51) to learn more about how shells end up here and what types you've spotted on the sand.

Get Your Fish On From March through June, anglers from all over the world come here for the tarpon – one of the world’s great game fishes – and marlin. You can catch some yourself at Boca Grande Pass, on the south edge of **Boca Grande** (p56), known as the ‘Tarpon Fishing Capital of the World.’



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Paddle the Same Trails...

...as the Calusa Indians. Head out on one of the largest, best-executed networks of water trails in the country. Get geared up with one of the local outfitters at **Estero River Outfitters** (p82) and hit the teal spiderweb that is the **Great Calusa Blueway** (p123), which provides access to 190 miles of pristine, water-bound goodness.

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Step Back in Time

Two of the most prolific innovators of American industry, Thomas Edison and Henry Ford, spent their winters in Fort Myers and left behind the magnificent **Edison & Ford Winter Estates** (p29). You can also go back further and learn about the Koreshan settlers, Florida pioneers and the area's original inhabitants.

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Culture on the Coast

There's a vibrant, creative energy in the air here, evidenced by art walks in downtown Fort Myers, an active local theater community, gallery openings and events from Cape Coral to Bonita Springs, plus small artists colonies on the islands. Drive to **Matlacha** (p66) and stroll through some funky, fresh galleries on 'Main Street.'



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Island Life

Take a walk. Or get in a golf cart. That's as fast as folks like to take things on islands such as Gasparilla, North Captiva and the superbly named Cabbage Key. The most important thing in life is taking time to enjoy it, and nowhere does this philosophy find fruition like on boat-accessible **Cayo Costa** (p59).



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Play Ball


What two words better capture spring? Fort Myers is spring training central. The Minnesota Twins call this their spring home-away-from-home, while the Boston Red Sox play just a few miles away. Visit **Terry Park Ball Field** (p105), one of the nation's great ball fields where legends have played...and don't forget to pass the Cracker Jacks.




Fort Myers & Sanibel Day Planner

Day One


 Assuming you're waking up on Sanibel, grab some coffee and breakfast at **Rosie's Cafe** (p53): the Biker's Benedict is a great twist on the classic. After breakfast, take a drive, or better yet, get on a bicycle and roll through the **JN 'Ding' Darling National Wildlife Refuge** (p48), keeping an eye out for gators, manatees and huge flocks of migratory birds. Walking tours are offered on a limited basis.


 Have lunch at **Cip's Place** (p55), then take a long stroll around the **Sanibel Historical Museum & Village** (p51). If you're not too tired, visit the **Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum** (p51), then apply that shell knowledge to **Blind Pass Beach** (p49), or any of the shell-strewn beaches accessible via 'San-Cap' (Sanibel-Captiva Road).

 Finish your day with dinner at the **Mad Hatter** (p53), where you can sip drinks as the sun dips below the Gulf of Mexico.

Day Two

 Have coffee and superb doughnuts at **Bennett's Fresh Roast** in their new Sanibel location, or, as you're heading to the mainland, the original store in Fort Myers (p33), but make sure you get there early: those doughnuts have an annoying habit of disappearing! After breakfast, pay a visit to the **Edison & Ford Winter Estates** (p29), located on palm-lined McGregor Blvd.

 Take a walking tour of the River District, also known as historic Fort Myers, with **True Tours** (p121). When you're done, have lunch at **Veranda** (p32), also located downtown. If you're in the mood, you could take a two- to three-hour cruise with **JC Cruises** (p32) or, if you have kids, check out the **Imaginarium Science Center** (p30).

 Dine at the wonderfully nostalgic **Roadhouse Cafe** (p33), then try for a sunset at the **Firestone Sky Bar** (p33). Or combine dinner and a show at the **Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre** (p34) before heading home.

Short on time?

We've arranged the area's must-sees into these day-by-day itineraries to make sure you see the very best of Fort Myers and Sanibel in the time you have available.

Day Three

Greet the sunrise in a traditional South Florida way with a *cortadita* (Cuban espresso) and gut-busting breakfast at **El Mambo** (p72) in Cape Coral. Eggs, plantains, beans and rice are enough calories to get you through any day. Now drive out to Pine Island.



Along the drive you'll pass by the artsy town of **Matlacha** (p66), lined with art galleries and studio spaces, most of which are commercial outfits open to the public. Once you make it to rural Pine Island, take a kayaking tour with local guides, and make sure to walk along the **Calusa Heritage Trail** (p65) at the **Randell Research Center**.



Have dinner at the excellent **Tarpon Lodge** (p67), and finish the night with drinks and music at the endearingly rowdy **Bert's Bar & Grill** (p66) back on Matlacha. If you're in the mood for more culinary diversity, keep driving to North Fort Myers and enjoy a curry at **Phensri Thai** (p73).

Day Four

Head to Fort Myers Beach on Estero Island, for a morning swim and beach breakfast at **Heavenly Biscuit** (p42). You'll probably want to park near **Times Square** (p43), which is a good place to stock up on beach essentials such as towels and sunscreen. From Times Square, consider heading to the northwest corner of Fort Myers Beach and hit the sand at **Bowditch Point** (p40).



Afterwards, walk around the mangrove boardwalk at **Matanzas Pass Preserve** (p39) where you can access the water via kayak. You could potentially paddle all the way to **Lovers Key State Park** (p81), but you don't have to take a boat to the Key, as the island is accessible by car. When the mood strikes, there's no better place for a liquid lunch (solids optional) than the **Cottage Bar** (p43).



If you're still decent, want more variety and can drag yourself away, head further along the beach to catch the sunset over dinner at **Fresh Catch Bistro** (p42).




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Day Five


 Start your day with a cheap and hearty breakfast at **Reese's Restaurant** (p42) before heading off to explore the southern end of The Beaches of Fort Myers and Sanibel. Don't miss the last remaining virgin bald-cypress forest in America at the **Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary** (p81), then emerge from the wilderness into the affluent enclaves of **Estero** and **Bonita Springs** (p78), where you'll see why so many folks choose to call Southwest Florida home.


 If you're tired after the nature preserve, get a caffeine and sugar boost with some coffee and chocolate at **Norman Love Confections** (p35), a nationally famous fine-chocolate boutique. After indulging your sweet tooth, pop into the **Koreshan State Historic Site** (p82), a series of nature paths and historic buildings.

 Do some shopping, maybe at **Miromar Outlets** (p83) or **Coconut Point** (p83), two of the finest malls in the area. Sink a beer at **Doc's Beach House** (p83), and have dinner at **A Table Apart** (p82), well known for its locally sourced, organic ingredients.

Day Six

 Take some time to relax! You've earned it after all this running around. But if you're keen for more, why not venture to the more remote outer islands and chill out there? To properly explore this area, you'll need to book boat and charter tours in advance, but if you're on a budget or just playing by the hip, drive to **Boca Grande** (p56). Otherwise, arrange a visit to **Cabbage Key** (p59).

 During the day you can ferry from **Pine Island to Cayo Costa** via the **Tropic Star** (p59). Bring a picnic and let yourself relax for the day with sun, sand, shelling and water. If you're by Boca Grande, consider heading south and relaxing on the south side of **Gasparilla Island** (p59). Soak up some Old Florida charm at **Whidden's Marina** (p60).

 Depending on which island you end up on, you can choose a restaurant to suit your needs. You can't pass up seafood and a sunset on the beach at **South Beach Bar & Grille** (p60) in Boca Grande.

Day Seven



Explore the shops in downtown Fort Myers. If you want to delve more into the local arts scene, consider stopping by the Lee County **Alliance for the Arts** (p31). Or check out the small town of **Alva** (p74), the oldest settlement in the area, where **Hickey's Creek Mitigation Park** (p77) awaits hikers and kayakers.



There's really not a lot out here, but that's half the charm. Be sure to explore the lovely **Caloosahatchee Regional Park** (p77), where you can mountain-bike in nominally flat Florida. If you are more into bird watching, go to **Harns Marsh Preserve** (p77) in Lehigh Acres, a small park that is off the radar of many Fort Myers and Sanibel locals. Bring plenty of bug spray for either of these excursions.



If you find yourself still in the area as the sun starts to fade, head to Buckingham for dinner at **The Hut** (p77) or get soulful (and maybe a little rowdy) with the locals, courtesy of live acts at the **Buckingham Blues Bar** (p77).

Day Eight



Head back to the beginning of your trip on Sanibel and Captiva. Relax on **Bowman's Beach** (p48) on Sanibel, one of the pristine beaches along the Gulf Coast. Adults will enjoy – but kids will especially love – a visit to either the **Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation** (SCCF; p50) or the **Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife** (CROW; p51).



Drive all the way to the north end of Captiva and have lunch in the idiosyncratic **Bubble Room** (p53), another family-friendly place with a deep menu. Once your food is finished, go ahead and enjoy a sunset at **Turner Beach** (p49) or make a beeline for a beer and front-row seats at the **Mucky Duck** (p54).



If you want to round out your whirlwind tour with a special meal, look no further than the unique and fabulous **Blue Coyote Supper Club** (p53). If you're staying in Fort Myers for your flight home, head downtown for a stroll around the River District and the wonderfully illuminated facade of the **Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center** (p30). Do you really have to leave tomorrow?

Need to Know

For more information, see **Survival Guide (p108)**.

What to Pack

Bring light, breathable clothes, but also pack some layers; the air-conditioning can be chilly. Bug spray is advisable and sunscreen is a must.

Money

ATMs (cashpoints) are ubiquitous in the area. To avoid bank fees, international travelers should check with US banks to see if they use the same electronic transfer systems. Most businesses accept major credit cards.

Cell Phones & Wi-Fi

Cell phone coverage is good in most of the area, but you may be inconvenienced if kayaking way off the beaten path. Wi-fi service is available at most lodgings, although you may have to pay for it.

Time

Eastern Time Zone (GMT/UTC minus five hours)

Tipping

Tip 15% for adequate service in restaurants; up to 20% for good service. Only withhold tips if service is terrible. It's standard to leave a dollar or two when ordering drinks from a bar, or 15% of the total tab. Taxis expect around 15%. Tip a few dollars for help with bags.

1 Before You Go Your Daily Budget

Budget: under \$120

- ▶ Self-cater or eat at budget places
- ▶ Camp or share rental houses
- ▶ Bicycle the area or explore local parks

Midrange: \$120–250

- ▶ One nice meal (around \$50–80) a day
- ▶ Hotels are cheaper if booked in advance
- ▶ Book day-tripper activities far in advance

Top end: over \$250

- ▶ Engage in high-end shopping
- ▶ Prix-fixe menus at fine-dining restaurants
- ▶ Sleep in luxury hotels and rentals
- ▶ Day trip to outer islands

Useful Websites

Lonely Planet (www.lonelyplanet.com/usa/florida/fort-myers) Destination information.

The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel (www.fortmyers-sanibel.com) Tourist-authority website.

Lee County Parks & Recreation (www.leeparks.org) Local parks system.

Events Calendar (www.fortmyers-sanibel.com/events) Cultural calendar for the area.

Alliance for the Arts (www.artinlee.org) Another excellent cultural calendar.

Advance Planning

Three months Book charter trips and reserve all rentals.

A few weeks Make reservations at top-end restaurants and check the cultural calendar.

The day before Check out the forecast and verify your tours.

2 Arriving in Fort Myers & Sanibel

The Beaches of Fort Myers and Sanibel's main airport is **Southwest Florida International Airport** (RSW; ☎239-590-4800; www.flylcpa.com; 11000 Terminal Access Rd), about 3 miles east of I-75 and 15 miles southeast of downtown Fort Myers. Major domestic carriers fly here, with direct service from Atlanta, Chicago, New York and other major hubs, and international service to Canada, Mexico and Germany.

From the airport, taxis determine fares by zones. Expect to pay \$20 to \$30 to downtown Fort Myers, \$50 to Cape Coral or Fort Myers Beach, \$56 to eastern Sanibel, \$64 to western Sanibel, and \$75 to Captiva and Pine Islands. Fares are for up to three passengers; each additional passenger adds \$10. The airport website lists other ground transportation such as shuttle services, which you may need to book ahead.

The Southwest Florida coast is easily accessible by I-10 and I-95, which indirectly connect to I-75, the major connecting road through the Beaches of Fort Myers and Sanibel. US 41, also known as the Tamiami Trail or Cleveland Ave, runs parallel to I-75 and goes through the Everglades to Miami.

From the Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel Marinas

There are over 20 marinas in The Beaches of Fort Myers and Sanibel, so you have plenty of choices if you arrive by boat.

3 Getting Around

Island Hopping

Most of the outer islands are boat-accessible only – if you want to explore Cayo Costa, Cabbage Key, North Captiva and Useppa, you'll need entire days. The only way around these islands is by foot, bicycle or golf cart. Pine Island, Sanibel, Captiva and Boca Grande are accessible by car. For island-hopping tours, look to services like **Adventures in Paradise, Inc** (p60). Cool local cruises include **Captiva Cruises** (p60), **Sanibel Harbour Princess** (p60), **Fort Myers Princess** (p60), and **Tropic Star** (p60).

Car

McGregor Blvd runs from downtown Fort Myers to Fort Myers Beach, with links to Sanibel and Captiva; State Road 78 runs through Cape Coral and connects to Pine Island. Midpoint and Cape Coral Pkwy bridges are \$2 each, heading west only; the Boca Grande Toll Bridge is \$6 for a round trip; and the Sanibel Causeway is \$6 to go to Sanibel (but not to come back to the mainland). Sanibel traffic can be heavy during peak season. Check visitmysanibel.com for traffic updates.

Boat

Check www.leewaterways.com for more information on boat services in the county. Kayakers and canoe paddlers can use the trail network of the Great Calusa Blueway (www.calusablueway.com).

Bicycle

A large network of bicycle routes crisscrosses the area, but avoid cycling on highways. Check out www.fortmyers-sanibel.com/discover/on-land/biking-and-hiking for trails. Sanibel is easy to cycle; see www.sanibeltrails.com/sanibel-bike-paths.aspx.

Tour de Park consists of two trails that connect six major parks (including Jet Blue Park/Red Sox Stadium). The trails are an excellent means of exploring the area. Check www.leeparks.org for more information.

Fort Myers & Sanibel Beaches & Islands



Boca Grande & Outer Islands (p56)

To really escape crowds and noise, ship yourself to the Outer Islands, which remain suspended in overgrown isolation off Lee County's west coast.

Pine Island & Matlacha (p62)

Pine Island is a low-lying green dollop of slow roads, fishermen, artists, Calusa Indian heritage and island escapism, and is easily accessible by road.

Sanibel & Captiva Islands (p44)

These gems contain everything great about Southwest Florida: shell-laden beaches, fine dining, great shopping and ubiquitous nature. Low-impact zoning allows natural beauty to take center stage.

Fort Myers Beach (p36)

Fort Myers Beach shimmers, from sizzling white sand to the shine on hotels, restaurants and shopping centers – all a stone's throw from the bathwater-warm Gulf of Mexico.

Fort Myers (p24)

Fort Myers proper is the hub of Southwest Florida: a logistical base, culinary corner and, as a bonus, its historic River District is dripping with atmosphere and Spanish Colonial romance.

Cape Coral & North Fort Myers (p68)

Come for nature parks and budget-priced but high-value restaurants, and rub elbows with the locals – a South Floridian mix of immigrants, snow birds and retirees.

Alva, Buckingham & Lehigh Acres (p74)

Pretty parks and miles of subdivisions characterize these largely residential areas. There's scattered nightlife and a general small-town feel the further you get from the coast.

Estero & Bonita Springs (p78)

Get your shopping and fine dining on at the southern end of Lee County, which sits at a juncture between the area's best malls and public access to snowy-white beaches.



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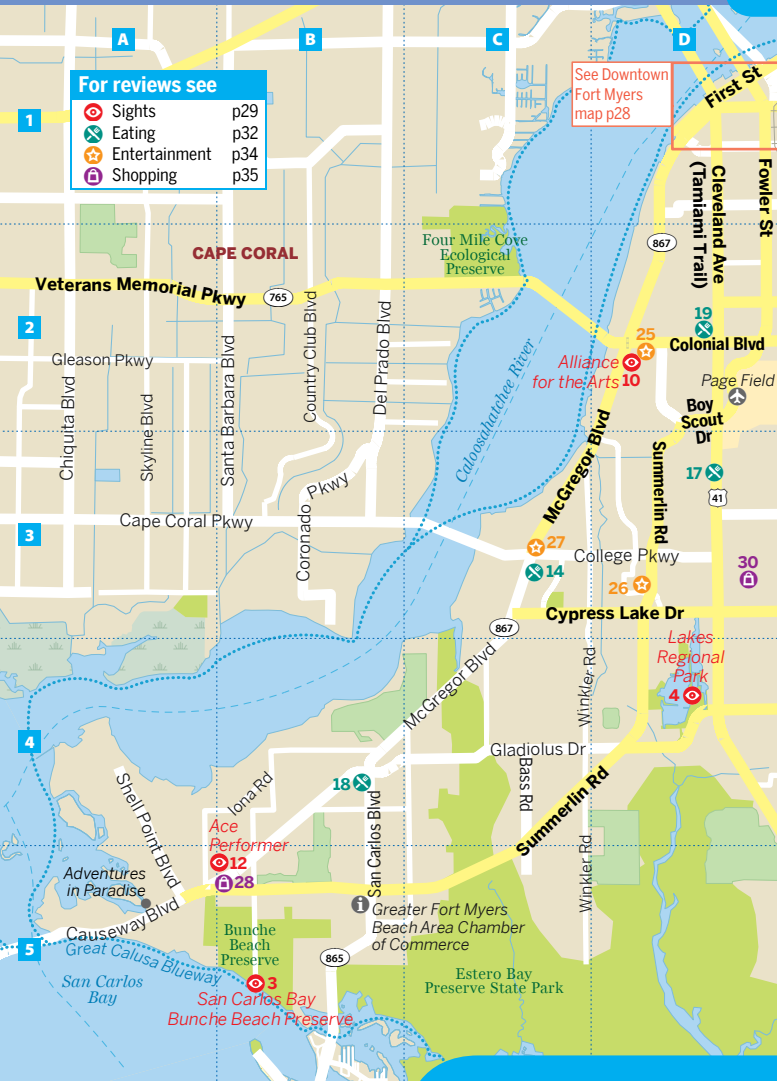


Explore

Fort Myers

Fort Myers is the urban anchor of the area, possessed of several identities all its own. Shopping, eating, nightlife and arts opportunities abound. The most attractive facet of the city is the historic River District of reimagined Spanish-Floridian aesthetics, showcasing pottery-esque buildings done up in beiges and sunny pastels, and McGregor Blvd, a wide avenue shaded by towering palm trees.









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Edison & Ford Winter Estates

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Say ‘American innovation’ and Thomas Edison (lightbulb, phonograph) and Henry Ford (mass production, Ford motors) spring to mind. Both of these frontier-pushers chose Fort Myers as their snowbird escape and their estates are one of the prime tourism draws in the area. The on-site botanical gardens feature trees planted by Edison himself, and a museum extensively catalogues the lives of these inventor-entrepreneurs. (📞239-334-7419; www.edisonfordwinterestates.org; 2350 McGregor Blvd; tours adult/child \$20/11; 🕒9am-5:30pm)

Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve

WETLAND

2  Map p26, E3

This natural drainage area collects water from a 33-sq-m watershed, which coalesces into a 3500-acre Jurassic Park–esque wetland. Waterfowl flap over creeks and bayous teeming with fish and, often enough, gators. A well-executed interpretive center and 1.2-mile boardwalk make the ecosystem extremely accessible. If you can’t make it to the Everglades, this may be the next best option. (📞239-533-7554; www.sloughpreserve.org; 7751 Penzance Crossing; parking \$1/\$5 per hr/day; 🕒10am-4pm Tue-Sat & 10am-2pm Sun Nov-Apr, 10am-2pm Tue-Sun May-Oct)

San Carlos Bay – Bunche Beach Preserve WETLAND

3  Map p26, B5

This 718-acre tidal wetland area sits at the entrance to San Carlos Bay, teeming with estuary vistas and wildlife. Recreational activities include bird-watching, canoeing and kayaking, fishing, hiking, geocaching, and swimming. There is an ADA-accessible picnic area and boardwalk overlooking Rock Creek, along with parking, restrooms, fishing piers, and a kayak ramp. (📞239-765-6794; www.leeparks.org; 18201 John Morris Rd; parking \$2/hr)



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Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve

Lakes Regional Park

PARK

4  Map p26, D4

This 279-acre facility is a good spot to take the family, with a miniature railroad, lots of picnic pavilions and an interactive water-play area so kids can cool off in the heat. The crown jewel is a 158-acre freshwater lake that attracts clouds of birdlife. The park grew out of the rock quarry site, now marked by this artificial body of water. (📞239-533-7575; www.leeparks.org; 7330 Gladiolus Dr; parking \$1/\$5 per hr/day; 🕒7am-dusk)

Butterfly Estates

GARDEN

5  Map p28, D2

Even adults will be bowled over when surrounded by hundreds of butterflies and tropical plants in this botanical conservatory. The grounds are often complemented by musical acts and exhibitions of local art. (📞239-690-2359; www.thebutterflyestates.com; 1815 Fowler St; adult/child \$7/4; 🕒10am-5pm Tue-Sun)

Manatee Park

PARK

6  Map p26, F1

Between November and March, this man-made park is a great spot to see wild manatees. Admission is free. Kayaks are available for hire, but please don't touch the gentle giants. (📞239-690-5030; www.leeparks.org; 10901 Palm Beach Blvd, parking \$1/\$5 per hr/day)

Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium

SCIENCE CENTER

7  Map p26, F2

There are hands-on exhibits, a planetarium, and easy-to-manage walking trails leading into three different biomes. With enough wildlife to satisfy the most avid amateur zoologists, this is a supremely family-friendly experience. It frequently hosts special guest lectures and wildlife demonstrations. (📞239-275-3435; www.calusanature.org; 3450 Ortiz Ave; adult/child \$10/5 🕒10am-5pm Mon-Sat, from 11am Sun)

Imaginarium Science Center

SCIENCE CENTER

8  Map p28, E3

This fun, hands-on museum and aquarium was designed with younger kids in mind, but there are plenty of thrills, chills, and animals – including some cool touch tanks – to wear out the most energetic tyke or curious teen. (📞239-321-7420; www.i-sci.org; 2000 Cranford Ave; adult/student/under 2 \$12/8/free; 🕒10am-5pm Tue-Sat, noon-5pm Sun)

Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center

GALLERY

9  Map p28, C2

This historic post office has been turned into a magnificent arts space. If you don't find something of interest in its packed calendar of events, come at night to marvel at the jaw-dropping 'light sculpture' that graces the front entrance and is, by far, the most memo-



Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center

rable landmark you'll find in downtown Fort Myers at night. (📞239-333-1933; www.sbdac.com; 2301 1st St; 🕒9am-5pm Mon-Fri)

Alliance for the Arts

GALLERY

10



Map p26, D2

The area's official arts center, the Alliance houses multiple galleries exhibiting throughout the year. It also hosts frequent music and theater performances, and has its finger on the pulse of the arts in greater Fort Myers. From 9am to 1pm on Saturdays, the Alliance is the home of GreenMarket, which features local produce, arts, theater and general family fun. (📞239-939-2787; www.artinlee.org; 10091 McGregor Blvd; 🕒gallery 9am-5pm Mon-Fri, to 1pm Sat)

Fort Myers Art Walk

GALLERY

11



Map p28, C2

Although you may not want your kids running into all of the galleries, these walks – held on the first Friday of each month from 6pm to 10pm – are laid-back enough to accommodate families. (www.fortmyersartwalk.com)

Ace Performer

WATER SPORTS

12



Map p26, B5

This outfitter will deliver equipment to your beach location, and offers lessons for kayaking, kiteboarding, paddle boarding and windsurfing. (📞239-489-3513; 239-565-4860; www.aceperformer.com; 16842 McGregor Blvd)

JC Cruises

CRUISE

13  Map p28, C1

Hop aboard this 500-seat, classically styled paddle wheeler and take an old-time jaunt (complete with colorful history lessons) onto local rivers and into the Gulf of Mexico. (☎239-334-7474, www.jccruises.com; cruises from adult/child \$38/20 plus tax and tip)

Eating**Crave**

AMERICAN

14  Map p26, C3

Best for breakfast with an egg-celent omelette menu, Crave, in South Fort Myers, also serves locally sourced, cooked-to-order American faves like shrimp and grits, chunky crab cakes, and juicy steaks for lunch and dinner. Dine with friends so you can sample a selection of the mouthwatering sides. Expect a short wait for a table. (☎239-466-4663; http://cravemenu.com; 12901 McGregor Blvd; mains \$10-25; ☎8am-9pm Tue-Sat, to 2pm Sun, 11am-9pm Mon)

Veranda


FRENCH

15  Map p28, C2

A cornerstone of downtown Fort Myers, the award-winning Veranda combines two historic homes with delicious French-inspired cuisine – love awaits you here, with both the delicious food and the supremely romantic setting. (☎239-332-2065; www.verandarestaurant.com; 2122 2nd St; mains \$22-40; ☎11am-4pm & 5:30-10pm Mon-Fri, 5:30-10pm Sat)

Cibo

ITALIAN

Don't be fooled by the strip-mall setting – Cibo dishes up some of the finest Italian cuisine in greater Fort Myers (see **14**  Map p26, C3). The menu may not shock you with innovation, but the execution of Italian standards is done expertly and with gastronomic gusto. (☎239-454-3700; http://ciboformy.com; 12901 McGregor Blvd; mains \$16-32; ☎5-9pm Mon-Thu, to 10pm Fri & Sat, 4:30-9pm Sun)

Mina's

LATIN/ITALIAN

16  Map p26, E2

A smart yet casual atmosphere and generous portions of top-notch cuisine make Mina's an excellent-value proposition for lunch or dinner. Be sure to order the mouthwatering mushrooms and tender broccoli as appetizers or sides with your filet mignon. (☎239-225-1139; www.minasbistro.com; 4391 Colonial Blvd #104; mains \$8-23; ☎11am-9pm Mon-Fri, noon-10pm Sat)

Reuben's Smokehouse

BARBECUE

17  Map p26, D3

Folks come from miles and patiently make the short wait for a table to sample the smoky Southern delights that have seen unassuming Reuben's ranked one of the top ten barbecue joints in the land. Sticky baby-back ribs, tender brisket and don't-tell-your-doctor bacon-wrapped meatloaf are sure to tempt. You probably shouldn't come back a second time,

but we bet you'll want to. (☎866-928-2789; www.reubenssmokehouse.com; 11506 S Cleveland Ave; mains \$9-32; ☀11am-8pm Tue-Sat)

Roadhouse Cafe MODERN AMERICAN

18



Map p26, B4

There's a wonderful element of surprise at this unique and classy establishment in an unexpected strip-mall location in South Fort Myers: it's neither roadhouse nor cafe, but an Old Florida-style Supper Club whose service, atmosphere and cuisine are hard to fault, though the bill might eat a small hole in your wallet. Live mellow jazz, blues and bluegrass complete the picture. Come for an enchanted evening and dress to impress, though you'll be warmly welcomed however you present. (☎239-415-4375; www.roadhousecafeffl.com; 15660 San Carlos Blvd #280; mains \$11-37; ☀Wed-Sun 5-10pm)

CaJuoL HEALTH FOOD

19



Map p26, D2

Vegetarians and lovers of fresh, organic, healthy and delicious foods can satisfy their cravings at CaJuoL (pronounced *casual*). You can even order your juices, wraps and mouth-watering, good-for-you (well, kind-of) desserts online. (☎239-895-8751; 1949 Colonial Blvd; items \$3-14; ☀11am-6pm Sun-Thur)

Drinking

Space 39

BAR

20



Map p28, C2

Edgy pop art and deep racks of fine spirits anchor this little bar, a popular gathering spot for Fort Myers folks who don't want to patronize dive bars or megaclubs. Live music acts regularly pop off, and there's indoor and outdoor seating. (☎239-690-0004; www.space39.com; 39 Patio de Leon; ☀4pm-midnight Mon-Wed, to 2am Thu-Sun)

Bennett's Fresh Roast

CAFE

21



Map p28, B3

The best coffee around is served at this cute little cafe owned by a former Fort Myers radio personality. Don't miss the doughnuts - they're homemade holes of beauty and typically run out by 11am. A new outlet recently opened on Sanibel, to the islanders' delight. (☎239-332-0077; www.bennettsfreshroast.com; 2011 Bayside Pkwy; ☀6am-3pm)

Firestone Sky Bar

BAR

22



Map p28, C2

If Fort Myers' only waterfront rooftop patio bar doesn't tempt you, there's also a Martini Bar and Grille in this sexy, classy complex. Dress to impress. (☎239-334-3473; www.firestonefl.com; 2224 Bay St; ☀4pm-late)

Entertainment

Florida Repertory Theatre & Arcade Theatre

THEATER

23  Map p28, C2

One of the best theater companies in the area performs in the 1908 Arcade Theatre to sold-out audiences. (☎239-332-4488; www.floridarep.org; 2268 Bay St)

Seminole Gulf Railway Murder Mystery Dinner Train

THEATER

24  Map p26, E2

This is fun: a murder-mystery dinner theater set aboard a real classic railroad car. Check the website for more details. (☎239-275-8487; www.sem Gulf.com; 2805 Colonial Blvd)

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre

THEATER

25  Map p26, D2

The best dinner theater in Fort Myers puts on Broadway and off-Broadway musicals throughout the year, accom-

panied by good food. It also features a children's theater. Check the website for a season schedule. (☎239-278-4422; www.broadwaypalm.com; 1380 Colonial Blvd)

Barbara B Mann Performing Arts Hall

THEATER

26  Map p26, D3

Located on the Florida SouthWestern State College campus, this is the main large-gig-and-venue stage in the area. (☎239-481-4849; www.bbmnpah.com; 13350 FSW Pkwy)

The Buddha

ROCK

27  Map p26, C3

It can get rowdy in here, but past the bikers and the guys on the pool table are some of the edgier acts playing around Fort Myers. (☎239-482-8565; buddharockclub.com; 12701 McGregor Blvd; ☎11am-2am)



Florida Repertory Theatre

Shopping

Sanibel Outlets

MALL

28  Map p26, B5

Dozens of stores, from Bass to Gap to Reebok, offer quality goods at cut-rate prices. (📞239-454-1974; www.sanibeloutlets.com; 20350 Summerlin Rd; 🕒9am-9pm Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm Sun)

Fleamasters

FLEAMARKET

29  Map p26, E1

A bargain hunter's dream and an anti-shopper's nightmare: you're not likely to walk away empty-handed from the over 400,000 square feet of 900-plus stalls hawking almost everything under the sun. (📞239-334-7001; www.fleamall.com; 4135 Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd; 🕒9am-3pm Fri, til 5pm Sat & Sun)

Bell Tower Shops

MALL

30  Map p26, D3

This megacomplex has more than 50 shops connected by smooth paving stones à la Roman piazza, that are studded with good eating and drinking (as well as shopping) options.

(📞239-489-1221; www.thebelltowershops.com; Daniels Pkwy & US 41; 🕒10am-8pm Mon-Sat, noon-5pm Sun)

Gulf Coast Town Center

MALL

31  Map p26, F5

This massive shopping center is a major hub of commercial and social life. Located near the airport, it concentrates every major brand label you can think of into a plaza ringed by several huge box stores. (📞239-267-5107; www.gulfcoasttowncenter.com; 9903 Gulf Coast Main St; 🕒10am-9pm Mon-Sat, 11am-6pm Sun)

Norman Love Confections

CHOCOLATE

32  Map p26, G3

Norman Love and his talented staff make the sort of chocolates people commit crimes for. His home 'salon' is excellent for a hot chocolate or bar of cocoa that will melt your mind. There's a new location on McGregor Blvd, as well as one in Estero. (📞239-561-7215; www.normanloveconfections.com; 11380 Lindbergh Blvd; 🕒7:30am-5:30pm Mon-Fri, to 5pm Sat)



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Downtown Fort Myers shopping district



Explore

Fort Myers Beach

A narrow community that brackets either side of Estero Blvd (running through the island of the same name), Fort Myers Beach is busier than the serene Gulf it faces. Its spring-break reputation isn't entirely undeserved, but that's part of the fun. And with dozens of public-access areas, anyone can find a perfect bit of beach here.





Sights & Activities


Matanzas Pass Preserve PARK

1  Map p38, C1

Trails and boardwalks wander behind a historic cottage exhibit into a 60-acre mangrove and oak hammock ecosystem, alive with crabs, lizards and birdlife. On site you'll find excellent kayak launches that lead into the great Calusa Blueway and a network of local aquatic paddling 'trails.' (📞239-765-6794; www.leeparks.org; 199 Bay Rd St; 🕒7am-sunset)

Mound House

HISTORIC SITE

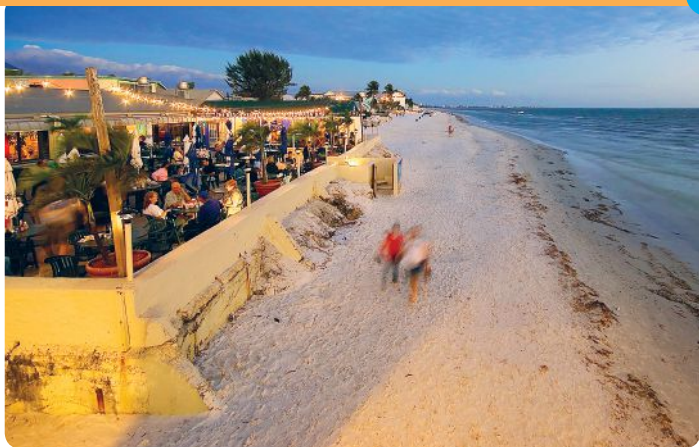
2  Map p38, C2

Built in 1889, the oldest standing structure on Estero Island sits atop a Calusa Indian mound. Frequent educational programs, from kayak lessons and expeditions to wildlife tours, form part of the Mound House's mission. The humble dwelling is a veritable catalogue of local architectural styles, and a former in-ground pool on the property has been converted into an underground exhibit showcasing the layers and strata of shells in the mound. It serves as a major archaeological center, with frequent educational programs and tours. (📞239-765-0865; www.moundhouse.org; 451 Connecticut St; adult/child \$10/5; 🕒9am-4pm Tue-Sat Jan-May, 9am-4pm Tue-Wed & Sat May-Jan)

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Bowditch Point, Fort Myers Beach





Fort Myers Beach at dusk

Lynn Hall Memorial Park & Times Square

PARK

3  Map p38, A3



Do you prefer a beach that bounces with fun and amenities? Head to Lynn Hall Memorial Park, on the north end of Fort Myers Beach. Here is the setup: shade-giving palm trees and the blue-green waters of the Gulf (bathwater-warm in late spring and summer). And in between you'll find the smoothest sand in the region – white, powdery, and a joy for your toes. Activities abound here: there is a licensed fishing pier, picnic shelters, a playground for your kids, and sitting adjacent is Times Square, a pedestrian area that's bustling with shops,

restaurants and bars. ( 239-765-6794; www.leeparks.org; 950 Estero Blvd; parking \$2/hr;  sunrise-sunset)

Bowditch Point

BEACH

4  Map p38, B1

Bowditch is located at the very northern end of Fort Myers Beach. It's pretty close to urban amenities, but manages to be possessed of its own wild beauty. ( 239-765-6794; www.leeparks.org; 50 Estero Blvd; parking \$2/hr;  7am-sunset)

Holiday Water Sports

WATER SPORTS

5  Map p38, B4

Three locations on Fort Myers Beach offering wave-runners, parasailing, dolphin tours, stand-up paddling

courses, kayaking and other fun. (📞239-765-4386; www.holidaywatersportsfmb.com; 250, 684 & 2000 Estero Blvd)

Mid Island Water Sports

WATER SPORTS

6



Map p38, D2

Wave-runners and parasailing can be rented at two locations on Fort Myers Beach. You can also book dolphin tours. (📞239-765-0965; 239-707-2901; www.midislandwatersports.com; 5500 & 6890 Estero Blvd)

Fitness in Nature

YOGA

This place offers yoga classes, stand-up paddle-boarding lessons, and (why not?) a course on stand-up paddle

yoga. All of the above occurs within the teal-and-green lagoon and mangrove-escapade of Estero Island (see 2 🎯 Map p38, C2). It also does paddling tours to nearby islands. See the website for prices, classes and locations, and drop by for some sunset yoga. (📞239-989-7199; www.fitnessinnature.org)

Key West Express

FERRY

7



Map p38, B3

The Key West Express runs a ferry to Key West year-round; check their website for details on departure dates and fare information. (📞239-463-5733; www.keywestexpress.net; 1200 Main St; 🕒ticketing begins 7am, departure from Fort Myers Beach 8:30am)

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Kayaks, Fort Myers Beach

Eating

Bayfront Bistro

AMERICAN

8



Map p38, C2

Nothing beats innovation and judicious use of local ingredients – except having the above while looking out onto the water. This is the experience at this upscale eatery that nonetheless offers very affordable lunches. When the weather is a little cooler, make sure to dine on the patio overlooking Estero Bay. (☎239-463-3663; www.bayfrontbistro.com; 4761 Estero Blvd; mains \$19-42; 🕒11:30am-9pm Sun-Wed, to 10pm Thu-Sat)

Fresh Catch Bistro

SEAFOOD

9



Map p38, C2

With indoor and outdoor tables overlooking the Gulf's breathtaking



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Tiki Bar at the Outrigger

ing sunsets, this upscale seafood restaurant is one of the better, though pricier, options on the beach. The tuna martini is delicious. Be sure to ask your server what's locally sourced. (☎239-463-2600; www.freshcatchbistro.com; 3040 Estero Blvd; mains \$16-35; 🕒5-10pm)

Heavenly Biscuit

DINER

10



Map p38, C4

Heavenly Biscuit lives up to its name, serving oven-fresh Southern biscuits topped with any number of meats, eggs and vegetables. (☎239-463-7600; 110 Mango St; mains \$3-8; 🕒7:30am-1pm)

Reese's Restaurant

AMERICAN

11



Map p38, B3

Cheap and cheery, this squeaky clean greasy spoon serves up hearty breakfasts (with awesome home fries) the whole family will love. It's also a great spot for a nice-priced lunch or dinner. (☎239-463-3933; 1661 Estero Blvd #7; mains \$8-20; 🕒7:30am-late)

Drinking

Tiki Bar at the Outrigger

BAR

12



Map p38, D3

Considered one of the best tiki bars at Fort Myers Beach, the Outrigger occupies a huge stretch of private sand at the resort of the same name. (☎800-655-8997; www.outriggerfmb.com; 6200 Estero Blvd; 🕒noon-2am)

Cottage Beach Bar & Gulfshore Grill

BAR

13



Map p38, B3

With a killer beachfront location, cool cocktails and friendly staff, this has been a local fave for over 40 years and keeps on rockin'. Choose from the Beach Bar in the sand or the Cottage Bar upstairs, which features live music. There's also the restaurant if you feel like dining. (📞239-765-5440; www.gulfshoregrill.com; 1250 Estero Blvd; 🕒Beach Bar 11am-sunset, Cottage Bar to 2am)

Smokin Oyster Brewery

BAR

14



Map p38, A3

This seafood shack has been shuckin' oysters since 1997. There's no better place in the region for a bivalve, best washed down with a cold brew. With live music from 6pm to 10pm and a fun island atmosphere, you're bound for a good time, even if you can't handle the slimy delights. (📞239-765-5440; www.smokinoyster.com; 340 Old San Carlos Blvd; 🕒11am-11pm)

Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille

BAR

15



Map p38, B2

This sports bar happens to double as a very decent restaurant (try their sister locations on Sanibel and Captiva) that also features live music. (📞239-765-9660; www.docfords.com; 708 Fisherman's Wharf; 🕒11am-close)



Times Square

Beached Whale

BAR

16



Map p38, B3

With a cool roof deck and even better fish tacos, this is another great spot for munching and music on Fort Myers Beach. (📞239-463-5505; www.thebeachedwhale.com; 1249 Estero Blvd; 🕒11am-2am)

Shopping

Times Square

MALL

This pedestrian shopping area (see **3** 📍 Map p38, A3) that abuts the north end of Fort Myers Beach is all suntan lotion and swim-trunks. After buying beach gear, stick around – the Square's nest of local bars tend to get busy, and happily so, come nighttime.

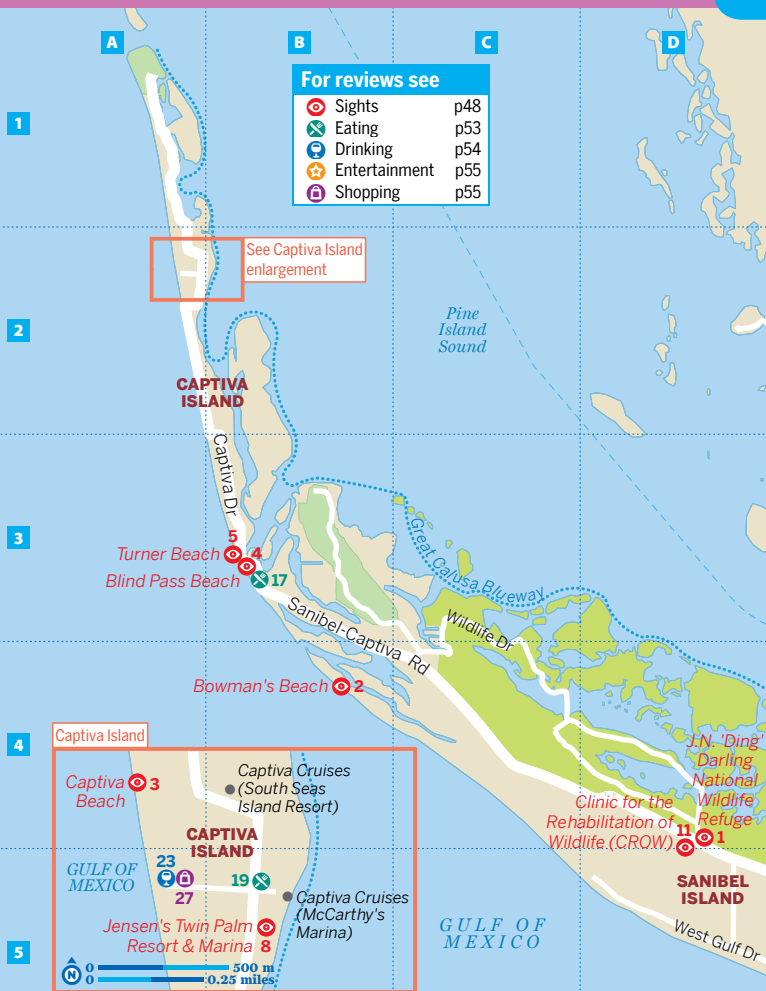


Explore

Sanibel & Captiva Islands

Sanibel and Captiva represent some of the best Florida tourism has to offer. Strict low-impact ordinances have de-emphasized runaway development and re-emphasized the immense natural beauty of these offshore fists of slow mangroves, sugary sand and teal waters. Delightful Sanibel has the mainstay of facilities and accommodations for families and young lovers alike. A little further afield, with an air of sophistication and seclusion, Captiva might just capture your heart.







Sights & Activities

JN 'Ding' Darling National Wildlife Refuge

WILDLIFE PARK

1  Map p46, D4

On Sanibel you'll find 6400 preserved acres constituting one of the largest mangrove wildernesses in the country. A slow driving 'trail' meanders past pull-offs where you can wander walking trails that range from ¼ mile to 4 miles long, or up small observation towers. Although alligators can be seen, the main attraction is bird-watching; the best months to see avian life are October to March. (☎239-472-1100; www.fws.gov/dingdarling; 1 Wildlife Dr; vehicle/cyclist & pedestrian/under 15 \$5/1/free; 🕒7am-sunset, driving trail closed Fri)

Bowman's Beach

BEACH

2  Map p46, B4

Bowman's is the quintessential Sanibel beach, a bright dollop of coast that exudes relative seclusion and quiet breezes, with soft white sand sprinkled with excellent shelling. This stretch of shore is well protected and preserved. As such, Bowman's feels marvelously underdeveloped, even relative to other places on nature-friendly Sanibel. You can bring your children and pets to enjoy the beach (the pets need to be leashed). Excellent views to the west make for magical sunsets – when the light hits the shells and the sand just so, you'd swear you were in a pastel bonfire. (☎239-395-1860; 1700 Bowman's Beach Rd; 🕒7am-7pm)



Pelicans, JN 'Ding' Darling National Wildlife Refuge



Blind Pass Beach

Captiva Beach

BEACH

3  Map p46, A4

Besides looking directly out onto heart-melting Gulf sunsets, Captiva Beach is close to the mainstay of island dining and draws the biggest crowds. Come to see or be seen if idyllic isolation isn't your thing.

Blind Pass Beach

BEACH

4  Map p46, B3

Every shell in the Gulf seems to make it a mission to wash up at Blind Pass, on Sanibel's northern tip. It's a popular spot for fishing, sunsets and swimming, but watch for the strong currents around the point.

Turner Beach

BEACH

5  Map p46, B3

Across the bridge on Captiva, Turner's popular wide sandy beach is a wonderful spot to dip in the Gulf, but even better known for its unobstructed, jaw-dropping sunsets: can you spot the green flash?

Lighthouse Beach & Pier

BEACH

6  Map p46, H4

On the east end of Sanibel, the crunchy sand here contains thousands of shells and boasts views across to the mainland. The main fishing pier on Sanibel is located bayside to the Sanibel lighthouse (closed to the public); search for mackerel, cobia, and other sport fish. If you want to swim, we recommend doing so on the Gulfside beach rather than right by the pier, as the nearby causeway is a source of strong currents.



Captiva and North Captiva Islands

Sanibel Causeway

7



Map p46, G3

BEACH

Good wind and waves for paddleboarding, windsurfing, and fishing too. This is a popular beach with local families from Fort Myers, Cape Coral and Lehigh Acres, who often come here to picnic and enjoy the breeze, although the causeway beach is small compared to other stretches of sand in the area.

Jensen's Twin Palm Resort & Marina

8



Map p46, B5

MARINA

Besides running fish-spotting charters into the Gulf, during summer this character-filled marina is a good place for manatee-spotting. (☎239-472-5800; www.gocaptiva.com; 15107 Captiva Dr, Captiva Island)

Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF)

NATURE RESERVE

9



Map p46, E5

An easy-to-follow interpretive center fronts a nature reserve with paths that extend back into subtropical hammock and preserved wetlands. A pretty, on-site butterfly house makes for a magical retreat, and 4 miles of flat trails wind around the visitor center into the jungle-like backcountry. (☎239-472-2329; www.sccf.org; 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Rd, Sanibel Island; adult/child \$5/free; 🕒8:30am-4pm Mon-Fri Oct-May, to 3pm Jun-Sep)

Sanibel Sea School

GUIDED EXCURSION

10



Map p46, G4

Activities and education programs put kids in contact with the sea life of barrier-island marine biospheres. The SSS is developing adult eco-education

programs as well. In the meantime, this is a great place to bring budding young scientists. (📞239-472-8585; www.sanibelseaschool.org; 414 Lagoon Dr, Sanibel Island; tuition for half-/full-day \$55/110)

Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) WILDLIFE CLINIC

11  Map p46, D5

This clinic rescues injured wildlife, and exhibits will be of special interest to wannabe veterinarians. That said, CROW is not a zoo. The visitor center gives a taste of the work the clinic engages in, but to really get involved, consider attending an educational program or working with CROW as a volunteer. (📞239-472-3644; www.crowclinic.org; 3883 Sanibel-Captiva Rd, Sanibel; 🕒visitor center 10am-4pm Tue-Sat)

Sanibel Historical Museum & Village

MUSEUM

12  Map p46, G1

Small and sweet, the historical village features a slew of preserved buildings, including a once whites-only schoolhouse, a teahouse and the island's old post office, connected by a pleasant nature walk. (📞239-472-4648; www.sanibelmuseum.org; 950 Dunlop Rd, Sanibel; adult/child \$10/free; 🕒10am-4pm Tue-Sat Nov-Apr, to 1pm May-Aug, closed Sep & Oct)

Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum

MUSEUM

13  Map p46, E5

Bailey-Matthews is a charming little museum, in the way of niche institutions that are quirkily obsessed with one particular subject – in this case,

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Sanibel Historical Museum & Village



Shell collectors, Sanibel Island

shells. While primarily concerned with the life cycles of shells, the Shell Museum also has good exhibits on early Calusa Indians, who used shells as their main tools (and means of tool-making). (📞239-395-2233, 888-679-6450; www.shellmuseum.org; 3075 Sanibel-Captiva Rd, Sanibel Island; adult/student/child under 5 \$11/5/free; 🕒10am-5pm)

BIG Arts

ARTS CENTER

14  Map p46, G1

At the community arts center, kids can take arts-and-crafts classes, dance lessons and music courses. Adult exhibits and classes are plentiful, too. (📞239-395-0900; www.bigarts.org; 900 Dunlop Rd, Sanibel Island)

Tarpon Bay Explorers

 KAYAK RENTAL

15  Map p46, F1

Naturalist-guided tours can be arranged with this official concessionaire, which offers cruises around the JN 'Ding' Darling National Wildlife Refuge, and also leads fishing, kayaking, walking and tram tours. (📞239-472-8900; www.tarponbayexplorers.com; 900 Tarpon Bay Rd)

Billy's Rentals

BICYCLE RENTAL

16  Map p46, F5

In the middle of Sanibel, Billy's is your one-stop shop for 2-, 3- and 4-wheeled rentals, including scooters. Segway tours are also available. (📞239-472-5248; www.billysrentals.com; 1470 Periwinkle Way)

Eating

Mad Hatter

AMERICAN

17



Map p46, B3

Besides having an interior that emerged directly out of the craziest corners of Wonderland, the Mad Hatter serves some of the best food on Sanibel: blue-crab cakes and goat-cheese pockets...we're drooling just thinking about it. Although it's elbow room only down the rabbit hole, you'll be distracted by breathtaking sunsets. (☎239-472-0033; www.madhatterrestaurant.com; 6467 Sanibel-Captiva Rd; mains \$18-34; ☎5-10pm Tue-Sat)

Rosie's Cafe

AMERICAN

18



Map p46, G2

Dining at Rosie's is a real treat, especially for breakfast (we loved the Biker's Benedict), but this is a great all-rounder, with well-priced lunches and delicious dinners. Everything has that home-cooked-with-love feel, and the restaurant itself is bright and colorful, with cyan crocodile-skin booths and friendly staff. (☎239-579-0807; www.rosiescafesanibel.com; 2330 Palm Ridge Rd, Sanibel; mains \$10-29; ☎8am-9pm)

Bubble Room

AMERICAN

19



Map p46, B5

One of the more smile-inducing restaurants around, the Bubble Room serves classic Americana fare in an

anything-but-classical dining room – with kitsch aplenty on the walls and a working interior toy train track. Excellent ambience for families, and the food is a treat too. (☎239-472-5558; http://bubbleroomrestaurant.com; 15001 Captiva Dr, Captiva Island; mains \$19-40; ☎11:30am-3pm & 4:30-9pm)

Blue Coyote Supper Club

FINE DINING

20



Map p46, F5

Fabulous fine dining in a quirky yet classy country setting, replete with its own 'seasonal (May-Oct) self-guided pre-dinner golf-cart eco-tour' (and a lot of hyphens!) has come to town. Artisanal mains and desserts are executed well and presented with flair



Cakes at Bubble Room, Captiva

for that special evening. Priced accordingly. (☎239-472-9222; bluecoyote-supperclub.com; 1100 Par View Drive, Sanibel; mains \$18-44; 🕒11am-3pm & 5-9pm Tue-Sat, extended hours in Winter)

Sweet Melissa's

FUSION

21



Map p46, F5

This friendly, smart casual eatery is not so much a fine dining establishment as a restaurant for folks who appreciate good food. Healthy salads, small plates (a great way to dine) and mains are presented with elegance, appealing to palates from around the world. Lunchtime offers great value. (☎239-472-1956; www.sweetmelissascafe.com; 1625 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel; mains \$15-39; 🕒11am-9pm Tue-Fri, 5-9pm Sat)

Pecking Order

FAST FOOD

22



Map p46, F1

With only a handful of outdoor bar-style seats to choose from, it's best to order takeout to get your fill of this incredibly succulent and delicious Southern-broasted chicken and sides. Colonel who? Kentucky Fried what? We're quite confident that, like us, you'll be back for more: the fries and gravy are the best for miles. (☎239-472-2534; www.thepeckingorder-sanibel.com; 2496 Palm Ridge Rd, Sanibel; 🕒11am-9pm)



The original Chico's, Sanibel

Drinking

Mucky Duck

GASTROPUB

23



Map p46, A5

Sink a cold beer while watching the skies transform during a beautiful sunset on Captiva. The menu is decent if you're in the mood for a burger to accompany that beer. (☎239-472-3434; www.muckyduck.com; 11546 Andy Rosse Lane; 🕒11:30am-3pm & 5-9:30pm)

Cip's Place

BAR

24



Map p46, H2

Join the locals for daily happy-hour specials in Cip's delightful garden patio or on the leafy tropical porch. With a casual yet classy vibe, meals ranging from seafood to steak also rate highly. (📞239-472-0223; www.cipsplace.com; 2055 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel; 🕒11am-9:30pm)

Entertainment**Herb Strauss****Schoolhouse Theater**

THEATER

25



Map p46, G2

This small theater showcases the only musical theater on Sanibel. The shows are often family-friendly. It also hosts performances at the BIG Arts community arts center. (📞239-472-6862; www.bigarts.org; 2200 Periwinkle Way)

Shopping**Chico's**

FASHION

26



Map p46, H2

The upscale boutique brand for women got its start here at Periwinkle Place. The corporate headquarters is now in Fort Myers and the original store is located on Sanibel. (📞239-472-0202; www.chicos.com; 2075 Periwinkle Way, Ste 4; 🕒10am-8pm Mon-Sat, 11am-6pm Sun)

Jungle Drums Gallery

ART

27



Map p46, A5

On Captiva, Jungle Drums has metal, wood, glass and clay media, much of it fashioned into wildlife motifs. The exterior, carved with dolphins and turtles, is a work of art itself. (📞239-395-2266; www.jungledrumsgallery.com; 11532 Andy Rosse Ln; 🕒11am-7pm Mon-Sat)

Periwinkle Way

STREET

Sanibel's main thoroughfare (see 26 📍 Map p46, H2) is a stretch of road lined with shops such as Bailey's Centre, the Village Shops, Old Sanibel Shoppes and Tahitian Gardens. The centerpiece is **Periwinkle Place** (2075 Periwinkle Way), a graceful arcade stuffed with stores such as the original Chico's, but plenty of cute businesses worth your time can be found all along Periwinkle Way. (🕒10am-7pm Mon-Sat, noon-6pm Sun)

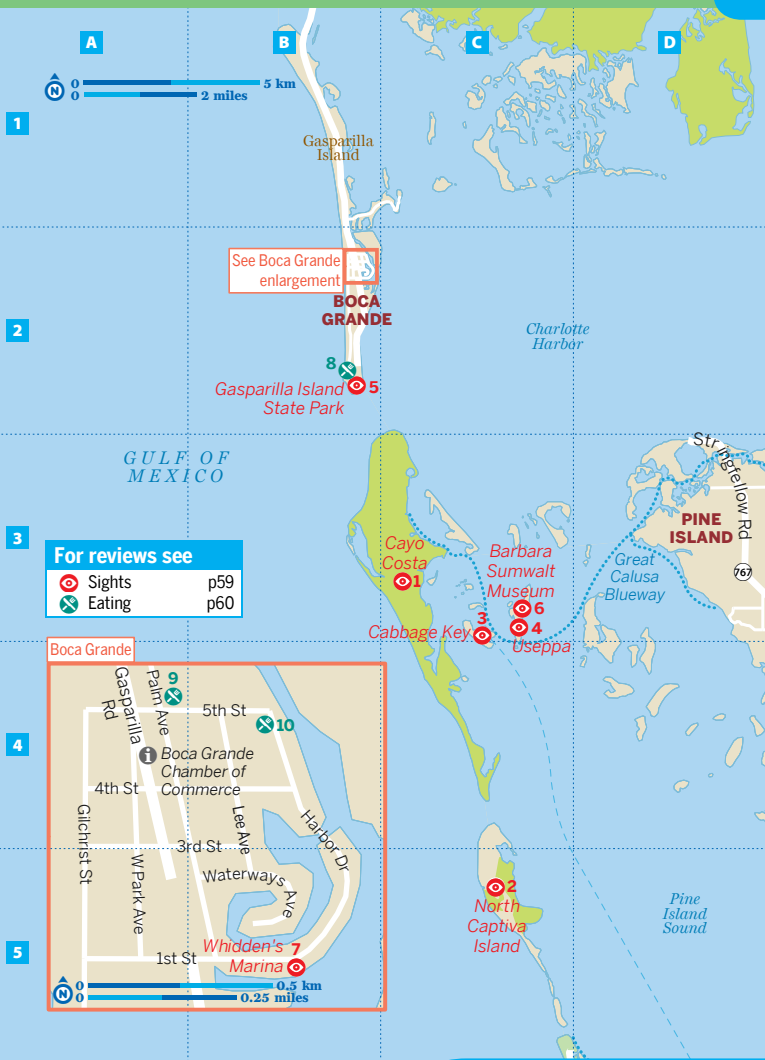


Explore

Boca Grande & Outer Islands

Occupying the southern half of Gasparilla Island, connected to the mainland by toll bridge, Boca Grande is a friendly village of long-time residents and seasonal snowbirds. Here, you'll putter around on bicycles or golf carts (that's as fast as life gets) to teal water, snowy sand and a general sense of relaxed well-being. Cabbage Key, Useppa, North Captiva, Cayo Costa – these pearls, strung along the Gulf Coast, offer boat-only accessible seclusion and gentle natural beauty.





Sights & Activities

Cayo Costa

ISLAND

1  Map p58, C3

If you feel the need for an escape, you can't do much better than Cayo Costa, a secluded beach area that sits on a bridgeless barrier island in the Gulf of Mexico. Cayo Costa features more than 2400 acres of preserved space fronted by 9 spectacular miles of beach rich in shelling, fishing, walking and biking trails, and camping. See **Tropic Star Cruises** (<http://tropicstaradventures.com/cayo.htm>) for details of accessing Cayo Costa, departing from Bokeelia on Pine Island. (☎941-964-0375; www.floridastateparks.org/cayocosta)

North Captiva Island

ISLAND

2  Map p58, C5

North Captiva is sprinkled with private residences and ringed by snowy sand and awesome shell-collecting possibilities. It's an entirely offshore island and must be accessed by boat, seaplane or helicopter; see www.northcaptiva.net for details on getting here.

Cabbage Key

ISLAND

3  Map p58, C3

No, this isn't slang for some salad-based diet program. Pretty Cabbage Key is an island located entirely offshore that must be accessed by boat, seaplane or helicopter. On site are vacation rentals, including cottages

and an inn, a sharp restaurant, nature trails, and general welcoming indulgence. (☎239-283-2278; www.cabbagekey.com)

Useppa

ISLAND

4  Map p58, C3

Like Cabbage Key, Useppa is managed as a private island and can only be accessed via **Captiva Cruises** (www.captivacruises.com). Enjoy a lunch cruise for a peek at the historic club. (☎239-283-1061; www.useppa.com)

Gasparilla Island State Park

PARK

5  Map p58, B2

At the south end of Gasparilla Island (there's a \$5 toll to drive over), there are five beaches for romantic seclusion. The entire park revolves around the **Boca Grande Lighthouse**, which was built in 1890. There's good swimming and snorkeling, although swimming near the lighthouse is discouraged due to strong currents. Or you can just wander off into nature. Two picnic areas and freshwater showers are also on hand. (☎941-964-0375; www.floridastateparks.org/gasparilla; 🌅sunrise to sunset, lighthouse 10am-4pm Mon-Sat & from noon Sun Nov-Apr, 10am-4pm Wed-Sun May-Jul & Sep-Oct, closed Aug)

Barbara Sumwalt Museum

MUSEUM

6



Map p58, C3

Reachable by Captiva Cruises, this museum explores the history of Useppa. The entire edifice sits in a prettily preserved cottage that is as interesting as the exhibits displayed inside. Visits must be prearranged. (📞239-283-9600; www.useppahs.org; Useppa; adult/child \$5/free; 🕒12:15-2pm)

Whidden's Marina

MARINA

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Map p58, B5

For a taste of Old Florida, head to Whidden's. It's a good spot for bait, tackle and tall tales. More than this, it's a community cornerstone, the

place where local fishermen and wags get together to share news and views. (📞941-964-2878; 190 1st St E, Boca Grande; www.whiddensmarina.com; 🕒8am-8pm)

Eating

South Beach Bar & Grille

SEAFOOD

8



Map p58, B2

In a most idyllic beachfront setting, overlooking the luminous Gulf and its spectacular sunsets, this casually appearing bar and grill serves anything-but-casually prepared seafood: mouth-watering tuna poke and coco-nutty Carribean cioppino are showstoppers. (📞941-964-0765; southbeachbarandgrill.com;

Boarding Boat Adventures in Fort Myers & Sanibel

Private charter boat companies in and around Fort Myers can get you to the Outer Islands, although the journey comes with a price tag. Be sure to pick a charter that departs near your location.

Adventures in Paradise, Inc (📞239-472-8443; www.adventureinparadiseinc.com; 14341 Port Comfort Rd, Fort Myers)

Captiva Cruises (📞239-472-5300; www.captivacruises.com; 11401 Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva)

Sanibel Harbour Princess (📞239-466-4000; operates from Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa, 17260 Harbour Pointe Dr, Sanibel)

Fort Myers Princess (📞239-765-8500; www.fortmyersprincess.net; 645 Old San Carlos Blvd, Fort Myers)

Tropic Star Cruises (📞239-283-0015; www.tropicstarcruises.com; Jug Creek Marina, 16498 Tortuga St, Bokeelia)

Island Girl Cruises (📞239-633-8142; www.northcaptivaislandgirl.com; Pineland Marina, 13921 Waterfront Dr, Bokeelia)

Pine Island Charters (📞239-246-9577; www.pineislandcharters.com; Pineland Marina, 13921 Waterfront Dr, Bokeelia)



Boca Grande

760 Gulf Blvd, Boca Grande; mains \$14-33;
 ☎11:30am-9:30pm)

Gasparilla Inn & Club AMERICAN

9  Map p58, A4

The Gasparilla Inn makes a concerted (and successful) effort to portray Old Florida at its charming best. The main dining room at the inn is a white-tablecloth affair, where cod dusted with porcini mushrooms is followed by meltingly good *crème brûlée* served with fresh berries. Jackets are required for men for dinner. (☎941-964-4535; www.the-gasparilla-inn.com; 500 Palm Ave; mains \$28-40; ☎7:30-9:30am & 6:30-9pm Mon-Fri, 7:30-10:30am & 6:30-9pm Sat & Sun)

Cabbage Key AMERICAN

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are turned out with well-executed efficiency and delicious results at this restaurant (see 3  Map p58, C3), famous for its cheeseburger in paradise. Don't just settle for that burger, though; there's lots of great fresh-caught seafood and Italian fare livening up the menu as well. (☎239-283-2278; www.cabbagekey.com/dining; Cabbage Key; mains \$11-32; ☎7:30am-8:30pm)

Pink Elephant AMERICAN

10  Map p58, B4

This Boca Grande restaurant is a sister to the Gasparilla Inn. But it's a little more laid-back and casual than the extreme elegance of the former. And the food – hey, we'll dress like whatever for island-jerk wings, seafood hush-puppies and a few decent glasses of wine. (☎941-964-0100; www.the-gasparilla-inn.com; 491 Bayou Ave, Boca Grande; mains \$14-45; ☎11:30am-3pm & 5-9:30pm, to 10pm Fri & Sat)



Explore

Pine Island & Matlacha

To really experience rural Florida in the Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel, get a little off the beaten path...and off the mainland. Pine Island is connected by bridge to the rest of the state, but it's isolated in its own space – a green stretch of pine woods and scrubby hammock. The offshore community of Matlacha is an artists' enclave, possessed of considerable bohemian charm.





Sights & Activities

Randell Research Center & Calusa Heritage Trail NATURE CENTER

1  Map p64, B2

On Pine Island, this excellent nature center is the best place in Florida to learn about the Calusa Indians. Located on the site of a former Calusa village, sandy burial mounds and ritual shell middens can still be found overlooking Pine Island Sound and throughout acres of subtropical forest and citrus groves.

The main attraction is the **Calusa Heritage Trail**, a 3700ft interpretive walkway that mingles the best of the natural environment of Pine Island with detailed, user-friendly exhibits on the Calusa. An observation tower sits atop the region's tallest shell

mound, providing excellent views. (☎239-283-2062; www.flmnh.ufl.edu/rrc; 13810 Waterfront Dr; requested donation adult/senior/child \$7/5/4; 🕒10am-4pm Tue-Sat)

Museum of the Islands MUSEUM

2  Map p64, B3

This museum has a small but sweet and well-put-together exhibition of the history of eclectic Pine Island. Trace the history of this offshore community, from Calusa Indian settlement to 19th-century island escape to fishing village to modern community, via the well-tended permanent exhibition. (☎239-283-1525; www.museumoftheislands.com; 5728 Sesame Dr, Pine Island; adult/child \$2/1; 🕒11am-3pm Tue-Sat & 1-4pm Sun Oct-Jun, 11am-3pm Tue, Thu & Sun Jun-Oct)

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Fish houses, Pine Island Sound



Matlacha's colorful galleries

Matlacha

3  Map p64, A5

In between Pine Island and the mainland, Matlacha is an entirely developed island inhabited largely by artists, fishermen, eccentrics and folks who manage to be all of the above. The main drag sits on either side of Pine Island Rd, which is fronted by galleries and studios.

Matlacha Bridge

4  Map p64, B4

They call it the 'fishingest bridge in the US,' a causeway that sits at the center of several dynamic tidal flows. Anglers are here literally 24/7, especially during tarpon season.

VILLAGE

Eating

Bert's Bar & Grill

AMERICAN

5  Map p64, B4

Loud and rough around the edges, Bert's is also a ton of fun. The bar is a community center in Matlacha and tends to attract a motley, fun-loving crowd from across the region. Bands play regularly and long into the night. (☎239-282-3232; www.bertsbar.us; 4271 Pine Island Rd; mains under \$10; 🕒11am-midnight Mon-Sat, to 11pm Sun)

LANDMARK

Tarpon Lodge

SEAFOOD

6



Map p64, B2

A Pine Island classic, the lodge does some of the finest, freshest seafood on the islands. The beef medallions are also great, but we always order the catch of the day. (☎239-283-2517; www.tarponlodge.com/dining; 13771 Waterfront Dr; mains \$21-47; 🕒11am-10pm)

Little Lilly's

DELI

7



Map p64, B3

This hideaway deli is an offshore island gem. Bagels, salads and sandwiches make up most of the menu, and while Lilly's does a good job with cold cuts and the like, there

are extensive vegetarian options as well. The crab-cake croissant is a must. (☎239-282-9264; www.littlelillys.com; 10700 Stringfellow Rd, Bokeelia; items \$6-12; 🕒8am-4pm)

Shopping

Matlacha

ARTS & CRAFTS

8



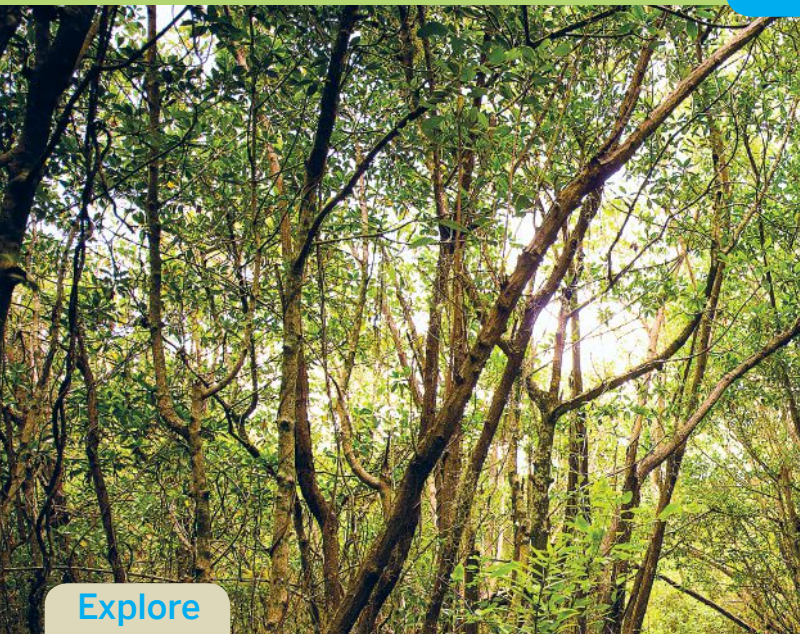
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'Downtown' Matlacha features a long stretch of independent galleries, crafts shops and seafood shops, each with its own funky character and even funkier characters behind the counter.

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Matlacha storefronts

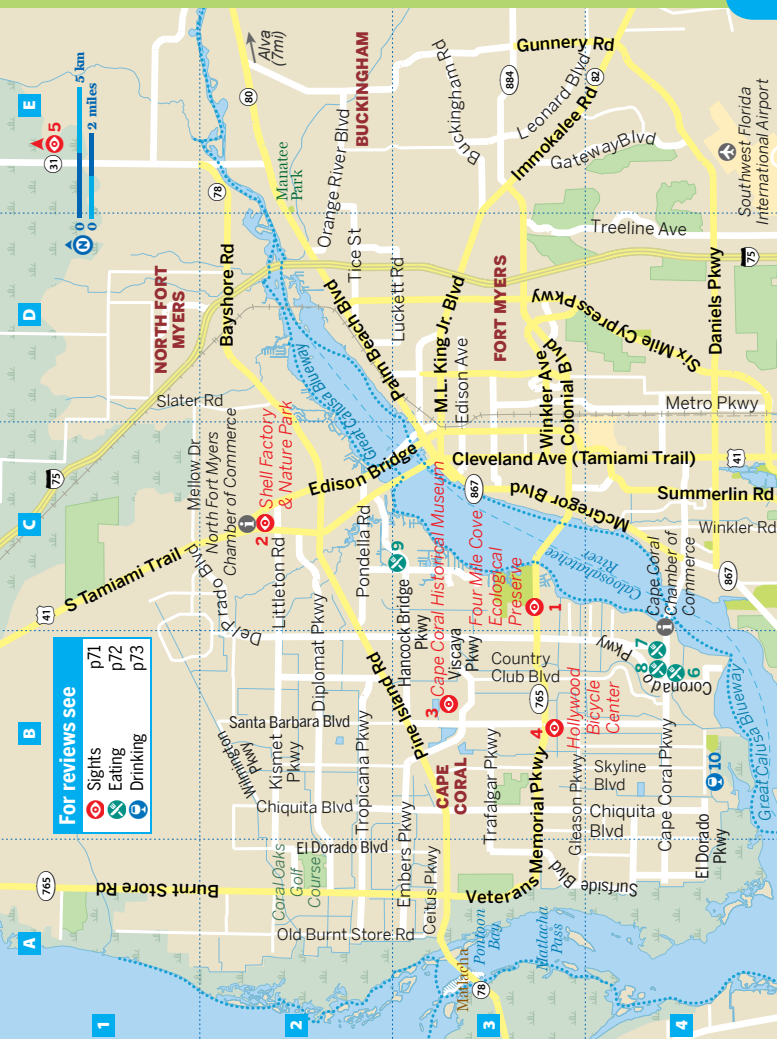


Explore

Cape Coral & North Fort Myers

Although Cape Coral is largely off the tourist radar, it is the largest incorporated area in The Beaches of Fort Myers and Sanibel. It's a town of small ethnic eateries, city parks and shopping plazas, similar in nature, but not appearance, to nearby North Fort Myers. Here you'll also find large parks and a rural character once you get off the main highways.





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Sights & Activities

Four Mile Cove Ecological Preserve

WILDLIFE PRESERVE

1  Map p70, C3

A boardwalk leads visitors past a plethora of wetland wildlife into a brackish-water estuary with excellent kayak facilities. The kayak shack is open seasonally, from 8am to 4pm November to May. (📞239-549-4606; east end of SE 23rd Terrace, Cape Coral; 🕒8am-sunset)

Shell Factory & Nature Park

SOUVENIR SHOP

2  Map p70, C2

This impressively kitschy emporium dedicated to all things shell-related wears many hats. This isn't just the world's largest seashell shop; there's a nature park and small amusement park on site, and the entire space is dog-friendly. It's quirky as all get-out and just as much fun. (📞239-995-2141; www.shellfactory.com; 2787 N Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers; 🕒9am-9pm)

Cape Coral Historical Museum

MUSEUM

3  Map p70, B3

The history of Cape Coral and Southwest Florida is preserved here in exhibits including antiques, shells and fossils, and memorabilia. This is a compact place, but it provides a fascinating peek into the world of Cape Coral during the days when the

Tamiami Trail was a rough track on the Florida prairie. (📞239-772-7037; www.capecoralhistoricalmuseum.org; 544 Cultural Park Blvd, Cape Coral; adult/child \$5/2; 🕒1-4pm Wed, Thu & Sun)

Hollywood Bicycle Center

CYCLING

4  Map p70, B3

This Cape Coral outfit is an excellent spot if you're looking to rent a bicycle, repair an existing one, or purchase your own. (📞239-242-9253; www.hollywoodbikeshop.com; 2728 Santa Barbara Blvd, Cape Coral; 🕒9:30am-6pm Mon-Fri, to 5pm Sat, 11am-4pm Sun)

Babcock Wilderness Adventures

RANCH

5  Map p70, E1

Take a unique vacation in Southwest Florida at the Babcock ranch, headquarters of Babcock Wilderness Adventures. About 40 minutes from downtown Fort Myers, the ranch sits on some 90,000 acres, including the 10,000-acre Telegraph Cypress Swamp. Visitors can arrange 'safaris', on giant buggies, of this preserved slice of Old Florida wilderness, and photography tours of the grounds (on second Saturdays), and cross the infamous 'gator bridge' (you'll see why it deserves the name). Local wildlife includes owls, deer, a plethora of birdlife and those afore-mentioned saurian gators. Mainly, this is a chance to meet and explore with eccentric Floridians who are dedicated to preserving their state's



Cape Coral

natural beauty. Take FL-80 (2nd St) northeast from the River District, then turn left (northbound) on FL-3. Follow 31 for about 14 miles north to the Babcock ranch. (☎800-500-5583; www.babcockwilderness.com; 8000 State Rd 31, Punta Gorda)

Eating

Slate's

CAJUN

6



Map p70, B4

The flavors and aromas of good 'ole N'Awlins (New Orleans) cajun and creole cooking almost leap off the plate in this wonderfully surprising restaurant hidden in a Cape Coral side-street. Delight yourself over lunch, dinner, or Sunday jazz brunch. (☎239-540-6800; slatescapecoral.com; 4820 Candia St, Cape Coral; mains \$12-28; ⌚11:30am-2pm & 5-9pm Tue-Fri, 5-9pm Sat, 10:30am-2pm Sun)

El Mambo

CUBAN

7



Map p70, B4

This Cape Coral Cuban diner is always packed with locals chowing down on shredded beef, Cuban sandwiches, rice and plantains, and finishing the food off with strong shots of Cuban coffee. It's filling, delicious and cheap as chips. (☎239-542-9995; 4716 Del Prado Blvd, Cape Coral; mains under \$10; ⌚7am-9pm)

Nevermind Awesome Bar & Eatery

AMERICAN

8



Map p70, B4

A great dining concept gets legs in Cape Coral in the form of Nevermind, which you absolutely should mind. The menu ranges from chorizo pate to scallops and prosciutto, but everything is tasty. The atmosphere is the right combination of young, punky and unpretentious, but still laid-back enough for

families. Stays open as long as the bar is kicking. (☎239-471-0534; www.nevermindcapecoral.com; 927 E Cape Coral Parkway, Cape Coral; mains \$9-25; 🕒3pm-midnight Mon, noon-2am Tue-Fri, 3pm-2am Sat, 3:30-11pm Sun)

Phensri Thai

THAI

9



Map p70, C3

We'd call Phensri a hidden North Fort Myers gem, but all the locals seem to know about it and love it. There's good reason – this is an excellent restaurant. There's not a lot you wouldn't find on Thai menus elsewhere (although as a nod to Florida, they do have frogs' legs), but it's all quite yummy and well spiced. (☎239-599-4639; <http://phensri-thai-restaurant.com>; 4085 Hancock Bridge Pkwy, Unit 18, North Fort Myers; mains \$9-18; 🕒11:30am-3pm & 5-10pm Mon-Fri, dinner only Sat)

Drinking

Nauti Mermaid

BAR

10



Map p70, B4

Chill on the docks with a Frozen Alligator or a Sea Hag (those are drinks, not clientele), all while enjoying the breeze and casual dining. It's located within the Westin Cape Coral. (☎239-541-5600; www.thenautibar.com; 5951 Silver King Blvd, Cape Coral; 🕒11am-2am)

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El Mambo

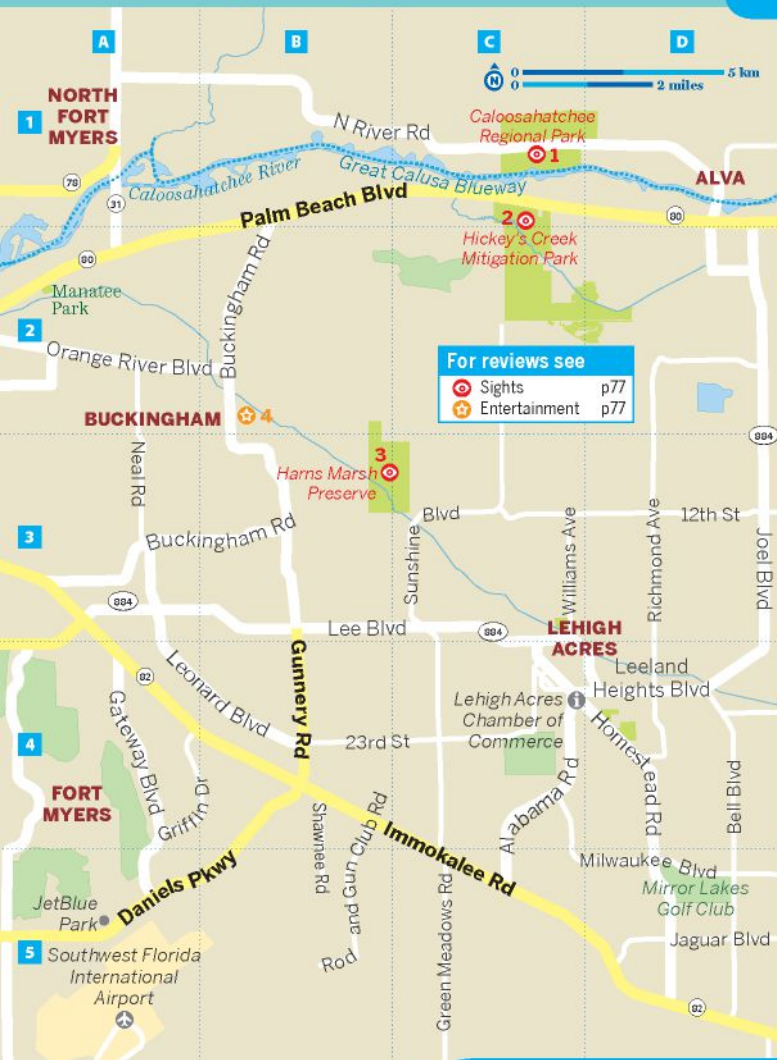


Explore

Alva, Buckingham & Lehigh Acres

If you want to explore the heart of grassroots Florida, consider making the trek inland to swampy, suburban Lehigh Acres, the residential base for much of the county: you'll find swaths of preserved land and park space beyond the strip malls and subdivisions. History buffs might be interested in the sleepy hamlet of Alva (the oldest settlement in the county), while lovers of the blues and Southern cooking can visit the small community of Buckingham.





Sights & Activities

Caloosahatchee Regional Park

PARK

1  Map p76, C1

Mountain biking in flat Florida? Who knew? Caloosahatchee Regional Park consists of almost 800 acres of pine flat-wood, oak forest and cypress swamp, with campgrounds and 20 miles of hiking, horseback-riding and mountain-biking trails. The park also features a shell trail accessible to disabled persons. (📞239-694-0398; www.leeparks.org; 19130 N River Rd, Alva; 🕒7am-7:30pm; parking \$1/5 per hr/day)

Hickey's Creek Mitigation Park

PARK

2  Map p76, C1

Near Caloosahatchee Regional Park, Hickey's has bobcats, water snakes, the protected gopher tortoise and Florida scrub jays, playing in a preserve that consists of more than 800 acres of protected forest and freshwater wetlands connected by extensive surface and boardwalk trails. (📞239-694-0398; www.leeparks.org; 17980 Palm Beach Blvd, Alva; parking \$1/5 per hr/day; 🕒7am-6pm)

Harns Marsh Preserve

WILDLIFE PRESERVE

3  Map p76, B3

Get away from the tourists and in touch with birdlife. Clouds of little blue herons, anhinga and great egrets have discovered this 578-acre wetland and ecological haven. (📞239-368-0044; 38th St W, Lehigh Acres; 🕒sunrise-sunset)

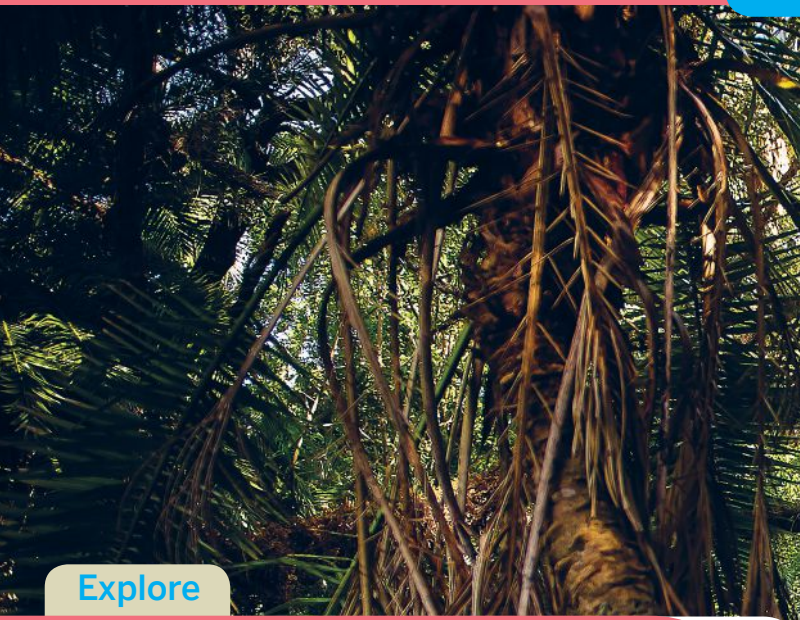
Entertainment

Buckingham Blues Bar

LIVE MUSIC

4  Map p76, B2

In the mood for live music, raucous ambience and the atmosphere of a swampy juke joint from the glory days of the old Tamiami Trail? This place has it all. (📞239-693-7111; www.buckinghambar.com; 5641 Buckingham Rd; 🕒11am-2am)

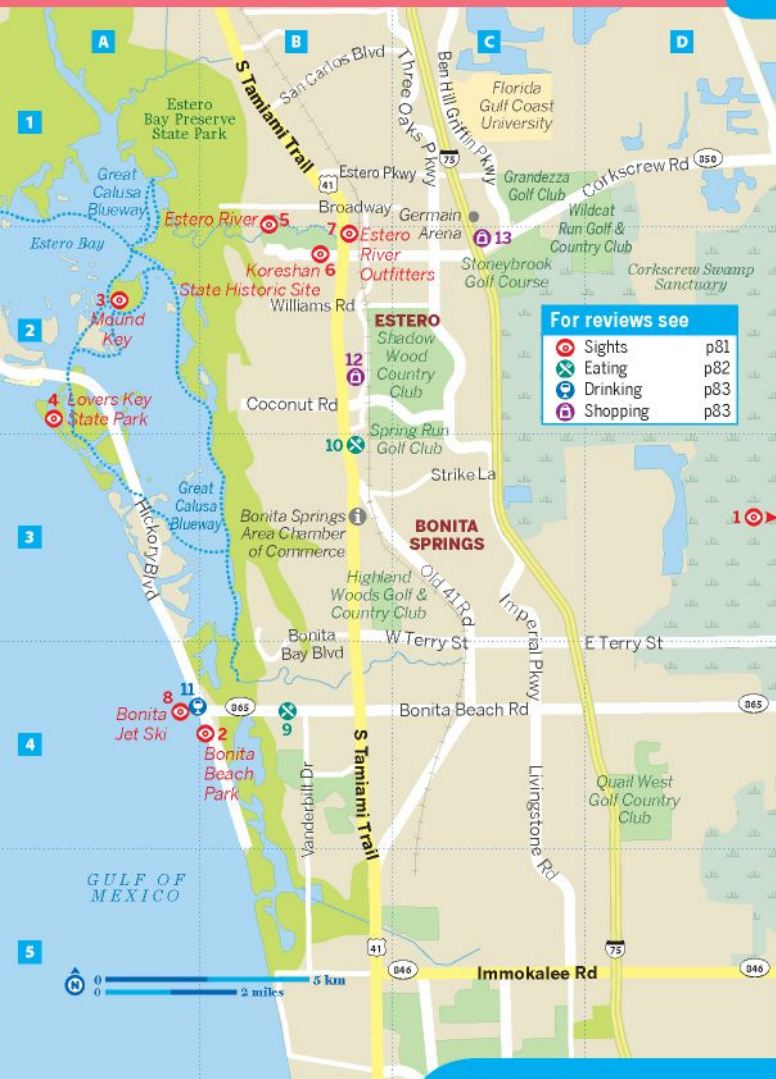


Explore

Estero & Bonita Springs

The attractive, upmarket communities of Estero and Bonita Springs anchor the southern portion of The Beaches of Fort Myers and Sanibel. Estero is primarily known for its shopping options, but there are also some interesting historic sites scattered amid the malls. Bonita Springs is mainly residential, and boasts good dining, fine shopping, interesting nature preserves, and one of the area's most popular beaches.





Sights & Activities

Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary

PARK

1  Map p80, D3

There's a special bit of nature near Bonita Springs, even compared to the considerable environmental resources available in the area: the largest remaining virgin bald-cypress forest in America (around 700 acres). These slender giants emerge out of still waters located within 13,000 acres of protected land, all accessible via an easy-to-walk 2¼-mile boardwalk. Look for gators, white-tailed deer, otters and red-bellied turtles. (📞239-348-9151; corkscrew.audubon.org; 375 Sanctuary Rd W, Naples; adult/student/child/under 6 \$14/6/4/free; 🕒7am-5:30pm)

Bonita Beach Park

BEACH

2  Map p80, B4

Located near the western end of Bonita Springs, and the northern tip of Bonita Beach itself, this beach offers a boardwalk, concessions, volleyball courts, picnic areas with shaded shelters, and easy access to restaurants (and shelling). It's popular with local families and gets pretty packed on weekends. (📞239-949-4615; www.leeparks.org; 27954 Hickory Blvd, Bonita Springs; parking \$2/hr; 🕒7am-sunset)



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Manatee

Mound Key


ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

3  Map p80, A2

Once the center of ceremonial life for the native Calusa Indians, today Mound Key is an island of shell middens (artificial mounds made of discarded shells) and mangrove forest. It's located within Estero Bay and is accessible only by boat; contact the park or area water-sports centers (it's an easy paddle out here via kayak) to arrange a visit. (📞239-992-0311; www.floridastateparks.org/moundkey)

Lovers Key State Park

PARK

4  Map p80, A2

Lovers Key is still romantic, thanks to its status as a state park – although it is car-accessible these days (in the old days, lovers supposedly trysted here

by boat). You can hike into scrubby broadleaf forests or kayak through the narrow waterways of nearby barrier islands. A 2-mile beach fronts an island ecosystem rich in West Indian manatees, dolphins, spoonbills, marsh rabbits, bald eagles, and plenty of locals looking to soak up the sun.

(📞239-463-4588; www.floridastateparks.org/lovers-key; 8700 Estero Blvd; per vehicle/single car occupant/cyclist & pedestrian \$8/4/2; 🕒8am-sunset)

Estero River

RIVER

5  Map p80, B1

Paddle past egrets, blue heron – even alligators – on this 6.5-mile river, which flows into Estero Bay Estuary. Much of the river forms part of the Great Calusa Blueway.

Koreshan State Historic Site

HISTORIC SITE

6  Map p80, B2

The Koreshans were a utopian religious sect whose rustic homes are preserved in this large, beautiful park in the southern part of the area. Their founder, Cyrus Reed Teed, believed the universe existed within a giant, hollow sphere. He brought his followers to Estero in 1894 to build a New Jerusalem. You can wander the site on foot while soaking up the local architectural heritage of Southwest Florida. (📞239-992-0311; www.floridastateparks.org/park/koreshan; 3800

Corkscrew Rd, Estero; per vehicle/single-occupant/cyclist \$5/4/2; 🕒8am-sunset)

Estero River Outfitters


WATER SPORTS

7  Map p80, B2

This well-regarded company sells and rents small craft for canoeing and kayaking on Estero River, located right by their office. (📞239-992-4050; www.esteroriveroutfitters.com; 20991 South Tamiami Trail)

Bonita Jet Ski

WATER SPORTS

8  Map p80, A4

The go-to place for water-sports rentals in this corner of the area, Bonita Jet Ski is a solid standby. The facility, located at Doc's Beach House, has jet skis, kayaks and paddleboats, and offers parasailing and dolphin-spotting tours. It also rents beach chairs and umbrellas. (📞239-825-7559; www.bonitajetski.com; 27908 Hickory Blvd, Bonita Springs; 🕒9am-5pm)

Eating

A Table Apart

FUSION

9  Map p80, B4

One of the finest restaurants in the area is down in Bonita Springs, well away from most tourists' radar. Chef Jeff Acol hails from Hawaii, and brings aloha sensibility, concern for the ocean and local sourcing to Southwest Florida. His menus blend Pacific

Rim with Gulf Coast; pork braised in tea leaves, New Zealand lamb chops, and wonderfully fresh grilled fish round out the menu. (📍239-221-8540; www.atableapart.com; 4295 Bonita Beach Rd, Bonita Springs; mains \$19-35; 🕒5-9pm)

Angelina's

ITALIAN

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Map p80, B3

For some of the best fine Italian dining around, grab your date, book a white-cloth table and order off the very extensive wine menu. Thin-crust individual pizzas are absolutely delicious and come at a bargain price. If you're eating in the main dining room, dress up for the occasion. (📍239-390-3187; www.angelinasoffbonitasprings.com; 24041 S Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; pizzas from \$13, mains \$23-50; 🕒5-10pm Mon-Sat, to 9pm Sun)

Wyl'd's Cafe

DINER

Not so much a cafe as an upscale fine dining establishment (see 9 🍷 Map p80, B4), serving modern American cuisine, with a diverse menu including the likes of (fancy) meatloaf, shrimp and lobster risotto, and braised cranberry barbecue short ribs, finished with friendly, attentive servers and a wine list straight from heaven. Closed in the summer but reopens in October. (📍239-947-0408; www.wyl'dscafe.com; 4271 Bonita Beach Road SW, Bonita Springs; mains \$18-36; 🕒4:30-9pm Wed-Sat)

Drinking

Doc's Beach House

BAR

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Map p80, A4

Doc's is all about fun in the sun, or under the stars as the case may be. Kitschy paraphernalia lines the walls, music pumps out of the stereos and beers go down well under the sunset. (📍239-992-6444; www.docsbeachhouse.com; 27908 Hickory Blvd, Bonita Springs; 🕒7am-midnight Mon-Sat, to 10pm Sun)

Shopping

Coconut Point

MALL

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Map p80, B2

One of the nicest malls in greater Fort Myers, Coconut Point is designed to resemble a Mediterranean plaza. You can shop in more than 140 stores amid stucco walls and red tiles in an immaculate, dog-friendly outdoor setting. (📍239-992-9966; www.simon.com/mall/coconut-point; 23106 Fashion Drive, Bonita Springs; 🕒10am-9pm Mon-Sat, noon-6pm Sun)

Miromar Outlets

MALL

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Map p80, C2

With more than 140 retailers offering outlet rates, there's really only one issue with Miromar: you're spoiled for choice. Their information center hands out additional discounts every day. (📍239-948-3766; www.miromaroutlets.com; 10801 Corkscrew Rd; 🕒10am-9pm Mon-Sat, 11am-6pm Sun)

Worth a Trip

If you can tear yourself away from the immediate area, Florida offers two incredible nearby regions that are more than worth a day trip. The **Everglades** constitute the state's most compelling wilderness space. Much more than a swamp, the 'Glades are actually a seasonally flooded plain teeming with incredible biodiversity, ranging from birdlife and alligators to the rare Florida panther.

Another region worth exploring is the **Florida Keys**, a teal-and-emerald necklace of coral-and-mangrove islands suspended in Florida Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. Of some 1700 Keys, 43 are attached to the mainland by the Overseas Hwy – but you can also come here by ferry from Fort Myers Beach.



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Top: Shopping in Key West; Bottom: The Everglades

Day Trips from Fort Myers **Florida Keys**

Getting there – Florida Keys

Key West Express (☎239-463-5733; www.keywestexpress.net; 1200 Main St, Fort Myers Beach) runs boats from Fort Myers Beach daily and year-round.

Cape Air (☎800-227-3247; www.capeair.com) flies daily between Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW) and Key West.

Driving to Key West is a 300-mile trip from Fort Myers (about 5 hours). Take the Everglades Pkwy and then head south.



1 Key Largo

Key Largo has long been romanticized in movies and song lyrics, so it can be a shock to arrive and find... no Bogart and no Bacall. Root down side roads for those legendary island idiosyncrasies and dive underwater for the most amazing coral reef in the continental US.

2 Islamorada

Things get very pretty around Islamorada, which is actually a long string of several islands (from MM90 to MM74); the epicenter is Upper Matecumbe Key. Several little nooks of beach are easily accessible, providing scenic rest stops.

3 Grassy Key

Sedate Grassy Key was once the village-like heart of the Keys. Today, the main reason for travelers to pause here is the **Dolphin Research Center** (☎305-289-1121; www.dolphins.org). The dolphins are free to leave the grounds.

4 Key West

In need of some crazy eccentrics? Hopping bars? Cute art galleries? A vibrant gay scene? We're not saying these things can't be found around greater Fort Myers, but Key West... well, this island has a spirit all its own. Sunset at Mallory Square, at the end of Duval St, is a bizarre attraction. It takes all those energies,

subcultures and oddities of Keys life – the hippies, the rednecks, the foreigners and the tourists – and focuses them into one torchlit, playful street party.



Left: Key Largo; Above: Diving, Key Largo

Day Trips from Fort Myers **Everglades**

Getting there – Everglades

By car, the Everglades is about 85 miles from Fort Myers, via US-75 and the Tamiami Trail (US-41).



5 Everglades National Park

This Unesco World Heritage Site protects a unique ecosystem of sprawling stretches of prairie, flooded forests, rivers and wetlands. Hiking, boating and camping opportunities abound; if you're game, you can drive through the park straight to Miami. (☎305-242-7700; www.nps.gov/ever)

6 10,000 Islands & Gulf Coast Visitor Center

The closest visitor center to Fort Myers sits on the northwestern edge of the Everglades in Everglades City, where the mangroves and waterways of the 10,000 Islands offer incredible canoeing and kayaking. The center is next to the marina, with rentals and guided boat trips. (☎239-695-3311; 815 Oyster Bar Lane, off Hwy 29, Everglades City)

7 Tram Tour & Shark Valley Visitor Center

For a quick Everglades intro, come to this visitor center and take the two-hour **tram tour** (www.sharkvalleytramtours.com; adult/child \$24/13), which runs along a 15-mile asphalt road. You'll see copious numbers of alligators, and migratory herons and ibis in winter. (☎305-221-8776; Tamiami Trail/SW 8th St)

8 Ernest Coe Visitor Center

Closer to Miami, this visitor center has museum-quality exhibits and tons of activity info: the road accesses numerous short trails and lots of

top-drawer canoeing opportunities. (☎305-242-7700; www.nps.gov/ever; 40001 State Hwy 9336)



Left & above: Everglades National Park





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Best Beaches

With over 50 miles of publicly accessible coastline in the greater Fort Myers area, you're spoiled for choice when it comes to staking your claim in the world's whitest, softest, silkiest sand. (Sand sculptors in the know claim there's no better medium for their art.) If you've got two feet and a heartbeat, you'll be able to find the perfect spot to relax on any of the area's beaches. Just how good can it get? The following guide will help find the spot that's right for you.

Beaches for Fun

If you're young, outgoing and searching for friends who also enjoy electric-colored cocktails by the water's edge, look no further than fun, friendly Fort Myers Beach where you can frolic in the gorgeous Gulf waters by day, dine on its bounty of fresh seafood, then dance the night away...until the sun comes up and you do it all again. A wide range of activities, cheap eats, and a variety of accommodations options make it great for families too.

Unspoiled Beaches

The islands of Sanibel, Captiva and Cayo Costa represent the very best of what Southwest Florida and its gentle, undeveloped wilderness has to offer. Peppered with understated luxurious retreats, fine-dining restaurants, and fun, family-friendly haunts for the kids, you won't be able to tear yourself away from some of the planet's most spectacular sunsets. Here you'll find a beauty that appeals to both the young at heart, who delight in the zip of quick birds and silver fish over the water, and old souls who can appreciate the meticulous details etched into a found shell.


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Top Tips

► Shelling is justifiably popular here – earning a crick in your back from the 'Sanibel Stoop,' and some shells for your trouble, is a definitive vacation moment for many travelers. But keep local laws in mind, and do not, under any circumstances, take live shells from the beach – it's environmentally damaging and illegal.



Left: Bucket of shells; Above: Lighthouse Beach, Sanibel Island

Beaches for Shelling

Blind Pass Beach (p49)

Every shell in the Gulf seems to wash up at Blind Pass, on Sanibel's north end.

Cayo Costa (p59) A big, often sparsely populated beach with wide-open views of those heart-melting Gulf sunsets. Accessible by boat only.

Turner Beach (p49) Just north of Blind Pass, on Captiva, there are wide, flat stretches of sand for shelling.

Lighthouse Beach (p49) A short drive from shops and restaurants, with lots of shelling and the Sanibel Sea School.

Beaches for Families

Bonita Beach Park

(p81) A boardwalk, picnic areas, concessions, and easy access to restaurants and shelling.

Bowman's Beach (p48)

Wide-open vistas, azure waters, good shelling, a great playground for kids and plenty of space to spread out.

Lynn Hall Memorial

Park (p40) Near the shops and restaurants of Fort Myers Beach's Times Square, Lynn Hall has amenities such as a playground and restrooms.

Bowditch Point (p40)

Close to urban amenities, but possessed of plenty of wild beauty.

Beaches for Couples

Lovers Key State Park

(p81) More than a few lovebirds have tied the knot in the gazebo here, which overlooks one of several pristine beaches.

Cayo Costa (p59) With 9 miles of beach to pick from and nary a soul around, sparks tend to fly.

Captiva Beach (p49)

Besides looking out onto heart-melting sunsets, Captiva Beach is close to romantic restaurants.

Gasparilla Island State Park

(p59) At the south end of Gasparilla Island (\$5 toll), five beaches offer romantic seclusion.



Best Nature

Let's face it: overdevelopment can be an issue in Florida, which is why this region is a refreshing breath of clean air. From the pristine edges of the outer islands to preserved land in places like North Fort Myers, there's a palpable sense of green in the air. The ultimate gift Southwest Florida has to offer isn't really hotels or dining or nightlife – it's the natural contours.

Natural Beauty

The most obvious natural beauty is seaside, especially on heavily preserved islands such as Pine Island, Gasparilla, Cayo Costa, Sanibel and Captiva. In many of these spots the only way around is by foot, bicycle or golf cart. In the hardwood forests there are alligators, otters and vibrant birdlife. The fragile mangrove ecosystem is an ecological wonder. The Wildlife Drive at JN 'Ding' Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel takes you on an educational tour of the island environment, as do pathways that cut across Pine Island, Gasparilla and other islands.

Ecosystems

You'll see flocks of feathered friends descending upon area parks throughout the year. In the vast wetlands of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve and the Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, you can follow boardwalks into the primeval hearts of ecosystems you'd normally associate with the Everglades (which aren't very far away, come to mention it). Other parklands, like Caloosahatchee Regional Park, offer miles and miles of biking, horseback riding, and hiking trails through thick broadleaf and pine forest.


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Little blue heron

Wetlands & Mangroves

JN 'Ding' Darling National Wildlife Refuge (p48) At the top of our list, this is the largest, most accessible mangrove wilderness in the US, with miles of trails and kayak routes.

Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve (p29)

This natural drainage-way resembles a Jurassic swamp and serves as a corridor for fauna.

Four Mile Cove Ecological Preserve

(p71) A boardwalk leads visitors past a plethora of wetland wildlife into a brackish-water estuary with excellent kayak facilities.

Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary (p81)

The largest remaining

virgin bald-cypress forest in America; located within 11,000 acres of protected land, accessible via an easy walk.

Matanzas Pass

Preserve (p39) Trails wander behind a historic cottage exhibit into a 60-acre mangrove and oak hammock ecosystem alive with crabs, lizards and birdlife. Kayak launches are on site.

Wildlife Viewing

Manatee Park (p30)

Between November and March, this is one of the best spots in the nation to see wild manatees – and all you pay for is parking (\$2 per hour). There's a large butterfly garden on site as well.

Jensen's Twin Palm Resort & Marina (p50)

Good for manatee-spotting, this resort offers a private fishing dock with boat rentals.

JN 'Ding' Darling National Wildlife Refuge (p48)

You just can't beat 'Ding' Darling for birdwatching, especially during the Southwest Florida 'winter.' See www.npwrc.usgs.gov for a checklist of birds sighted in the area.

Babcock Wilderness Adventures (p71)

Take a tour of surrounding swamplands populated by rare Florida panthers. Also excellent for gator viewing.

Nature Walks

Hickey's Creek Mitigation Park (p77)

Near Caloosahatchee Regional Park, bobcats, water snakes and otters play in over 800 acres of protected forest and freshwater wetlands connected by extensive surface and boardwalk trails.

Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF; p50)

An easy-to-follow interpretive center fronts a nature reserve with paths that extend back into subtropical hammock and preserved wetlands.

Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve (p29)

You may spot raccoons, gators, spoonbills and, if you're very lucky, traces of Florida panthers, in this important wildlife corridor.

Caloosahatchee Regional Park (p77)

Hiking opportunities abound in one of the most varied collections of biomes – scrubland, pine flats, oak hammock, and wetlands – in the Beaches of Fort Myers and Sanibel.



Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve



Best Eco Travel for Kids

The best of this area's natural world is imminently accessible for families. Federal, state and local parks are staffed by knowledgeable guides working at well-executed interpretive centers. Some of these centers include animal hospitals and educational hot spots; most are attached to their own small nature parks, which are good for short walks into the wild. Don't forget that paddling trips (including SUP) and cycling expeditions can be tailored to meet the needs of both younger kids and teens. A family favorite is manatee-spotting, but remind your family that manatees are there to be seen, not touched; as cuddly as they are, they can get upset by human contact.



Gulf Fritillary butterfly

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Nature for Kids

Sanibel Sea School

(p50) Activities and education programs put kids in contact with the sea life of barrier-island marine biospheres at this excellent educational center.

Lakes Regional Park

(p30) A former quarry-turned-park, this 280-acre facility includes a miniature railroad and lots of picnic pavilions. An interactive water-play

area cools kids off in the heat.

Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium

(p30) There are hands-on exhibits, a planetarium, easy-to-manage walking trails into three different biomes, and enough wildlife to satisfy the most avid amateur zoologists.

Butterfly Estates

(p30) Even adults will be bowled over when surrounded by hundreds of butterflies and tropical

plants in this botanical conservatory.

Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife

(CROW; p51) This wildlife rescue clinic has a nice visitor center with detailed exhibitions on how they save animals.

Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve

(p29) While it may not have flashy interpretive centers, this preserve has gators that any dinosaur-loving kid will go ga-ga over.

Best Cultural Sites

This corner of the world has continued to attract visionaries and creative types well into the present day. Artists colonies have cropped up, from Matlacha to the suburbs of Bonita Springs, and with these small loci of arts-life come galleries, theater societies, and a generally vigorous creative climate. For its size, the Fort Myers area boasts an excellent cultural scene. In particular, the island villages on Sanibel, Captiva and Pine Islands, and Matlacha have evolved into small artists colonies with energetic creative communities providing gallery-to-gallery support for one another. Grass-roots support for the arts has generated plenty of official recognition of the importance of cultural activities in day-to-day life in Fort Myers.



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Lovegrove Gallery and Gardens

sea fauna, science education programs and lots of hands-on exhibitions.

Fort Myers Art Walk

(p31) These gallery nights are good fun for older kids, who will appreciate the artwork.

Art Galleries

Matlacha (p66) 'Downtown' Matlacha features a long stretch of independent galleries and crafts shops, each with its own funky character.

Jungle Drums Gallery (p55) On Captiva, Jungle Drums has metal, wood, glass and clay media, mostly fashioned into wildlife motifs.

Alliance for the Arts (p31) The area's official arts center houses three galleries exhibiting on 325 days out of the year.

Culture for Families

Imaginarium Science Center (p30) The perfect place to take small kids, this spot mixes up under-



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Fort Myers Art Walk



Best Historic Sites

The USA is a young country, yet the tradition of settlement in Southwest Florida stretches back thousands of years to the Calusa Indians, whose habitation is a major component of the educational and historical tourism focus of the area. The Calusa saw in this area the natural potential current visitors seek out today: miles of coastline that are crucial for fishing and shelling (the shells were used for Calusa tools) and subtropical forests abundant in game and shelter.

As European settlers arrived in this area, they utilized these same natural gifts. For some reason – perhaps the weather, the natural beauty of the Gulf Coast or a combination of all of the above – this part of Florida tended to attract vigorous minds with a penchant for visionary ideas and what could mildly be deemed eccentricity. The Koreshan settlers, for example, built a New Jerusalem for followers of ‘Koreshanity’ in 1894. Later, some of the greatest American minds were attracted to the area – like Henry Ford and Thomas Edison, who set up their winter estates here.

Today, for all of its relatively modern development, the Beaches of Fort Myers and Sanibel is rich in historic sites. Alva, near Lehigh Acres, is the oldest settlement in the area. The offshore communities of Useppa and Cabbage Key have legacies as island escapes dating back to the days of Old Florida. Downtown Fort Myers’ River District admirably tries to preserve an old-world Gulf Coast atmosphere, with stucco buildings and pedestrian lanes.



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Historic Sites

Calusa Heritage Trail

(p65) When you’re able to combine outdoor activities and historic interpretation, life doesn’t get much better.

Koreshan State Historic Site

(p82) The Koreshans’ rustic homes are preserved in a large, beautiful park.

Sanibel Historical Museum & Village

(p51) Small and sweet, the historic village features a slew of preserved houses connected by a pleasant nature walk.

Mound Key (p81) Sure, it’s an extra effort to get here (located in Estero Bay), but you’ll feel deeply in touch with Calusa culture and some gorgeous nature besides.



Left: Edison laboratory; Above: Koreshan State Historic Site

Edison & Ford Winter Estates (p29) An insight into the lives of these seminal inventors, the estates' on-site botanical gardens feature trees planted by Edison himself.

Museums

Randell Research Center (p65) A fascinating peek, along a well-crafted historical and eco trail, into the inner lives of the original Calusa Indians.

Cape Coral Historical Museum (p71) This small museum is like an eccentric attic of all things related to Cape Coral's regional history.

Museum of the Islands (p65) A small but sweet exhibition of the history of eclectic Pine Island.

Barbara Sumwalt Museum (p60) This museum explores the history of this remote, private island in a prettily preserved cottage. Visits must be arranged via Captiva Cruises.

Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum (p51) Everything – and we mean everything –

you ever wanted to know about shells shall be revealed in this charmingly dedicated museum.



Phonographs, Edison & Ford Winter Estates



Best Drinking & Entertainment

You'll be pleased to learn that amid all this tranquility, beauty and up-and-coming culture, Fort Myers folks also know how to have a good time. With some seriously memorable dining and entertainment options, and plenty of places to down a cold beer or sip on a strong cocktail, there's no time to be bored.

The mix of vibrant arts scene, creative colonies and Florida culture makes Fort Myers a good spot for self-indulgence. There's something about that warm Gulf air that makes a lot of people just want to stop, have a drink, and enjoy some music. If you're one of those types – the sort that likes some Jimmy Buffett and calypso tinkling over the tiki bar as the evening sets in – you're pretty much at home in the Beaches of Fort Myers and Sanibel. There are all kinds of outdoor drinking and music patios awash with good tunes and mellow vibes.

Fort Myers Beach is where some of the more raucous fun gets going on weekends – the combination of bars and beachfront make for lively nights. Downtown Fort Myers, ensconced in its historically preserved center, dishes up more civilized lounges and bars in the evenings, although on weekdays you'd hardly call the city center hopping. Live music gigs pop off all around the region, and on a regular basis in the bars on Sanibel and Captiva.

Live Theater

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre (p34) This dinner theater is the perfect place for an evening of good food and thespian thrills.

Florida Repertory Theatre & Arcade Theatre (p34) The best theater company in the area performs in the 1908 Arcade Theatre to sold-out audiences.



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Seminole Gulf Railway Murder Mystery Dinner Train (p34) Enjoy a fun murder-mystery dinner aboard a classic railroad car.

Barbara B Mann Performing Arts Hall (p34) In the mood to see a show? Come here for everything from classical symphonies to big-name theater productions.

Herb Strauss Schoolhouse Theater (p55) A small theater showcases the only musical theater on Sanibel.

Outdoor Drinks

Mucky Duck (p54) Sink a cold beer while watching the skies transform during a beautiful sunset on Captiva.



Left: Cocktails; Above: The Buddha

Cottage Beach Bar & Gulfshore Grill (p43)

This local darling's reputation precedes it with three levels of fun in the sun.

Doc's Beach House (p83)

Kick back, put a lime in your drink, and watch the sunset in Bonita Springs.

Tiki Bar at the

Outrigger (p42) Considered one of the best tiki bars at Fort Myers Beach, and on a huge stretch of sand.

Nauti Mermaid (p73)

Chill on the docks with a frozen cocktail, all while enjoying the breeze and casual dining.

Live Music

Bert's Bar & Grill (p66)

Local bands break it

down for local Matlacha crowds with a mix of rock, country, rock, blues, and more rock.

Smokin Oyster Brewery

(p43) Rock out with the locals, with live music from 6pm to 10pm nightly.

Buckingham Blues Bar

(p77) This sometimes soulful, sometimes raucous joint is the real deal. Not for Granny.

Beached Whale (p43)

With a cool roof deck and better fish tacos, this is a great spot for music on Fort Myers Beach.

The Buddha (p34)

It can get rowdy in here; check out some of the edgier acts playing around Fort Myers.



Florida Repertory Theatre



Best Dining

Fort Myers has been experiencing something of a food renaissance of late, thanks to the proliferation of quality chefs. Good restaurants that focus on a complete dining experience are cropping up by the month. This attracts foodie travelers, which tends to attract more chefs... it's a happy cycle. Restaurateurs are taking note of Fort Myers and accordingly taking action. We suspect that by the time you read this there will be several new eating institutions to add to your itinerary.

While a lot of fine-dining spots are opening up, it's not just white tablecloths and nice silverware here (in fact, this part of Florida is so laid-back you're pressed to find anything resembling a stuffy atmosphere). There are still plenty of bargain seafood joints overlooking the water, as well as a plethora of global eats – Cuban, Mexican, Italian, and from across Asia – that are easy on your wallet and heaven to your tastebuds. While 'fusion' probably gets tossed around a little too lightly when it comes to trends in American cuisine, such blending is happening naturally here – a happy by-product of the diversity of greater Fort Myers.

That said, the 'native' cuisine of this region – some call it Floribbean, some Nouveau American with a twist of tropical lime – is still the bedrock for a lot of local dishes. And who's complaining? You can serve us some citrus-marinated pork, grilled fresh yellowtail, or anything with mango salsa anytime.



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Innovative Cuisine

Blue Coyote Supper Club (p53) It's not just the cuisine that has a point of difference, but the whole package: atmosphere, ambiance, and attitude.

Mad Hatter (p53) Mad indeed, but in a good way. Don't believe us? Try dishes such as spicy watermelon salad or black-truffle sea scallops.

Slate's (p72) Behind a Cape Coral facade awaits a world of inventive, southern cuisine; they even throw in jazz on Sundays.

Sweet Melissa's (p54) Sanibel is saturated with upscale dining but Sweet Melissa's is more of a foodie's restaurant than a fancy haunt.



Left: Veranda's courtyard; Above: Dish at Blue Coyote Supper Club

Nevermind Awesome Bar & Eatery (p72) This Cape Coral spot lives up to its name, serving hip and delicious food that fuses Southern comfort with international flair and ingredients.

Family Dining

Bubble Room (p53) Captiva's cutest dining room will keep little imaginations occupied; the food is good but simple enough for finicky eaters.

Rosie's Cafe (p53) An all-star performer for breakfast, lunch and dinner, Rosie serves up quality home-style cooking the family will love.

Pecking Order (p54) The only downsides to Sanibel's amazing broasted-bird cuisine are

that its succulent delights are highly addictive and unkind to the waistline.

Reuben's Smokehouse (p32) Folks come to Fort Myers from far and wide for this Southern, smoky, barbecue joint, lauded as one of the nation's best.

Romantic Dining

Roadhouse Cafe (p33) Who would've thought you'd find a portal to an enchanting other world in a Fort Myers strip mall?

Veranda (p32) A cornerstone of downtown Fort Myers, Veranda combines two historic homes with delicious, French-inspired cuisine.

Angelina's (p83) Some of the area's best Italian cuisine is served here,

in an intimate, candlelit setting.

South Beach Bar & Grille (p60) If you make the long-ish drive up to Boca Grande, stay the night so you can dine here, alfresco, as the sun dips behind the Gulf.

Bayfront Bistro (p42) Located on Fort Myers Beach waterfront, Bayfront's combination of good views and great food are supremely romantic.



Best Shopping

Good weather and innovative planning have created some of the most appealing shopping centers in the region – and they're more alfresco commercial arcades than enclosed gallerias. Options range from mega outlet malls to farmers markets, where local produce and crafts are sold direct to consumers.

Shopping for Shopaholics

Coconut Point (p83) Enjoy many shops and the joy of walking through the Mediterranean revival promenade.

Bell Tower Shops (p35) Loads of stores in a mix of outdoor arcades and indoor department galleries.

Gulf Coast Town Center (p35) The main shopping drag in Fort Myers: if they

don't have a major brand at Gulf Coast, it isn't here.

Periwinkle Way (p55) With plenty of indie shops collected along Sanibel's main drag, this is a laid-back answer to the area's megamalls.

Miromar Outlets (p83) More than 140 retail outlets including Saks Fifth Avenue, Neiman Marcus, Bloomingdale's and more.

Shopping for Souvenirs

Shell Factory & Nature Park (p71) If it's related to shells, you'll find it here.

Whidden's Marina (p60) Take home some quality block and tackle or a special set of fish hooks.

Matlacha Art Galleries (p67) Arts or crafts from one of the galleries in the center of Matlacha make unique gifts.

Norman Love Confections (p35) The handmade chocolate produced here is to die for. But how to get it home without it melting?

Chico's (p55) Your town might have a Chico's – but it's great to buy from the original shop.



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Periwinkle Way, Sanibel



Best Spectator Sports



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Everblades hockey match

Sports are intrinsic to Fort Myers' identity. The spring training home of the Boston Red Sox and Minnesota Twins is involved in a deeply felt relationship with the great American pastime. Baseball fanatics from across the country come here to see their favorite players. Even if you're not a huge baseball fan, the culture and history of baseball is as integral to The Beaches of Fort Myers and Sanibel as are Thomas Edison and Henry Ford. The Miracle, the local minor-league team, regularly packs Hammond Stadium.

Spring Training

Forget daylight savings – residents of Fort Myers measure the seasons by the beginning and end of baseball spring training. Red Sox and Twins fans literally camp for spring training tickets at **CenturyLink Sports Complex** (Twins; 14100 Six Mile Cypress Pkwy, Fort Myers) and **JetBlue Park** (Red Sox; 11500 Fenway South Drive, Fort Myers). In addition, **Terry Park Ball Field** (3410 Palm Beach Blvd, Fort Myers), used by numerous college teams and dating back to 1925, is one of the most attractive historic ballparks in the nation.

Everblades Hockey

Southwest Florida and hockey may seem to go together as well as ice and the near tropics, but the Everblades (www.floridaeverblades.com), the local hockey team, have a quirky and fanatically loyal following here. Catch a game at **Germain Arena** (11000 Everblades Pkwy, by Miromar Outlet, Estero), if only to say you saw ice skating here (and for the cool air of the stadium).

Florida Gulf Coast University

The official name is **Alico Arena** (☎239-590-1000; www.fgcuathletics.com; R10501 FGCU Blvd S, Fort Myers), but everyone here calls it 'The Nest.' What birds live here? The Florida Gulf Coast University Eagles. Locals are very loyal to these collegiate athletes, partly because said athletes deliver without fail: the Eagles were the first 15-seed in NCAA history to advance to the Sweet 16. Come see the men's and women's basketball teams shoot hoops up and down the Atlantic Sun conference.



Best Sports & Activities

Fort Myers rewards travelers who seize the day. To make the most of your trip, get your hiking boots on, your kayak prepped, your bicycle oiled, and yourself out of doors. The natural beauty of this region cannot be fully appreciated from land alone. Even a small kayaking expedition is worth your time; there are boat outfitters all around the area and in many of the region's parks. Almost everything we have listed in this book is connected (either directly or by a matter of degrees) by the Great Calusa Blueway, one of the most extensive kayaking trail networks in the country.

That's to say nothing of the hiking, biking and horseback riding opportunities in Caloosahatchee Regional Park, the walking trails at the Koreshan State Historic Site, the easy-to-manage trails behind SCCF – there's an outdoor angle for all levels of fitness in the area. If you want to test your body, try angling for tarpon, one of the great saltwater game fish, known for massive strength and prodigious leaps like those of basketball players.

Get out there in the miles of protected lands and waterways that web throughout the area. Because the land is relatively flat throughout, you can be at a beginning-to-moderate level of physical fitness and still get the most out of the considerable natural beauty of this area.

This natural beauty also extends to the region's many golf greens. The greater Fort Myers area features many publicly accessible golf courses. If you'd like to have a swing during your stay in the area, get more information on these courses at www.fortmyers-sanibel.com/discover/on-land/golf-and-sports.



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Fishing

Matlacha Bridge

(p66) They call it the 'fishingest bridge in the US,' a causeway that sits at the center of several dynamic tidal flows.

Charter Boats Charter fishing operations that cater to all levels of experience can be found across the area's waterfronts.

Sanibel Causeway

(p50) It's better known for water sports, but you'll still see plenty of people out here angling for sport fish.

Lighthouse Pier (p49)

The main fishing pier on Sanibel is located bayside to the Sanibel lighthouse; search out mackerel, cobia, and other sport fish.



Left: Fisherman; Above: Jet skis, Bonita Jet Ski, Doc's Beach House

Hickey's Creek Mitigation Park (p77) A fishing dock extends out into the wetlands and river country.

Fort Myers Beach Pier
Extending from the white sands of Fort Myers Beach, this pier (on Fifth St and San Carlos Blvd) is a good spot to drop a line.

Paddling

Lovers Key State Park (p81) Make a romantic day trip out of a casual paddle to this gazebo-crowned island ringed by soft beaches.

Matlacha (p66) An intricate layout of tidal inlets and indented coastline, and proximity to pretty Pine Island, make this a paddler's paradise.

Mound Key (p81) An ancient Calusa ritual site

in the past and a lovely park today, accessible only by an easy paddle from Estero Island.

Caloosahatchee Regional Park (p77) Push off down the Caloosahatchee River, where you can access, via water, most of the rest of the area.

Estero River (p82) Paddle past egrets, blue heron – even alligators – on this 652-mile river, which flows into Estero Bay Estuary.

Tarpon Bay Explorers (p52) This excellent Sanibel-based outfitter will have you up and paddling the waterways of the JN 'Ding' Wildlife Refuge in no time.

Water Sports

Holiday Water Sports (p40) Family-owned and with three locations, this outfitter offers wave-runners, parasailing and other fun.

Bonita Jet Ski (p82) At Doc's Beach House on Bonita Beach, this standby has jet skis and offers parasailing tours.

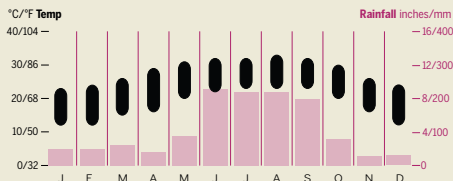
Mid Island Water Sports (p41) Equipment rental with two convenient locations on Fort Myers Beach.

Sanibel Causeway (p50) Not much of a beach here, but good wind and waves for paddle boarding, windsurfing, and fishing.

Survival Guide

Before You Go

When to Go



➔ **Winter** Temperatures hover in the pleasant range of 70°F (20°C), but can drop around 53°F (11°C) at night.

➔ **Spring** Temperatures climb from March to May, to between 80°F (27°C) and 89°F (32°C).

➔ **Summer** The mercury climbs by a further degree or three.

➔ **Fall** From September to November, temperatures drop from 89°F (32°C) to 76°F (24°C).

Essential Information

Festivals & Events

For complete listings, check out The Beaches of Fort Myers and Sanibel website: www.fortmyers-sanibel.com.

JANUARY Annual Food & Wine Weekend

(☎) 877-403-0599; www.the-gasparilla-inn.com)

Learn cooking techniques, taste sophisticated wines and experience delectable cuisine at the Gasparilla Inn's event, exploring world-famous culinary regions.

Bonita Springs National Art Festival

(www.artinusa.com/bonita)
Over three weekends between January and March, more than 200 artists descend on the Promenade Shopping Center in Bonita Springs to show off and sell their work.

FEBRUARY**ArtFest Fort Myers**

(☎)239-768-3602; www.artfestfortmyers.com)

Held on the first weekend of February along the Fort Myers waterfront, ArtFest features the works of some 200 artists selected by a juried commission.

Edison Festival of Light

(www.edisonfestival.org)

Science, crafts and community events commemorating Thomas Edison and his life in Fort Myers.

Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair

(www.swflcfair.com)

Folk dancing, car rallies, pro wrestling, horse events and, ah – we almost forgot the livestock! Plus rides, food and fun.

Burrowing Owl Festival

(www.ccfriendsofwildlife.org)

Cape Coral has Florida's largest population of burrowing owls. This festival celebrates the city's avian emblem and is sponsored by Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife.

MARCH**Fort Myers Beach Shrimp Festival & Parade**

(www.fortmyersbeachshrimpfestival.com)

Come see parades, music, and the crowning of the Shrimp Festival Queen at Fort Myers Beach's largest annual event, held in late February and early March.

Sanibel Shell Fair & Show

(www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net)

Held in the first week of March, this is the largest shell fair and emporium in the country.

Southwest Florida Reading Festival

(☎)239-533-4826; www.readfest.org; 1375 Monroe St, Fort Myers)

Enjoy multiple stages with renowned authors who share the inside scoop on their latest work and what makes a story idea click. Buy a book and have your favorite author sign it.

Spring Training

(Boston Red Sox; ☎)239-334-4700, 877-733-7699; www.redsox.com; Minnesota Twins; ☎)800-338-9467; www.twinsbaseball.com)

Nonstop sun and blue skies in early spring make a perfect backdrop for watching two great teams

practice at the national pasture.

APRIL**Fort Myers Beach Film Festival**

(www.fmbfilmfest.com)

Film producers, indie film fans and filmmaking talent, both local and international, come to Fort Myers Beach in sunny spring to celebrate their craft and passion.

Miracle Opening Night

(☎)239-768-4210; www.miraclebaseball.com)

The season opener for the Fort Myers Miracle, the local minor-league heroes, always features family fun and fireworks.

JULY**MangoMania**

(☎)239-283-0888; <http://mangomaniafl.net>)

Pine Island and Matlacha's kooky celebration of all things mango, includes a mango queen, mango cook-off and lots of live music.

OCTOBER**'Ding' Darling Days**

(www.dingdarlingsociety.org/dingdarlingdays.php)

One of our favorite events of the year involves kayak and boat tours of the JN 'Ding' Darling National

Wildlife Refuge, bird-watching tours and exhibits on conservation art.

Oktoberfest

(☎239-283-1400; www.capecoraloktoberfest.com)

The German American Social Club of Cape Coral hosts this extravaganza of Teutonic food, dancing, music and, of course, beer during the last two weekends of October.

NOVEMBER

Coconut Festival

(www.cocofest.com)

Held during the second weekend in November, Coconut Festival is a celebration of all things Cape Coral. Expect music, family-friendly activities, rides, carnival games, and lots of good food.

American Sand Sculpting Championship

(www.fmbandsculpting.com)

Up to 100,000 visitors come to Fort Myers Beach to watch experts turn sand into something you could place in the Sistine Chapel. Amateur contests mean you don't have to be just a passive observer.

Sanibel Writers Conference

(www.fgcu.edu/siwc)

Hosted by Florida Gulf Coast University, this conference takes place at BIG Arts on Sanibel, and features readings and workshops by an impressive collection of authors.

Captiva Holiday Village

(www.captivaholidayvillage.com)

Captiva becomes a (tropical) winter wonderland during the weekends from Thanksgiving through Christmas; with a lighted boat parade, live opera on the beach, and eye-goggling Christmas light displays.

DECEMBER

Christmas Luminary Trail & Open House

(☎239-472-1080; www.sanibel-captiva.org)

On the first weekend in December, visitors can wind their way along 3 miles of Christmas candles illuminating Periwinkle Way on Sanibel.

Edison & Ford Winter Estates' Holiday Nights

(www.edisonfordwinterestates.org)

From early December to New Year's Day (closed Christmas Eve night and Christmas Day) the estates are open until 9pm, with lights and decora-

tions, plus special exhibits and performances.

Burroughs & Langford-Kingston Homes' Holiday House

(www.burroughshome.com/events)

These two historic homes are decorated by the Fort Myers Women's Community Club during December, and are open from 5pm to 9pm.

Business Hours

Exceptions to the following hours are noted in listings.

Banks 8am-5pm Mon-Fri, 9am-2pm Sat, with some exceptions.

Bars Officially close at 2am, although may shut earlier if business is slow or on weeknights.

Restaurants Breakfast 7-11am, lunch 11am-3pm, dinner 5-9pm.

Shops 10am-7pm or 8pm.

Car Seats

Children under four must be in a car seat strapped into the vehicle while on Florida roads. It's recommended small children ride buckled into a belt-positioning booster seat.

Tourist Information

Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW)

(Visitor Services) (☎) 239-590-4800; www.flylcpa.com; 11000 Terminal Access Rd, Suite 8671, Fort Myers)

Boca Grande Chamber of Commerce

(☎) 941-964-0568; www.bocagrandechamber.com; 480 East Railroad Ave, Boca Grande)

Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

(☎) 239-992-2943, 800-226-2943; www.bonitaspringschamber.com; 25071 Chamber of Commerce Dr, Bonita Springs)

Cape Coral Chamber of Commerce

(☎) 239-549-6900; www.capecoralchamber.com; info@capecoralchamber.com; 2051 Cape Coral Pkwy E, Cape Coral)

Estero Chamber of Commerce

(☎) 239-948-7990; www.esterochamber.org; 9351 Corkscrew Rd, Estero)

Greater Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber of Commerce

(☎) 239-454-7500; fort

myersbeach.org; frontdesk@fmbchamber.com; 1661 Estero Blvd, Suite 8, Fort Myers Beach)

Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce

(☎) 239-332-3624, 800-366-3622; www.fortmyers.org; info@fortmyers.org; 2310 Edwards Dr, Fort Myers)

Greater Pine Island Chamber of Commerce

(☎) 239-283-0888; www.pineislandchamber.org; info@pineislandchamber.org; 4120 Pine Island Rd NW, Matlacha)

Lehigh Acres Chamber of Commerce

(☎) 239-369-3322; www.lehighacreschamber.org; info@lehighacreschamber.org; 25 Homestead Rd N, Suite 41, Lehigh Acres)

Matlacha Chamber of Commerce

(www.matlachachamber.org; PO Box 125, Matlacha)

North Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce

(☎) 239-997-9111; www.nfmchamber.com; info@nfmchamber.org; 1661 Estero Blvd, Suite 8, Fort Myers Beach)

Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce

(☎) 239-472-1080; www.sanibel-captiva.org; island@

sanibel-captiva.org; 1159 Causeway Rd, Sanibel)

Travelers with Disabilities

Parking spaces for people with a disability and accessible entrances and architecture are required by law in the USA. Contact **Lee County Parks & Recreation** (☎) 239-533-7275; www.leegov.com/parks/programs/special-needs) for more information.





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- Wi-fi internet
- High-speed internet
- Swimming pool
- Restaurant on site
- Family-friendly
- Fitness facilities
- Baby-changing tables
- Concessions
- Disabled access
- Instruction available
- Marina or boat-docking facilities
- Meeting facilities
- Picnic area
- Pets accepted
- Spa services on site
- Water sports rentals
- The Great Florida Birding Trail
- Superior Small Lodging Program
- Certified Florida Green Lodging
- In-room wi-fi
- Pool bar

ATTRACTIONS & ACTIVITIES

ARTS & CULTURE

2 ISLANDS GALLERY Captiva Island, FL; 239-472-2772; www.2islandsgallery.com/

ALLIANCE FOR THE ARTS 10091 McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers 33919; 239-939-2787; www.artinlee.org

ARTFEST FORT MYERS Edwards Drive, Downtown Fort Myers River District; 239-768-3602; ArtFestFortMyers.com

ARTS FOR ACT GALLERY 2265 First Street Fort Myers FL 33901; 239-337-5050; artsforactgallery.com

ART LEAGUE OF FORT MYERS 1451 Monroe St, PO Box 2255, Fort Myers 33902; 239-275-3970; www.artleagueoffortmyers.org

BIG ARTS 900 Dunlop Rd, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-395-0900; www.bigarts.org

BOB RAUSCHENBERG GALLERY 8099 College Pkwy, Fort Myers 33919; 239-489-9313; www.rauschenberggallery.com

BONITA SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL 10150 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs, FL 34135; 239-495-8989; www.artcenterbonita.org

BROADWAY PALM DINNER THEATRE 1380 Colonial Blvd, Inside Royal Palm Square, Fort Myers 33907; 239-278-4422; www.broadwaypalm.com

CAPE CORAL ARTS STUDIO 4533 Coronado Pkwy, Cape Coral 33904; 239-574-0802; www.capeparks.com

CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS 10150 Bonita Beach Rd, Bonita Springs 34135; 239-495-8989; www.artcenterbonita.org

CENTER FOR THE ARTS BONITA SPRINGS 26100 Old 41 Rd, Bonita Springs 34135; 239-495-8989; www.artcenterbonita.org

CULTURAL PARK THEATER 528 Cultural Park Blvd, Cape Coral 33990; 239-772-5862; www.culturalparktheater.com

FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY ART GALLERIES 10501 FGCU Blvd, South; 239-590-7199; www.artgallery.fgcu.edu/FGCU_Art_Galleries.html

FLORIDA REPERTORY THEATRE 2267 First Street, Fort Myers FL 33901; 239-332-4488; www.floridarep.org

FORT MYERS BEACH ART ASSOCIATION GALLERY 3030 Shell Mound Blvd, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931; 239-463-3909; www.fortmyersbeachart.com

GANNON'S ANTIQUES & ART 16521 South Tamiami Trail Fort Myers, FL 33908; 239-489-2211; www.gannonsantiques.com

LEOMA LOVEGROVE GALLERY AND GARDENS 4637 Pine Island Road NW Matlacha Island, Florida 33993; 239-283-6453; www.leomalovegrove.com

SERENDIPITY GALLERY 321 Park Ave. Boca Grande FL 33921; 941-964-2166; www.finethingsinbocagrande.com

SIDNEY & BERNE DAVIS ART CENTER 2301 1st St, Fort Myers 33901; 239-333-1933; www.sbdac.com

SMART STUDIO 370 Park Ave. Boca Grande FL 33921; 941-964-0519; www.smart-studio-fl.com

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA SYMPHONY 8920 College Pkwy Ste 103, Fort Myers 33919; 239-418-1500; www.swflso.org

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER 11515 Bonita Beach Rd SE, Ste 101, Bonita Springs 34135; 239-389-6901; www.swflperformingartscenter.com

THEATRE CONSPIRACY 10091 McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers 33901; 239-936-3239; www.theatreconspiracy.org

TOWER GALLERY COOPERATIVE 751 Tarpon Bay Rd. Sanibel Island FL 33957; 239-472-4557; www.towergallery-sanibel.com

UNIT A – CONTEMPORARY ART SPACE 1922 Evans Ave, Fort Myers 33901; 239-240-1053; www.unitaspace.com

WILD CHILD ART GALLERY 4625 Pine Island Rd. Matlacha FL 33993; 239-283-6006; www.wildchildart-gallery.com

BOATING & FISHING

ALVA BOAT RAMP 21580 Pearl Street, Alva 33920; 239-229-4134; www.leeparks.org

ASALTWEAPON 15001 Punta Rassa Boat Ramp 33908; 239-633-0784; www.fishasaltweapon.com

ATHENA CHARTERS Pick up from Fort Myers, Cape Coral and Sanibel, 18700 Punta Rassa Rd, Fort Myers, FL 33908; 239-822-4003

BOKEELIA BOAT RAMP 7290 Barrancas Ave. Bokeelia FL 33922; 239-283-0015; www.leeparks.org

BOKEELIA FISHING PIER 8421 Main St Bokeelia FL 33922; 239-283-2244; www.bokeeliafishingpier.com

BOCILLA ISLAND SEAPORT 8421 Main St Bokeelia FL 33922; 239-283-2244; www.bokeeliafishingpier.com

CAPE CHARTERS 414 Crescent St, Matanzas Restaurant Dock, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-549-5629; www.fishcapecharters.com

CAPTAIN BILL WALKER'S FISHING CHARTERS 15001 Punta Rassa Rd. Ft. Myers FL 33919; 239-872-6420; www.captbillwalker12.com

CAPTAIN BLAKE MATHERLY 15001 Punta Rassa Rd B, Fort Myers 33908; 239-671-5646; www.flatsfishr.com

CAPTAIN MIKE REHR 1155 But-tonwood Ln, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-3308; www.captflyrod.com

CAPTAIN MIKE'S ISLAND LADY 18400 San Carlos Blvd Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-910-5245; www.captmikesislandlady.com

CAPTAIN RANDY'S FISHY BUSINESS CHARTERS 15951 Captiva Dr, Tween Waters Inn Marina, Captiva Island 33924; 239-691-3474; www.captiva-sanibel.com

CAPTAIN REY RODRIGUEZ 14869 Kimberly Ln, Fort Myers 33908; 239-462-5096; www.gulffishin.com

CAPTAIN STEVE BAILEY 865 Bethany Ct S, Fort Myers 33919; 239-489-1379

CAPTAIN TONY'S FISHING ADVENTURES 18800 San Carlos Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-415-0515; www.capttonys.com

CAREFREE BOAT CLUB OF SW FLORIDA 14311 Port Comfort Rd, Fort Myers 33908; 888-505-2582; www.carefreeboats.com

CARTIER CHARTER 5819 Driftwood Pkwy, Cape Coral Marina, Cape Coral 33904; 239-549-3068; www.cartiercharter.com

CATCH ME IF U CAN FISHING CHARTERS 14341 Port Comfort Rd, Fort Myers 33908; 239-210-8339; <http://catchmeifucanfishing-charters.com>

COVERT OPERATIONS FISHING CHARTERS 3105 Stringfellow Rd, Ste James City, FL 33956; 239-229-6812; covertoperationsfishing.com

CRABBY CHARTERS FORT MYERS 6179 Black Marlin Dr, Cape Coral 33914; 239-919-2626; www.crabbychartersftmyers.com

EDEN SKI LAKE 21900 State Road 82; 239-219-8525; www.edenskilake.com

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33908; 239-691-1966;
www.endlesssummercharters.net

FALLING TIDE CHARTERS 16501

Stringfellow Rd Four Winds Marina
Bokeelia 33922; 239-738-9095;
http://fallingtidecharters.com

FETCHIN SOUTH WEST 2120

Oleander St, St James City 33956;
239-313-0831;
www.fetchinsouthwest.com

FINTASTIC CHARTERS 5400

Plantation Rd, Captiva Island 33924;
239-850-0716;
http://sanibelcaptivafish.com

FISHING BUDDY CHARTERS

18400 San Carlos Blvd, Fort Myers
Beach 33931; 404-399-3591; www.
fishingbuddycharters.com

FISHING CHARTERS 4530 Pine

Island Rd NW, Matlacha 33993;
239-699-0946;
www.fishingchartersinc.com

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Island, St James City 33956; 239-282-
9243; www.flyfishingswfl.com

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Rassa Rd, Fort Myers 33908; 239-
337-4275; www.fishmisshayden.com

FISHSKINNER CHARTERS 15351

Briarcrest Cir, Fort Myers 33912; 239-
851-9600; www.fishskinner.net

FLATSFISH'R CHARTERS 4980

Dockside Drive #104, Fort Myers, FL
33919; 239-671-5646;
www.flatsfishr.com

FLORIDA SAILING & CRUISING

SCHOOL 6095 Silver King Blvd, Cape
Coral, Florida 33914; 239-656-1339
800-262-7939; www.fsailandcruis-
eschool.com

FORT MYERS FISHING

ADVENTURES Salty Sam's Marina,
2500 Main St, Fort Myers Beach
33931; 239-896-6635;
www.fortmyerssportfishing.com

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S Riverside Dr, Bonita Springs 34135;
239-691-1464;
www.gethookedcharter.net

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BOYETTE 3192 Matecumbe Key Rd,
Punta Gorda 33955; 941-769-1582;
www.gofishcharters.com

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33931; 239-218-8014; www.
goodtimecharter.com

GULF COAST SAILING & CRUISING

SCHOOL 3160 Matecumbe Key Rd,
Punta Gorda 33955; 941-637-6634;
www.gulfcoastsailingschool.com

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BOAT RENTAL 250 Estero Blvd;
239-463-8661; www.holidayadven-
turetoursfmb.com

HOLIDAY WATER SPORTS FORT

MYERS BEACH 200, 684 and 2000
Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach, FL;
239-765-4386;
www.holidaywatersportsfmb.com

HOOKEED UP CHARTERS &

TRAPPING 15001 Punta Rassa Rd,
Fort Myers 33908; 239-222-1259

IMAGE YACHT CHARTERS 15065

McGregor Blvd Suite 102, Fort Myers,
Florida 33908; 845-313-6027,
727-37-YACHT;
www.imageyachtcharters.com

LADIES, LET'S GO FISHING

UNIVERSITY 954-475-9068;
www.ladiesletsfishing.com

MANGROVE ISLAND CHARTERS

1932 Roseate Ln, Sanibel Island
33957; 239-573-3474;
www.mangroveislandcharters.com

MANGROVE MASTERS 15001

Punta Rassa Rd, Fort Myers 33908;
239-410-0890;
www.mangrovemasters.com

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PO BOX 261 Matlacha, FL 33993;
800-244-9105;
www.fishingchartersinc.com

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Pineland Marina, Cape Coral 33910;
239-464-9610;
www.flyfishfortarpon.com

NEW MOON SAILING Tween

Waters Inn Marina, 15951 Captiva Dr,
Captiva Island 33924; 239-395-1782;
www.newmoonsailing.com

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Smugglers Dr, North Captiva Island
33924; 239-707-9701

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16731 McGregor Blvd., Ft. Myers,
FL 33908; 239-454-1700; www.
offshoresailing.com

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Marinatown Ln, North Fort Myers FL
33903; 239-997-2248;
www.facebook.com/Paddle-Creek-
Outfitters-243557439038339

PUNTA RASSA BOAT RAMP 18700

Punta Rassa Rd, Fort Myers FL 33908;
239-533-7275; www.leeparks.org

RESTLESS SAILOR PO Box 433, Fort

Myers 33902; 239-223-3307; www.
restlessailor.com

SANIBEL ISLAND BOAT RAMP Just

off Sanibel Causeway; 239-472-6397;
www.mysanibel.com

SANTIVA SALTWATER FISHING

TEAM At Tween Waters Inn
Marina, 15951 Captiva Dr, Captiva
Island 33924; 239-472-1779;
www.sanibelcaptivafishing.com

SNOOK BLASTER CHARTERS 3605

SE 18th Ave, Cape Coral 33904; 239-
671-9229; www.snookblaster.com

SNOOK STAMP CHARTERS 15001 Punta Rassa Rd, Fort Myers 33908; 239-313-1764; www.snookstampcharters.com

SOULMATE CHARTERS WITH CAPTAIN ROB MODYS 7225 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-851-1242; www.soulmatecharters.com

SOUTHERN INSTINCT CHARTERS Port Sanibel Marina 14341 Port Comfort Rd. Fort Myers, FL 33908; 239-896-2341; www.southerninstinct.com

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA YACHTS, INC 6095 Silver King Blvd, Cape Coral 33914; 239-656-1339; www.swfyachts.com

TARPOONS 1456 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-822-5698; www.tarpoons.com

TEAM ARCURE Punta Rassa Boat Ramp, Fort Myers 33919; 239-225-5211; www.teamarcure.com

THE BAIT BOX 1041 Periwinkle Way Sanibel Island FL 33957; 239-472-1618; www.thebaitbox.com

ULTIMATE CHARTERS 6460 Sanibel-Captiva Rd Sanibel, FL 33957; 239-542-9315; www.ultimatecharters.com

WEST COAST FISHING CHARTERS 1916 NW 27 St, Cape Coral 33993; 239-283-9340; www.westcoastfishingcharters.com

WHATAHAWG CHARTERS 13650 Fiddlesticks Blvd #202-160, Fort Myers 33912; 239-330-2427; <http://whatahawg.com>

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CAPE CORAL BREWING 839 Miramar St, Cape Coral 33904; 239-257-1033; www.capecoralbrewing.com

FORT MYERS BREWING COMPANY 12811 Commerce Lakes Dr, #28 Fort Myers 33913; 239-313-6576; www.facebook.com/fmbrew

MILLENNIAL BREWING 1811 Royal Palm Ave, Fort Myers, FL 33901; 239-271-2255; www.millennialbrewing.com

MOMENTUM BREW HOUSE 9786 Bonita Beach Rd SE #1, Bonita Springs, FL 34135; 239-949-9945; www.momentumbrewhouse.com

OLD SOUL BREWING COMPANY 10970 S Cleveland Ave, Ste 402, Fort Myers 33907; 239-334-4334; oldsoulbrewing.com

PALM CITY BREWING 7887 Drew Cir, Fort Myers, Florida 33967; www.facebook.com/PalmCity-Brewing

POINTE YBEL 16120 San Carlos Blvd, #4, Fort Myers 33908; 239-603-6535; www.pointeybelbrew.com

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DEAN'S DIVE CENTER 16964 Alico Missions Way #203; 239-489-0500; www.deansdivecenter.com/home

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ULTIMATE GETAWAY 18450 San Carlos Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-466-0466; ultimategetaway.net

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ALL ABOUT WATER 24951 Old 41 Rd, Ste 6, Bonita Springs 34135; 239-887-2545; www.allaboutwaterusa.com

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BEACH THEATER 6425 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-765-9000; www.fmbtheater.com

CASTLE GOLF 7400 Gladiolus Dr, Fort Myers 33908; 239-489-1999; www.castle-golf.com

CONGO RIVER GOLF & EXPLORATION 24270 S Tamiami Trl, Bonita Springs 34134; 239-948-9099; www.congoriver.com

ESTERO ISLAND PARASAIL 5550 & 200 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 844-359-7272; www.esteroislandparasail.com

GAMETIME Gulf Coast Town Center, 10037 Gulf Center Dr, Fort Myers, FL 33913; 239-204-5964 www.gametimeplayers.com

GATOR LANES COMPLEX VENUE 7050 Crystal Dr, Fort Myers 33907; 239-939-0048; <http://gatorlanes.com>

GERMAIN ARENA 11000 Everblades Pkwy, Estero 33928; 239-948-7825; www.germainarena.com

HARBORSIDE EVENT CENTER 1375 Monroe St, Fort Myers 33902; 239-321-8110; www.harborsideevents.com

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RACING 10601 Bonita Beach Rd, Bonita Springs 34135; 239-992-2411; www.naplesfortmyersdogs.com

PAINT ESCAPE

808 SE 47th St, Cape Coral 33904; 239-945-2006; paintescapeonline.net

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SEMINOLE CASINO IMMOKALEE

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SHELL FACTORY & NATURE PARK

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33901; 239-321-7488
www.cityftmyers.com

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357-0720; www.golfswfl.com

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33919; 239-489-2264;
www.greaterftmyers.com/
golfview.php

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278-9090; www.hpgcc.com

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Fort Myers 33917; 239-731-4520;
www.heronsglenredist.com

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Bonita Springs 34135; 239-947-
6467; www.huntersridge.net

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www.legendssc.com

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33936; 239-369-8216;
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www.golfdoctorusa.com

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7644; www.miromarlakes.com/
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33936; 239-369-1322;
www.mirrorlakesgolfclub.com

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www.oldcorkscrew.com

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Myers 33912; 239-768-2400; www.
oldehickory.cc

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Myers 33913; 239-985-1707;
www.pelicanpreserve lifestyles.com

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239-947-4600; www.nestgolf.com

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32164; 386-445-0852; http://
thegrandclub.com/pines-course

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Resort Dr, Bonita Springs 34134;
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www.raptorbaygolfclub.com

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33917; 239-240-8125;
www.golfnw.com/course-directory

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11460 Royal Tee Cir, Cape Coral 33991;
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www.royalteegolfclub.com

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Myers, FL 33917; 239-731-0101;
sabalspringsgolf.com

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33967; 239-267-3131;
www.sancarlosgolfclub.com

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www.sanibelislandgolf.com

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433-9790; www.shellpointgolf.com

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Springs 34135; 239-992-5100;
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239-458-0836;
www.adventuresafaris.biz

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Captiva Island 33924; 239-822-3337;
www.captivaadventures.com

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33908; 239-472-8443;
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BILLY'S SEGWAY TOURS 1509 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, FL 33957; 239-472-3620; www.segwaysanibel.com

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CAPTAIN BUBBY'S ISLAND TOURS PO Box 1835 Sanibel FL 33957; 239-245-7383; www.captainbubbys.com

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CAPTAIN JOE'S CHARTERS 4596 Brainerd Bayou Rd, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-8658; www.captjoescharters.com

CAPTAIN JOHN HOUSTON NATIVE GUIDES 'Tween Waters Inn Marina, 15951 Captiva Island 33924; 239-822-3337; www.nativeguidesfishing.com

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COLLEGE OF LIFE FOUNDATION 10600 Chevrolet Way #302, Estero, FL 33928; 239-992-2184; www.collegeoflifefoundation.org

CAPTAIN PAUL HOBBY FISHING CHARTERS 13371 Electron Dr, Fort Myers 33908; 239-850-2088; www.fishinghobby.com

CAPTAIN PAUL'S YACHT CHARTERS 1225 SW 53rd Ter, Cape Coral 33914; 239-540-7623; www.captainpauls.com

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MAGIC WIND ADVENTURE SAILING 2500 Main St, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 800-975-5824; www.sailmagicwind.com

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CALUSA HERITAGE TRAIL Randell Research Center at Pineland, 13810 Waterfront Dr, Pineland 33945; 239-283-2062; www.flmnh.ufl.edu/rcc

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CAPE CORAL HISTORICAL MUSEUM 544 Cultural Park Blvd, Cape Coral 33990; 239-772-7037; www.capecoralhistoricalmuseum.org

CLINIC FOR THE REHABILITATION OF WILDLIFE (CROW) 3883 Sanibel Captiva Rd, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-3644; www.crowclinic.org

IMAGINARIUM SCIENCE CENTER 2000 Cranford Ave, Fort Myers 33916; 239-321-7420; www.i-sci.org

LAKES PARK RAILROAD MUSEUM 7330 Gladiolus Dr, Fort Myers 33908; 239-267-1905; www.facebook.com/RRMSF

MUSEUM OF THE ISLANDS 5728 Sesame Dr, Bokeelia 33922; 239-283-1525; www.museumoftheislands.com

OSTEGO BAY MARINE SCIENCE CENTER 718 Fisherman's Wharf, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-765-8101; www.ostegobay.org

PORT BOCA GRANDE LIGHTHOUSE & MUSEUM 880 Belcher Rd, Boca Grande 33921; 941-964-0060; www.barrierislandparksociety.org

SANIBEL-CAPTIVA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION (SCCF) 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Rd, Sanibel 33957; 239-472-2329; www.sccf.org

SANIBEL HISTORICAL MUSEUM & VILLAGE 950 Dunlop Rd, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-4648; www.sanibelmuseum.org

WILLIAMS ACADEMY BLACK HISTORY MUSEUM 1936 Henderson Ave, Fort Myers 33916; 239-332-8778; http://leecounty-blackhistorysociety.org

PARKS & NATURE

AUDUBON CORKSCREW SWAMP SANCTUARY 375 Sanctuary Rd W, Naples 34120; 239-348-9151; www.corkscrew.audubon.org

BONITA NATURE PLACE 27601 Kent Rd, Bonita Springs 34135; 239-992-2556; cityofbonitasprings.org

BUTTERFLY ESTATES 1815 Fowler St, Fort Myers 33901; 239-690-2359; www.thebutterflyestates.com

CALOOSAHATCHEE CREEKS PRESERVE 17100 McDowell Dr & 10130 Bayshore Rd, North Fort Myers 33917; 239-707-0862; www.leegov.com/conservation2020/preserves

CALOOSAHATCHEE REGIONAL PARK 19130 N River Rd, Alva 33920; 239-694-0398; www.leegov.com/parks/parks

CAYO COSTA STATE PARK Island south of Boca Grande, Boca Grande 33921; 941-964-0375; www.floridastateparks.org/cayocosta

CENTENNIAL PARK 2000 W 1st St, Fort Myers 33901; 239-321-7524; www.cityofmyers.com/Centennial.aspx

CHARLOTTE HARBOR PRESERVE STATE PARK: LITTLE PINE ISLAND 12301 Burnt Store Rd, Pine Island 33955; 941-575-5861; www.floridastateparks.org/charlotteharbor

CHARLOTTE HARBOR PRESERVE STATE PARK: NORTH CAPE FLATS Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park, Cape Coral 33993; 941-575-5861; www.floridastateparks.org/charlotteharbor

CREW LAND AND WATER TRUST 23998 Corkscrew Rd, Many access sites, check website, Estero 33928; 239-657-2253; www.crewtrust.org

ESTERO BAY PRESERVE STATE PARK Broadway West off US 41, Estero 33928; 239-992-0311; www.floridastateparks.org

ESTERO COMMUNITY PARK & RECREATION 9200 Corkscrew Palms Blvd, Estero 33928; 239-498-0415; www.leegov.com/parks/parks

EVERGLADES WONDER GARDENS 27180 Old 41 Rd, Bonita Springs 34135; 239-992-2591; <http://evergladeswondergardens.com>

FOUR MILE COVE ECOLOGICAL PRESERVE East end of SE 23rd Ter, Cape Coral 33990; 239-549-4606; www.capecaparks.com

GREAT CALUSA BLUEWAY Lee County Parks & Recreation, 3410 Palm Beach Blvd, Fort Myers 33916; 239-533-7275; www.calusablueway.com

HICKEY'S CREEK MITIGATION PARK 17980 Palm Beach Blvd, Alva 33920; 239-694-0398; www.leegov.com/parks/parks

IMPERIAL RIVER BOAT RAMP 27551 S Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs, FL 34134; 239-229-2063; www.leegov.com/parks/facility?fid=0085

JN 'DING' DARLING NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE 1 Wildlife Dr, Mile marker 2 on Sanibel-Captiva Rd, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-1100; www.fws.gov/dingdarling

JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK Six Mile Cypress to Crystal Dr, Fort Myers 33912; 239-533-7575; www.leegov.com/parks/parks

JUDD PARK 1297 Parkview Ct, North Fort Myers 33903; 239-229-1627; www.leegov.com/parks/parks

LAKES REGIONAL PARK 7330 Gladiolus Dr, Fort Myers 33908; 239-533-7575; www.leegov.com/parks/parks

LITTLE ESTERO ISLAND CRITICAL WILDLIFE AREA Flamingo St, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-433-5909 www.floridabirdingtrail.com

LOVERS KEY STATE PARK 8700 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-4588; www.floridastateparks.org/loverskey

MANATEE PARK 10901 S.R. 80, Fort Myers 33905; 239-690-5030; www.leegov.com/parks/parks

MATANZAS PASS PRESERVE & HISTORIC COTTAGES 199 Bay Rd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; www.leegov.com/parks/parks

MATLACHA COMMUNITY PARK & BOAT RAMP 4577 Pine Island Rd, Matlacha 33993; 239-283-4110; www.leegov.com/parks/parks

PINE ISLAND FLATWOODS PRESERVE 6351 Stringfellow Rd, St James City 33956; 239-461-7458; www.leegov.com/conservation2020/preserves

POWELL CREEK PRESERVE 15601 Hart Rd, North Fort Myers 33917; 239-707-2206; www.leegov.com/conservation2020/preserves

PRAIRIE PINES PRESERVE 18400 N Tamiami Trl (US 41), North Fort Myers 33903; 239-707-2206; www.leegov.com/conservation2020/preserves

RIVERSIDE PARK 10451 Pennsylvania Ave, Bonita Springs 34135; 239-992-2556; www.cityofbonitasprings.org

ROTARY PARK ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER 5505 Rose Garden Rd, Cape Coral 33914; 239-549-4606; www.capecoral.net

SANIBEL SEASHELL INDUSTRY 905 Fitzhugh St, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-1603; seashells.com

SIX MILE CYPRESS SLOUGH PRESERVE 7751 Penzance Blvd, Fort Myers 33966; 239-533-7556; www.leegov.com/conservation2020/preserves

TELEGRAPH CREEK PRESERVE 16451 N River Rd, Alva 33920; 239-707-2206; www.leegov.com/conservation2020/preserves

TERRY PARK 3410 Palm Beach Blvd, Fort Myers FL 33916; 239-533-7468; www.leeparks.org

THE BOTANICAL GARDENS AT SANIBEL MOORINGS 845 East Gulf Dr, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-4119; www.sanibelmoorings.com

WILD TURKEY STRAND PRESERVE 11901 Rod & Gun Club Rd, Fort Myers 33913; 239-707-3325; www.leegov.com/conservation2020/preserves



SHOPPING

BELL TOWER SHOPS 13499 U.S. 41 S.E., Fort Myers 33907; 239-489-1221; www.thebelltowershops.com

COCONUT POINT MALL 23106 Fashion Dr, Ste 106, Estero 33928; 239-992-9966; www.shopcoconutpoint.com

CORALWOOD SHOPPING CENTER 2301 Del Prado Blvd S, Cape Coral 33990; 239-333-4372; coralwoodcenter.com

EDISON MALL 4125 Cleveland Ave, Ste 1627, Fort Myers 33901; 239-939-5464; www.shopedisonmall.com

GULF COAST TOWN CENTER 9903 Gulf Coast Main St, Fort Myers 33913; 239-267-0783; www.gulfcoasttowncenter.com

MIROMAR OUTLETS 10801 Corkscrew Rd, Estero, FL 33928; 239-948-3766; www.miomaroutlets.com

OLDE SANIBEL SHOPPES 630 Tarpon Bay Rd, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-2783; www.shoponsanibel.com

PERIWINKLE PLACE 2075 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-8557; www.periwinkleplace.com

PROMENADE AT BONITA BAY 26795-26851 South Bay Dr, Bonita Springs 34134; 239-949-1573; www.promenadeshops.com

SANIBEL OUTLETS 20350 Summerlin Rd, exit 131 off I-75, Fort Myers 33908; 239-454-1974; www.sanibeloutlets.com

SUNSET HARVEST CITRUS 14601 Six Mile Cypress Pkwy, Fort Myers 33912; 239-768-2686; www.sunharvestcitrus.com

TAHITIAN GARDENS 1975-2019 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-2783; www.shoponsanibel.com

TIMES SQUARE 1000 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers 33904; 239-765-0202; www.fortmyersbeachfl.gov

SPORTS

ALICO ARENA 10501 FGCU Blvd. S., Fort Myers, FL 33965; 239-590-7145; www.fgcuathletics.com

BOSTON RED SOX SPRING TRAINING JetBlue Park, 11500 Fenway South Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33913; 239-334-4700; www.redsox.com

CAPE CORAL BMX 1410 SW 6th Pl, Cape Coral 33919; 239-458-1943; www.usabmx.com/tracks/1871

CAPE CORAL SPORTS COMPLEX 1410 Sports Blvd Cape Coral, FL 33991; 239-573-3128; www.capecoral.net

CENTURYLINK SPORTS COMPLEX 14100 Six Mile Cypress Pkwy, Fort Myers 33912; 239-533-7696; www.leegov.com/parks/athletics/sports

CITY OF PALMS PARK & MINOR LEAGUE FIVE-PLEX 2201 Edison Ave, Fort Myers 33901; 239-344-5208; www.leegov.com/parks/athletics/sports

FLORIDA EVERBLADES ICE HOCKEY 11000 Everblades Pkwy, Estero 33928; 239-948-7825; www.floridaeverblades.com

FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY (FGCU) ALICO ARENA 10501 FGCU Blvd S, Alico Arena, Fort Myers 33965; 239-590-7145; www.fgcuathletics.com

FLORIDA TARPONS FOOTBALL OF THE UIFL 11000 Everblades Pkwy, Estero, Florida 33928; 239-494-4452; www.floridatarpons.com

FORT MYERS SKATIUM 2250 Broadway, Fort Myers 33901; 239-321-7509; fmskatium.org

MINNESOTA TWINS SPRING TRAINING 14400 Six Mile Cypress Pkwy, Fort Myers 33912; 239-533-7600; www.twinsbaseball.com

MIRACLE BASEBALL CLUB 14400 Six Mile Cypress Pkwy, Fort Myers 33912; 239-768-4210; www.miraclebaseball.com

TERRY PARK BALL FIELD 3410 Palm Beach Blvd, Fort Myers 33916; 239-533-7468; www.leegov.com/parks/athletics/sports

RESTROOMS	SHOWERS	PLAYGROUND	PARKING	FISHING PIER
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BEACHES

BOCA GRANDE BEACH ACCESS

Boca Grande 33921; 941-964-2564; www.leegov.com/parks/beaches

This small island is a great place for sunset-watching and quiet relaxation. It's accessible by boat and car.

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BONITA BEACH PARK

27954 Hickory Blvd, Bonita Springs 34134; 239-949-4615;
www.leegov.com/parks/beaches

A gazebo and a playground make this an excellent beach for families. Great opportunities to see dolphins frolicking along the shoreline. Enjoy a beautiful sunset. Parking fee \$2 per hour.

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BOWDITCH POINT REGIONAL PARK

50 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-707-0584;
www.leegov.com/parks/beaches

Now home to New Day Docks, featuring 10 slips for boats up to 28ft and a paddlecraft launch onto the Great Calusa Blueway paddling trail.

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BOWMAN'S BEACH

1700 Bowman's Beach Rd, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-6397;
www.leegov.com/parks/beaches

Although it's the area's most popular beach, there's still plenty of room to stretch out and discover a private spot for swimming, shelling, windsurfing or sailing. This beach also has picnic areas with barbecue grills, trails, showers, and restrooms. Parking is \$2 per hour.

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BUNCHE BEACH

18201 John Morris Rd, Fort Myers 33908; 239-765-6794;

www.leegov.com/parks/beaches This 715-acre facility is a natural tidal wetland located on San Carlos Bay. The pristine and completely natural area consists of sandy beach, mangrove forest, and salt flat communities, ideal for wildlife viewing.

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CAPTIVA BEACH

14790 Captiva Dr, Captiva Island 33924; 239-765-6794;
www.leegov.com/parks/beaches

Captiva has been called 'one of the most romantic beaches' in Southwest Florida. Quiet beach offering amazing sunset view. Portable restroom facilities.

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CAYO COSTA STATE PARK

Island south of Boca Grande, Boca Grande 33921; 941-964-0375;

www.floridastateparks.org/cayocosta Accessible only by boat and on one of the largest barrier islands in Florida, the park contains unique vegetation on land unspoiled for the past 500 years.

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DOG BEACH PARK

8800 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-949-4615;

www.leegov.com/parks/beaches Beach park created just for canines. Leash-free environment.

Dogs must have current shots and be spayed/neutered. One-quarter mile south of Lovers Key.

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BEACHES *CONTINUED*

FORT MYERS BEACH PUBLIC ACCESS

Various beach accesses, Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach

33931; 239-533-7275; www.fortmyersbeachfl.gov More than 30 beach access points marked with colorful beach access signs offer entry onto developed as well as secluded and pristine stretches of shoreline.

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GULFSIDE CITY PARK

2100 Algiers Lane, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-3700;

www.sanibeltrails.com/gulfside.aspx Public beach offering picnic areas & BBQ grills, plus bike racks, outdoor showers & restrooms.

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LITTLE HICKORY ISLAND BEACH PARK

26082 Hickory Blvd, Bonita Springs 34134; 239-949-4615;

www.leegov.com/parks/beaches A white-sand beach with a feeling of seclusion is the main attraction. Surf fishing is a favorite pastime for visitors. The beach is wide, clean and offers restrooms, picnic tables and showers. Wheelchair accessible and parking is \$2 per hour.

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LOVERS KEY STATE PARK

8700 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-4588;

www.floridastateparks.org/loverskey This park has 2.5 miles of pristine, natural beach. It's fourth in the state of Florida as ranked by the Travel Channel. It has a bait shop, boat ramp and guided tours.

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LYNN HALL MEMORIAL PARK

950 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-765-6794;

www.leeparks.org A beachfront park providing recreational opportunities, including picnic shelters, bathhouse and fishing pier, all in the heart of Fort Myers Beach.

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SANIBEL CAUSEWAY BEACHES

19931 Sanibel Causeway Rd, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-165-6794;

www.sanibel-captiva.org/sanibel-island-beaches

A great place for watching dolphins, swimming, fishing, windsurfing, and picnicking. Park near the water's edge. There is no fee when you park on the water's edge, but there is a \$6 toll to get onto the causeway from Fort Myers.

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SANIBEL LIGHTHOUSE BEACH

East end of Periwinkle Way, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-6397;

<http://sanibeltrails.com/sanibel-lighthouse.aspx> The most frequently photographed site on Sanibel Island. The lighthouse has been a landmark since 1884 when the entire island was a nature preserve. Visit the wheelchair-accessible boardwalk that leads to the lighthouse. Parking is \$2 per hour.

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TARPON BAY BEACH

111 Tarpon Bay Rd, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-6397;

www.mysanibel.com Features high sands, good shelling and new restrooms. It's a great place for swimming or windsurfing. Courtesy beach wheelchairs provided upon 24-hour notice to the City of Sanibel Police Department Dispatch on (239) 472-3111 (based on availability).

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TROPICAL POINT PARK

End of Tropical Point Dr, St James City 33956; 239-283-4110;

www.leegov.com/parks/beaches Small beach, kayak launch, picnic tables, waterfront setting, view of Matlacha Pass Aquatic Preserve, access to the Great Calusa Blueway paddling trail. Limited parking.

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TURNER BEACH

17200 Captiva Dr, Captiva Island 33924; 239-472-6397;

www.leegov.com/parks/beaches

This beautiful beach offers prime shelling and an excellent vantage point for Gulf Coast sunsets. Restaurants are across the street. The beach has foot showers and restrooms. It also has a good place for fishing from the beach. Parking is available for \$2 per hour.

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YACHT CLUB COMMUNITY PARK

5819 Driftwood Pkwy, Cape Coral 33904; 239-574-0806;

www.capeparks.com On the Caloosahatchee River, with pristine beach, picnic shelters, bar-becue grills, playground, restaurant, fishing pier, community pool and public restrooms.

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RV PARKS & CAMPGROUNDS

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SANIBEL & CAPTIVA ISLANDS

PERIWINKLE PARK

1119 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-1433;

www.sanibelcamping.com Welcome to Periwinkle Park, a destination campground on beautiful Sanibel Island, which has a national wildlife refuge, golf courses and 22 miles of bicycle paths.

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FORT MYERS BEACH

FORT MYERS BEACH RV RESORT

16299 San Carlos Blvd, Fort Myers 33908; 239-466-7171;

www.rvonthego.com All 305 sites have full hook-ups (50 amps); amenities include paved roads, picnic tables, concrete patios, clean restrooms, laundry room, cable TV, and heated pool.

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GULF AIR RV RESORT

17279 San Carlos Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-466-8100;

www.rvonthego.com Bring your bicycles and beach gear! Gulf Air RV Resort is located 2 miles from the pier of Fort Myers Beach. There is even a trolley service that stops right in front of our Encore Fort Myers RV resort. Book now to enjoy the perfect beach experience. Rental units/vacation cottages also available!

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GULF WATERS RV RESORT ♦♦♦♦C☎🏠🍷🏠

11201 Summerlin Square Dr, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-437-5888;

www.gulfwatersrv.com Just minutes from Fort Myers Beach and Sanibel with restaurants, a grocery store, pharmacy, trolley service to the beach and shopping all within walking distance.

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INDIAN CREEK RV RESORT *@🏠🍷🏠🍷🏠🍷🏠

17340 San Carlos Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 888-853-6457;

www.4indiancreek.com A 55-plus community with private lakes, planned activities, three pools, spa, fitness center, volleyball, pickleball, tennis, classes, lessons, cards, exercise and more. Pets allowed with breed restriction. Rallies welcome.

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RED COCONUT RV PARK, LLP *@🏠☎🍷🏠🍷🏠🍷🏠

3001 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-7200;

www.redcoconut.com Beachfront camping on the Gulf of Mexico! Our vintage-style park sits on 450ft of beach. Park holds 250 sites with 60 beachside sites. Each side has separate shower houses and laundry areas. Every site has a concrete slab, full hook ups, basic cable, internet service, and a picnic table.

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SAN CARLOS RV PARK & ISLANDS *@🏠☎🍷🏠🍷🏠🍷🏠

18701 San Carlos Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-466-3133;

www.sancarlosrv.com Beautiful waterfront camping and rentals with 78 floating docks, and a heated pool and spa. Walking distance to the beach, restaurants, deep-sea fishing, and shopping.

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FORT MYERS

CALUSA COVE RV & MH RESORT 🍷🏠

19421 Santa Elen Dr, Fort Myers 33908; 239-590-9990;

calusa-cove-rv-park.com Calusa Cove is ideally located to all the area attractions that visitors come to enjoy. Nestled in cozy Estero and adjacent to the Estero Bay State Preserve, Calusa Cove is rich in nature's beauty, yet close to all activities. Come and enjoy!

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CYPRESS WOODS RV RESORT @🏠☎🍷🏠🍷🏠🍷🏠

5551 Luckett Rd, Fort Myers 33905; 239-694-2191;

www.cypresswoodsrv.com Four sites per acre, bordering lakes on a nature preserve. Super-sized sites, 46x90ft with a 31x70ft concrete pad. 10x12ft shed included with site. City water, city sewer, cable TV, wi-fi. Planned activities are available at this friendly, fun-loving resort close to golf and the beaches.

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GROVES RV RESORT *@🏠☎🍷🏠🍷🏠🍷🏠

16175 John Morris Road, Fort Myers 33908; 888-451-6672;

www.grovesrv.com The Groves provides the Florida lifestyle you've always dreamed about. Located between Fort Myers Beach and Sanibel Island, this is an all-age RV resort with a pool, game room, and lots of shade. Big rigs, rallies, and clubs welcome.

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KEY TO RV PARKS & CAMPGROUNDS CATEGORIES

Location: B (beachfront) W (waterfront) R (riverfront)

D (downtown) N (interstate) I (island) S (suburban) M (mainland)

Hook-ups: D (dump station) E (electric hook-ups) S (sewer) W (water)

Facilities: R (restrooms) S (showers) L (laundry)

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MCGREGOR RV & MH PARK @🏠🚰🚰🚰🚰🚰

16650 McGregor Blvd, Ste 103, Fort Myers 33908; 239-466-0170;

www.mcgregorpark.com Spacious RV sites, reasonable rental rates, cable available, close to all beaches, bike paths, public transportation, library, dining, shopping and golf. Great location!

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SHADY ACRES RV PARK *@🏠🚰🚰🚰🚰🚰

19370 S Tamiami Trl, Fort Myers 33908; 239-267-8448;

www.shadyacresfl.com Offering on-site cafe, dinner dances, pool parties, crafts, cards, bingo, line and ballroom dance classes, and movie nights in a secluded, quiet setting.

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SIESTA BAY RV RESORT @🏠🚰🚰🚰🚰

19333 Summerlin Rd, Fort Myers 33908; 888-726-6411;

www.siestabay.com A fully-appointed RV resort offering full hook-ups, concrete pads, two heated pools, recreation center, planned activities, lighted tennis courts, pickleball, shuffleboard, horseshoes, fitness center, bocce ball, volleyball, billiards, and fishing lakes. Minutes from Fort Myers Beach and Sanibel Island.

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TICE MOBILE HOME COURT 🏠🚰🚰🚰🚰🚰

541 New York Dr, Fort Myers 33905; 239-694-3545;

www.ticemobilehomecourt.com We are a quiet, clean 55+ community that you will feel comfortable calling home. Along with our other amenities, we also have laundry facilities and 24 hour on-site manager.

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UPRIVER CAMPGROUND RV RESORT 🏠🚰🚰🚰🚰🚰

17021 Upriver Dr, Fort Myers 33917; 239-543-3330;

www.upriver.com Friendly, active, adult park nestled next to the Caloosahatchee River. Enjoy boating, fishing, walking, cycling, swimming, nine-hole golf course, bingo, cards, crafts, potlucks, and aerobics.

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WOODSMOKE CAMPING RESORT 🏠🚰🚰🚰🚰🚰

19551 US Hwy S Tamiami Trl, Fort Myers 33908; 239-267-3456;

www.woodsmokecampingresort.com Paved, 75ft, pull-through, wooded or sunny RV sites; giant heated pool, planned activities, and large air-conditioned clubhouse and Jacuzzi.

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BONITA SPRINGS**BONITA BEACH TRAILER PARK CO-OP** 🏠🚰🚰

27800 Meadowlark Ln N, Bonita Springs 34134; 239-498-1605

Close to beach and shopping. Clubhouse activities, laundry facilities, shower house, one pet (under 20 lbs.) on leash, full hookup sites with patios, exercise room, pool table, library, shuffleboard, horseshoes, swimming pool, wireless internet.

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RV PARKS & CAMPGROUNDS *CONTINUED***BONITA LAKE RV RESORT** 🏠🚰🚻🚰🚻🏠

26325 Old 41 Rd, Bonita Springs 34135; 239-992-2481;

www.bonitalake.com 176 sites, 6 miles from beautiful gulf beaches, laundry, full hook-ups, community center, showers, free wireless Internet, picnic area and tables, heated pool, fishing lake on premises, planned activities. Pet friendly. An all age resort

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GULF COAST CAMPING RESORT 🏠🚰🚻🚰🚻🏠

24020 Production Cir, Bonita Springs 34135; 239-992-3808;

www.gulfcoastcampingresort.com Located in Bonita Springs six miles from the Gulf, a full-service RV park with on-site activities and near Coconut Point shopping mall.

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NORTH FORT MYERS

LABONTES GARDEN RV PARK 🏠🚰🚻🚰🚻🏠

2830 Garden St, North Fort Myers 33917; 239-995-7417;

A quiet and convenient location makes this an ideal spot for those who prefer smaller RV communities. Full hook-ups, small park, low prices, short driving distance to beaches, shopping and entertainment. Quiet neighborhood. Free wi-fi available. RV/mobile home rentals available.

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PIONEER VILLAGE RV RESORT 🏠🚰🚻🚰🚻🏠7974 Samville Rd, North Fort Myers 33917; 239-543-3303; rvonthego.com

Pioneer Village RV Resort is located in North Fort Myers, just off of Highway 75, approximately 25-minutes from Gulf Beaches. With more than 200 permanent residents and over 500 RV sites, Pioneer Village is a pet-friendly resort with our own dog park and pet stations, so you'll never have to board your lovable pooch when visiting us.

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RAINTREE RV RESORT 🏠🚰🚻🚰🚻🏠

19250 N Tamiami Trl, North Fort Myers 33903; 239-731-1441;

www.raintreerv.com Family-owned and -run since 1984, this is an active adult (55-plus) park. Activities director on-site. Heated pool and spa, shows, dinners, parties, clubs and church services.

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SEMINOLE CAMPGROUND 🏠🚰🚻🚰🚻🏠

8991 Triplett Rd, North Fort Myers 33917; 239-543-2919;

www.seminolecampground.com Offers 129 sites. Convenience store, pool, hot showers, laundry, game room, rec hall with full schedule of seasonal daily activities. Wooded sites, pool and propane. Children-friendly and adults-only sections available.

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KEY TO RV PARKS & CAMPGROUNDS CATEGORIES

Location: B (beachfront) W (waterfront) R (riverfront)

D (downtown) N (interstate) I (island) S (suburban) M (mainland)

Hook-ups: D (dump station) E (electric hook-ups) S (sewer) W (water)

Facilities: R (restrooms) S (showers) L (laundry)

NO OF SITES	TENTERS WELCOME	LOCATION	HOOK-UPS/WASTE	FACILITIES
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SUNSEEKERS RV PARK *

19701 N Tamiami Trl, North Fort Myers 33903; 239-731-1303;

www.sunseekersrvpark.com Senior adult park; owner operated. Planned activities, bocce, heated pool with lift, three laundries. Rentals available. Walk to golf and shops. Bingo, dances, cruises, hippiefest, 'senior prom,' dog park, and wi-fi. Planned activities include bingo, cards, water aerobics, exercise classes, pool parties, and dances.

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SWAN LAKE VILLAGE & RV RESORT

2400 N Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers 33903; 239-995-3397;

www.swanlakevillage.com Family-owned resort has shaded sites, park models, heated pool, billiards, shuffleboard courts, planned activities in season. Allows leashed pets (20lb max).

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TAMIAMI VILLAGE & RV PARK

16555-A N Cleveland Ave, North Fort Myers 33903; 239-997-2697;

www.tamiamicomunity.com A family resort that specializes in our guests having fun. The park's amenities are many. The heated pool, fire pit, shuffleboard, games, cards, bingo, computer lab, wifi and planned activities make the season fly by.

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ST JAMES CITY**FORT MYERS/PINE ISLAND KOA** *

5120 Stringfellow Rd, St James City 33956; 239-283-2415;

koa.com/campgrounds/fort-myers Nestled comfortably between the beautiful waterfront shops and restaurants of Matlacha and the lovely, tropical town of St James City; Fort Myers/Pine Island KOA is the perfect place to camp, RV, or rent your own cabin.

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KEY TO ACCOMMODATIONS CATEGORIES

Accommodations type: R (full-service resort) H (hotel/motel)
 C (cottages/efficiencies) B (bed & breakfast) V (villa/condo/home)
Location: B (beachfront) W (waterfront) M (mainland) R (riverfront)
 D (downtown) N (interstate) I (island) S (suburban)

ACCOMMODATION TYPE

NO. OF UNITS

LOCATION

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ACCOMMODATIONS

One of the first choices visitors need to make is selecting a hotel, motel or resort that fits their needs. On these pages is a comprehensive list of places to stay in the Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel. Booking a room is as simple as finding a suitable location and the right amenities. For more detailed information, including rates, maps and special offers, visit www.fortmyers-sanibel.com. This content is supplied by The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel.

For a key to symbols used in these listings, see p114.

SANIBEL & CAPTIVA ISLANDS

ALL STAR VACATION HOMES – SANIBEL/CAPTIVA ISLAND *

11513 Andy Rosse Ln, Captiva Island 33924; 239-206-2146;

www.allstarvacationhomes.com All Star Vacation Homes brings its passion for high standards and hospitality services to Sanibel and Captiva Islands. All Star implements its unique formula for success to create a vacation-home experience like no other for guests and home owners.

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AMERICAN REALTY OF CAPTIVA *

11526 Andy Rosse Ln, Captiva Island 33924; 1 (800) 547-0127;

www.captiva-island.com Easily search more than 1000 pictures of properties and areas online to find the ideal weekly rentals in a favored location.

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ANCHORINN & COTTAGES **

1245 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-395-9688;

www.sanibelanchorinn.com Located on beautiful Sanibel Island, we offer affordable accommodations in a lush tropical atmosphere. Browse through our units, view our rates and policies, then contact us for availability and bookings!

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BEACH ROAD VILLAS *

764 Beach Rd, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-395-1314;

www.beachroadvillas.com A quiet, secluded hideaway at the lighthouse end of beautiful Sanibel Island. Bicycles, beach access, beach gear, barbecue grill, and boating access to the Gulf of Mexico are just a few of the amenities offered.

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BEACHVIEW COTTAGES *

3325 W Gulf Dr, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-1202;

www.beachviewsanibel.com Nestled in a lush tropical hideaway directly on the beach, just steps from the Gulf of Mexico. One- and two- bedroom palm-shaded cottages and studio apartments offer kitchens, cable TV, and more. Heated pool on-site.

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BLIND PASS CONDOMINIUMS *

5117 Sea Bell Rd, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-6981;

www.blind-pass.com The Blind Pass Condominiums are the perfect choice for anyone seeking

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AAA RATINGS

- ◆ Budget-friendly with basic comforts, cleanliness and hospitality
 - ◆◆ Enhanced physical attributes, design elements and amenities
 - ◆◆◆ Comprehensive amenities, distinguished style, high level of comfort
 - ◆◆◆◆ Upscale, refined and stylish. Extensive amenities and superb hospitality
- *Bookings available through your travel agent

ACCOMMODATION TYPE	NO OF UNITS	LOCATION
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a secluded, peaceful vacation on world-renowned Sanibel Island. Spacious two- and three-bedroom and townhouse vacation rentals nestled within abundant tropical foliage.

BLUE DOLPHIN COTTAGES * @ ㊦ ㊧ ㊨ ㊩ ㊪

4227 W Gulf Dr, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-1600;

www.bluedolphincottages.com This intimate, family-owned motel provides nine units directly on the Gulf, each with a sundeck perfect for sunbathing and relaxing.

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CAPTIVA COTTAGES & BEACH ESTATES, OUR CAPTIVA ㊫ ㊬ ㊭ ㊮ ㊯ ㊰ ㊱ ㊲ ㊳ ㊴ ㊵

17171 Captiva Dr, Captiva Island 33924; 239-395-0852;

www.ourcaptiva.com Our Captiva owns and operates three vacation rental homes on Captiva Island, and two additional properties in Fort Myers. All our properties are lovingly furnished, decorated and maintained, and we are proud to offer outstanding service.

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CAPTIVA HIDE-A-WAY * ㊶ ㊷ ㊸ ㊹ ㊺

11400 Old Lodge Ln, Captiva Island 33924; 239-395-2490;

www.captiva-island.com Weekly vacation rentals, bay front, dock and heated pool. Close to village and beach. Completely renovated inside and out. Dock has fresh water and electricity and fish-cleaning station. Wonderful view of Pine Island Sound.

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CAPTIVA ISLAND INN * ㊻ ㊼ ㊽ ㊾ ㊿

11508 Andy Rosse Ln, Captiva Island 33924; 239-395-0882;

www.captiva-islandinn.com Visit a tropical-island paradise at the historic Captiva Island Inn. This charming inn has been tastefully restored with island flair. Choose between the spacious main inn, which is of five-star quality, and the surrounding quaint cottages.

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CAPTIVA ISLAND VACATION RENTALS * ㊿ ㊽ ㊾ ㊿

11510 Murmond Ln, Captiva Island 33924; 239-590-0707;

www.CaptivaVacation.com Luxury Captiva Island beach vacation houses on Florida's Gulf Coast, available for weekly rentals.

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CARIBE BEACH RESORT ** @ ㊿ ㊽ ㊾ ㊿ ㊽ ㊾ ㊿

2669 W Gulf Dr, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-1166, 800-330-1593;

www.caribebeachresort.com Nestled among a grove of Australian pine trees, Caribe Beach Resort is a Gulf-front resort offering fully-equipped efficiency apartments facing the pool or the grove. All have a deck or balcony, phone, cable TV and fully-equipped kitchen.

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CASA YBEL RESORT * @ ㊿ ㊽ ㊾ ㊿ ㊽ ㊾ ㊿ ㊽ ㊾ ㊿

2255 W Gulf Dr, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-3145;

www.casaybelresort.com Since the 1890s, travelers have journeyed to Casa Ybel Resort – Sanibel Island's only all-suite, all-beachfront resort. Stunning views from every one- and two-bedroom suite. Dine at award-winning Thistle Lodge. Ranked as one of the 'Best Places to Stay in the World' by Conde Nast Traveler.

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CASTAWAYS BEACH & BAY COTTAGES * @ ㊿ ㊽ ㊾ ㊿ ㊽ ㊾ ㊿ ㊽ ㊾ ㊿

6460 Sanibel Captiva Rd, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-1252;

Castaways-Cottages.com Uniquely nestled where Sanibel meets Captiva, with the Gulf of Mexico to the west and Pine Island Sound to the east, choose from newly renovated

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KEY TO ACCOMMODATIONS CATEGORIES

Accommodations type: R (full-service resort) H (hotel/motel)

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beachfront, courtyard or bay one-, two- and three-bedroom cottages, with modern amenities.

COLONY INN ** 🏠 🛏 🚰 🚿 🛎**419 E Gulf Dr, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-5151;**

www.colonyresortsanibel.com The tranquil solitude of Sanibel Island awaits you in your own vacation condominium on the 'quiet side of the island.' Just steps from the water's edge. Stroll along the miles of white-sand beach strewn with the exotic seashells that have made Sanibel famous.

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COTTAGES TO CASTLES OF SANIBEL & CAPTIVA * 🏠 🛏 🚰 🚿 🛎 🚶 🚲 🚰 🚿 🛎**2427 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-6385;**

www.cottages-to-castles.com Unique vacation rentals from 'simple to simply elegant.' Featuring some of the finest one- to eight-bedroom cottages, condos, homes, and estates on Sanibel and Captiva. They have been featured on HGTV's *Dream Vacations*, and in *Martha Stewart Living* magazine.

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GULF BREEZE COTTAGES * 🏠 🛏 🚰 🚿 🛎**1081 Shell Basket Ln, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-1626;**

www.gbreeze.com At the end of a private lane, Gulf Breeze Cottages are fully restored 'Old Florida' Gulf-front cottages and efficiencies. One-, two- and three-bedroom units available. Just steps from your door to the shell-covered beach! Shopping and award-winning dining nearby. Complimentary use of beach equipment.

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HOLIDAY INN SANIBEL ISLAND BEACH RESORT * 🏠 🛏 🚰 🚿 🛎 🚶 🚲 🚰 🚿 🛎**1231 Middle Gulf Dr, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-4123;**

www.sanibelbeachresort.com America's most famous hotelier enjoys the most enviable location on the island! Linger beneath a tropical palm, swim in the Gulf's warm surf, and shell to your heart's content on the private beach.

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HURRICANE HOUSE ** 🏠 🛏 🚰 🚿 🛎 🚶 🚲 🚰 🚿 🛎**2939 W Gulf Dr, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-1696;**

hurricanehouse.hgvc.com The renowned shelling beaches of Sanibel Island are just steps from the newly renovated Hurricane House, providing the ideal setting for an unforgettable vacation on the Gulf shore.

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ISLAND INN ** 🏠 🛏 🚰 🚿 🛎 🚶 🚲 🚰 🚿 🛎**3111 W Gulf Dr, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-1561;**

www.islandinnsanibel.com Voted Best Inn on the Island, every room and cottage overlooks our beautiful 10-acre shaded beachfront yard, just steps from the gentle warm waters of the Gulf. The Inn's award-winning Traditions on the Beach - Restaurant, Bar and Lounge serves breakfast and dinner in one of the islands only Gulf front dining rooms.

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ISLAND VACATIONS OF SANIBEL & CAPTIVA, INC * 🏠 🛏 🚰 🚿 🛎 🚶 🚲 🚰 🚿 🛎**1101 Periwinkle Way, Ste 108, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-7277;**

www.sanibelislandvacations.com Island Vacations' helpful and friendly staff manage an assortment of properties, including fully-equipped condo units, unique homes and quaint cottages - many are located right on the beach.

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AAA RATINGS

- ◆ Budget-friendly with basic comforts, cleanliness and hospitality
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 - ◆◆◆◆ Upscale, refined and stylish. Extensive amenities and superb hospitality.
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JENSEN'S ON THE GULF 🏠🚗🏡🏠

15300 Captiva Dr, Captiva Island 33924; 239-472-4684;

www.gocaptiva.com Captiva Island's only boutique resort directly on the Gulf. Intimate and secluded, this private paradise offers view villas, beach homes and cottages. Enjoy breathtaking sunsets from the island's best location. A short stroll to village shops and restaurants.

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JENSEN'S TWIN PALM RESORT & MARINA 🏠🚗🏡🏠

15107 Captiva Dr, Captiva Island 33924; 239-472-5800;

www.gocaptiva.com Join the Jensen family at their historic location, complete with sightseeing and shelling tours.

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KINGFISHER VACATIONS, INC *🏠🚗🏡🏠

1633 Periwinkle Way, Ste G, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-2100;

www.kingfishervacations.net These Sanibel and Captiva Islands vacation rentals are carefully selected and the finest the islands have to offer. Situated in great locations, they are clean and great value.

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KONA KAI MOTEL & COTTAGES *🏠🚗🏡🏠

1539 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-1001;

www.konakaimotel.com Centrally located property has Sanibel River as its boundary. Beaches, shops, and restaurants are a bicycle ride or walk away. Close to public boat launch.

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LIGHTHOUSE RESORT & CLUB *🏠🚗🏡🏠

210 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-4526;

www.tkenoyer.com/lighthouse.html Why stay in a cramped hotel room when you can relax in a spacious unit? Each unit features a private master suite with king bed, a bedroom with twin beds and den with pull-out couch, two full bathrooms, living room, dining room, and fully equipped kitchen.

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MITCHELL'S SANDCASTLES/FORTY FIFTEEN RESORTS 🏠🚗🏡🏠

3951 W Gulf Dr, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-1282;

www.mitchellssandcastles.com A pet-friendly, newly renovated private cottage resort on the Gulf of Mexico. Beautiful sunsets, balmy breezes and sea shells. Close to bicycle paths and 'Ding' Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

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NANI LI'I CAPTIVA BAYSIDE COTTAGES 🏠🚗🏡🏠

11411 Dickey Ln, Captiva Island 33924; 239-395-2400;

www.captiva-island.com Bayside one- and two-bedroom vacation rentals with dock, and a new heated swimming pool with view of Pine Island Sound. Short walk to the beach.

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OCEAN'S REACH CONDOMINIUMS RESORT *🏠🚗🏡🏠

2230 Camino del Mar, Sanibel FL 33957; 800-336-6722;

www.oceansreach.com Sanibel's favorite vacation condo rental resort, unique for offering ALL BEACHFRONT accommodations. Beautiful 1- and 2-bedroom condos feature fully-appointed kitchens, washer/dryer and private lanai facing the Gulf of Mexico. Heated pool, covered carports, outdoor dining area and complimentary internet.

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KEY TO ACCOMMODATIONS CATEGORIES

Accommodations type: R (full-service resort) H (hotel/motel)

C (cottages/efficiencies) B (bed & breakfast) V (villa/condo/home)

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PALM VIEW INN * @ 📶 🚶 🚗 🏠

706 Donax St, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-1606;

www.palmviewsofsanibel.com Offering fully equipped efficiencies within walking distance of Sanibel's famous shelling beaches and the Gulf of Mexico. Each suite has its own distinct character and special attractions.

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PALMS OF SANIBEL * 🏠 🚶 🚗 🏠

1220 Morningside Pl, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-395-1775;

www.palmssofsanibel.com This recipient of the Superior Small Lodging White Glove Award for 2009 is ideally located in Old Town Sanibel. A quiet, tropical retreat.

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PARROT NEST * 🏠 🏠

1237 Anhinga Ln, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-4212;

www.parrotnest.com Six spacious kitchenette suites tucked into a lush, tropical acre of nature near the Sanibel Lighthouse. Walk to cafe, deli, and gift shops. Excellent shelling, fishing, and swimming beach, just a five-minute stroll down a shady lane. Very private.

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PELICANS ROOST CONDOMINIUMS * @ 📶 🏠 🚶 🚗 🏠

605 Donax St, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-2996;

www.pelicansroost.com Just 50 steps from the beach! Small, quiet condominium complex with only 20 units. Every two-bedroom, two-bathroom condo has unobstructed Gulf views. Heated pool, private tennis courts. Four-night minimum rentals.

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PERIWINKLE COTTAGES OF SANIBEL @ 📶 🚶 🚗 🏠

1431 Jamaica Dr, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-1880;

www.periwinklecottages.com Affordable island charm and relaxing comfort! Located in an exclusive, quiet, nature lover's area, near 'Ding' Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Spectacular private beach, fantastic shelling, bird-watching, and photo ops. Bicycles, grills, beach gear, laundry, wi-fi, and screened porches available.

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PREMIER PROPERTIES OF POINTE SANTO DE SANIBEL * @ 📶 S 🚶 🚗 🏠

2445 W Gulf Dr, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-9100;

www.premiersanibel.com Luxury beachfront condominiums with upscale furnishings and private lanais. Pool, hot tub, tennis, beach volleyball, children's program, free video library, beach chairs, beach toys, umbrellas, wi-fi and exceptional on-site management.

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RE/MAX OF THE ISLANDS ** @ 🏠 🚶 🚗 🏠

2400 Palm Ridge Rd, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-5050;

www.VacationOnSanibel.com Come enjoy Sanibel Island in one of these vacation rental homes or condominiums. Whether you stay for a (minimum) two-night stay, a week, or longer, there are a variety of properties to suit your needs, from affordable private homes to luxury Gulf-front condos.

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RESERVATION CENTRAL * @ 🏠 🚶 🚗 🏠

PO Box 1658, Sanibel Island 33957; 1-800-290-6920, 239-472-1010;

www.rescen.com/sanibelcaptive Only one call is needed to turn vacation dreams into beachside realities; speak to someone who knows the area. Variety of rentals ranging from nightly stays through annual rentals.

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ROYAL SHELL VACATIONS CAPTIVA *◆◆◆

15050 Captiva Dr, Captiva Island 33924; 239-472-9111;

www.royalshell.com With more than 600 properties on Captiva and Sanibel, Royal Shell Vacations places you in the midst of a tropical paradise. Local reservationists will assist you in planning your stay in a picture-postcard setting of sandy beaches and swaying palm trees.

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ROYAL SHELL VACATIONS SANIBEL *◆◆◆@◆◆◆

1547 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-9111;

www.royalshell.com From beach to bay and points in between, enjoy your time away in a Royal Shell property you can call home during your stay. Homes, condos, cottages, beaches, bicycle paths, shopping, abundant nature. Fill your stay with activities or just relax by the pool! Whatever your heart desires.

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SANDALFOOT BEACHFRONT CONDOMINIUM, SANIBEL ISLAND *◆◆◆@◆◆◆◆◆◆

671 E Gulf Dr, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-2275;

www.sandalfootcondo.com Located on the east end of Sanibel, these one- and two-bedroom, two-bathroom beachfront and Gulf-view condominiums are fully and thoughtfully appointed. Nestled on one of the best shelling beaches in the world. Ranked #2 in its category on TripAdvisor. Come see why it's 'So much more than a room with a view!'

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SANDPIPER INN @◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

720 Donax St, Sanibel Island 33957; 1-877-472-1606, 239-472-1606;

www.palmviewsanibel.com A tranquil, small, island inn offering spacious, well-maintained one-bedroom suites with full kitchens. Free use of bicycles and beach umbrellas.

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SANDY BEND BEACHFRONT CONDOMINIUMS *◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

3057 W Gulf Dr, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-1190;

www.sanibelsandybend.com Eight large, beachfront condos with individualized decor – each with two bedrooms, two bathrooms, comfortable living and dining areas, and fully equipped kitchen, with big porch overlooking the white-sand beach and the Gulf of Mexico. There is also a two-story cottage with four bedrooms and three bathrooms.

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SANIBEL ARMS CONDOMINIUM *◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

805 E Gulf Dr, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-2259;

www.sanibelarms.com Fully remodeled one- and two-bedroom beachfront, beachside and dockside accommodations are available. Experience the beautiful views and the friendly, helpful staff, and get the vacation you deserve.

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SANIBEL ARMS WEST CONDO ASSOCIATION **◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

827 E Gulf Dr, Sanibel Island 33957; 1-800-950-1138, 239-472-1138;

www.sanibelarmswest.com Sanibel Arms West offers 103 spacious suites with two bedrooms, two bathrooms, living and dining rooms, full kitchens, and private balconies with screened-in porches. Come enjoy this complete and satisfying Sanibel vacation experience for everyone, from the adventurous family to the romance-bound couple.

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SANIBEL BEACH CLUB *◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

626 Nerita St, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-3382;

www.sanibelbeachclub.com Sanibel Beach Club offers a wonderful blend of sun, surf and

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spectacular accommodations to create an unforgettable vacation. Opportunities to fish, play tennis or just sunbathe on the beautiful beaches await all guests. Come stay and create memories that will last a lifetime!

SANIBEL BEACH CLUB II * @ ☎ 📞 📧 📠 📡 📢 📣 📤 📥 📦 📧 📨 📩 📪 📫 📬 📭 📮 📯 📰 📱 📲 📳 📴 📵 📶 📷 📸 📹 📺 📻 📼 📽 📾 📿 📠 📡 📢 📣 📤 📥 📦 📧 📨 📩 📪 📫 📬 📭 📮 📯 📰 📱 📲 📳 📴 📵 📶 📷 📸 📹 📺 📻 📼 📽 📾 📿 📠 📡 📢 📣 📤 📥 📦 📧 📨 📩 📪 📫 📬 📭 📮 📯 📰 📱 📲 📳 📴 📵 📶 📷 📸 📹 📺 📻 📼 📽 📾 📿

205 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-5772;

www.sanibelbeachclubii.com/welcome SBC II is a Gulf-front resort offering fully equipped two-bedroom, two-bathroom condos facing the pool and the beach. Each features a living room with cable TV, DVD player, separate dining area, eat-in kitchen, and full-sized washer and dryer. Smoking allowed in designated area only.

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SANIBEL COTTAGES * @ ☎ 📞 📧 📠 📡 📢 📣 📤 📥 📦 📧 📨 📩 📪 📫 📬 📭 📮 📯 📰 📱 📲 📳 📴 📵 📶 📷 📸 📹 📺 📻 📼 📽 📾 📿

2341 W Gulf Dr, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-1868;

www.sanibelcottages.hgvc.com Nestled amidst colorful tropical landscaping on the beaches of Sanibel Island, the Sanibel Cottages resort provides a secluded haven of hospitality. Here, Victorian architecture is complimented by dramatic gulf views, a private gazebo and swing, and immediate access to all the treasures of the beach and the pleasures of South Florida.

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SANIBEL HOLIDAY * @ 📞 📧 📠 📡 📢 📣 📤 📥 📦 📧 📨 📩 📪 📫 📬 📭 📮 📯 📰 📱 📲 📳 📴 📵 📶 📷 📸 📹 📺 📻 📼 📽 📾 📿

1648 Periwinkle Way Ste A2, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-6565;

www.sanibelholiday.com Soak up the sun enjoying the island's 22 miles of flat biking and walking trails or just stroll along the beach while the warm Sanibel sand cradles your feet. Enjoy resort-style amenities, with all the comforts of home, in the tropical paradise of Florida's best-kept secret Sanibel Island.

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937 E Gulf Dr, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-3181;

www.theinnsofsanibel.com/sanibelinn Immerse yourself in nature at Sanibel Inn. The inn offers a variety of newly renovated guestrooms, and suites surrounded by beautiful gardens and palms. Visit Sanibel Inn to discover why Sanibel Island was ranked #5 Top US Beach by Trip Advisor.

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SANIBEL MOORINGS CONDOMINIUM RESORT

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845 E Gulf Dr, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-4119;

www.sanibelmoorings.com Home to Sanibel Island's only botanical garden. One-, two- and three-bedroom condo suites at this Gulf-front resort complex are available for rental. Two heated pools including a kiddie pool, six acres of lush tropical courtyards, boat dockage, tennis courts, bicycle rentals, garden tours, and more.

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SANIBEL SIESTA ON THE BEACH * ♦ ♦ ♦ 📞 📧 📠 📡 📢 📣 📤 📥 📦 📧 📨 📩 📪 📫 📬 📭 📮 📯 📰 📱 📲 📳 📴 📵 📶 📷 📸 📹 📺 📻 📼 📽 📾 📿

1246 Fulgur St, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-4117;

www.sanibelsiesta.com Enjoy colorful sunsets, delicious meals, and the slow pace of island life when you reserve a spacious condo at Sanibel Siesta on the Beach. Situated right on the Gulf of Mexico, these condos on Sanibel Island can comfortably sleep up to six guests and will let you make the most of your stay, with their upgraded accommodations and generous amenities.

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AAA RATINGS

- ◆ Budget-friendly with basic comforts, cleanliness and hospitality
 - ◆◆ Enhanced physical attributes, design elements and amenities
 - ◆◆◆ Comprehensive amenities, distinguished style, high level of comfort
 - ◆◆◆◆ Upscale, refined and stylish. Extensive amenities and superb hospitality
- *Bookings available through your travel agent

ACCOMMODATION TYPE	NO OF UNITS	LOCATION
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SEA SHELLS OF SANIBEL *@🏠🏡🏢🏣🏤

2840 W Gulf Dr, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-4634;

www.seashellsofsanibel.com Across from the beach, Seashells of Sanibel offers two-bedroom, two-bathroom completely furnished units with full kitchens. Each unit has central heating and air-conditioning, free wi-fi, color TV with cable, and DVD or VCR. Pool, tennis, barbecue grills, shuffle board, and bicycle rentals on-site.

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SEAHORSE COTTAGES ON SANIBEL *@🏠🏡🏢🏣🏤

1223 Buttonwood Ln, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-4262;

www.seahorsecottages.com Adorable cottages providing adult accommodations at moderate rates, small secluded pool, complimentary bicycles and beach equipment. Located 200ft from the bay and one block from the Gulf, with beach access to both.

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SEASIDE INN *🏠🏡🏢🏣🏤

541 E Gulf Dr, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-1400;

www.theinnsofsanibel.com Seaside Inn offers old-style island charm in a classic Florida escape, just steps from the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico. Seaside Inn offers 32 quaint hotel rooms and cottages, with complimentary continental breakfast, umbrellas, bicycles, and beach chairs.

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SELECT VACATION PROPERTIES *@🏠🏡🏢🏣🏤

The Baileys Center, 2449 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel Island 33957, 239-395-0028;

www.selectvacationproperties.com Locally owned and operated vacation rental company specializing in week or longer stays in one-bed-plus accommodations on Sanibel and Captiva.

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SHALIMAR COTTAGES & MOTEL *◆◆◆@🏠🏡🏢🏣🏤

2823 W Gulf Dr, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-1353;

www.shalimar.com Shalimar is an Old Florida-style resort of 33 units located directly on the Gulf of Mexico. Blending in with the natural beauty of the island, Shalimar offers many features without spoiling the natural atmosphere.

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SHELL ISLAND BEACH CLUB *◆◆◆@🏠🏡🏢🏣🏤

255 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-4497;

www.tkenoyer.com Located on beautiful Sanibel Island near the historic lighthouse and only steps away from the beach.

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SIGNAL INN BEACH & RACQUETBALL *@🏠🏡🏢🏣🏤

1811 Olde Middle Gulf Dr, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-4690;

www.signalinn.com Discover 19 beachfront homes nestled in the wilderness near a rustic boardwalk; amenities include raquetball, pool, meeting facility, as well as high-speed internet. Pet-friendly.

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SONG OF THE SEA *◆◆◆@🏠🏡🏢🏣🏤

863 E Gulf Dr, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-3181;

www.theinnsofsanibel.com/songofthesea Song of the Sea is a romantic beachfront inn located on Sanibel offering personal service with picturesque views of the Gulf. The 30 guestrooms and suites welcome couples with daily continental breakfasts and a bottle of wine upon arrival.

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KEY TO ACCOMMODATIONS CATEGORIES

Accommodations type: R (full-service resort) H (hotel/motel)

C (cottages/efficiencies) B (bed & breakfast) V (villa/condo/home)

Location: B (beachfront) W (waterfront) M (mainland) R (riverfront)
D (downtown) N (interstate) I (island) S (suburban)

ACCOMMODATION TYPE	NO OF UNITS	LOCATION
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SOUTH SEAS ISLAND RESORT **◆◆◆◆CⓂⓃⓄⓅⓆⓇⓈⓉⓀⓁⓍⓎⓏⓐⓑⓔⓕⓇⓉ

5400 Plantation Rd, Captiva Island 33924; 866-565-5089, 239-472-5111;

www.southseas.com Award-winning resort located on 2.5 miles of exclusive white-sand beach at the end of Sanibel & Captiva Island. Enjoy beachfront golf, waterfront dining, on-site spa, tennis, watersports, eco-tours, and more. Offering a wide array of accommodations including hotel rooms, one- to three-bedroom condominiums, and private homes with up to six bedrooms.

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SUNDIAL BEACH RESORT & SPA **◆◆◆◆@ⓂⓃⓄⓅⓆⓇⓈⓉⓀⓁⓍⓎⓏⓐⓑⓔⓕⓇⓉ

1451 Middle Gulf Dr, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-4151;

www.sundialresort.com Voted Best Full Service Resort on Sanibel and Captiva Islands, Sundial Beach Resort & Spa offers fully equipped condominium-style accommodations which exist in concert with the natural beauty surrounding them. The resort features a myriad of amenities and activities including four restaurants, spa, sea school, marketplace, watersports, cabanas, tennis, bicycles, multiple pools and 1 mile of shell strewn beachfront.

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SUNSET BEACH INN @ⓂⓃⓄⓅⓆⓇⓈⓉⓀⓁⓍⓎⓏⓐⓑⓔⓕⓇⓉ

3287 W Gulf Dr, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-1700;

www.theinnsofsanibel.com/sunsetbeach Situated along a luxurious stretch of pristine white beach lined with a stunning array of seashells, Sunset Beach Inn offers a truly incomparable destination. Indulge in a resort experience, with the latest amenities and features, both inside and out.

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SUNSHINE ISLAND INN *@ⓂⓃⓄⓅⓆⓇⓈⓉⓀⓁⓍⓎⓏⓐⓑⓔⓕⓇⓉ

642 E Gulf Dr, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-395-2500;

www.sunshineislandinn.com You'll discover tropical paradise and island charm at the Sunshine Island Inn. Located in Old Town Sanibel, surrounded by lush palms and the natural beauty of the sleepy Sanibel River.

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SURFRIDER BEACH CLUB ⓃⓄⓅⓆⓇⓈⓉⓀⓁⓍⓎⓏⓐⓑⓔⓕⓇⓉ

555 E Gulf Dr, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-481-9580;

www.ralresorts.com Surfrider Beach Club has 31 fully furnished units on the beautiful beaches of Sanibel Island. All units have full-size refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, and microwave. Property has a swimming pool and Jacuzzi, small playground, beach chairs, umbrellas, tennis courts, gas grills, and bicycles.

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TARPON TALE INN *ⓂⓃⓄⓅⓆⓇⓈⓉⓀⓁⓍⓎⓏⓐⓑⓔⓕⓇⓉ

367 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-0939;

www.tarpontale.com Charming island inn hidden among tropical gardens and seashell paths. This historic inn offers suites, each with its own theme and unique decor. In the heart of the Old Town, 150yd from the Gulf of Mexico. Internet lounge.

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TROPICAL WINDS MOTEL & COTTAGES **◆◆◆◆@ⓂⓃⓄⓅⓆⓇⓈⓉⓀⓁⓍⓎⓏⓐⓑⓔⓕⓇⓉ

4819 Tradewinds Dr, Sanibel Island 33957; 239-472-1765;

www.sanibeltrropicalwinds.com Tropical Winds is tucked away in a private setting within a small residential neighborhood. Enjoy our beachfront or near-beach cottages in your own tropical paradise!

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KEY TO ACCOMMODATIONS CATEGORIES

Accommodations type: R (full-service resort) H (hotel/motel)

C (cottages/efficiencies) B (bed & breakfast) V (villa/condo/home)

142 Location: B (beachfront) W (waterfront) M (mainland) R (riverfront)
D (downtown) N (interstate) I (island) S (suburban)

ACCOMMODATION TYPE	NO OF UNITS	LOCATION
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BAHAMA BEACH CLUB * @ ㊦ ㊧ ㊨ ㊩ ㊪ ㊫ ㊬ ㊭ ㊮ ㊯ ㊰ ㊱ ㊲ ㊳ ㊴ ㊵ ㊶ ㊷ ㊸ ㊹ ㊺ ㊻ ㊼ ㊽ ㊾ ㊿

5370 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-3148;

www.bahamabchclub.com A unique 22-unit complex of Key West–style bungalows. Beachfront units are one-bedroom, one-bathroom units. Poolside units are two-bedroom, two-bathroom units with private beach access.

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BAY TO BEACH RESORT * ㊦ ㊧ ㊨ ㊩ ㊪ ㊫ ㊬ ㊭ ㊮ ㊯ ㊰ ㊱ ㊲ ㊳ ㊴ ㊵ ㊶ ㊷ ㊸ ㊹ ㊺ ㊻ ㊼ ㊽ ㊾ ㊿

740 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-5846;

www.baytobeachresort.com Bay to Beach Boutique Resort has spacious one- and two-bedroom condos featuring tile floors, granite or Corian countertops, washers and dryers, flat-screen TVs, fully equipped kitchens, living areas, and the option of having one or two floors. Each suite is uniquely decorated with designer furniture.

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1335 Santos Rd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-765-1998;

www.beachaccommodations.com With friendly local representatives based at the northern end of Fort Myers Beach, this company helps you find the right fit for your stay.

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326 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-2882;

www.beachclubone.us Luxurious condos with private balconies provide spectacular sunset views; the nearby pier is perfect for fishing.

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BEACH SHELL INN * @ ㊦ ㊧ ㊨ ㊩ ㊪ ㊫ ㊬ ㊭ ㊮ ㊯ ㊰ ㊱ ㊲ ㊳ ㊴ ㊵ ㊶ ㊷ ㊸ ㊹ ㊺ ㊻ ㊼ ㊽ ㊾ ㊿

2610 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-9193;

www.beachshellinn.com A quiet, quaint inn with guest rooms, efficiencies, and apartments; 100ft to the beach; 1 mile to Times Square, shops and restaurants.

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BEACH'N PLACE ♦♦♦ @ ㊦ ㊧ ㊨ ㊩ ㊪ ㊫ ㊬ ㊭ ㊮ ㊯ ㊰ ㊱ ㊲ ㊳ ㊴ ㊵ ㊶ ㊷ ㊸ ㊹ ㊺ ㊻ ㊼ ㊽ ㊾ ㊿

200 Palermo Cir, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-691-2939;

www.tislandhideaway.com New Fort Myers Beach property, fully renovated. Suites are professionally decorated in upscale Tuscan style. New kitchens, bathrooms, furnishings, luxury linens, rich paint tones, and tropical gardens. Walk to beach, pier, shopping, and dining. Enjoy beautiful sunsets.

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BEST WESTERN PLUS BEACH RESORT * ♦♦♦ @ ㊦ ㊧ ㊨ ㊩ ㊪ ㊫ ㊬ ㊭ ㊮ ㊯ ㊰ ㊱ ㊲ ㊳ ㊴ ㊵ ㊶ ㊷ ㊸ ㊹ ㊺ ㊻ ㊼ ㊽ ㊾ ㊿

684 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-6000;

www.bwbeachresort.com All rooms are beachfront with private balconies and full kitchens. Spend your days by the pool or on the beach; by night, relax and witness breathtaking sunsets from your private balcony or take a stroll down to Fort Myers Beach Times Square.

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CANE PALM BEACH CONDOMINIUM * @ ㊦ ㊧ ㊨ ㊩ ㊪ ㊫ ㊬ ㊭ ㊮ ㊯ ㊰ ㊱ ㊲ ㊳ ㊴ ㊵ ㊶ ㊷ ㊸ ㊹ ㊺ ㊻ ㊼ ㊽ ㊾ ㊿

600 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-3222;

www.canepalmbeach.com Located on the quiet north end of Fort Myers Beach, Cane Palm Beach Condominium should be a part of your next vacation. Screened patios overlook the Gulf. All units are two-bedroom, two-bathroom, with fully equipped kitchens. Heated pool and a sugar-sand beach.

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AAA RATINGS

- ◆ Budget-friendly with basic comforts, cleanliness and hospitality
 - ◆◆ Enhanced physical attributes, design elements and amenities
 - ◆◆◆ Comprehensive amenities, distinguished style, high level of comfort
 - ◆◆◆◆ Upscale, refined and stylish. Extensive amenities and superb hospitality
- *Bookings available through your travel agent

ACCOMMODATION TYPE	NO OF UNITS	LOCATION
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CAPER BEACH CLUB *@🏠🌴🌊🏡

2810 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-1423;

www.caperbeach.com Enjoy tropical weather in a beautiful vacation rental with the Caper Beach Club in Fort Myers Beach. Condos available at weekly and monthly rates, with each room featuring a view of the Gulf of Mexico.

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CARIBBEAN BEACH CLUB *@🏠🌴🌊🏡

7600 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-6111;

www.caribbeanbeachclub.net Lying between Fort Myers and Naples, Caribbean Beach Club brings the spirit of a tropical island to Florida. Located on Estero Island, the beach across from the lagoon offers a wide variety of water activities.

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CARLOS POINTE VACATION RENTALS @🏠🌴🌊🏡

8350 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 615-456-3907;

Direct beachfront condos on Fort Myers Beach, four-bedroom penthouse, remodeled and updated luxury private vacation rentals.

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CAROUSEL INN ON THE BEACH *◆◆@🏠🌴🌊🏡

6230 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-6131;

www.carouselbeachinn.com The Carousel Inn, with its spacious, white, sandy beach is the perfect place for your fun-filled vacation. Located on the south end of Estero Island, the Carousel offers easy access to the best South Florida has to offer. Close to area attractions.

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CASA PLAYA RESORT *@🏠🌴🌊🏡

510 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-765-0510;

www.casaplayaresort.com This three-star beachfront resort is located on the exclusive north end of Estero Island on Fort Myers Beach. The resort is non-smoking and pet-friendly.

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COLDWELL BANKER RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE RENTAL DIVISION 🏠🌴🌊🏡

7205 Estero Blvd, Ste 27, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-3151;

www.ftmyersbeachvacations.net Attending to individual vacation needs and offering home, condo, cottage, villa or townhouse rentals.

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CORNERSTONE BEACH RESORT **🏠🌴🌊@🏠🌴🌊

5480 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-5778;

cornerstonebeachresortrentals.com Cornerstone Beach Resort is a rare find among today's vacation options. With only 12 vacation rentals on-site you will feel like you have the pool and beach to yourself.

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DIAMONDHEAD BEACH RESORT & SPA *◆◆◆@🏠🌴🌊🏡

2000 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 855-865-7007;

www.sunstream.com/diamondhead A casual beach resort, featuring 1-bedroom suites, on property dining, spa services, guest bicycles, poolside activities, and endless recreation!

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DISTINCTIVE BEACH RENTALS @🏠🌴🌊🏡

2801 Estero Blvd, Unit F, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-2222;

www.distinctivebeachrentals.com Executive vacation homes and condos throughout Fort

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KEY TO ACCOMMODATIONS CATEGORIES

Accommodations type: R (full-service resort) H (hotel/motel)

C (cottages/efficiencies) B (bed & breakfast) V (villa/condo/home)

144 Location: B (beachfront) W (waterfront) M (mainland) R (riverfront)
D (downtown) N (interstate) I (island) S (suburban)

ACCOMMODATION TYPE	NO OF UNITS	LOCATION
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Myers Beach: superior quality properties that are professionally maintained 24/7 and decorated with high-quality furnishings.

EDGEWATER INN * @ 🏠 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷

781 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-0700;

www.edgewaterinnfmb.com Newly remodeled, quiet one- and two-bedroom apartments with cable TV, telephone, wi-fi, heated pool, beach chairs, barbecue, and boat dock. Located at the north end of the island, just 77 steps to the white sandy beach. Easy walk to Times Square.

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EDISON BEACH HOUSE * @ 🏠 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷

830 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-1530;

www.edisonbeachhouse.com Located on the westerly shore of Estero Island (Fort Myers Beach, Sanibel's sister island), the newly constructed non-smoking all-suite Edison Beach House Hotel fronts the magnificent Gulf of Mexico.

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ESTERO ISLAND BEACH CLUB * @ 🏠 🍷 🍷 🍷

1840 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-481-9580;

www.ralresorts.com One-bedroom and efficiency units available. Full kitchens, two pools, Jacuzzi, shuffleboard, playground, sunset views, security, and private parking.

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FLAMINGO INN * @ 🏠 🍷 🍷 🍷

6090 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-9194;

www.je-hotels.com Thirty-seven colorful efficiency rooms and one-bedroom apartments on the beach. Private porches add to the quaint atmosphere.

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GULF MOTEL * 🏠 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷

2700 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-9247;

www.flvacation.com Walk to the beach or lounge in the pool. Outdoor grills and laundry facilities on-site.

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GULFVIEW MANOR RESORT * @ 🏠 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷

6530 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-4446;

www.gulfviewmanor.com On the southern end of Fort Myers Beach, this family-owned-and-operated Gulf-front resort offers magnificent Gulf views and sunsets from one- and two-bedroom apartments.

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GULLWING BEACH RESORT * 🍷 🍷 🍷 @ 🏠 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷

6620 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 855-865-7009;

www.sunstream.com/gullwing Our contemporary beachfront resort features impeccably-equipped 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom suites, breathtaking views of the Gulf, guest bicycles, poolside music, snack bar, and endless recreation!

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HAMPTON INN & SUITES FORT MYERS BEACH * @ 🏠 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷

11281 Summerlin Square Dr, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-437-8888;

www.ftmyersbeachsuites.hamptoninn.com Nearby dining, grocery, pharmacy, and public transportation/trolley one block away. Tropical pool, free wi-fi, and on-the-house hot breakfast. Winner of Trip Advisor 2015 Certificate of Excellence.

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AAA RATINGS

- ◆ Budget-friendly with basic comforts, cleanliness and hospitality
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 - ◆◆◆◆ Upscale, refined and stylish. Extensive amenities and superb hospitality
- *Bookings available through your travel agent

ACCOMMODATION TYPE	NO OF UNITS	LOCATION
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HARBOUR HOUSE AT THE INN *@♠♣♠♣

450 Old San Carlos Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-0700;

www.harbourhouseattheinn.com Brand new, boutique hotel-condominium suites with private balconies, kitchens, business resources, pool/hot tub, community room, and more, in the historic Baywalk district near the beach.

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HIDEAWAY VILLAGE *@♠♣♠♣♠♣

5607 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 877-274-5767;

www.hideawayfmb.com

Small family-owned motel in the quiet part of the island. Certified as a Superior Small Lodging, with the same owners since 1986. Many repeat guests.

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ISLAND HOUSE *@♠♣♠♣♠♣

701 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-9282

Offering a Key West feel near Fort Myers Beach's Times Square. Only steps to the sugar-white sands of its beaches. Fully equipped non-smoking apartments with screened balconies, heated pool, bicycles, beach chairs, and more.

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ISLAND TOWERS RESORT *@♠♣♠♣♠♣

4900 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-5795, 877-481-9580;

islandtowers.net We are located directly on the Gulf of Mexico. Our one-bedroom guest suites of almost 800 square feet, have a large living/dining area, fully equipped kitchens, and a full bath. Each resort unit features a king-sized bed in the bedroom, with additional sleeping space provided by queen and full sized sofa sleepers in the living area.

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KAHLUA BEACH CLUB *@♠♣♠♣♠♣

4950 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-5751;

www.ralresorts.com All units are fully furnished one-bedroom efficiencies that sleep four, and include a kitchenette, dining area, living room with a pull-out sofa, king-size bed in the bedroom area, and private balcony with a spectacular view of the Gulf.

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KATHY NESBIT VACATIONS *@♠♣♠♣♠♣

7205 Estero Blvd, Ste 707, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-4253;

www.knvinc.com More than 40 properties and 200 units stretching from Gulf to bay. Small condos ideal for couples and large family homes.

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LAHAINA INN RESORT *@♠♣♠♣♠♣

5580 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-4414;

www.lahainaresort.com Fashioned after the famous Lahaina on Hawaii's Maui Island, Lahaina Resort offers interval ownership at its finest. The resort is nestled between sun, sand, and surf on 360ft of white, sandy beach.

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LAHAINA ISLAND ACCOMMODATIONS *@♠♣♠♣♠♣

6100 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-314-0444;

www.beachfloridarentals.com When you think of vacationing in Florida, do you dream of a white sandy beach; riding wave-runners; gliding on a parasail; playing golf on world renowned courses; and a spacious vacation home? Lahaina Island Accommodations can

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AAA RATINGS

- ◆ Budget-friendly with basic comforts, cleanliness and hospitality
 - ◆◆ Enhanced physical attributes, design elements and amenities
 - ◆◆◆ Comprehensive amenities, distinguished style, high level of comfort
 - ◆◆◆◆ Upscale, refined and stylish. Extensive amenities and superb hospitality
- *Bookings available through your travel agent

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MARINER'S BOATHOUSE & BEACH RESORT *@🏠🚗🚶🏠

7630 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-8787;

www.marinersboathouserestort.net Units uniquely designed to resemble a first-class yacht. One-bedroom villas (sleep six) are equipped with full kitchen and screened balconies, where guests can enjoy the tranquil sounds of the Gulf and watch an evening sunset.

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MATANZAS INN BAYSIDE RESORT **◆◆◆@🏠🚗🚶🏠🚶🏠

414 Crescent St, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-9258;

www.matanzas.com Locally owned since 1984 and voted "best of the beach" in 2016. Waterfront rooms, studios and cottages that are nicely appointed with updated decor. Two restaurants on site and a short walk to Times square.

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MOONLIGHT PROPERTIES @🚶🏠🚶🏠🚶🏠

2801 Estero Blvd, Ste T, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 877-463-3306;

Affordable, luxury, weekly, monthly, or long-term vacation rental properties located on Fort Myers Beach. Get area information from knowledgeable staff.

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MYERSIDE RESORT 🚶🏠🚶🏠🚶🏠

145 School St., Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931; 239-765-0297;

www.myerside.com Myerside is a 7 unit boutique resort. All suites are 2 bedrooms with full size, eat in kitchens, with all the amenities you will need.

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OUTRIGGER BEACH RESORT **◆◆@🏠🚗🚶🏠🚶🏠

6200 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-3131;

www.outriggerfmb.com Full-service beachfront resort on the southern, quieter end of Fort Myers Beach, offering Adirondack chairs under palm trees in the sand. It is all about location and value. Outrigger Beach Resort has both!

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PALM TERRACE RESORT *@🏠🚗🚶🏠

3333 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 800-320-5783;

www.palm-terrace.com We are an owner-operated, small, quiet complex mid-island, just a few steps from the beach and the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico. We offer gracious accommodations in a relaxed tropical setting of palm trees & tropical flowers.

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PERIWINKLE MOTEL *@🏠🚶🏠🚶🏠

2171 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-3155;

www.flvacation.com Located within easy walking distance of Fort Myers Beach entertainment district, the county pier, park, shops, restaurants, and a block from the beach. Offers affordable, spacious units in a charming atmosphere. Includes outdoor grill, laundry facilities, and more.

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PIERVIEW HOTEL & SUITES *@🏠🚗🚶🏠🚶🏠

1160 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-6158;

www.pierviewhotelfmb.com Heaped with sugar-sand, Fort Myers Beach is a popular destination for visitors eager to engage in watersports such as parasailing and kayaking, take a dolphin tour, or enjoy a well deserved beach break!

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C (cottages/efficiencies) B (bed & breakfast) V (villa/condo/home)

148 Location: B (beachfront) W (waterfront) M (mainland) R (riverfront)
D (downtown) N (interstate) I (island) S (suburban)

ACCOMMODATION TYPE

NO. OF UNITS

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PINK SHELL BEACH RESORT & MARINA **◆◆◆☎✈✈✈✈✈✈✈✈✈✈✈✈✈✈✈✈

275 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-6181, 888-222-7465;

www.pinkshell.com On the picturesque Southwest Florida Gulf Coast, between trendy Naples and the quiet solitude of Sanibel and Captiva Islands, the Pink Shell Beach Resort & Marina sits nestled in a stunning natural environment at the northern tip of Estero Island on Fort Myers Beach.

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POINTE ESTERO BEACH RESORT *◆◆◆@✈✈✈✈✈✈✈✈✈✈

6640 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 855-865-7011;

www.pointeestero.com Enjoy the highest views of Estero Island; featuring fully appointed 1- and 2-bedroom suites, swimming pool, barbecue grills, newly renovated master bathrooms, and more!

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RAL RESORTS @✈✈✈✈✈

17810 San Carlos Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-481-9580;

www.ralresorts.com RAL Resorts is proud to offer several vacation rental properties on the shores of Fort Myers Beach and Sanibel Island. Locally and family-owned management company offering professional property management and real estate services.

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ROYAL BEACH CLUB *@☎✈✈✈✈✈

800 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-9494;

www.royalbeachclub.com Family-friendly resort located on the north end of Estero Island. Within walking distance of town square, fishing pier, shops, restaurants, and water activities. Swim in the Gulf or walk the white, sandy beaches and enjoy the beautiful scenery.

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SANDPIPER GULF RESORT *@✈✈✈✈✈

5550 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-5721;

www.sandpiper Gulfresort.com Sandpiper Gulf Resort is a charming, newly renovated Fort Myers Beach hotel set on 315ft of pure white sand. Just 63 spacious hotel suites, modeled in classic British West Indies style.

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SEASIDE ALL SUITES RESORT ☎@☎☎☎☎☎☎☎☎☎☎

4770 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-4944;

www.seasideresort.us One of the rare two-bedroom condo hotels with rentals for less than one week. All two-bed, two-bathroom suites face the beach and are less than 75ft from the sand.

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SEAWATCH ON THE BEACH RESORT *@☎✈✈✈✈✈✈✈✈✈✈

6550 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-4469;

www.hgvc.com/seawatch This beachfront property includes one-bedroom or two-bedroom, two-bathroom units. All units include a full kitchen (with a washer and dryer), living room, and dining area. Also offers activities for the entire family.

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SHIPWRECK MOTEL *✈✈✈✈☎☎☎

237 Old San Carlos Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-4691;

www.motelfortmyersbeach.com Nestled on the edge of a scenic lagoon with dockage, Shipwreck Motel offers comfortable accommodations with a bit of 'Old Florida' charm. Within steps of dining, shopping, and beach activities.

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AAA RATINGS

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 - ◆◆◆◆ Upscale, refined and stylish. Extensive amenities and superb hospitality
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SILVER SANDS VILLAS *◆◆◆◆@◆◆◆◆◆

1207 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-6554;

www.silversands-villas.com We are a pet-friendly resort on Fort Myers Beach Florida. Twenty-two cottages nestled among tropical palms and native foliage. Only 60 paces from pristine sand and the Gulf of Mexico. Come for a day or longer. We have the perfect setting for a low key vacation in our cool, clean, comfortable villas. Our cottages are located on the Bay Side of the Island with boat docks and easy beach access.

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SMUGGLER'S COVE *◆◆◆◆@◆◆◆◆◆

5100 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-4128,

www.smugglerscovecondo.com Smuggler's Cove is situated in the middle of the island and directly on the beach, giving you a quiet refuge where you can refresh and rejuvenate your senses during your stay.

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SUN DECK RESORT *@◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

1051 Third St, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-1842;

www.sundeckinn.com Fun, colorful interiors and exteriors; walking distance to the public beach, dinner and casino cruise ships, dining and shops. Offering daily and weekly rates, monthly and off-season specials.

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SUN PALACE VACATIONS *@◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

1750 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 855-860-5976;

www.sunpalacevacationhomes.com We offer the finest selection of private homes, cottages and suites on Fort Myers Beach from 1 - 6 bedrooms, most are pet friendly.

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SUNNY BEACH VACATION RENTALS & SALES *◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

1801 Estero Blvd, Ste B, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-218-3520;

www.sunnybeachvacation.com An independent real estate brokerage, committed to providing outstanding service to vacationers, buyers, and sellers. Offers an intimate knowledge of Fort Myers Beach and the lifestyle preferences of visitors.

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SURF & US SOUTHSORE RESORT @◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

3870 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-6882;

www.flvacation.com Surf & Us is located directly on the sandy beaches of the Gulf of Mexico. The spacious, fully equipped accommodations offer plenty of amenities.

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SURFVIEW VILLAS *@◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

5557 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 920-379-9999;

www.surfviewvillas.com Located on beautiful Fort Myers Beach, directly across the street from the Gulf with beach access. Offering one- and two-bedroom fully furnished condo/villas, which are immaculately maintained. Family-friendly with patios, gas grills, and pool on-site.

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THE BAY INN AT LANI KAI *◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

1401 Estero Blvd., Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931; 239-463-3111;

www.LaniKaiIslandResort.com The Bay Inn at the Lani Kai is situated on a quiet bay at Fort Myers Beach. The inn offers guests standard rooms, one bedroom suites and deluxe suites ideal for families and extended-stay guests. As a Bay Inn guest, you enjoy all the resort amenities available at the Lani Kai Island Resort including beach access, heated pool,

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KEY TO ACCOMMODATIONS CATEGORIES

Accommodations type: R (full-service resort) H (hotel/motel)
 C (cottages/efficiencies) B (bed & breakfast) V (villa/condo/home)
Location: B (beachfront) W (waterfront) M (mainland) R (riverfront)
 D (downtown) N (interstate) I (island) S (suburban)

ACCOMMODATION TYPE	NO OF UNITS	LOCATION
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water sports, bars, restaurants and live entertainment with no additional resort fee and located just across the street. The Bay Inn offers a quieter location for guests who want to be near the fun-in-the-sun action, but need an oasis of their own.

THE HOLIDAY COURT BAYFRONT VILLAS & SUITES * @ ㉟ ㉟ ㉟ ㉟ ㉟

925 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-2830;

www.holiday-court.com The property's main building houses eight one-bedroom suites. Each has a full kitchen with refrigerator, stove, microwave, coffee maker, dishes, silverware, etc. Surrounding the main building are one- or two-bedroom villas and efficiencies.

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THE NEPTUNE @ ㉟ ㉟ ㉟ ㉟ ㉟

2310 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-6141;

www.theneptuneresort.com Steps away from the historic Fort Myers Beach pier, these pool-side and Gulf-side suites have drawn visitors for more than 40 years. Come to the newly remodeled Neptune Inn and see why generations of families have been choosing it as their vacation destination, year after year.

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THE SEA GYPSY INN * ㉟ ㉟ ㉟ ㉟ ㉟

1698 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach; 239-765-0707;

www.theseagypsyinn.com Boutique Hotel and Gift Shop.

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TIKI ON THE BEACH * ㉟ ㉟ ㉟

4360 Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach, FL. 33931; 239-463-9547;

www.tikionthebeach.com Tiki On The Beach is situated right on famous Fort Myers Beach, with seven miles of sandy white beach. We are ideally located away from the downtown area which means a peaceful, relaxed atmosphere and quiet sunsets. The island also offers diverse activities like fishing, shelling, sailing and other water sports. You may also bring your golf clubs and your tennis racquet. Restaurants and shops are nearby.

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TIP TOP ISLES WATERFRONT RESORT & MARINA @ ㉟ ㉟ ㉟ ㉟ ㉟ ㉟ ㉟ ㉟ ㉟

17863 San Carlos Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-466-3393;

www.tiptopisles.com Tip Top Isles Waterfront Resort & Marina is the newest resort and marina in Fort Myers Beach. All rooms are equipped with flat-screen TVs, refrigerators, microwaves, ductless air-conditioning units, and in-room wi-fi.

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TRIPPOWER VACATION RENTALS @ ㉟ ㉟ ㉟ ㉟ ㉟ ㉟

2001 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-5887;

www.trippowervacationrentals.com Home of warm Gulf waters, white sandy beaches and TriPower Vacation Rentals. Come get away from it all and escape to our sub-tropical climate and relaxing atmosphere. Indulge in our rich history and culture, enjoy our local attractions and experience our natural treasures.

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TROPICAL SANDS RESORT * @ ㉟ ㉟ ㉟ ㉟ ㉟ ㉟ ㉟

7785 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-481-9580;

www.ralresorts.com Two-bedroom, two-bathroom condominiums with radio/CD player, three TVs, and washer/dryer. Heated outdoor pool, Jacuzzi, and complimentary bicycles.

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AAA RATINGS

- ◆ Budget-friendly with basic comforts, cleanliness and hospitality
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UNIVERSAL VACATIONS FT MYERS BEACH *◆◆◆◆@☑️🏠🏡🏠

2670 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-765-5959;

<http://univacus.com> Universal Vacations is the market leader when it comes to Fort Myers vacations homes and beach condo rentals, with over 25 years of experience in vacation rentals along Florida's Gulf Coast.

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WILD WAVE RESORT *@☑️🏠🏡🏠

3650 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-8900;

www.flvacation.com The Wild Wave Resort is a beautiful seaside treasure designed in the 'Old Florida' tropical tradition. Its palm-tree-studded white-sand beach provides a magnificent view of those gorgeous Gulf of Mexico sunsets!

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WINDWARD PASSAGE RESORT *@☑️🏠🏡🏠

418 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 866-469-8222;

www.windwardpassage.us Enjoy beautiful sandy beaches and tranquil mangrove-lined canals in the heart of Fort Myers Beach. Sunbathe at the beach or by the outdoor pool. Volleyball, tennis, bicycling or shuffleboard. Shopping districts and golf courses nearby.

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WYNDHAM GARDEN FORT MYERS BEACH *@☑️🏠🏡🏠X🏠C🏠🏠🏠

6890 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach 33931; 239-463-5711;

www.beachfrontwyndham.com This beachfront hotel offers the comforts of a large resort with boutique-like ambience. Sip a delicious cocktail poolside or stroll along the beach while gentle tides kiss your toes. Perfect for couples, families, wedding parties, and small group getaways, the Wyndham Garden Fort Myers Beach Hotel is the place to make happy vacation memories that will last a lifetime.

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FORT MYERS**ACCORD REAL ESTATE – VACATION RENTALS** @☑️🏠🏡🏠🏠🏠

8695 College Parkway Ste 2029, Fort Myers 33919; 239-243-0737;

www.accord-realestate.com Accord Real Estate Group is a vacation rental management company specializing in properties located in Southwest Florida.

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AMERICA'S BEST VALUE INN @☑️🏠🏡🏠🏠

11501 S Cleveland Ave, Fort Myers 33907; 239-936-3993;

www.abvfortmyers.com Discover a home away from home in this comfortable hotel located near all of downtown's attractions.

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BAYMONT INN & SUITES AIRPORT **◆◆@☑️🏠🏡🏠🏠🏠

9401 Marketplace Rd, Fort Myers 33912; 239-454-0040;

www.wyndhamhotels.com Located within close proximity to the airport, provide scheduled shuttle, all rooms have microwave and refrigerators, complimentary breakfast daily.

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ACCOMMODATION TYPE

NO. OF UNITS

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BEST WESTERN – FORT MYERS AIRPORT INN *◆◆◆@☎ ☎☎☎☎☎☎☎☎☎☎

8955 Daniels Pkwy, Fort Myers 33912; 239-561-7000;

<http://book.bestwestern.com> A convenient airport shuttle and hot breakfast buffet make for a low-stress visit. Minutes to Gulf beaches and shopping. Free shuttle to local shopping including Gulf Coast Town Center mall, Bell Tower Shops, and other local attractions.

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BEST WESTERN PLUS FORT MYERS INN & SUITES *◆◆@☎ ☎☎☎☎☎☎☎☎☎☎

4400 Ford St Ext, Fort Myers 33916; 239-278-3949;

www.bwfortmyers.com Centrally located hotel with 104 rooms, near historical Fort Myers and its beaches, plus all sporting venues.

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CANDLEWOOD SUITES *☎☎☎☎☎☎☎☎☎☎

3626 Colonial Ct, Fort Myers 33913; 239-344-4400;

www.candlewoodsuites.com/ftmyers-175 Spacious suites minutes from Southwest Florida International Airport. Full kitchens with microwave ovens, oversized desks, Candlewood Cupboard convenience store.

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CANDLEWOOD SUITES – FORT MYERS SANIBEL GATEWAY

**@☎ ☎☎☎☎☎☎☎☎☎☎

9740 Commerce Center Ct, Fort Myers 33908; (239) 210-7777, (877) 834-3613;

www.ftmyerscandlewood.com Stay minutes away from beautiful beaches, nightlife, spring training and eco-friendly attractions. Enjoy suites with fully equipped kitchens, free guest laundry, free DVD movie lending and Priority Club Points and Rewards.

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COLDWELL BANKER RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE *☎☎☎☎☎☎☎☎☎☎

7950 Dani Dr, Ste 125, Fort Myers 33966; 239-275-5500;

www.swfloridavacations.com Local agents look forward to providing you with select condominiums and private homes for short-term rentals.

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COMFORT INN *@☎☎☎☎☎☎☎☎☎☎

4171 Boatways Rd, Fort Myers 33905; 239-694-9200;

www.choicehotels.com In the middle of everything – close to Manatee Park, Caloosahatchee River, 2 miles to downtown Fort Myers. Kayak rentals nearby.

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COMFORT INN & SUITES AIRPORT *◆◆◆@☎ ☎☎☎☎☎☎☎☎☎☎

10081 Intercom Dr, Fort Myers 33913; 239-939-5002;

www.comfortinn.com/hotel-fort_myers-florida-FL795 Minutes from the airport and close to shopping. Free continental breakfast, full business center, and indoor heated pool with spa. A Florida Green Lodge designated property.

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COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT *@☎☎☎☎☎☎☎☎☎☎

4455 Metro Pkwy, Fort Myers 33916; 239-275-8600; www.ftmyerscourtyard.com

Easy access to Gulf beaches, Sanibel Island, paddling trails, and downtown attractions. Free high-speed wi-fi, heated outdoor pool, and fitness center.

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COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT @ I-75 & GULF COAST TOWN CENTER

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Gulf Coast Town Center, 10050 Gulf Center Dr, Fort Myers 33913; 239-332-4747;

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www.fortmyers-sanibel.com

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www.marriott.com/rswap Located within walking distance of over 80 upscale shops, more than 30 dining options, and lots of entertainment venues. The hotel is 3 miles to Southwest Florida International Airport and provides complimentary airport transportation. Complimentary wi-fi in rooms.

CRESTWOOD SUITES ◆◆◆@☑️📶📶📶📶📶📶

7071 Lakeridge Ct, Fort Myers 33907; 239-415-8440;

www.crestwoodsuites.com Spacious apartment-sized suites with kitchens, high speed wi-fi, coffee makers, irons, and pet-friendly options. On-site laundry and in-room free cable as well.

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CROWNE PLAZA FORT MYERS *◆◆◆@☑️📶📶📶📶📶📶📶📶📶

13051 Bell Tower Dr, Fort Myers 33907; 239-482-2900;

www.ihg.com/crowneplaza Crowne Plaza is a full-service hotel sure to exceed all of your needs in the Fort Myers area. Relax at the tropical garden pool and enjoy club-level rooms. Take advantage of the prime location within Bell Tower Shops, a short 8 miles from Southwest Florida International Airport, and enjoy the in-house restaurant – Shoeless Joe's Cafe.

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DAYS INN – FT MYERS *@☑️📶📶📶📶📶📶📶

18051 S Tamiami Trl, Fort Myers 33908; 239-267-7900;

www.daysinn.com Full-service hotel located in South Fort Myers. All 49 rooms recently remodeled and offer high-speed wi-fi. Poolside tiki bar, two mineral springs pools, and gardens. Award-winning housekeeping.

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DAYS INN – FORT MYERS SOUTH/AIRPORT *📶📶@☑️

11435 S Cleveland Ave, Fort Myers 33907; 239-936-1311;

www.daysinn.com All rooms are newly renovated and offer complimentary wireless Internet access. Affordable and accommodating, with free continental breakfast and 118 rooms; located near golf and tennis facilities

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DAYS INN & SUITES – FORT MYERS *◆◆◆📶📶📶📶📶📶@☑️

10150 Daniels Pkwy, Fort Myers 33913; 239-791-5000;

www.daysinn.com Modest lodging with free continental breakfast & Wi-Fi, plus an outdoor pool & meeting space.

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FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES FORT MYERS **◆◆◆@☑️📶📶📶📶📶📶📶

7090 Cypress Ter, Fort Myers 33907; 239-437-4500;

www.marriott.com/rswfi Smoke-free environment. Located alongside and across from numerous restaurants and shops, including TJ Maxx, Costco, Barnes and Noble, World Market, Target, Total Wine and More, Crispers, Longhorn Steakhouse, and Macaroni Grill.

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FLORIDA VACATION AUCTION ACCOMMODATION OFFERS 📶📶📶📶📶

PO Box 61919, Fort Myers 33906; 239-333-4444;

www.floridavacationauction.com With a choice of hotels, resorts, B&B inns, and vacation homes, registered bidders can bid on two nights or more starting at 80% off retail price. Don't want to bid on an auction? No problem. You can book your stay through the advertisers' 'buy direct' offers, directly on their websites, with no registration required.

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KEY TO ACCOMMODATIONS CATEGORIES

Accommodations type: R (full-service resort) H (hotel/motel)

C (cottages/efficiencies) B (bed & breakfast) V (villa/condo/home)

154 Location: B (beachfront) W (waterfront) M (mainland) R (riverfront)
D (downtown) N (interstate) I (island) S (suburban)

ACCOMMODATION TYPE	NO. OF UNITS	LOCATION
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FORT MYERS SHORES MOTEL *@@☑️🚗🏠

13814 Palm Beach Blvd, Fort Myers 33905; 239-694-4046

This Swiss-American-owned-and-operated motel is close to major shopping and dining areas; English, German, and French spoken.

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FOUNTAIN COTTAGES INN @☑️🚗🏠

14621 McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers 33908; 239-481-0429;

www.fountaincottagesinn.com Rooms, suites, and studios are available at this small, inviting motel complex; several bungalows are around the pool area; most units have a kitchen. Two major shopping malls are a few miles away, and the motel is 5 miles from Fort Myers Beach and Sanibel.

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FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON FORT MYERS AIRPORT *X☑️🚗🏠🚗🏠🚗🏠🚗🏠

13600 Treeline Ave S, Fort Myers 33913; 239-322-1399;

www.fourpointsfortmyersairport.com One of the newest hotels in the area, just two miles to the airport and near the spring training fields. Closest hotel to the new Jet Blue Park. The new on-site restaurant and bar now serves breakfast, lunch and dinner.

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HAMPTON INN & SUITES FORT MYERS – COLONIAL BLVD *♦♦♦☑️🚗🏠🚗🏠

4350 Executive Cir, Fort Myers 33916; 239-931-5300;

www.fortmyerscolonialsuites.hamptoninn.com Welcome to Hampton Inn & Suites in Fort Myers – Colonial Blvd. Start your day right with Hampton's hot breakfast, offering a variety of delicious, hot and cold buffet items. Catch up with work in the free business center or have business meetings in the Executive Meeting Space.

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HAMPTON INN FORT MYERS AIRPORT *@☑️🚗🏠🚗🏠

9241 Marketplace Rd, Fort Myers 33912; 239-768-2525;

www.hamptoninnfortmyers.com Seven miles from the airport and 10 miles from beaches, offering convenience for business and recreational travelers alike. Close to Florida Gulf Coast University and Germain Arena, as well as Miromar Outlets. Easy access via I-75 to Gulf Coast Town Center, downtown, and Naples.

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HIBISCUS HOUSE **X🚗🏠

2135 McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers 33901; 239-332-2651;

www.thehibiscushousebnb.com The only B&B in Fort Myers was built in 1912 and has been lovingly restored to its original elegance and tropical flair. Located in the historic district and very close to Edison & Ford Winter Estates.

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HILTON GARDEN INN – AIRPORT/FGCU *X☑️🚗🏠🚗🏠🚗🏠

16410 Corporate Commerce Way, Fort Myers 33913; 239-210-7200;

www.fortmyersairportfgcu.hgi.com Located one block east of I-75 at exit 128, 1 mile south of Southwest Florida International Airport, 2 miles north of Florida Gulf Coast University, adjacent to the Gulf Coast Town Center Mall, and 3 miles south of Germain Arena and Miromar Outlets (a luxurious outdoor shopping experience).

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HILTON GARDEN INN – FORT MYERS **♦♦@☑️🚗🏠🚗🏠🚗🏠

12600 University Dr, Fort Myers 33907; 239-790-3500;

www.fortmyers.stayhgi.com Enjoy easy access to a variety of popular dining and shopping at-

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KEY TO ACCOMMODATIONS CATEGORIES

Accommodations type: R (full-service resort) H (hotel/motel)

C (cottages/efficiencies) B (bed & breakfast) V (villa/condo/home)

156 Location: B (beachfront) W (waterfront) M (mainland) R (riverfront)
D (downtown) N (interstate) I (island) S (suburban)

ACCOMMODATION TYPE	NO OF UNITS	LOCATION
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fast buffet, 24-hour cafe with made-to-order meals, Starbucks coffee and beverage bar, 42in flat-screen HDTV in all rooms. Minutes from airport, beaches, and shopping.

KENOYER VACATION RENTALS **@☎📞📧📱📺📷📹📽📺📷📹📽📺

16681 McGregor Blvd, Ste 207, Fort Myers 33908; 239-437-3561;

www.tkenoyer.com Diversified company specializing in professional management and affordable vacation rentals and sales on Sanibel Island as well as Fort Myers Beach. All the resorts we service have fully equipped units and free amenities-pool, heated spa, tennis, golf, biking and more-varying by the resort.

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LA QUINTA INN & SUITES FORT MYERS AIRPORT

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9521 Market Place Rd, Fort Myers 33912; 239-466-0012;

www.laquinatortmyersairport.com This hotel is located six miles from the airport and offers high-speed internet, breakfast and a heated indoor pool. Located within minutes of the Southwest Florida International Airport, and offers a free 24-hour shuttle service.

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LA QUINTA INN & SUITES FT MYERS – SANIBEL GATEWAY **📞📧📱📺📷📹📽📺📷📹📽📺

20091 Summerlin Rd, Fort Myers 33908; 239-466-1200;

www.laquinatortmyersbeachsanibel.com This hotel is one of the closest off-island hotels to Sanibel and Fort Myers Beaches. Nestled between the renowned shelling beaches of Sanibel and Captiva Islands, and near the upbeat area of Fort Myers Beach.

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LA QUINTA INN FORT MYERS CENTRAL *@☎📞📧📱📺📷📹📽📺📷📹📽📺4850 S Cleveland Ave, Fort Myers 33907; 239-275-3300; www.lq.com

Tropical palms border this inn, just east of the Caloosahatchee River and minutes from Southwest Florida International Airport.

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LANDINGS REALTY ✕C☎

13141 McGregor Blvd, Ste 5, Fort Myers 33919; 239-481-2500;

www.landingsrealtyinc.com Nestled throughout our luscious grounds on 250 acres, are golf greens, pools, tennis courts, marina, lakes and river frontage. Stay at one of our 14 unique villages. Dine at our private clubhouse or at our sports bar. Convenient to local beaches.

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LEGACY HARBOUR HOTEL & SUITES *@☎✕📞📧📱📺📷📹📽📺📷📹📽📺

2038 W 1st St, Fort Myers 33901; 239-332-2048;

www.legacyharbourhotel.com Standard rooms and waterfront-view suites overlooking the Legacy Harbour Marina, with shopping and restaurants nearby. Close to Edison & Ford Winter Estates, Centennial Park, Harborside Event Center, and historic downtown Fort Myers. Free wi-fi, free parking, and continental breakfast.

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QUALITY SUITES AIRPORT *@☎📞📧📱📺📷📹📽📺📷📹📽📺

13651 Indian Paint Ln, Fort Myers 33912; 239-768-0005;

www.qualitysuits.com At Quality hotels, you get real value for your hard-earned money. You can depend on us for affordable hotels, with all of the amenities you expect, and genuine service from people who are professional, responsive and friendly.

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C (cottages/efficiencies) B (bed & breakfast) V (villa/condo/home)

158 Location: B (beachfront) W (waterfront) M (mainland) R (riverfront)
D (downtown) N (interstate) I (island) S (suburban)

ACCOMMODATION TYPE	NO OF UNITS	LOCATION
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ment community only 2 miles from Sanibel Island; tennis, dining, a golf club, and church located on-site.

SPRINGHILL SUITES BY MARRIOTT *@*XZP#C#B#M#R#V#W#

9501 Market Place Rd, Fort Myers 33912; 239-561-1803;

www.marriott.com/rswsh For four years in a row, Marriott has ranked this hotel among the top in the country for guest service. Minutes from the airport and upscale shopping.

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SUBURBAN EXTENDED STAY HOTEL *◆◆@*WZP#C#B#M#R#V#W#

10150 Metro Pkwy, Fort Myers 33966; 239-938-0100;

www.suburbanhotels.com Offering great value - every day. When you stay at a Suburban Extended Stay Hotel, rest assured you're getting a good deal. With in-room kitchen, on-site laundry, free cable TV, and Internet/data connections, you won't miss the comforts of home.

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SUNNY FORT MYERS RENTALS @*WZP#C#B#M#R#V#W#

9400 Gladiolus Dr, Ste 290, Fort Myers 33908; 239-433-1100;

www.sunnyfortmyersrentals.com Sunny Fort Myers Rentals for Fort Myers, is one of Southwest Florida's leading independent rental companies. Our vacation rental staff is composed of trained professionals with extensive experience in vacation and annual rentals.

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SUPER 8 FORT MYERS *@*ZP#C#B#M#R#V#W#

2717 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers 33907; 239-275-3500;

www.super8.com Two blocks to Edison Mall. Free 'Super Start' breakfast, wi-fi, micro-fridges, in-room coffee maker, and business center.

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TOP FLORIDA VACATION RENTAL *@*WZP#C#B#M#R#V#W#

2270 E 1st St, Fort Myers 33901; 239-690-2030;

www.topfla.com Come, discover the magic of the Top Florida Companies: Enchanted Vacation Villas, Vacation Home Management, professional, dedicated and experienced real estate consultants, boat rentals, VIP and golf packages and so much more.

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TRAVELODGE AIRPORT FORT MYERS *@*WZP#C#B#M#R#V#W#

13661 Indian Paint Ln, Fort Myers 33912; 239-561-1117;

www.travelodgefortmyers.com Conveniently located two miles from SW Florida International Airport and right off of I-75 at exit 131. The Travelodge Airport is the affordable choice that's in easy reach of Fort Myers and all of SW Florida's attractions and businesses

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TRAVELODGE FORT MYERS *@*WZP#C#B#M#R#V#W#

4760 S Cleveland Ave, Fort Myers 33907; 239-275-1111;

www.wyndhamhotels.com Two-story hotel with rooms overlooking the tropical pool. Each room is appointed with microwave, refrigerator, coffee maker, 27in satellite-cable television, iron, and ironing board. Complimentary continental breakfast. Free high-speed wi-fi.

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UNIVERSAL VACATIONS FORT MYERS, INC **ZP#C#B#M#R#V#W#

9720 Commerce Center Ct, Fort Myers 33908; 239-466-9914;

http://univacus.com Luxury single family homes with private swimming pools.

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AAA RATINGS

- ◆ Budget-friendly with basic comforts, cleanliness and hospitality
 - ◆◆ Enhanced physical attributes, design elements and amenities
 - ◆◆◆ Comprehensive amenities, distinguished style, high level of comfort
 - ◆◆◆◆ Upscale, refined and stylish. Extensive amenities and superb hospitality
- *Bookings available through your travel agent

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VALUE PLACE EAST FORT MYERS *◆◆◆@☐☐☐☐

9701 Orange River Blvd, Fort Myers 33905; 239-690-5026;

www.valueplace.com An extended-stay hotel offering affordable, clean, and secure temporary lodging with remarkably low weekly rates. Easy access to I-75, downtown, and spring training. Laundry room access as well as two-burner stove and full-size refrigerator.

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VALUE PLACE FORT MYERS ◆◆◆@☐☐☐☐

4395 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers 33966; 239-274-0610;

www.valueplace.com Affordable hotel with a full kitchen and free cable; easily accessible from the I-75.

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BONITA SPRINGS**BEST WESTERN BONITA SPRINGS** *◆◆◆@☐☐☐☐◆◆◆◆

27991 Oakland Dr, Bonita Springs 34135; 239-949-9400;

www.bestwestern.com Newly remodeled. Five miles from beaches, and near the historic district. Offers a great combination of amenities, price, and consistency for all travelers, with friendly, first-rate staff ready 24 hours a day to meet all your expectations.

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BONITA BEACH RESORT MOTEL *@☐☐◆◆◆

26395 Hickory Blvd, Ste 2, Bonita Springs 34134; 239-495-0210;

<http://bonitabeachresort.com> Bonita Beach Resort Motel has a quite, relaxing atmosphere with a super friendly and helpful staff. Fully-equipped kitchens, sundecks, and on-site laundry. Fishing rods, tackle and charcoal grills are also available on site.

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BONITA RESORT & CLUB @☐☐◆◆◆◆◆◆

26101 Hickory Blvd, Bonita Springs 34134; 239-992-5198;

www.bonitaresort.us Sunshine, balmy breezes, golden sunsets on the Gulf: you will love Bonita Resort & Club, where you can enjoy swimming, fishing, shelling, or just relaxing. For a historical adventure, the homes of Thomas Edison and Henry Ford are just 20 minutes away.

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COMFORT INN BONITA SPRINGS *@☐☐◆◆◆◆◆◆

9800 Bonita Beach Rd, Bonita Springs 34135; 239-992-5001;

www.choicehotels.com Go out for beaches, shopping, and dining, or relax on-site with a free continental breakfast and a heated pool. Free wi-fi in rooms and a computer/printer in the lobby. Located near Naples and Fort Myers.

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FLAMINGO MOTEL *◆◆◆@☐☐◆◆◆

4330 Bonita Beach Rd, Bonita Springs 34134; 239-992-7566;

www.flamingobonita.com Sixteen motel rooms and villas arrayed on lush grounds, 1 mile from Bonita Beach; walk to shops, dining, and picnic areas.

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HAMPTON INN – BONITA SPRINGS *◆◆◆@☐☐◆◆◆◆◆◆

27900 Crown Lake Blvd, Bonita Springs 34135; 239-947-9393;

www.bonitasprings.hamptoninn.com Beautiful outdoor heated pool, updated exercise room, business center, and complimentary-use games, puzzles and cards for guests. Famous hot breakfast. Close to beautiful beaches.

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C (cottages/efficiencies) B (bed & breakfast) V (villa/condo/home)

160 Location: B (beachfront) W (waterfront) M (mainland) R (riverfront)
D (downtown) N (interstate) I (island) S (suburban)

ACCOMMODATION TYPE	NO OF UNITS	LOCATION
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HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS HOTEL & SUITES BONITA SPRINGS

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27891 Crown Lake Blvd, Bonita Springs 34135; 239-948-0699,

877-319-7666; www.hiebonitasprings.com Conveniently located at a major intersection, but with a preserve and poolside peace and quiet. Minutes from the airport and beach. Hot breakfast bar.**HOMEWOOD SUITES BY HILTON BONITA SPRINGS **@☎🚗🚗🚗🚗🚗🚗🚗🚗**

8901 Highland Woods Blvd, Bonita Springs 34135; 239-949-5913,

800-544-0377; www.homewoodbonita.com Bonita Springs' only all-suites hotel with a 24-hour fitness center and business center. Complimentary daily breakfast and light meal Monday to Thursday, beer and wine included. Within walking distance of dining and shopping. Minutes to Beaches.

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HYATT REGENCY COCONUT POINT RESORT & SPA 🚗🚗🚗@☎🚗🚗🚗🚗🚗🚗🚗🚗

5001 Coconut Rd, Bonita Springs 34134; 239-444-1234; **◆◆◆

www.coconutpoint.hyatt.com The only AAA four-diamond resort in Bonita Springs; 454 rooms with views of the bay and tropical gardens. Private island with beach and shelling, full-service spa, award-winning restaurants, coffee bar, Raptor Bay Golf Course, adventure pool with corkscrew water slide, adults-only pool, and pool bar.

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LA QUINTA INN & SUITES NAPLES NORTH **◆◆◆@☎🚗🚗🚗🚗🚗🚗🚗🚗

28600 Trails Edge Blvd, Bonita Springs 34134; 239-495-9255;

www.laquentabonitaspringsnaples.com The hotel has 87 rooms and suites, offering daily breakfast and a waterfront pool, and just minutes from Gulf of Mexico beaches. Top shopping, championship golf, and waterfront dining are nearby.

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TRIANON BONITA BAY *@☎✈️🚗🚗🚗🚗🚗

3401 Bay Commons Dr, Bonita Springs 34134; 239-948-4400;

www.trianon.com With 100 spacious guest rooms, this elegant hotel is located at the lake-front entrance to the upscale Bonita Bay community.

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WBG SW FLORIDA 🚗🚗🚗

27800 Old 41 Rd, Bonita Springs 34135; 239-947-6090;

www.wbgflorida.com Premium condo rentals in a gated community, minutes from the Gulf, with miles of walking and bicycle paths. Private beach park with free shuttle service.

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CAPE CORAL**BMI FLORIDA REALTY 🚗🚗🚗**

1323B Cape Coral Pkwy E, Cape Coral 33904; 239-549-5400;

www.bmi-travel.net Rental homes in Cape Coral, Fort Myers, Fort Myers Beach, Bonita, Estero, and Naples.

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CAPE HARBOUR VACATION RENTALS **🚗🚗🚗🚗☎✈️

5828 Cape Harbour Dr, Ste 100, Cape Coral 33914; (239) 540-1851, (888) 540-1851;

www.capeharbourvacations.com Spacious, beautifully decorated, fully appointed luxury condominiums. Breathtaking views from your private, screened lanai. Shopping, dining, boating, fishing and more at your back door.

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www.fortmyers-sanibel.com

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 C (cottages/efficiencies) B (bed & breakfast) V (villa/condo/home)
162 Location: B (beachfront) W (waterfront) M (mainland) R (riverfront)
 D (downtown) N (interstate) I (island) S (suburban)

ACCOMMODATION TYPE

NO. OF UNITS

LOCATION

VACANZA RENTALS 🏠🏡🏠

3613 Del Prado Blvd, Cape Coral 33904; 850-290-2080;

www.vacanzarentals.com The Vacanza Rentals name is well known in the industry and well trusted by owners and guests, having built an inventory of high quality vacation homes and a reputation for offering first-class hospitality.

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ESTERO**EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON FT. MYERS - ESTERO** *◆◆◆@📶🏠🏡🏠🏠🏠🏠🏠🏠

10450 Corkscrew Commons Dr, Estero 33928; 239-949-4222;

www.fortmyers.embassysuites.com Upscale setting with a 7-story atrium, off I-75. Includes: All suite hotel with sleeper sofa; 2- flat panel TVs in bedroom and living room; complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast buffet with omelet station; evening reception from 5:30-7:30pm offering; with complimentary beer, wine and single liquor mixed drinks, accompanied with light snacks; 24 hour fitness/business center; gift shop/market; on-site guest laundry; Complimentary Shuttle. Walking distance to restaurants.

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HAMPTON INN & SUITES - FORT MYERS-ESTERO *@📶🏠🏡🏠🏠🏠🏠🏠🏠

10611 Chevrolet Way, Estero 33928; 239-947-5566;

www.hampton.com This hotel is five minutes from Florida Gulf Coast University, 1 mile from Germain Arena and Miromar Outlets, 11 minutes from the airport, and within 4 miles of three malls.

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HYATT PLACE COCONUT POINT *◆◆◆@📶🏠🏡🏠🏠🏠🏠🏠🏠

23120 Via Villagio, Estero 33928; 239-495-1395;

www.coconutpoint.place.hyatt.com Welcome to a different place! Offering high-tech amenities, plush Hyatt Grand bed, the Bakery Café (serving specialty coffees and teas, premium beers, wines and cocktails), 24-hour guest kitchen, fresh 24/7 Gallery menu, complimentary wi-fi, and free full breakfast with gourmet breakfast sandwiches.

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PINE ISLAND**ANGLERS INN** *@📶🏠🏡🏠🏠🏠

11282 Matlacha Ave, Matlacha 33993; 239-898-2121;

www.anglersinmotel.com Anglers Inn is beside a park in a residential area just steps from downtown's shopping and dining. Offers private dock, rental kayaks, and kayak fishing tours.

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BAYVIEW BED & BREAKFAST *@📶🏠🏡🏠🏠

12251 Shoreview Dr, Matlacha 33993; 239-898-7510;

www.webbwiz.com/inn Experience the serenity of Pine Island and enjoy a welcoming bed-and-breakfast atmosphere; located near manatee breeding grounds.

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BEACHOUSE LODGE *@📶🏠🏡

7702 Bocilla Ln, Bokeelia 33922;

www.beachouselodge.com Four newly renovated, one-bedroom efficiency apartments comprise this pleasant waterfront lodge with a 260ft fishing pier.

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AAA RATINGS

- ◆ Budget-friendly with basic comforts, cleanliness and hospitality
 - ◆◆ Enhanced physical attributes, design elements and amenities
 - ◆◆◆ Comprehensive amenities, distinguished style, high level of comfort
 - ◆◆◆◆ Upscale, refined and stylish. Extensive amenities and superb hospitality
- *Bookings available through your travel agent

ACCOMM TYPE	NO OF UNITS	LOCATION
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BRIDGEWATER INN *♿♿♿♿♿♿♿♿♿♿

4331 Pine Island Rd, Matlacha 33993; 239-283-2423;

www.bridgewaterinn.com Staying 'on the water' takes on a whole new meaning at Bridgewater Inn, a historic fishing inn built on pilings in the water. Bring your boat – roomside dockage is available. Walk to restaurants and nightlife in Matlacha. Suites and motel rooms available daily, weekly, or longer.

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GOLDEN PALMS RESORT **@♿♿♿♿♿♿♿♿♿♿

3226 Stringfellow Rd, Saint James City 33956; 239-283-7378;

These large efficiency units are in a private, uncrowded setting on Pine Island. Features a private dock.

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GULF ACCESS REALTY @♿♿♿♿

4120 Pine Island Rd, Matlacha 33993; 239-283-5450;

<http://gulfaccessrealty.com> Representing Cape Coral and the Greater Pine Island area, Gulf Access Realty will be your guide to the local waterways, seasonal rentals, second homes, and investment properties.

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JUG CREEK COTTAGES *♿♿♿♿♿♿♿♿♿♿

8135 Main St, Bokeelia 33922; 239-283-0015;

www.tropicstaradventures.com/cottages.htm Rustic efficiency cottages on the Great Calusa Blueway paddling trail, with boat access to Pine Island Sound. Fully furnished rooms with cable TV. Located in the historic district of Bokeelia, in walking distance of restaurants, art gallery, and fishing pier. Cruise and kayak discounts to renters.

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KNOLLS COURT MOTEL *@♿♿♿♿♿♿♿♿♿♿

4755 Pine Island Rd NW, Matlacha 33993; 239-283-0616;

www.knollscourtmetel.com Recently renovated; all units have full kitchens. Near Matlacha Pass and the 'fishingest bridge in the world.' Free boat dockage and kayak rentals.

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LAHSEY HOUSE @♿♿♿♿♿♿♿♿♿♿

8241 Main St, Bokeelia 33922; 239-558-5134;

www.lahserhouse.com Recently restored historic home overlooking the waters of Charlotte Harbor in Bokeelia, on beautiful Pine Island.

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MALU LANI INN *♿♿♿♿♿♿♿♿♿♿

7759 Bocilla Ln, Bokeelia 33922; 239-283-9309;

www.malulani-inn.com Dreaming of a vacation on an island where you will find "Old Florida" at its finest, unchanged, unhurried and untouched? The Malu Lani Inn on Pine Island has vacation rentals that will meet your requirements. You will find yourself relaxing and longing to remain where life at the end of the road is the best!

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MATLACHA-COTTAGES *@♿♿♿♿♿♿♿♿♿♿

4760 Pine Island Rd, Matlacha 33993; 845-652-3181;

www.matlacha-cottages.com We offer three units with spacious rooms, kitchens, air conditioning/heating, cable television, Wi-Fi, parking, private decks and a dock with a glorious view of the Matlacha Aquatic Preserve. Visit local shops and galleries. Dine at local restaurants. All within walking distance of Matlacha-Cottages.

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KEY TO ACCOMMODATIONS CATEGORIES

Accommodations type: R (full-service resort) H (hotel/motel)

C (cottages/efficiencies) B (bed & breakfast) V (villa/condo/home)

164 Location: B (beachfront) W (waterfront) M (mainland) R (riverfront)
D (downtown) N (interstate) I (island) S (suburban)

ACCOMMODATION TYPE	NO OF UNITS	LOCATION
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PINE ISLAND REALTY VACATION RENTALS *#@☞

2959 Oleander St, St James City 33956; 239-283-0909

Pine Island Realty's vacation rental properties are just what you've been looking for! Find the perfect spot for your upcoming stay on this little slice of paradise. Come and see what it's all about!

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SILVER TARPON LODGE MOTEL BOATEL *#@☞☞☞☞☞

13771 Waterfront Drive Bokeelia, FL 33922; 239-283-0212

Motel apartments and efficiencies. Boat docks and ramp included; private beach on Charlotte Harbor. Daily, weekly, and monthly rentals.

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SURFSONG APARTMENTS *#天☞☞☞☞

7745 Bocilla Ln, Bokeelia 33922; 239-283-2823;

www.surfsongapts.com

Furnished, waterfront, one-bedroom apartments, private boat ramp and dockage, full kitchen, covered barbecue area, and lighted, covered fish-cleaning station. Weekend, weekly, or monthly rates available.

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TARPON LODGE & RESTAURANT *天☞☞☞☞☞☞☞☞☞

13771 Waterfront Dr, Pine Island 33922; 239-283-3999;

www.TarponLodge.com Relax while experiencing the Old Florida charm of our 1926 lodge. Savor lunch, dinner or an overnight stay with waterfront views of Pine Island Sound. Visit pre-Colombian Mounds of the ancient Calusa, paddle the Great Calusa Blueway, take a day-trip fishing, or enjoy birding and pristine nature while boating to our sister resort Cabbage Key.

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TWO FISH INN *@☞☞☞☞☞☞☞☞☞☞☞☞

2960 Oleander St, St. James City 33956; 239-283-4519;

www.twofishinn.com Located in St James City on Pine Island, Two Fish Inn offers one- and two-bedroom suites with fully equipped kitchens, living rooms, separate bedroom/bathroom, and private patios. Offers numerous amenities to guests such as kayaks, heated pool, fishing charters, rental boat, and bicycles.

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WATER'S EDGE MOTEL & APARTMENTS *@☞☞☞☞☞☞☞☞☞

2938 Sanibel Blvd, St. James City 33956; 239-283-0515;

www.thewatersedgemotel.com Twenty waterfront rooms are provided with gas grills for cookouts; fish-cleaning stations and free dockage.

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BOCA GRANDE & OUTER ISLANDS**BOCA GRANDE REAL ESTATE** *☞☞☞☞☞☞☞☞

430 W Fourth St, Boca Grande 33921; 941-964-0338;

www.bocagrandealestate.com Discover a variety of villas, condos, and private homes on Gasparilla Island, with a quaint village, unique shops, and restaurants.

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BOCA GRANDE RESORT ◆◆◆@☞☞☞☞☞☞☞☞☞☞☞☞

5800 Gasparilla Rd, Boca Grande 33921; 941-964-4443;

www.thebocagranderesort.com Tommy Bahama furniture in the rooms helps provide a luxurious island escape. Private swimming pool, grocery store, and bait and tackle shop on-site.

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AAA RATINGS

- ◆ Budget-friendly with basic comforts, cleanliness and hospitality
 - ◆◆ Enhanced physical attributes, design elements and amenities
 - ◆◆◆ Comprehensive amenities, distinguished style, high level of comfort
 - ◆◆◆◆ Upscale, refined and stylish. Extensive amenities and superb hospitality
- *Bookings available through your travel agent





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BOCA GRANDE VILLAGE INN *  

333 Park Ave, Boca Grande 33921; 941-964-2700;

www.bocagrandevillageinn.com Located in the heart of Gasparilla Island, the Boca Grande Village Inn offers a perfect blend of convenience and local charm. Fabulous shops and restaurants right outside your front door. The beach is just one block away! Efficiencies, 1 and 2 bedroom units, free internet access. Open year round. Weekly and nightly rates available. For reservations contact Parsley-Baldwin Realty.

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CABBAGE KEY INN *    

Intracoastal Waterway, Marker 60, Pineland 33945; 239-283-2278;

www.cabbagekey.com Welcome to this unique 100-acre island reminiscent of days gone by. The original inn and restaurant features the famous 'dollar bill bar' serving 'cheeseburgers in paradise.' Rooms at the inn, cottages, and transient dockage available. Accessible by boat only.

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GASPARILLA INN & CLUB *       

500 Palm Ave, Boca Grande 33921; 941-964-54500;

www.gasparillainn.com This full-service, historic resort in the heart of Boca Grande offers old-world charm in a relaxed setting, with golf, Gulf-front beach club, spa, and tennis on-site.

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GASPARILLA PROPERTIES, INC *    

411 Park Ave, Boca Grande 33921; 941-964-5650;

Offers a variety of properties, from upscale to casual, in both private and community settings. No matter what your taste, you are never far from white sandy beaches, miles of bicycle and walking paths, or shopping in the quaint, historic village.





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HENDRICKS & ASSOCIATES OF BOCA GRANDE     

428 W Fourth St, Boca Grande 33921; 941-697-6900;

www.hendricksassociates.com Specializing in the rental and sale of luxury waterfront condominiums in and out of resort settings, luxury waterfront single-family homes, quaint, historical cottages, and charming lake-view town homes.

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ISLANDER REALTY *    

4401 Point House Trl, North Captiva Island 33924; 239-472-3000;

www.islanderrealty.com Upper Captiva (also known as North Captiva) island vacation rentals. Become an islander on vacation and make the beach your backyard.

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NORTH CAPTIVA ISLAND CLUB RESORT *    

North Captiva Island 33956; 239-395-1001;

www.northcaptiva.com Rental options for condominiums, cottages, resorts, vacation homes, villas, and town-homes all available on pristine North Captiva Island.

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PALMETTO INN   

381 Palm Ave, Boca Grande 33921; 941-964-0410;

www.thepalmettoinn.com The suites at the Palmetto Inn offer all the conveniences of home, with a warm, cottage-by-the-sea ambiance, steeped in the old-world charm of this historic residence. Fully equipped kitchens, sitting rooms, and separate bedrooms make the suites great for a night, a week, a month, or longer.

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ACCOMMODATION TYPE

NO. OF UNITS

LOCATION

PARSLEY-BALDWIN REALTY ㉟㉟㉟㉟㉟

428 West Fourth St, Boca Grande 33921; 941-964-2700;

www.parsley-baldwinrealty.com Real estate sales, vacation rentals, property management: Parsley-Baldwin Realty has been doing it all for over 25 years. Assists you in living the dream, whether it be for a few days, a week, a month, or forever.

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SEALE FAMILY INC REALTORS ㉟㉟㉟㉟㉟

430 E Railroad Ave, Boca Grande 33921; 941-964-2210;

www.seale-family.com Family-owned-and-operated, offering vacation rentals in Boca Grande. First-class accommodations with long-term and off-season discounts.

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THE ANCHOR INN *㉟㉟㉟㉟㉟

450 4th St E, Boca Grande 33921; 941-964-5600;

www.anchorinnbocagrande.com Experience the enchanting charm of this historic district gem. The Anchor Inn offers studio, one- and two-bedroom apartment-style rooms. Heated pool, patio area, laundry facility, and free wi-fi. Open year-round. Nightly rates available.

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THE INNLET *㉟㉟㉟㉟㉟㉟㉟㉟㉟

1251 12th St E, Boca Grande 33921; 941-964-4600;

www.theinnlet.com The Innlet on the Waterfront is located on Gasparilla Island in Southwest Florida, an hour from both Sarasota and Ft. Myers. This charming waterfront property is nestled along the picturesque Boca Grande bayou and is surrounded by tropical beauty, with the island's tranquil white sand beaches just a short stroll away.

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USEPPA ISLAND CLUB *㉟㉟㉟㉟㉟㉟㉟㉟㉟㉟

Intracoastal MM 63, Useppa Island 33922; 239-283-1061;

www.useppa.com Useppa Island Club is a truly private island club dedicated to the relaxation and recreation of members and their guests. Call for inquiries about this special getaway.

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NORTH FORT MYERS**BEST WESTERN FORT MYERS WATERFRONT** ㉟㉟㉟㉟㉟㉟㉟㉟㉟㉟

13021 N Cleveland Ave, Fort Myers 33903; 239-997-5511;

www.bestwesternwaterfront.com Enjoy private balconies, spectacular views of the Caloosahatchee River, and fishing from the private pier.

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DAYS INN - NORTH FORT MYERS *㉟㉟㉟㉟㉟㉟㉟㉟

13353 N. Cleveland Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33903; 239-995-0535;

www.daysinnfm.com Pool open dawn to dusk. Three miles from the Ford-Edison Estates, two miles from Shell Factory, hospital and the baseball stadium. In room microwave, refrigerator and safe. FEMA compliant. Denny's on site.

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ECONOLOGDE *㉟㉟㉟㉟㉟㉟㉟㉟

13301 N Cleveland Ave, North Fort Myers 33903; 239-995-0571;

www.econolodge.com Offering special weekly rates and senior (above 60 years of age) rates. Free high-speed wi-fi in all rooms.

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AAA RATINGS

- ◆ Budget-friendly with basic comforts, cleanliness and hospitality
 - ◆◆ Enhanced physical attributes, design elements and amenities
 - ◆◆◆ Comprehensive amenities, distinguished style, high level of comfort
 - ◆◆◆◆ Upscale, refined and stylish. Extensive amenities and superb hospitality
- *Bookings available through your travel agent

ACCOMMODATION TYPE	NO OF UNITS	LOCATION
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RED ROOF INN *◆◆◆◆

13000 N Cleveland Ave, North Fort Myers 33903; 239-656-4000;

www.redroofinn.com Group rates available for overnight guests. Continental breakfast, free local calls, irons, ironing board, and coffee pots in rooms. Quiet spot on the river ideal for honeymoons, close to fine dining and activities. Minutes from Edison & Ford Winter Estates, and Red Sox and Twins spring training.

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TRAVELODGE FORT MYERS NORTH *◆◆◆◆

13535 N Cleveland Ave, North Fort Myers 33903; 239-995-0535;

www.travelodge.com/travelodge-fort-myers-north Pool open dawn to dusk. Three miles from the Edison & Ford Winter Estates; 2 miles from Shell Factory, hospital, and the baseball stadium.

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LEHIGH ACRES**LEHIGH RESORT CLUB** *◆◆◆◆

231 Joel Blvd, Lehigh Acres 33936; 239-368-2022;

www.thelehighresortclub.com Lehigh Resort Club provides easy access to the world-class golf this area is known for. Golfers delight in the course at their doorstep, plus over 10 courses within minutes of the resort. Each golf villa has a magnificent view of the golf course.

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MICROTEL INN & SUITES *◆◆◆◆

1320 Business Way, Lehigh Acres 33936; 239-369-2121;

www.microtelinn.com Enjoy a sunny getaway at a great rate when you book your room at Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham Lehigh hotel near Sanibel Island. We offer free parking, so you can enjoy great.

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SUN & COMFORT MANAGEMENT *◆◆◆◆

237 Joel Blvd, Lehigh Acres 33936; 239-369-8989;

www.sc-florida.com Vacation homes, condominiums, and townhouses for short-term rental; within minutes of five different golf courses and shopping

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