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*By Tresca Weinstein*



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## The Cover Shot

This shot truly captures the "upscale tropical" essence and elevated experience within the newly renovated Opal Grand Oceanfront Resort & Spa.

## On the Cover

After completing a top-to-bottom renovation in 2021 of Opal Grand Oceanfront Resort & Spa in Delray Beach, Opal Collection was eager to showcase that elevated experience that comes with a stay at this Atlantic Ocean-adjacent property. That's why they worked with The Prism House (theprismhouse.com), a full-service production firm specializing in brand storytelling and all that comes with it, to capture the hotel's unique new vibe on this issue's cover.

"The second you step foot onto that property, you're entirely immersed in this 'upscale tropical' experience," says Kristin Mitchell, creative director who co-owns The Prism House with production director Carrie Scott. "Think tropical touches of teak, palm, shell-stone, but reinvented in modern ways you'd never imagine." Here, she shares a few of her most memorable moments during her time spent capturing every nook and cranny of this reinvigorated resort.

### FIRST IMPRESSION

"The first thing that really struck me was the arrival experience, particularly in reference to the lobby. Everything centers around this huge skylight that features three large trees beneath it and is surrounded by rope-wrapped columns, potted palm plants, and gorgeous hanging swing chairs. I guess you could say that everything felt very "grand.""

### FAVORITE SPOT

"I love a beautiful pool, and this one stuns with a huge coral-inspired deck with little sections cut out for palm trees, making it feel very much like a surprising tropical sanctuary amid Delray's popular downtown stretch of Atlantic Avenue. And while the property doesn't sit directly on the beach – it's right across the street – the pool does a beautiful job framing that view of the ocean."

### SUGGESTED TO-DO

"Definitely make time for a drink at Monkey Bar – it's the resort's restaurant and lounge that serves up creative cocktails with names like 'King Kong,' 'The Smoking Banana,' and 'The Baboon' in a jungle-inspired space. My favorite was the watermelon mezcal margarita, which felt perfectly suited to living up life in this beautiful beach resort."



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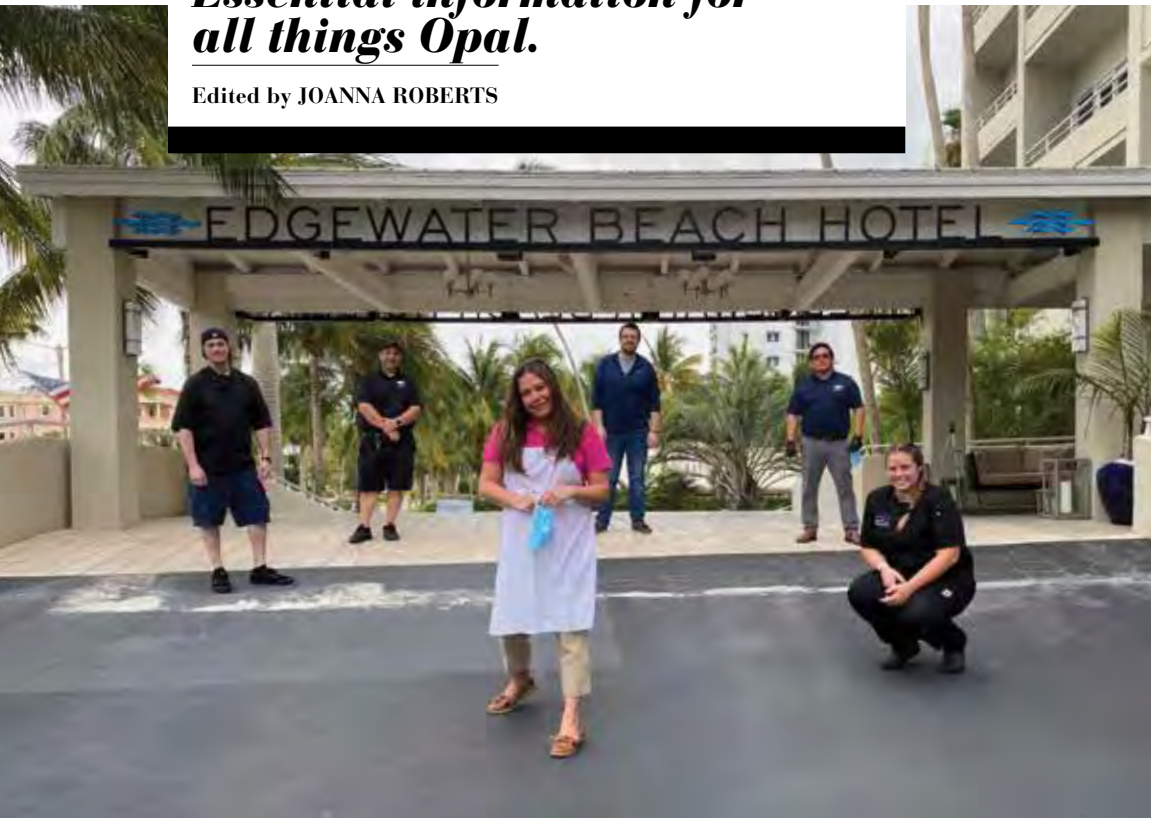
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# Opal Insider

*Essential information for  
all things Opal.*

Edited by JOANNA ROBERTS



The team at Edgewater Beach Hotel distributed homemade prepared dinners for their then-furloughed colleagues.

*Across Opal*

## Hospitality That Holds Up

A few of the ways that Opal employees and partners responded, connected, and lent a hand during the COVID-19 pandemic, and why we are so thankful to have them at the helm of our operations and at the heart of our communities.

Opal team members have always been the heart and soul of our hospitality – and nothing has ever showcased this more than the team's effort and sacrifice during this unprecedented past year. Not only did these brave individuals keep our resorts running with limited resources while ensuring enhanced cleaning and safety protocols, they did it with a smile. The result? Ensuring that our resorts still served as a haven and place of relaxation. We hope that as you – our guests – return

to your favorite resorts this year, you will help us in thanking all our team members who made it possible to keep the places we love ready and welcome for your return.

### FEEDING FRIENDS & FAMILY Sarasota & Naples, FL

After having to make the tough decision to furlough some staff in spring of 2020 – like many businesses had to do – Opal's Gulf Coast resorts of Lido Beach Resort and Edgewater Beach Hotel got creative with

how they could help during this trying time. Edgewater Beach Hotel branched into offering takeout from their on-site restaurant, Coast, to local residents, but then used the money from food sales to buy all the necessities to make multiple feasts (baked ziti dinners, ribs, and more) for their temporarily unemployed colleagues and their families. Similarly, Lido Beach Resort set up a food bank on the property, where their employees – many waiting for their unemployment benefits to kick in –



OPAL INSIDER

Hospitality is at the core of each of our Opal Collection hotels, evidenced by the amazing volunteer work done throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

were able to come and pick up essentials like milk, eggs, vegetables, meat, poultry, and fish to feed their families during the interim.

### MAKING SMILEY MASKS FOR MANY Bar Harbor, ME

When PPE was hard to come by at the start of the pandemic, Kali Liimatainen, the general manager for Bar Harbor's Harborside Hotel, Spa & Marina, didn't just take it upon herself to kick-start a mask-making effort, she made sure it came with a smile. We mean that quite literally: The 250 masks she enlisted her sewing star of a stepmother to hand make for employees of both Harborside and West Street hotels actually featured smiles on the front. "It was so that guests could still see a smile as a warm greeting, even though our faces are covered," says Liimatainen, who also had excess masks shipped and distributed to staff at fellow Opal Collection property, Samoset Resort, in Rockport. "Some guests even offered to buy them from us," adds Liimatainen with a laugh. "I kept a small stash in my office for those instances."

### SHOPPING FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE POPULATION Portsmouth, NH

Starting in spring of 2020, Catherine Shane – the longtime content manager for *Opal Magazine* – worked with the housing authority in her New Hampshire Seacoast town to spearhead a free grocery shopping service for the town's low-income elderly residents. Between the months of June and

October, Shane took grocery orders for up to 20 residents a week, made as many as three trips a week to the grocery store and food pantries, then delivered the orders to their doorsteps, so they didn't have to risk going out in public. During one particular grocery trip in August, she filled five shopping carts with \$455.44 worth of items on behalf of 11 different households.

### HOTELS STEPPING UP TO SERVE AS VACCINATION CENTERS Rockport & Bar Harbor, ME

What do you do when you have two hotels closed for the winter season? Why not volunteer those large, empty spaces to serve

as vaccination distribution centers? That's precisely what Maine's Samoset Resort in Rockport and affiliate property, Bar Harbor Regency in Bar Harbor, both did in early spring of 2021 in conjunction with their local hospitals (with Maine Health in Rockland and Mount Desert Island Hospital in Bar Harbor ). Using their lobbies for appointment check-in and screening, with vaccinations administered in a ballroom or function space, these two resorts were able to each churn out 500-plus vaccinations a day.

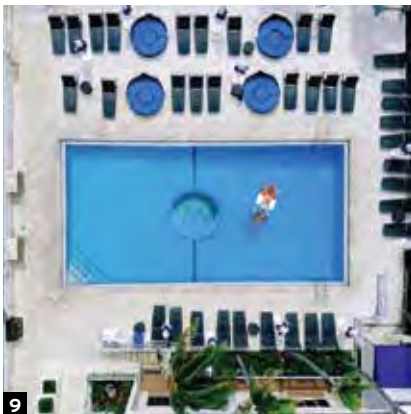
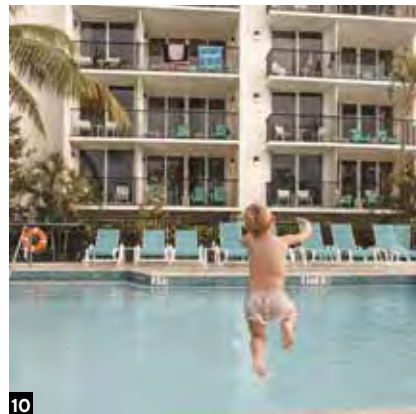




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## Across Opal 9 Things to Love about Opal

What do guests say they love most about our properties? Let us count the oh-so-unique ways.



1 The **bigger, better, and more-beautiful-than-ever beaches** at Lido Beach Resort (pictured), Edgewater Beach Hotel, and Jupiter Beach Resort & Spa, the result of recently completed beach re-nourishment projects.

2 The **brand new First House** at The Sagamore Resort, formerly a historic building that was recently renovated to serve as the ultimate stand-alone, luxurious lakeside retreat.

3 Sunset Key Cottage's **ice cream bike** – dubbed “the conch cruiser” – that delivers frozen treats to guests throughout the property daily at 3 p.m.

4 The fact that all **230 rooms at Opal Sands Resort** offer sweeping views of the Gulf – the only hotel on Clearwater Beach that does so.

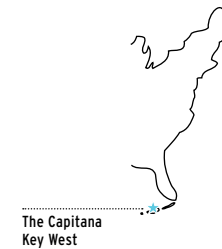
5 The **new yacht-inspired design** at The Resort at Longboat Key Club, boasting sleek white marble, polished teakwood, and luxury navy blue carpets – a feast for the senses throughout your entire stay.

6 The private dining experience within Lake Placid Lodge's **vaulted, brick alcove of a wine cellar** for savoring a high-quality meal from the hotel's Relais & Châteaux restaurant in utter seclusion.

7 The **seaside dinner series** at Edgewater Beach Hotel, where five inventive courses (along with wine and cocktail pairings) are served at tables set up on the resort's private stretch of sand.

8 The Laureate Key West's **“Long-Term Stay Special,”** which allows guests to take advantage of working remotely from the all-suite hotel within easy striking distance of Key West's best attractions.

9 The **vast assortment of Opal Collection resort properties – 21 in total as of 2021** – so that whatever your latest wanderlust may be (beach, lake, the feeling of being somewhere far-flung), there's an Opal property to accommodate.



The duo of murals on display at The Capitana Key West also represents a \$75,000 donation to the Key West Art in Public Places program.



Key West, Florida

## Opal's Ode to Key West

While you can find K.C. Scott's marine prints in various Florida Opal properties, when it came to talk artwork for The Capitana Key West, only a custom painting by the world-renowned artist would do – not just to serve the guests of the resort, but the local public too.

Ever seen a 25-foot-long tarpon? Or a spiny lobster with 10-foot antennae? While it sounds like something spun from the fantastical mind of Herman Melville, these Godzilla-esque ocean creatures are very real at The Capitana Key West. In fact, as you drive up to the portico of Opal's latest boutique hotel, opened in February 2021, they're the first thing you see, captured in a 25-by-32-foot, billboard-sized mural displayed on the hotel's stark-white exterior. It's actually a digital wrap of the same 8-by-11-foot color painting that hangs in the tropically chic lobby of the hotel.

Painted by K.C. Scott, a West Palm-based artist, the custom pieces, depicting the sea creatures in their natural Florida

Keys habitat, weren't just a commission for the hotel. They were also a commission for the island of Key West. That's because the purchase serves as a contribution – equivalent to more than \$75,000 – to the Key West Art in Public Places program, a local effort to facilitate the creation of beautiful new public works of art for residents and visitors. That means guests of the hotel don't just get to enjoy the artworks, but the public is welcome to visit the property to take in the works too. And it's actually just part of \$1 million that Opal has donated to Greater Key West in the last year alone.

“I wanted to paint something that played off the hotel's shipwreck motif, but also felt very ‘Key West’ to me,” says Scott, whose work can be found all over the

world. “And what's more Key West than Caribbean lobster and tarpon?”

While the pro-golfer-turned-pro-painter has additional prints on display at other Opal resorts and hotels – including Hutchinson Shores Resort & Spa, Zota Beach Resort, Lido Beach Resort, Sandpearl Resort in Clearwater Beach, and even in 50 Ocean, an affiliate restaurant in Delray Beach – this work was an original painting for the hotel. Done in acrylics, it took Scott a painstaking two months to paint. “I started working on it right around the time my second child was due,” says the 41-year-old. “When I finally saw it installed, I felt a little bit like I had two new babies.”



## About The Capitana Key West

The custom mural is only one wow factor associated with this newly opened boutique hotel, inspired by a famous shipwreck from Spain's 1733 Armada. There's also a three-acre pool area, home to a watery oasis the size of a football field, food and beverage service at McKee's Tiki Bar, and loungers and hammocks on the beach – all overlooking Key West's beautiful Gulf waters. As for the accommodations, all rooms and suites in the main hotel offer water views, furnished balconies, and chic island-inspired design. But if you're looking to really indulge yourself, a series of nine two-bedroom private cottages are set right on the canal and offer the utmost privacy. Think full kitchens, furnished decks, and a dedicated spa pool.





You likely know that Belleview Inn is steeped in history, but you may learn a new thing or two from local golf legend Bill Conway as he recounts history through his personal tales.

## Holes with History

Just as Belleview Inn pays tribute to its history as a Gilded Age Gulf icon, the two historic Donald Ross-designed golf courses at the neighboring Belleair Country Club evoke a flashback to the days when clubs were wooden and golf knickers were de rigueur.

He may jokingly go by the title of PGA “Emeritus” now, but there really is no one who knows Belleair Country Club’s two Donald Ross historic golf courses like Bill Conway. So much so, he can recite the exact yardage that all 36 holes play from the black, blue, and white tees. That’s because he had spent more than 40 years on the courses – first working as the assistant golf professional from 1962 to 1971, then taking over the role of director of golf and head golf pro from 1971 until he retired in 2005. During those years, he interacted with scores of celebs on their swings – from former presidents Ford and Bush Senior to baseball Hall of Famer Tom Seaver (“he was a good friend,” notes Conway) and John Travolta. During 10 years from the 1960s into the ’70s, Conway even lived in the former iteration of Belleview Inn. “My room was on the fourth floor, which is where the staff lived, but, now, it’s the penthouse,” he laughs. “So I can brag and say I lived in the penthouse.”

But just because Conway, now 80 and active as ever, retired as the PGA pro doesn’t mean he’s out of the game. In fact, he’s currently working on a book about the history of the Belleair Country Club and its golf courses alongside local historian Christopher Stills, and a syndicated writer for ESPN, Hal Bodley. Otherwise, guests – who have access to these two courses, named the East and the West Course, when they stay at the Belleview Inn – will see this Clearwater Beach local around the pro shop, taking lunch at the clubhouse, and, of course, swinging a club on these notable holes that he knows like the back of his hand.

### West Course

#### Hole #4

Of the two golf courses, the West Course has better maintained its Donald Ross design – and this particular par-3 has not changed one bit. “I’ve seen old pictures of

the hole – even from before my time at the club – and it looks exactly the same,” says Conway. Playing 176 yards from the black tee, the layout features an elevated green – a signature of the Donald Ross design.

#### Hole #5

“Bring your A-game to this long par-4, which measures 419 yards from the black tee,” says Conway. With bunkers on either side, it calls for a good tee shot in which you have a little carry over water to the left-hand side. From there, your second shot is onto a very well-protected green that requires you to hit over the creek that meanders through both courses. “Every issue, *USGA Golf Journal Magazine* selects and profiles a different great golf hole from around the country on its back cover,” explains Conway. “I can’t tell you the exact year it was, but this hole has made their back cover.”

#### Hole #6

This 490-yard-from-the-black-tee par-5 isn’t just challenging because of the eight or nine bunkers that run along the length of the hole, but because it’s notorious for compromising players’ focuses. That’s because it’s just so darn gorgeous. “It runs along the top of the bluff overlooking Clearwater Bay and what is probably the highest point in Pinellas County,” says Conway. “When we updated the golf course back in the ’70s, the designer, Gene Bates, said it was likely the single most costly piece of real estate he had ever worked on.”

### East Course

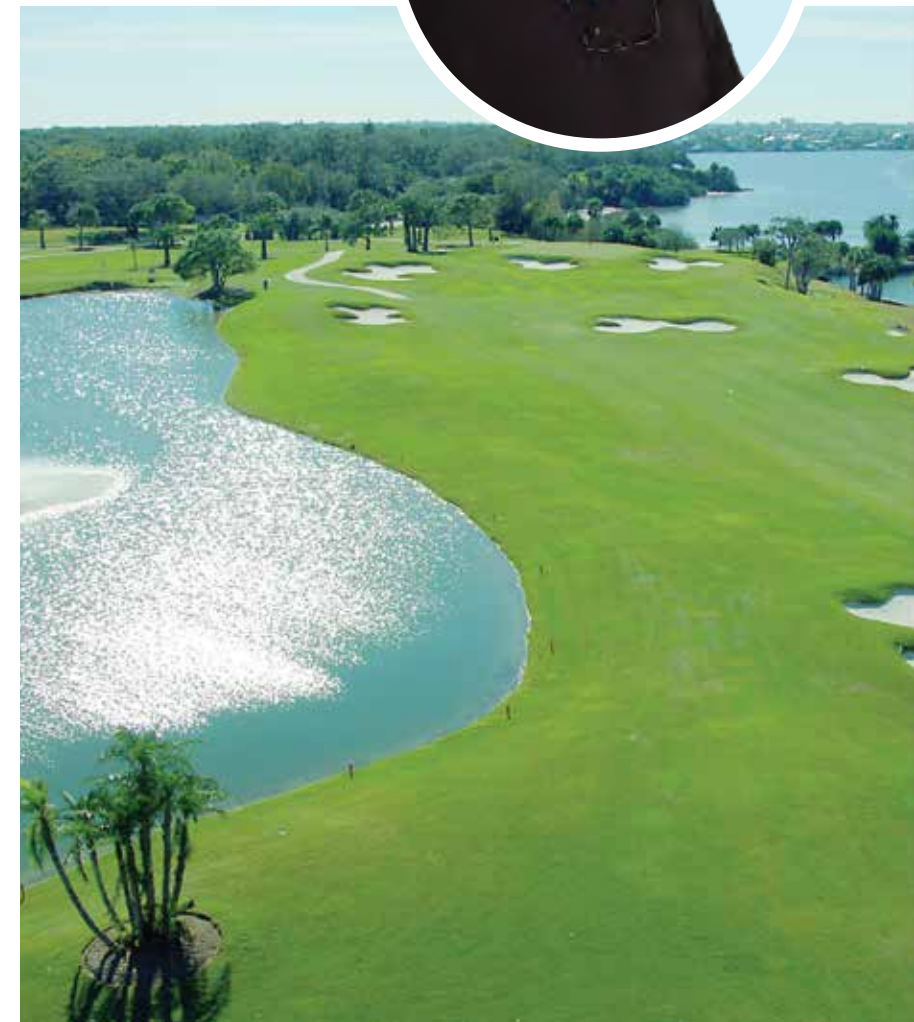
#### Holes #10, #11 & #12

After a leisurely front 9, the back 9 is where this course starts to show its teeth – particularly on holes 10 and 11, which are both long (413 and 414 yards, respectively), dogleg par-4s that require strong tee shots. Hole 12 is a 508-yard par-5, and a risk-reward with water carry on your second and third shots. “These three warm you up perfectly for what’s to come: the signature 14th hole,” says Conway.

#### Hole #14

Likely the course’s most challenging, this 409-yard par-4 is a very tight hole that calls for a well-placed tee shot, where you must drive toward the Gulf and Sand Key. The second shot is a blind shot straight ahead, up and over the bluff. “It calls for a very precise, very exact shot because the seawall to Clearwater Bay backs right up to the green,” cautions Conway. “If you hit over the green, your ball will be swallowed up by the bay.” Making par on this hole is like making birdie – so much so that *LIFE Magazine* even took notice. “Hanging in the pro shop is a copy of *LIFE Magazine* from 1947 that called this particular hole one of the top in the country,” says Conway. “Naturally, that was for its mix of beauty and challenge.”

*Bill Conway,  
a Belleair golf  
legend!*

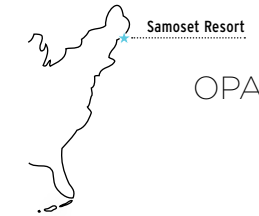




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*Rockport, Maine*

## Opal Inspired

As if that sprawling view of Penobscot Bay wasn't enough of a show-stopping feature, Samoset Resort framed that view just right in the renovation of its 178 guest rooms and suites. New nautical touches include navy and white striped upholstery, shiplap walls, decorative paddles, and local Maine photography. Here's how you can take that look home - Penobscot Bay (unfortunately) not included.



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# A New Wave of Wellness

*While Delray Beach has always been a town touted for its idyllic blend of big-city attitude and shoreside sanctuary, with the recent addition of Opal Grand Oceanfront Resort & Spa, the town's personality seems to be tipping more toward a mindfulness mecca.*

Edited by CATHERINE SHANE

Ask any local to describe their ocean-side community of Delray Beach in just a few words and you'll receive a string of what seem to be contradictory statements: "A quiet haven" parallels "swinging nightlife," "laid-back beach town" is countered by "buzzy downtown," and "small-town vibe" is followed by "big-city personality."

No, these individuals aren't downplaying or exaggerating anything. Nor are they incorrect in their descriptions. In the last decade, this community of 75,000 perched along the Atlantic in Southeast Florida has managed to cultivate an uncanny sense of both relaxed retreat and happening city-like vibes. By day, folks on bicycles or skates push past bronzed surfers along the pedestrian-friendly, north-to-south-running Ocean Boulevard; by night, the downtown east-to-west stretch of Atlantic Avenue – pulsing with art galleries, high-brow boutiques, and bars

and restaurants – calls to a cast of characters ready to eat, drink, and be merry. In a way, these roads quite literally create an intersection of metropolitan and mindfulness.

Yet, in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, it's being forecasted that wellness getaways will come roaring into style more than ever: People are looking for destinations that allow them to connect with others, as well as disconnect from the daily stresses of the pandemic. So as much as Delray Beach's lively side continues to grow with new boutiques, bars, and cultural outlets, the wellness and self-care aspect of this destination is arguably going to be flourishing even more.

And the oceanfront hotel leading that charge: Opal's recently revitalized Opal Grand Oceanfront Resort & Spa. Located on the corner of Atlantic Avenue and Ocean Boulevard, this shoreside sanctuary is designed with one thing and one thing in mind: to serve as Delray's holistic retreat, where every amenity has been created with relaxation and rejuvenation in mind. Visitors will see this in the breezy coastal-chic atmosphere and the dining outlets created with an eye toward wellness, as well as an escape from the ordinary at the new Tammy Fender spa – overseen by holistic wellness and beauty pioneer Tammy Fender herself.

## Bringing in the Healing Properties of the Outdoors

"People have always retreated to South Florida for the healing qualities of the area," says Fender, who grew up in South Florida and currently lives in Palm Beach County. "The ocean, the sunshine, the breeze, and the plants are our greatest healers. It's what recalibrates us and our sense of self. Opal Grand knows that, and they took meticulous care to weave that into the property's surroundings."

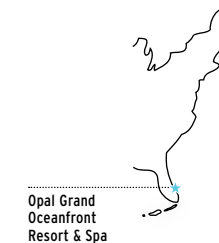
Indeed, the design of the property is airy and inviting, yet unhurried. Large circular skylights are anchored by towering trees and tropical potted plants. The 277 rooms, suites, and villas boast soothing hues and ocean blues with private balconies that look out to the sea or Atlantic Avenue. Living walls of greenery, palm fronds,

live-edge wood, and other details summon the breeziness of the outdoors. Fender refers to the overall atmosphere as "sacred in nature," and this is precisely what sealed the deal in opening her second spa location here (her first has been based in West Palm Beach for almost 20 years).

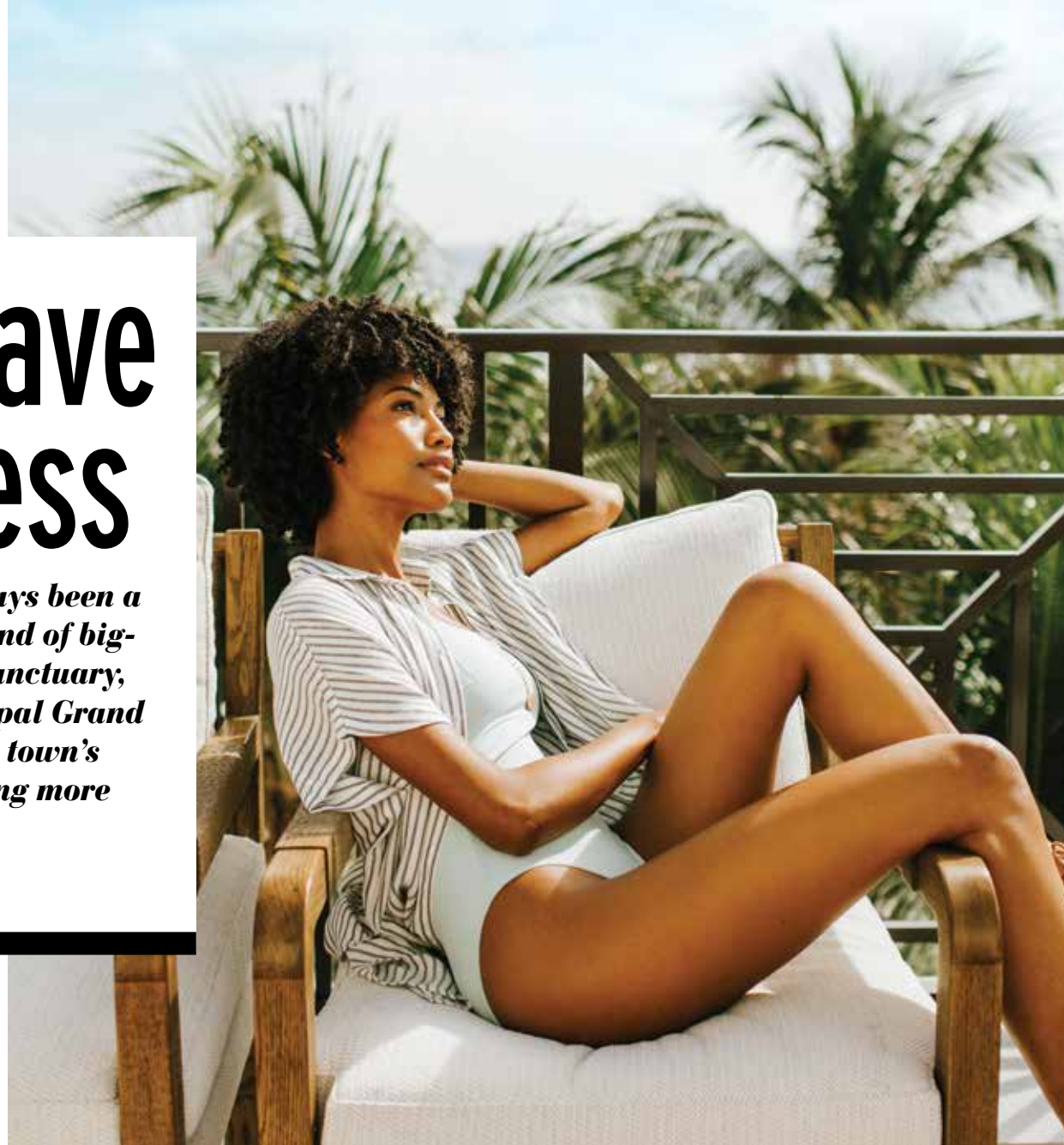
The dining outlets accomplish a similar vibe, particularly the Beach Market and signature restaurant Drift, both of which will be located on the ground floor just steps from the spa. "When I was first developing these concepts," says Scott Luper, director of food and beverage for Opal properties, "I spent time just standing on the corner of Atlantic and Ocean to just take in everything I saw." He watched people walking, running, even cruising on roller blades, but he couldn't get over how many bicyclists he saw. So he modeled the new market after a bike café – something you see regularly in Europe, but not so much in the US – let alone a hotel resort.

"It's intended to be a hangout for the locals as much as for our guests: a place that allows you to do more than just grab a coffee and go, but actually sit in one of the casual seating areas and recharge and unwind," explains Luper. Design details incorporate live-edge tabletops set upon vintage bikes, laser-cut bike wall art, and even bicycle wheels welded together that line the ceiling.

The ocean, sunshine, and native plants are our greatest healers, says Tammy Fender, and you'll find them incorporated throughout the entire property, inside and out.



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and treatment.*

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## Giving Your Body What It Needs to Heal

Of course, as healthy as it is to live an active lifestyle in this area, efforts fall flat if you're not fueling yourself with the proper nourishment. In the Beach Market, expect an assortment of grab-and-go items, but also made-to-order power smoothies, beachside bowls and salads, and handhelds like grilled veggie wraps and grilled chicken caprese on focaccia - all crafted and plated from scratch in front of you at the counter.

Still, no other resort amenity embodies good-for-you ingredients like those you'll find at the new Tammy Fender spa, overseen by the aforementioned local skincare savant and aesthetician to the stars, who counts Gwyneth Paltrow and Julianne Moore among her longtime clients. A-list clientele aside, she's best known for her

hand-crafted, plant-based natural skincare formulas that work on a cellular level to bring your skin into perfect balance. We're talking products that are never formulated with parabens, sls, phthalates, petrochemicals, artificial color or fragrance. Peace of mind.

"Some chemical additives may work temporarily, but they can also counteract the benefits you receive, resulting in prematurely aging over the long term" explains the plant and botanical expert, who began her work as an all-natural aesthetician in the late '80s. "We already know that a diet high in plants is good for your body as opposed to one that is high in processed food. It's the same idea when it comes to your skincare."

To that end, you'll see such plant

ingredients (many used medicinally since ancient times) as clary sage, Indian spikenard, vetiver, milk thistle, and iris root in her formulations. In fact, when a client arrives, they go through a diagnostic exercise in which they are asked to sit with 13 different plant essences and smell each one. Fender calls this "working with the life-force of the plant" to identify the scents that appeal most at that very moment. Those selections are then worked into the treatment, which she custom creates right there in the blending room of the spa. In her 30 years of doing this work, she reports that many of her long-term clients look younger now than when they first started treatments with Fender.

## Fuel for Your Spirit

But the anti-aging effect isn't solely a product of the all-natural skincare formulations. "My approach to wellness is holistic," explains Fender. "It's not just a facial." Rather, her treatments come coupled with meditation, silence therapy, and energy work (like Reiki). There's even reflexology involved: When Fender is applying masks and manipulating energy at the client's crown chakra, a reflexologist goes to work on the feet, creating an energetic current through the entire body.

"This helps clients become more receptive to their intuition to untangle life's knots." In a world where we are "always on," Fender describes the spa as a sanctuary where it's okay to collapse and be vulnerable. Only from there can you begin to heal. "We help clients craft their intentions, and once they're done, we give them a home care protocol to guide them between visits." Over time, therapists start to see positive shifts in their clients' mental health - not just in their skin.

That sense of nurturing your spirit

continues in the newly designed Drift, the resort's centerpiece restaurant, where Luper, once again, took his inspiration from the area. "I remember walking through the restaurant and staring out at the horizon and seeing big, magnificent yachts and boats. I thought 'I wonder what it would be like to check out of the rat race, disconnect from social media, and just set sail?'" At first, you might interpret the concept to be nautical - with elements like woven rope, a billboard-sized mural of sailboats mid-adventure, stacked coral stone walls inlaid with moss. But upon closer inspection, it's all about escaping the daily grind and setting sail...even if it's just for a few hours while you're here for dinner or a few days on vacation. "The goal is to inspire you to chase after your own dreams," Luper adds.

Four to five different zones within the restaurant feature a mix of interior dining room spaces, as well as a handful of outdoor spaces - specifically, the Drift Courtyard, Lounge Terrace, Dining Terrace, and rooftop event deck. So while not every single

Thoughtfully curated dining experiences across the menus of the Beach Market and the newly designed Drift restaurant align with the focus on wellness and nourishment.



spot affords you a view of the ocean, you're able to find it just a few feet away. As for the cuisine, there's no single style that the restaurant is locked into - you'll find dishes with culinary traditions rooted in Italy, the Mediterranean, Caribbean, and more.

"That plays off the idea of setting sail again," says Luper. "That, depending on what part of the globe you're at in your journey, that's what you'll be eating. You'll leave feeling reinvigorated."

We'd argue that you'll leave any part of this resort property feeling that way. And that ensures you're bringing more balance back to your everyday life, something we all lack from time to time. *O*



# Roam Free

*Places to Go.  
Things to Know.*

Edited by CATHERINE IANNUCCI



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ROAM FREE

## Delray Beach

The self-proclaimed “Village by the Sea,” Delray Beach is home to a blended population of those drawn to its pristine white beaches, attracted to its up-and-coming arts district, and charmed by the fact that it still feels like a sleepy seaside city, despite its lively nightlife on Atlantic Avenue.

### MONKEY SEE, MONKEY DO

What’s cooler than a monkey-themed cocktail list? How about an entire monkey-themed habitat. Located off the lobby of the newly renovated Opal Grand Oceanfront Resort & Spa, **Monkey Bar** is an airy, jungle-inspired space featuring lush live foliage, a large skylight, cast-iron monkeys that hang from the posts of the bar, and cocktails with names like “Majestic Jungle” and “Monkey Business.”



### DINNER AT 50 OCEAN

Phenomenal views of the ocean from the deck mix with an inventive menu at **50 Ocean**, located right on Ocean Boulevard overlooking the white sands of Delray Beach. While you can expect fancy beef cuts, like a 14-ounce New York strip and eight-ounce center-cut filet, seafood is certainly the signature, with entrées highlighting grouper, snapper, branzino, crab, and salmon. [50ocean.com](http://50ocean.com)

### SCHOOL IS IN SESSION

What do a silent disco, cabaret, and an art museum have in common? Normally, not much, but in Delray, there is an art mecca where you can find all of the above in one place: the 100-year-old former schoolhouse buildings of **Old School Square**. This downtown Delray campus serves up a hefty dose of creative art to the public, from musical experiences to educational opportunities in a one-size-fits-all vacation stop. [oldschoolsquare.org](http://oldschoolsquare.org)



### WALK ON WATER

Not your average ski school, **Walkin on Water Ski School**, based out of Lake Ida Park in Delray Beach, teaches students how to barefoot water ski – that’s right, barefoot! – on the calm waters of Lake Ida. Owner Mike Frankenbush is a national water ski champ and prides himself on getting anyone – even novices – comfortable with the unique water sport of “barefooting.” [walkinonwaterski.com](http://walkinonwaterski.com)



### MECCA OF SURF CULTURE

While technically in neighboring Boynton Beach, **Nomad Surf Shop** is still a must-visit when you’re in the area. That’s because the peach-colored, tiki-inspired shop – home to the latest stock of boards, swimwear, and surfing accessories – is also the state’s oldest operating surf shop. The shop was founded in 1968 by legendary surfer Ron Heavyside, who became equally legendary for his surfboard shaping skills. [nomadsurf1968.com](http://nomadsurf1968.com)

(MOUNTAINS) KELLY VOHS ON UNSPLASH.COM

(ART STUDIO) BRENDA ZAPPITELLI; (MONKEY BAR) JAMIE MERCURI



## Lake Placid

Thanks to its Olympic heritage, having hosted the Games in '32 and again in '80, this village set at the foot of the Adirondacks is a place that lures those who seek more than just a "miracle on ice," but a wonder of all things active.

### A LOVE FOR LOCAL

Firelight, intricate wood furnishings, and fresh local ingredients set the scene for a quintessential Lake Placid meal at **Artisans**, Lake Placid Lodge's Relais & Châteaux restaurant, open exclusively to hotel guests. Executive Chef Jayson Elrod prepares seasonal dishes that shine a light on the accomplished agriculture of the Adirondacks. Take a lakeside seat and indulge in locally produced charcuterie and an expertly curated wine menu.

[lakeplacidlodge.com/dining/artisans/](http://lakeplacidlodge.com/dining/artisans/)



### FINE ARTS ON THE LAKE

Supporting visual arts in the Adirondacks since its doors opened in the 1970s, **Gallery 46** houses the work of more than 40 local artists. Pop into its Main Street location during normal operating hours or schedule a private viewing to browse the dynamic collection that runs the gamut from pastels to metalwork.

[gallery46.org](http://gallery46.org)



### A BLAST FROM THE PAST

**Emma's Lake Placid Creamery** serves up hefty portions of nostalgia with every cone year-round on Main Street. That's owed to the 1950s-themed parlor vibe, featuring throwback decor, neon signs, checkered flooring, and a bright red tin ceiling, as well as a gift shop filled with quirky knickknacks like retro lunchboxes.

[emmaslakeplacidcreamery.com](http://emmaslakeplacidcreamery.com)

### EXPLORE THE GORGE

Twenty minutes northeast of Lake Placid Lodge in Wilmington, the 22-acre park of **High Falls Gorge** is home to an easily accessible half-mile hike along boardwalks, bridges, and walking paths that weave through the forest beside the Ausable River. But the real draw is the four stunning waterfalls carved into the rock that call the park home.

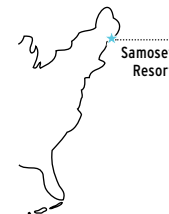
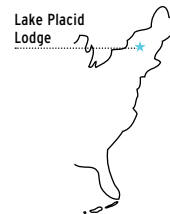
[highfallsgorge.com](http://highfallsgorge.com)



### FROZEN FUN

Sure, **Mirror Lake** may be better known for its classic warm-weather pursuits of paddleboarding and kayaking. But once this tranquil lake (which the town of Lake Placid centers around) freezes over, thrill-seekers of all ages can take advantage of two unique experiences: dog sledding, where mushers gather to entertain and offer rides to the public; and tobogganing, featuring a 30-foot-high converted ski jump trestle and a 1,000-foot ride across the frozen surface.

[lakeplacid.com/do/activities/dog-sled-rides](http://lakeplacid.com/do/activities/dog-sled-rides)



## Rockport/Rockland/Camden

Rockport - along with its sibling coastal towns of Rockland and Camden - personifies all the best aspects of New England living, where major cultural institutions and independent businesses are tucked into historic brick buildings begging to be explored.

### TREAT YOURSELF TO MANY TASTINGS

Specializing in a wide selection of extra-virgin olive oil and aged balsamic vinegar from around the world, Rockland's lovely little Main Street shop of **Fiore Artisan Olive Oils and Vinegars** provides the opportunity to sample everything at your own pace - so don't be surprised if you find yourself moving between the blood orange olive oil and the Paradiso fig balsamic vinegar before deciding to simply purchase both.

[fioreoliveoils.com](http://fioreoliveoils.com)



### TWO WORLDS COLLIDE

**Enoteca Lounge** at Samoset Resort brings a bit of the boot-shaped continent to Maine. Choose your spot amid the striking Italian wall murals, the cozy seating by the fire, or at the communal wine table, made from a hearty wood that gives the room a rustic flair. Either way, you can't go wrong with their antipasto bar and drink selections.

[samosetresort.com/dining/enoteca-lounge](http://samosetresort.com/dining/enoteca-lounge)



### SHOP WITH YOUR NOSE

While **Glendarragh Lavender**, a quaint shop on Main Street in Camden, specializes largely in lavender products - made with the harvest of their own farm in Appleton, Maine - they also offer other goods, made with just as much care and all-natural, quality ingredients, like hand-woven Irish wool throws and Italian cashmere scarves.

[mainelavender.com](http://mainelavender.com)

### THE ART COLONY

The little island of **Monhegan** may seem like just a blip on the radar where it sits 10 miles off the coast of Midcoast Maine. But don't be fooled: The island - just a quick ferry ride from Port Clyde (15 miles south of Rockland) - has played host to a revolving door of artists, including the likes of Edward Hopper, Rockwell Kent, Robert Henri, and three generations of the Wyeth family. Today, the island offers 10 studios and its own little unique colony, where artists paint plein air from the scenic bluffs and ledges.

[monheganwelcome.com/explore](http://monheganwelcome.com/explore)



### A GALLERY TOPPED WITH A GARDEN

**Harbor Square Gallery** - now in its 40th year, making it the oldest gallery in Rockland - may be best known for its eclectic collection of jewelry, pottery, paintings, sculptures, and more. But its other main draw is its public rooftop garden (the only one in the area), punctuated by sculptures and a delightful place to take in the waterfront view of Rockland Breakwater, Owls Head Peninsula, and the island of Vinalhaven.

[harborsquaregallery.com](http://harborsquaregallery.com)



## Key West

Best known for its colorful local character and rich literary history, Key West is filled with quirky, pastel-hued architecture, a free-spirited enthusiasm for life, and a seemingly never-ending merry-go-round of eccentric festivals to enjoy. Weirdness is not only encouraged in this southernmost outpost of the United States, it's also cultivated.

The Laureate Key West  
Sunset Key Cottages  
The Capitana Key West  
Opal Key Resort & Marina



### CLASSY COCKTAILS

An average happy hour on Duval Street tends to favor dollar drafts and nachos, but not within the four aqua-blue walls of **The Roost**. Wash down half-priced caviar with discounted martinis at this eclectic cocktail spot, where the colorful decor and premium offerings put a modern twist on classic Key West flair.  
[theroostkw.com](http://theroostkw.com)

### SAMPLE THE ART SCENE

There is no better way to get a snapshot of Key West's contemporary art scene than to pay a visit to **The Studios of Key West** on Eaton Street. Along with offering studio space and residencies to artists from around the world, this cultural hub hosts rotating art galleries, speaker series, plays, and concerts for the public.  
[tskw.org](http://tskw.org)

### THE AIR UP THERE

Sightseeing reaches new heights with **Key West Seaplane Adventures**, which whisks visitors 70 miles west to Dry Tortugas National Park, one of the least-visited national parks in the United States, but one of the richest in terms of wildlife. By plane is, by far, the ultimate transport with the best view.  
[keywestseaplanecharters.com](http://keywestseaplanecharters.com)



### A DIFFERENT KIND OF NIGHTLIFE

Visitors and locals alike have long enjoyed plying the peaceful waters of Key West in kayaks in search of tropical fish, sea creatures, aquatic birds, and even manatees. But what happens after the sun sets? You book a nighttime paddle session with the family-owned and -operated **Night Kayak Key West**, which offers LED-lit, glass-bottom kayaks to peek at species that aren't typically as active during the daylight hours, like lobsters, crabs, and colorful sponges.  
[keywestpaddle.com](http://keywestpaddle.com)



### SUNSET IN SOLITUDE

It wouldn't be a visit to Key West without taking in the legendary sunset at Mallory Square at least once. But rather than trying to sardine yourself among the hundreds that crowd the pier for the nightly spectacle, savor that same view over a dish of truffle-crusted grouper from the comfortable outdoor dining area at **Bistro 245**, perfectly positioned overlooking the marina.  
[bistro245.com](http://bistro245.com)

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# Bolton Landing's Lake Shore Drive

*While located just north of the hubbub of the Lake George Village, Bolton Landing's Lake Shore Drive might as well be worlds away, thanks to its quiet row of sweet cottages housing antique stores, gift shops, and even a brewery or two.*

By CATHERINE SHANE



Positioned on the western side of Lake George, Bolton Landing is something like the quieter, more upscale cousin to the village of Lake George, which is located just 10 miles south with its barrage of arcades, mini-golf, and bars. Sure, the walkable village of Bolton Landing, which spans the “main street” of Lake Shore Drive, is short, at less than a half-mile in length, but it sure is sweet, with a plethora of charming boutiques housed in cottages and Adirondack-inspired buildings. Anchored by Rogers Park to the south and Sagamore Road – the entry to The Sagamore Resort – to the north, this is the stretch where visitors of Lake George come to stroll slowly while taking in peeks of the lake throughout the treeline.

\*\* Prior to visiting, please confirm details with featured business/attractions as they may require reservations.



*Lake  
George,  
New York*

## **Bolton Beans**

This 1946 Worcester Lunch Car with all original stainless steel might be perceived as just a diner (now offering outdoor seating), but it's more like a barista's dream with specialty hot chocolates, lattes, espressos, and cappuccinos.



## LAKE SHORE DR.

## **Indian Teepee Gift Shop**

Carrying scented candles, local sweets by Adirondack Candy Man, and Native American statuary and pottery, this country store-styled boutique may be best known for its huge line of Minnetonka footwear, from knee-high boots to sheepskin-lined slippers.



## **Serendipity Boutique**

What looks like just a quaint cottage surrounded by garden beds is actually home to an expansive collection of feminine luxury wear in all the latest colorful prints – think floral midi dresses by Trina Turk, paisley print cashmere scarves by Chan Luu, and flare pantsuits by Hale Bob.



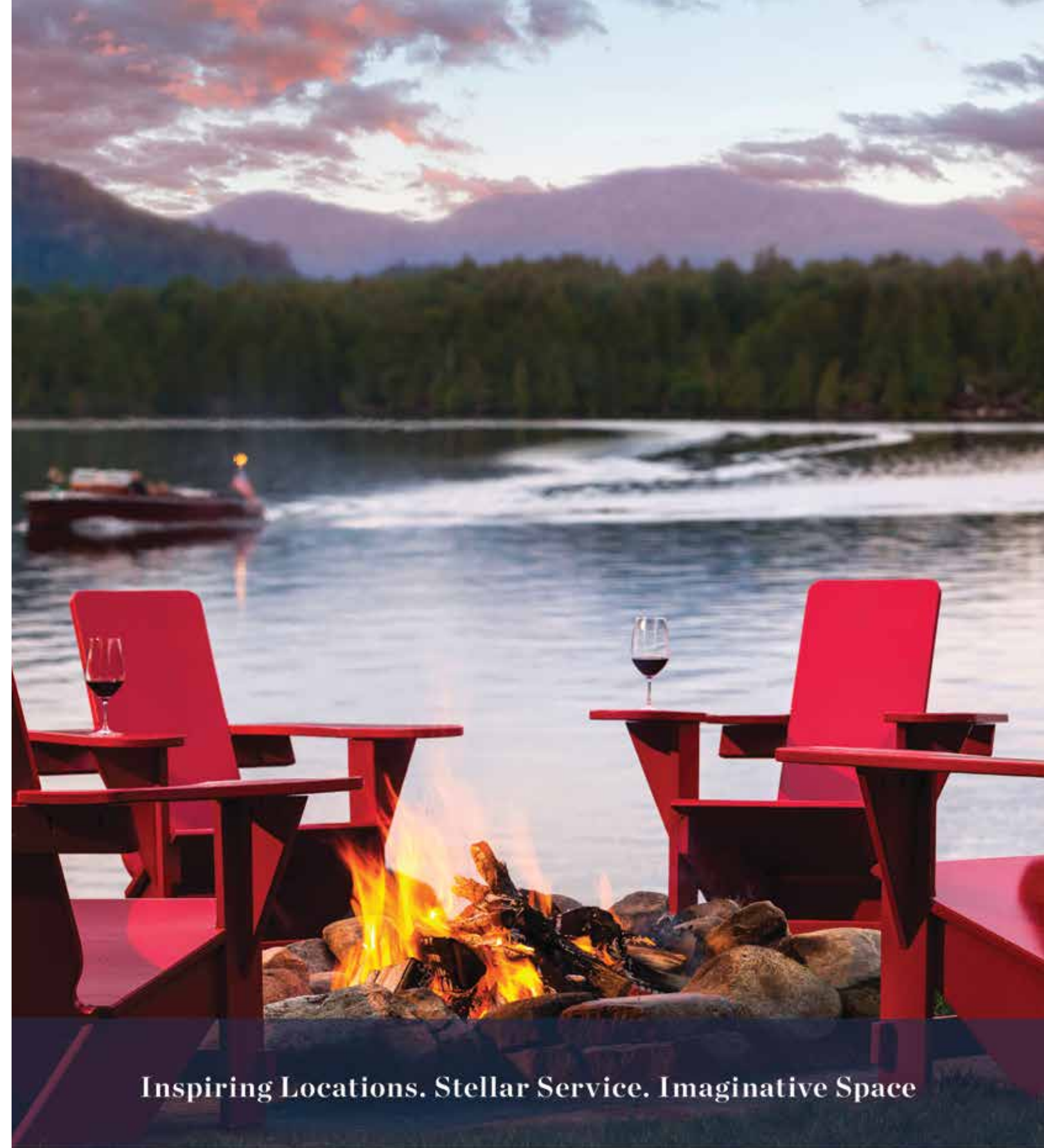
## **Bolton Landing Brewing Company**

This microbrewery is known for three things: amazing truffle fries, a wall of windows positioned perfectly before the lake, and seven constantly rotating taps that pour fun creations like “Draw Me Like One of Your French Girls” French saison and “Urban Lumberjack” imperial stout.

## **Happy Jack's**

You'll find fun, funky gifts, flip-flops, Crocs, vintage toys, Quiksilver clothing, gag gifts, and everything in between at this eclectic store that's equal parts surf shop, emporium, and Urban Outfitters.

(HAPPY JACKS) SIDEKICK CREATIVE; (WOMEN SHOPPING) SEGAL PHOTOGRAPHY



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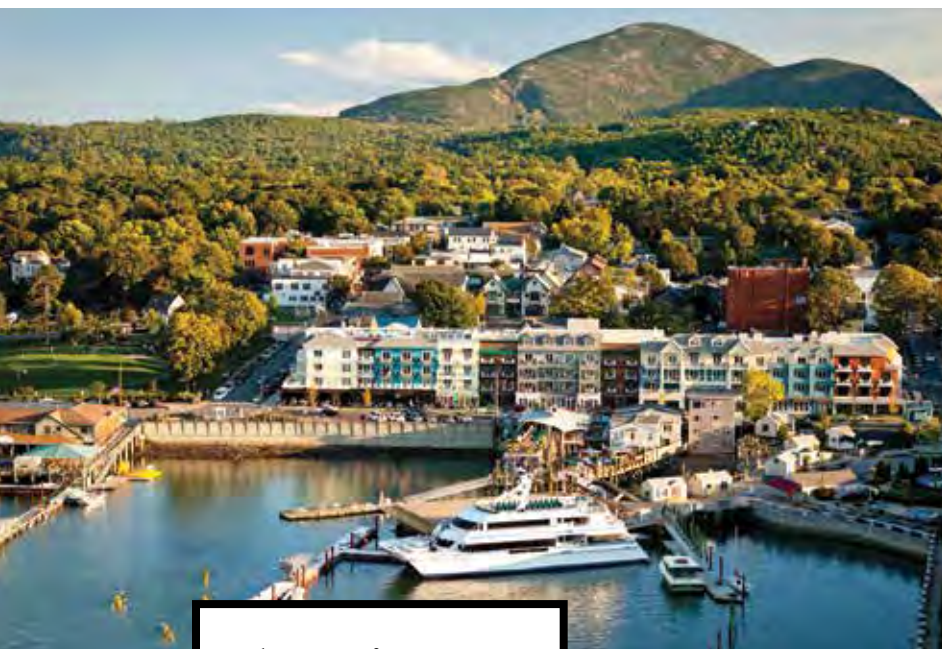
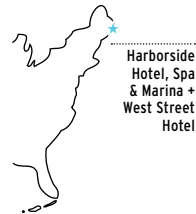


DAY AFTER YOU DOCK

# Bar Harbor, Maine

*What makes dropping anchor at Harborside Hotel, Spa & Marina so great isn't just the conveniences offered at the edge of Frenchman Bay; it's what you can do in the charming town of Bar Harbor once on dry land.*

By ADAM O'KANE



## The Marina

**COORDINATES** 44°23.53N, 68°12.38W

**SLIPS** 6, accommodating vessels 35-150 feet long

### MARINA SERVICES

- Electric & freshwater hookup
- Trash service
- Fuel

### HOTEL SERVICES

- The Spa at Bar Harbor Club
- 3 on-site restaurants
- Oceanside tennis courts
- Heated pool and hot tub

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### 8:30 a.m. EAT LIKE AN IRISHMAN

There's no better early-morning fuel than a traditional, hearty Irish breakfast. And Paddy's Irish Pub & Restaurant, located just across the street from the marina on the street level of West Street Hotel, offers that in spades. We suggest the Pan Boxy Scramble, a type of potato pancake topped with farm-fresh scrambled eggs, spinach, wild mushrooms, cheddar, chive cream, and bacon.

### 10 a.m. RETAIL THERAPY

You won't have to venture far from the doors of Paddy's before you hit a unique cross-section of retail options, also housed on the street level of the hotel. Cariloha specializes

in ultra-soft bedding made of bamboo, while Acadia on West carries an impressive collection of Helly Hansen gear. If looking for souvenirs, find display cases filled with semiprecious stone pieces at Bliss Jewelers and a carefully curated selection of made-in-Maine home goods at Penelope's.

### 2 p.m. CRASH COURSE IN ACADIA

It is virtually impossible to take in all that Acadia National Park has to offer in just a day – or even a week, at that. So for something like “the greatest hits collection” rolled into a few hours, book the two-and-a-half-hour afternoon tour with Oli's Trolley. Departing from downtown Bar Harbor, the old-fashioned trolley car, with polished brass handrails and solid oak seating, heads to all corners of the 47,000-acre park, including the biggest attractions: Cadillac Mountain, the Jordan Pond area, Thunder Hole, Sand Beach, and Otter Cliff.

### 4:30 p.m. TREAT YOURSELF

The five-room spa at the Bar Harbor Club – located on the property of Harborside Hotel, Spa & Marina – is ground zero for the ultimate indulgence: the Signature Perfect Body, an 80-minute, full-body treatment, where your technician combines any of the featured mud and wrap therapies into one perfect body treatment created just for you.

### 7 p.m. DIG INTO A LOBSTER DINNER

It wouldn't be a visit to Down East Maine without indulging in a little lobster. Perched beside the marina in a red building adorned with colorful buoys, Stewman's Lobster Pound serves the crustacean practically any which way you can have it: lobster crab cakes, lobster stew, lobster bisque, or chilled and served in a cobb salad, in a roll, and of course, in the rough.

## Humpback Whale

Type: Mammal  
Diet: Omnivore  
Size: 48 to 62.5 ft  
Weight: 40 tons  
Group Name: Pod  
Protection Status: Endangered



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# Covet

*Look the part with these travel-smart products.*

By EMILY MINEROWICZ



## ONE

### NIBLICK FAIRWAY WOOD

#### *Belleair, FL*

Playing a round on either of the two 18-hole golf courses at Belleair Country Club is a bit like traveling back in time. That's because the Donald Ross-designed courses retain all the same features as when they were originally built in the early 1900s. And there is no better way to complete the picture of nostalgia than with one of these fairway woods resembling clubs common in the 1800s. [louisvillegolf.com](http://louisvillegolf.com), \$265 (per club)

## TWO

### NATURE 10 X 25 MONOCULAR

#### *Lake George, NY*

Pack this sleek, handheld telescope during a 90-minute tour on Lake George aboard *The Morgan*, The Sagamore Resort's 72-foot replica of a nineteenth-century touring vessel. Ideal for those misty mornings on the lake, the fog-proof lens allows you to see 10 times the distance, which means you won't miss any chance to spot white-tailed deer, coyotes, foxes, loons, and heron. [celestron.com](http://celestron.com), \$45

## THREE

### ROVER PACK BACKPACK

#### *Lake Placid, NY*

Eyeing the 4,865-foot peak rising behind the lake from your balcony at Lake Placid Lodge? Meet Whiteface Mountain, site of the 1980 Winter Olympics and one of the 46 Adirondack High Peaks. Now meet this lightweight, sturdy backpack, ideal for securely storing your lunch as you trek up one of Whiteface's three trail routes, varying in length from four to six miles. [topodesigns.com](http://topodesigns.com), \$99

## FOUR

### FORT KNOCKS DELUXE SUNGLASSES

#### *Camden, ME*

Safeguard your eyes with these durable frames featuring polarized amber lenses and full UV400 protection while exploring the rocky coastline that weaves in and out along Penobscot Bay aboard the *Schooner Olad*. The 48-foot classic vessel sails out of Camden, bringing passengers to the rocky shoreline's sentry-like lighthouses and many hidden mansions. [knockaround.com](http://knockaround.com), \$25

## FIVE

### AIRSELFIE AS2

#### *Sarasota, FL*

The Siesta Key Drum Circle meets every Sunday year-round an hour before sunset, where dozens of people descend upon the sand, led by a plethora of percussionists, to dance the evening away. It's a scene that just begs to be captured from above - and you can with this pocket-size aerial camera offering you angles and heights no selfie-stick could reach. [airselfiecamera.com](http://airselfiecamera.com), \$193

## SIX

### CARRY ONWARDS YOGA MAT

#### *Naples, FL*

It's no secret that Naples is a bit of a health and wellness mecca (for the last four consecutive years, the Gallup National Health and Well-Being Index has awarded Naples-Immokalee-Marco Island "the happiest and healthiest area in the U.S."). So if looking to "when in Rome," roll out this packable mat that fits into your carry-on along the private seven-mile stretch of beach outside the door of Edgewater Beach Hotel for some mindfulness. [lululemon.com](http://lululemon.com), \$88

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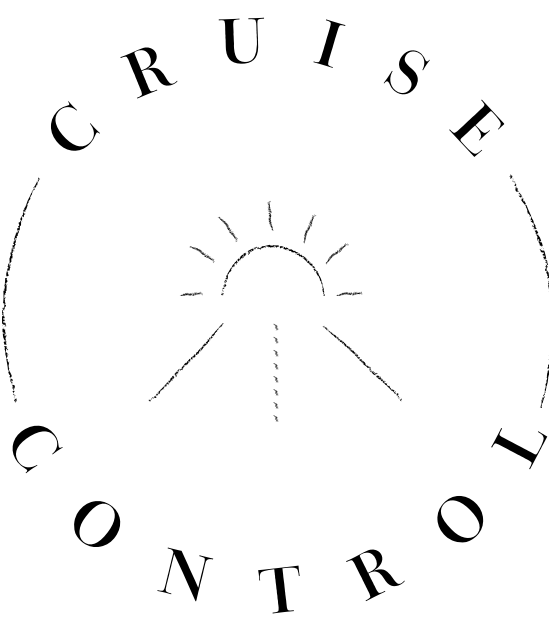
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*Using The Opal Road Trip Concierge service and various Opal resorts as their stopping points, we tasked the couple behind the travel brand The League Collective with taking to the open road for a long weekend getaway. Their point A to point B? Clearwater Beach south to Sarasota along the Gulf Coast of Florida. The result? The perfect marriage of freewheeling and comfort-seeking.*

PHOTOGRAPHY BY THE LEAGUE COLLECTIVE

DAY ONE / P.M.

(OPPOSITE) On the first evening, check in at **Opal Sands Resort**, offering 230 guest rooms and suites, all facing out to Clearwater Beach. Evening relaxation comes in the form of a game of cornhole and a coconut daiquiri at Sandbar, the resort’s beachfront tiki bar, followed by pan-seared hogfish at the resort’s signature restaurant, Sea-Guini.





WHERE: GULF COAST  
OF FLORIDA

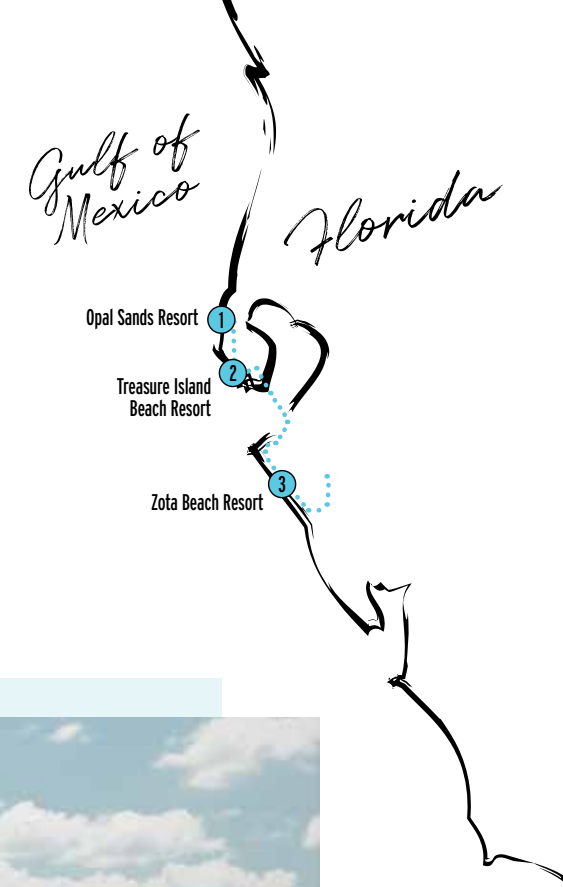


MILES TRAVELED: 87

OPAL RESORTS VISITED: 3

PHOTOS TAKEN OF ST. PETE'S STREET MURALS:

1 MEMORY CARD'S WORTH



DAY TWO / A.M.

(OPPOSITE) A swim in the **pool** – featuring a deck that cantilevers over the ocean – will certainly wake you up if the smoothies and freshly pressed juices from Opal Sands Resort’s smoothie bar don’t. (ABOVE) Your road trip south to Sarasota officially begins this morning, but on your way out of town, be sure to actually hit the town. Clearwater’s Cleveland Street District boasts boutiques, architectural landmarks like the Bilheimer Capitol Theatre, and plenty of public art. And it wouldn’t be a visit to Clearwater Beach without a stop at **Pier 60**. The long, concrete pier punctuates what has been ranked “The Best Beach in the Country” by TripAdvisor’s Travelers’ Choice Awards for the last two years.





## DAY TWO / P.M.

(ABOVE) As you continue to head south, a pit stop for lunch is in order. Just north of St. Pete Beach, **BRGR Kitchen & Bar** at Treasure Island Beach Resort serves up gourmet burgers made from custom grinds and local ingredients – including herbs and arugula grown in the on-site garden. (OPPOSITE, ALL PHOTOS) Downtown St. Pete is next on the itinerary, particularly for the **50 large-scale murals** splashed across the buildings of Central Avenue. It's an Instagram influencer's dream backdrop and a worthy detour before continuing south to check in at Zota Beach Resort in Sarasota for the night.







# DAY THREE / A.M.

(OPPOSITE) There’s no better way to plot the day ahead – which will be spent hitting up the sights of Sarasota – than over a poolside breakfast of eggs served atop warm baby spinach, tri-color quinoa, and applewood-smoked bacon from Zota Beach Resort’s **Viento Kitchen + Bar**. (ABOVE, LEFT) Zota Beach Resort’s **secluded stretch of beach** lets you soak in a little vitamin D beside the sea. (ABOVE, RIGHT) Once you’re back into road-tripping mode, head just a mere eight miles south to **St. Armands Circle**, which offers up European ambience with a promenade of sidewalk cafés, lush courtyards, statues, and upscale boutique shops.

## WHERE TO STAY

*The Gulf Coast of Florida is home to a whopping seven Opal Collection resorts. That means you can mix and match where you stay each night, or even extend your road trip to include more stops between the towns.*

CLEARWATER BEACH, FL  
**Opal Sands Resort**  
opalsands.com

**Sandpearl Resort**  
sandpearl.com

BELLEAIR, FL  
**Bellevue Inn**  
thebellevueinn.com

TREASURE ISLAND, FL  
**Treasure Island Beach Resort**  
treasureislandbeachresort.com

SARASOTA, FL  
**The Resort at Longboat Key Club**  
longboatkeyclub.com

**Zota Beach Resort**  
zotabeachresort.com

**Lido Beach Resort**  
lidobeachresort.com





## DAY THREE / P.M.

(**TOP**) On your way into Sarasota proper, take in the sunny view of **Sarasota Bay**, the coastal lagoon home to a large local population of dolphins. (**BOTTOM**) Welcome to downtown Sarasota. While it may look like the jungle, it's actually just the looming moss-draped oaks and palms that pepper the colorful bohemian enclave of **Towles Court Artist Colony**, located at the edge of town. (**OPPOSITE**) You'll find a circus mecca just another five miles away in northern Sarasota on the grounds of The Ringling Museum. Sitting on the waterfront, the 36,000-square-foot **Ca' d'Zan** is a behemoth Venetian-inspired palazzo that was the winter home of American circus owner John Ringling.







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## DAY THREE / P.M.

The best way to end your road trip? Back at the modern-meets-casual **Zota Beach Resort** with a sunset stroll on the powder-soft white sand. Thanks to the secluded barrier island location, don't be surprised if you have the private stretch all to yourself. *O*

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# *Finding* M a i N E

During a three-day road trip up the coast of Maine, from Penobscot Bay to Bar Harbor, a New England native attempts to show her “from-away” friend that there’s more to this state than just lobster. In the process, she receives some schooling of her own.

BY MAGGIE WALLACE

MICHAEL BROWNING ON UNSPLASH.COM



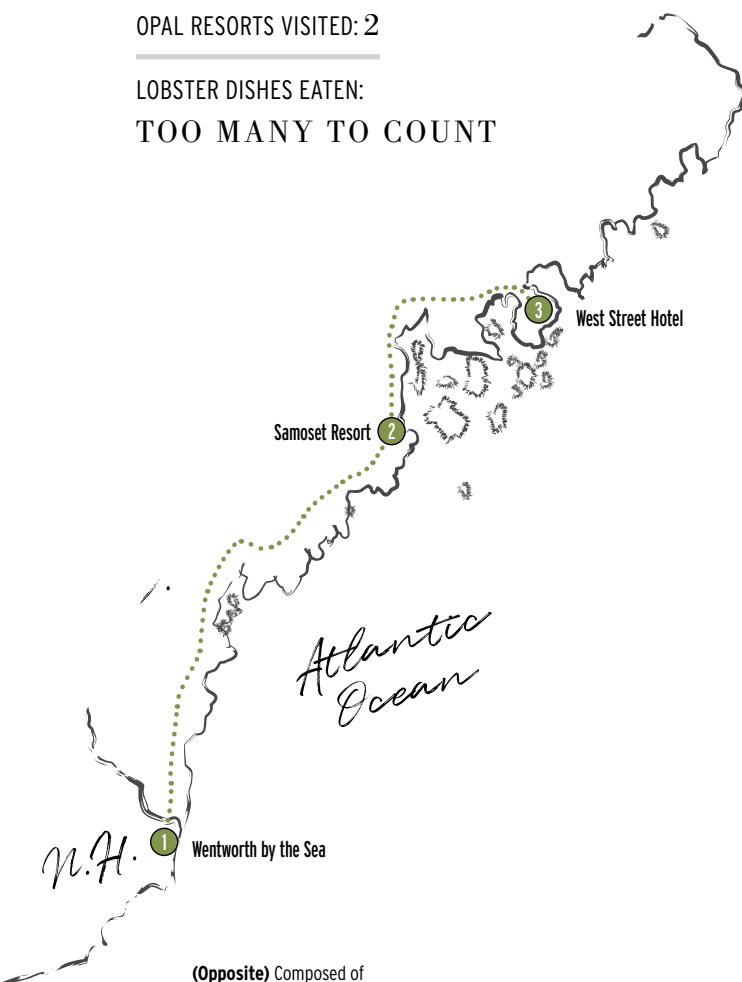


WHERE: COASTAL NEW ENGLAND

MILES TRAVELED: 220

OPAL RESORTS VISITED: 2

LOBSTER DISHES EATEN:  
TOO MANY TO COUNT



**(Opposite)** Composed of mammoth granite blocks, the mile-long Rockland Breakwater was constructed in late 1800s to shelter vessels in the harbor from coastal storms. Later, in 1902, the lighthouse was added to the end of the breakwater.

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OW, LOBSTER IS GOOD,” reports my friend Shaughn Dugan after taking his first few bites of the buttery toasted roll that’s stuffed with shredded lobster and just the tiniest bit of mayo and lemon. After swallowing his third bite, he pauses, then nods knowingly. “Okay. I see why people come to Maine.”

I snort. We’re not even in Maine yet, but to Shaughn, who grew up in Alexandria, Virginia, it might as well be. Like many of those “from away,” whose understanding of New England was shaped by sports teams and middle school geography, Shaughn frequently confuses New Hampshire with Vermont and has a fuzzy and wholly inaccurate image in his head of how Maine looks: just another triangular state beneath French Canada, I suppose. I, myself – who grew up in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire and have hiked all over New England – know a little bit better.

Still, I should cut him some slack. Because the fact of the matter is, from where we are sitting on a balcony off our guest room in this restored grand hotel in New Castle, New Hampshire, Maine’s border is actually no more than a mile away, just over the Piscataqua River. And this is just evening one of our three-day, 220-mile road trip in late August of 2019, up the coast of Maine. Tonight, we are staying at **Wentworth by the Sea**, which serves as an easy (and luxurious) overnight stop for travelers flying into Boston Logan International Airport, just an hour south of where we are relaxing right now. But, tomorrow, we will be off to Midcoast Maine, then the next day, headed to Bar Harbor in the “Down East” region (I decide to wait until day two to explain to Shaughn about how we’re going Down East, despite driving north). Our task: to cram in as many coastal Maine towns and attractions as we can while indulging in some R&R at the two Opal resorts where we will be staying each night. My personal goal: show Shaughn that there is more to coastal Maine than lobster.

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The next morning, after breakfast in **Latitudes**, one of Wentworth’s two award-winning restaurants, we were ready to officially head north. We enter Maine mid-morning, making a couple of essential stops in Portland – the state’s must-visit foodie city, with a farm-to-fork philosophy that’s the envy of New England – to grab some famous potato donuts and visit a nanobrewery. Then, it’s time to leave the city (and I-95) behind and head toward Samoset Resort, by way of US Route 1, the country’s very first interstate highway. Locals often refer to it as Coastal Route 1, and once we hit Thomaston, we really begin to see why. Don’t get me wrong, the 45-mile stretch between Bath and Thomaston was beautiful with its historic cities, craggy little coves, quintessential lobster shacks, and antique emporiums, but the Midcoast stretch, overlooking the wide expanse of sparkling Penobscot Bay studded with boats, is something else.

When we arrive at **Samoset Resort**, which sits on a sprawl-



ing green peninsula on the bay, three miles north of Rockland’s bohemian downtown, it’s about 5 p.m. Dinner comes in the form of poached lobster (of course) at **La Bella Vita**, the on-site Italian restaurant, where, from the outdoor terrace, we marvel at the **Rockland Breakwater**: a stunning jetty constructed from massive blocks of granite to shield the bay from ravaging storms in the late 1800s. After Shaughn puts down the last of his lobster, we decide to go explore this sinewy gray line, stretching southward into the ocean like a massive, stony reef.

Walking toward the lighthouse at the end of it, we puzzle over the perfect flatness of the structure; each stone was cut to fit into place. The breakwater extends nearly a full mile, making the walk feel like an endless skim over ocean. By the time we reach the lighthouse, the rosy sunset has faded, and we are flanked by the

lights of Rockland, the distant landmass of islands North Haven and Vinalhaven, and the diamond-strewn sky above. And for a moment, we are wordless, staring up at the brilliant stars.

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Sunrise brings a gentle morning mist to the bucolic scenery surrounding the resort on our second morning. The resort is known for some of the best golfing in New England, but I didn’t understand just how integral the sport was until I looked down from my balcony to see the sixth hole. The golf course isn’t just alongside the resort – it fully encompasses it. Leaving our ocean-view cottage in the morning light, we are immersed in the verdant fairways and accompanied by the satisfying thwack of golf balls as they arc toward the putting green.

We have a full itinerary planned for the next 10 hours – including art galleries, wineries, and even a short hike – but





(Left) An \$8 tasting in a 200-year-old barn at Cellardoor Winery is just off the beaten path in Lincolnville; (below) Robert Indiana's EAT sculpture originally appeared on the exterior of the New York State Pavilion at the 1964 World's Fair; (opposite) an original "LOVE" sculpture by the late Robert Indiana and former Vinalhaven local stands at the Farnsworth Art Museum.



(WINERY) EMILY QUALEY; (MUSEUM) DAVID TROUP



The artist behind the "LOVE" symbol lived in Midcoast Maine.

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she had hoofed the 2,200-mile route) hands us a map, then points us in the direction of the Mount Battie Trail. A short hike up the half-mile trail to the 800-foot peak gives us an appreciation for the park ranger's monumental feat and delivers us to a stone tower that overlooks Camden Harbor, teeming with sun-bleached sailboats. Shortly after noon, we're back in the car. But rather than continuing along Coastal Route 1, we turn inland toward Lincolnville, heading through farm country to **Cellardoor Winery**. Just as we pull up and get out, a sudden summer rain begins to pour down on us, so it isn't until we run into the tasting room and sit down that we notice the sprawling vineyard, blanketed with a layered mist

DAVID TROUP

Shaughn isn't going anywhere until he gets his "recommended daily lobster," he jokes. "Lobster benedict it is," he devises while looking over the menu in the lobby. We reluctantly leave Samoset Resort around 9 a.m. en route to our first stop, the **Farnsworth Art Museum**, located at the corner of Rockland's Main Street and the eponymous Museum Street. A stylish woman behind the desk eyes us and our hiking clothes. "Two adults?" she asks. "I'd like to think so," I try. She laughs and hands us guides, and then we're on our own to discover the immensity of the 20,000-square-foot museum. Inside, we find a papier-mâché spider made by local schoolchildren, an intricate spirograph of fishing line patterning a domed ceiling, and a whole exhibit devoted to Jamie Wyeth's heart-wrenching paintings of his wife and muse, Phyllis Wyeth, after her car accident. As we go to leave, another docent stops us. "Don't forget to go to the second building," he hollers. "There's more?!" asks an incredulous Shaughn, who just got lost while looking for the bathroom. "Go out to the right and look for Andy Warhol staring down at you from the steeple. You can't miss it." Sure enough, we turn the corner to see exactly what was

described to us: a 30-foot-high visage of Andy Warhol against a white church spire, gazing open-mouthed as though he is surprised that we stopped by. "That is hard to miss," says Shaughn. By mid-morning, we're on our way out of Rockland and heading north on Route 1 again, up through the sibling towns of Rockport and Camden. While I know Camden offers a quaint downtown, home to eighteenth-century buildings and boutique shopping galore, Shaughn and I both have our sights set on the neighboring **Camden Hills State Park**, a 5,500-acre park offering hiking trails and sweeping views of Penobscot Bay. The park ranger with an Appalachian Trail tattoo (which I took as a telltale sign that

from the pop-up storm and catching glints of the reemerging sun. It's over samples of their 20 wines made largely from imported grapes (with the exception of their ice wine) that Shaughn finally confesses, "I may have had too much lobster." After an intentionally lobster-less late lunch in the revitalized downtown of Belfast, home to redbrick Victorian-era buildings and sea captains' mansions perched on a hill overlooking Penobscot Bay, we realize gray clouds are rolling in. This puts a bit of a damper on our next stop: the **Penobscot Narrows Bridge and Observatory**. The tallest bridge observatory in the world at 447 feet, Penobscot Narrows offers 360-degree views extending to



WHERE TO  
STAY

NEW CASTLE, NH  
**Wentworth by the Sea**  
wentworth.com

ROCKPORT, ME  
**Samoset Resort**  
samosetresort.com

BAR HARBOR, ME  
**West Street Hotel**  
theweststreethotel.com

**Harborside Hotel, Spa & Marina**  
theharborsidehotel.com

(Right) The 2,120-foot-long cable-stayed Penobscot Narrows Bridge carries Coastal Route 1 over the Penobscot River; (below) downtown Bar Harbor's Stewman's Lobster Pound serves up a whole spread of fresh-caught New England favorites, but perhaps no option is more beloved than the butter-toasted lobster roll.

Meet the  
tallest bridge  
observatory in  
the world.



Mt. Desert Island and Acadia on a clear day. But today is not clear. No bother: Our guide at the top of the elevator, Terry, gives us a local lesson anyway. She's from Prospect, the town at the foot of the landmark that witnessed both the closing of the old bridge when rust was discovered deep in the cable system and the advent of the 2003 bridge with its unique observatory that has drawn people from all over the world. "We call this the 'toll bridge,'" explains Terry, meaning that tourism actually paid for the bridge to be built over time.

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Back on US Route 1, subdued by the weather, we cross over the sparse farmlands and land bridges of Maine's craggy coast in a comfortable silence. The landscape from Penobscot Narrows to Mt. Desert Island is stark but beautiful, with long stretches of marshes and fields dotted by small fishing villages. And before we know it, we're there, crossing the land bridge onto Mt. Desert Island, home of **Acadia National Park**. We weave our way along the coast until brightly colored seafood shacks give way to hotels and motels and we know we are approaching Bar Harbor, which sits in the shadow of the park.

Compared to the last hour amid stark farms and marshes, the tiny downtown of Bar Harbor feels like a heavily concentrated dose of Maine. Hotels, restaurants, and tourist shops decorated with colorful buoys stand shoulder to shoulder on the brightly lit streets. West Street abruptly ends at the ocean, where whale watching tour boats sit at the ready. A stream of poncho-clad people pass us, chatting enthusiastically. I'm eager to explore the downtown before sundown, so I rush Shaughn to check in to our final Opal Collection resort for the night, **West Street Hotel**, where, tucked

(BRIDGE) ADAM GROTTON, MAINE DOT



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(Below) Located at the street level of West Street Hotel, Paddy's Irish Pub & Restaurant recreates the cozy, dark atmosphere of an Irish pub with all tables, chairs, the bar, and other furniture shipped in from Ireland.

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DOWNTOWN OF *Bar Harbor* FEELS LIKE  
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into the heart of all the activity, we have an amazing view of the bustling street from our balcony, not to mention Frenchman Bay's neighboring Porcupine Islands.

As the sun begins to set, we weave through the lit shops. I expected that – with the touristy atmosphere – to find mostly tchotchkes and trinkets, but I am surprised to discover largely artisan crafts: Local leatherwork, pottery, and jewelry line the shelves and make the storefronts of Cottage and Main Streets feel less commercial and more cozy (I am unable, though, to convince Shaughn to buy a lobster keychain). After about an hour of perusing, we hear live fiddle music pouring out of **Paddy's Irish Pub & Restaurant** as we re-enter West Street. It adds to the ebullient environment of the little sea-facing buildings on their tall piers. Naturally, we put our name in for the restaurant to a chorus of fans clapping along with the Celtic band.

"This is really cool. This is a real place," Shaughn says as

we're seated, and I think about how places that are touristy sometimes get the reputation of being commodified locations, the same everywhere you go, but Maine has always struck me as outside of that cycle. From the unpredictable weather to the locals who both work and live here, Maine is its own experience.

Shaughn seems to echo my thoughts: "It's unlike any place I've ever been..." he trails off as he looks out at the bay where, earlier today, sea kayakers had followed the same currents that commercial fishing boats have followed for centuries. And for a moment, I find myself looking at this place through his eyes – as a community that fosters tourism by amplifying, rather than silencing, the echo of history.

I know he gets it, but I still can't help but laugh when Shaughn, clutching his menu, spots a specific dish and his eyes go wide.

"Let's get Irish lobster!" O

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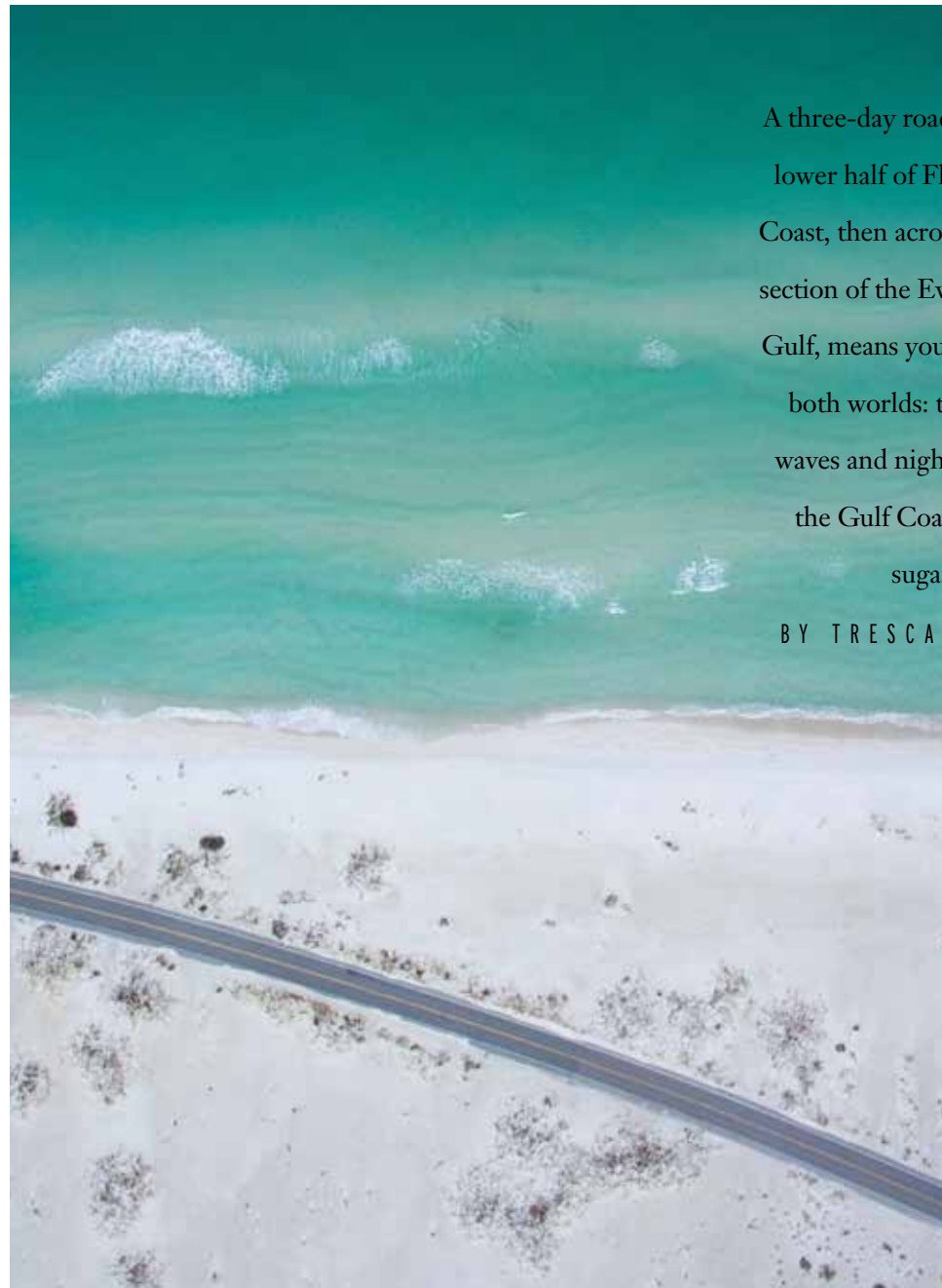
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# A Tale of Two Coasts



A three-day road trip down the lower half of Florida's Atlantic Coast, then across the northern section of the Everglades to the Gulf, means you get the best of both worlds: the East Coast's waves and nightlife action and the Gulf Coast's wildlife and sugar-sand beaches.

BY TRESKA WEINSTEIN



WHERE: LOWER ATLANTIC COAST OF FLORIDA

MILES TRAVELED: 220 // OPAL RESORTS VISITED: 3

LIKELY WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS: SEA TURTLES, PANTHERS, DOLPHINS, GATORS

AARON BURDEN ON UNSPLASH.COM

(HORSE) TAMMY HAYES-BEVILLE



## Day One

### Land in Hutchinson Island

3 p.m.

#### Smooth Liftoff

Get settled at **Hutchinson Shores Resort & Spa** on Jensen Beach: your comfy

launching pad for the journey. The resort's clean lines, blue and white color scheme, and wide-open spaces bring the fresh air and the music of the waves inside. If in need of a bit of energizing for your road trip ahead, book the sea-inspired body renewal treatment at the on-site spa, which envelopes you with a cocoon of nourishing green tea and seaweed extracts, followed by a full-body aromatherapy massage.

7:30 p.m.

#### Equine Adventure

Straight out of a romance novel – or just about every *Poldark* episode – a sunset horseback

ride along the beach makes for a pretty unforgettable experience. **Tours on Horseback** offers scenic beach rides atop a fleet of laid-back steeds (no galloping here), with customized tours available by special reservation. If you prefer a paddle to a saddle, book a serene evening on the water with **Riverfront Kayaks Paradise Tours**.

### WHERE TO STAY

JENSEN BEACH, FL  
**Hutchinson Shores Resort & Spa**  
hutchinsonshores.com

5:30 p.m.

#### A Table with a View

Seafood tastes even better when it comes with an ocean breeze – and a sea breeze cocktail.

Grab a table on the Ocean Veranda at **Drift Kitchen + Bar**, just steps from the Atlantic, and sip a cocktail crafted from house-made syrups and fresh herbs before digging into crispy local snapper with tomato jam and smoked chili oil, hand-crafted linguine loaded with fresh clams and heirloom tomatoes, or Drift's famous wood-fired pizzas.





# Day Two

## Hutchinson Beach > Jupiter > Delray Beach

### WHERE TO STAY

JUPITER, FL  
Jupiter Beach Resort & Spa  
jupiterbeachresort.com



**10 a.m.** *Seek Some Refuge*  
Start the day off with a step back in time at the **House of Refuge at Gilbert's Bar**, located on the southern end of Hutchinson Island. Originally built by the US Life-Saving Service in 1876, 10 of these life-saving stations were scattered across Florida's Atlantic Coast, where keepers were tasked with searching for survivors of shipwrecks, taking in injured and stranded sailors, and nursing them back to health. Today, as the last remaining House of Refuge, the site maintains a keeper's living quarters just as you would have seen it in 1904.

**12 p.m.** *Rare Rocks*  
In a region studded with miles of sandy beaches, the unique craggy limestone shore at **Blowing Rocks Preserve** on Jupiter Island, located a mere four miles north of Jupiter Beach Resort & Spa, looks as though it belongs in Acadia National Park in Maine. Managed by The Nature Conservancy, the preserve boasts the largest Anastasia limestone outcropping on the state's east coast, creating cliff-like rock formations that, during rough seas or high tide, shoot water spouts as high as 50 feet in the air.

**1 p.m.** *Lunch with a Unique View*  
With dishes that focus on Florida's abundance of fresh ingredients and seafood, Jupiter Beach Resort & Spa's signature restaurant, **Sinclair's Ocean Grill**, has built a solid reputation as one of Jupiter's best restaurants – not to mention, it's the only one with an oceanfront view. Take a seat on the outdoor terrace and dig into a wide variety of Florida-inspired food, such as jumbo lump crab cakes and Atlantic black grouper alongside favorites including beef short ribs and Tuscan chicken.



**3 p.m.** *Turtle ER*  
If you're a sick or injured sea turtle – or if you want to do your part to support the sea turtles that nest on 9.5 miles of shore in Juno Beach, Jupiter, and Tequesta – the **Loggerhead Marinelife Center** is the place to go. Guided tours offer an up-close look at the outdoor hospital, where you can learn about each patient's story, injuries, and treatment plan. Think of it as *Grey's Anatomy* for sea turtles.

**5 p.m.** *It's Worth It*  
Okay, you've already done a lot today, but who doesn't have time for a little retail therapy? **Worth Avenue in Palm Beach** boasts impressive architecture, more than three dozen shops, and a place in history as one of the centers of Gilded Age society. Special events are scheduled year-round, so don't be surprised to find yourself in the middle of an arts festival, a jewelry or classic car show, or the annual pet parade.

**7 p.m.** *Relish a Caribbean Renovation*  
After the scenic half-hour drive down A1A, a coastal byway that runs from Amelia Island to the Keys, check in at **Opal Grand Oceanfront Resort & Spa**. This shoreside sanctuary, located right on Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach, just completed a top-to-bottom renovation in 2021 and features water walls, living green walls, and swinging chairs amid teak, terrazzo, and shell-stone touches.

**8 p.m.** *Rock Down to Atlantic Avenue*  
**Atlantic Avenue** is the beating heart of Delray Beach, known as "Florida's Village by the Sea" and rated "most fun small town" by Rand McNally. Admire vibrant murals as you stroll through the **Pineapple Grove Arts District**, and grab dinner or drinks at **Sandbar**, a casual tiki bar with a huge sandy patio overlooking the ocean. Or, head to the **Arts Garage** to catch a poetry or comedy open mic, some soulful blues, a drag show, or traditional Cuban music.



# Day Three

## Delray Beach > Naples

### WHERE TO STAY

DELRAY BEACH, FL  
Opal Grand Oceanfront Resort & Spa  
opalgrandresort.com

Delray Sands Resort  
delraysandsresort.com

8  
a.m.

#### Some Morning Monkeying Around

After taking a morning dip in either the ocean (located just across Ocean Boulevard from Opal Grand) or the resort pool, head to breakfast at **Monkey Bar**, the resort's on-site restaurant. With an interior accented with living green walls, a bar set beneath a foliage-wrapped canopy, and a large overhead skylight, it feels a bit like dining in the heart of the jungle – there's even hanging ceramic monkeys. Along with fresh-squeezed juices and a signature bloody mary, choose from classic morning fare like made-to-order omelets, Belgian waffles, and crème brûlée french toast.

10  
a.m.

#### Crossroads of Culture

Once home to a small community of Japanese farmers who resettled in Boca Raton in the early 1900s to grow pineapples, the **Morikami Museum & Japanese Gardens** is now a cultural landmark. Past exhibitions have showcased Japanese art forms ranging from bamboo baskets to tattoos to the architecture featured in science fiction anime films – plus there's a permanent bonsai exhibit. If you arrive on an auspicious day, you might get to attend a traditional tea ceremony in the Seishin-an

Tea House, or take a “stroll for well-being” in the gardens – inspired by Japan's popular “forest bathing” practice.

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#### Alligator Alley

**The Everglades Parkway**, aka Alligator Alley, runs across the state and through the northern portion of the Everglades, so keep your eyes peeled for one of Florida's 1.25 million alligators (possibly more, as some may not have returned their census forms yet). Just off the east end of the Alley, stop at the **Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge** to stretch your legs along a loop trail that travels through ancient oak trees and tropical vegetation to a boardwalk and overlook where you can watch for osprey and hawks, deer, bear, and – yes – the occasional panther.

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#### Home Suite Home

Take a breather on your private balcony at **Edgewater Beach Hotel**, looking out over the gentle waves of the Gulf of Mexico. The Edgewater's 125 beachfront suites, with one or two bedrooms, feature gourmet kitchens, cozy dining areas, and comfy sand-toned couches, making the hotel a true home away from home.

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#### Golden Oldie

Stroll among beach cottages, mansions, coconut palms, and banyan trees in charming **Old Naples**, finding your way to **Gallery Row** – three square blocks of art galleries, antique shops, and auction houses (plus some excellent eateries). Check out the fresh, contemporary installations at **Up Art and Design Gallery** and the eclectic collection of paintings, sculpture, and glass at **Gardner Colby Galleries**, and make sure to snap a pic of **Palm Cottage**, Naples's oldest home, at the corner of 12th Avenue South and Gulf Shore Boulevard. Built in 1895, it's constructed of tabby mortar, a handmade concrete made from a mixture of sand, shells, and water.



(GARDEN) PHOTO COURTESY OF THE MORIKAMI MUSEUM & JAPANESE GARDENS





# Day Four



## Naples & Departure

**10 a.m.**  
**Pier Review**  
After breakfast at Edgewater's on-site restaurant, Coast, stroll south to the **Naples Pier** at the end of 12th Avenue, built in 1888 as a dock for freight and passengers. Destroyed by fire and hurricanes over the decades, the pier has been rebuilt multiple times; the current version extends a thousand feet into the water, making it a great spot to see pelicans, dolphins, and stingrays, and to fish at any hour of the day (its bulk fishing license covers all users).

**1 p.m.**  
**Life's a Beach**  
You'd be hard-pressed to find a **seven-mile stretch of white sand beach** as private and well-attended as the one you'll find at Edgewater Beach Hotel. Beach chairs, umbrellas, and even cabanas are available for guests looking to set up camp on the sand, as well as kayaks and paddleboards for rent for those who want to take to the placid Gulf waters. At lunchtime, move a short hop over to the loungers by the hotel's two pools and refresh yourself at Reflections Pool Bar, serving enticing handcrafted cocktails and entrées from the Coast kitchen.

**3 p.m.**  
**Penny Lane**  
Alas, your journey is coming to a close, but not before a quick stroll and late lunch at the **Waterside Shops** on the Tamiami Trail in North Naples (ideally en route to Southwest Florida International, if you are flying home). The premier shopping and dining destination – offering more than 60 shops and restaurants, including Saks Fifth Avenue and Anthropologie – is named for its many water features, including cascading falls along a 550-foot-long, hand-built rock wall. In fact, the coins tossed in its many fountains are regularly donated to the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. *O*

### WHERE TO STAY

NAPLES, FL  
Edgewater Beach Hotel  
edgewaternaples.com

\*\* Prior to visiting, please confirm details with featured business/attractions as they may require reservations.



(PIER) NAPLES, MARCO ISLAND, EVERGLADES CVB



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## New England Coast **Bar Harbor**

As Mount Desert Island's largest community, Bar Harbor's roots as a premier summer destination date back to the nineteenth century, when powerful families like the Rockefellers, Vanderbilts, and Fords built their famous mansions and estates (called "cottages") on what is now West Street. Today, the town still lures visitors by the hundreds of thousands each summer for activities that range from shopping in the downtown boutiques to taking in the soaring sea cliffs, rocky coast, and sweeping vistas of Acadia National Park.



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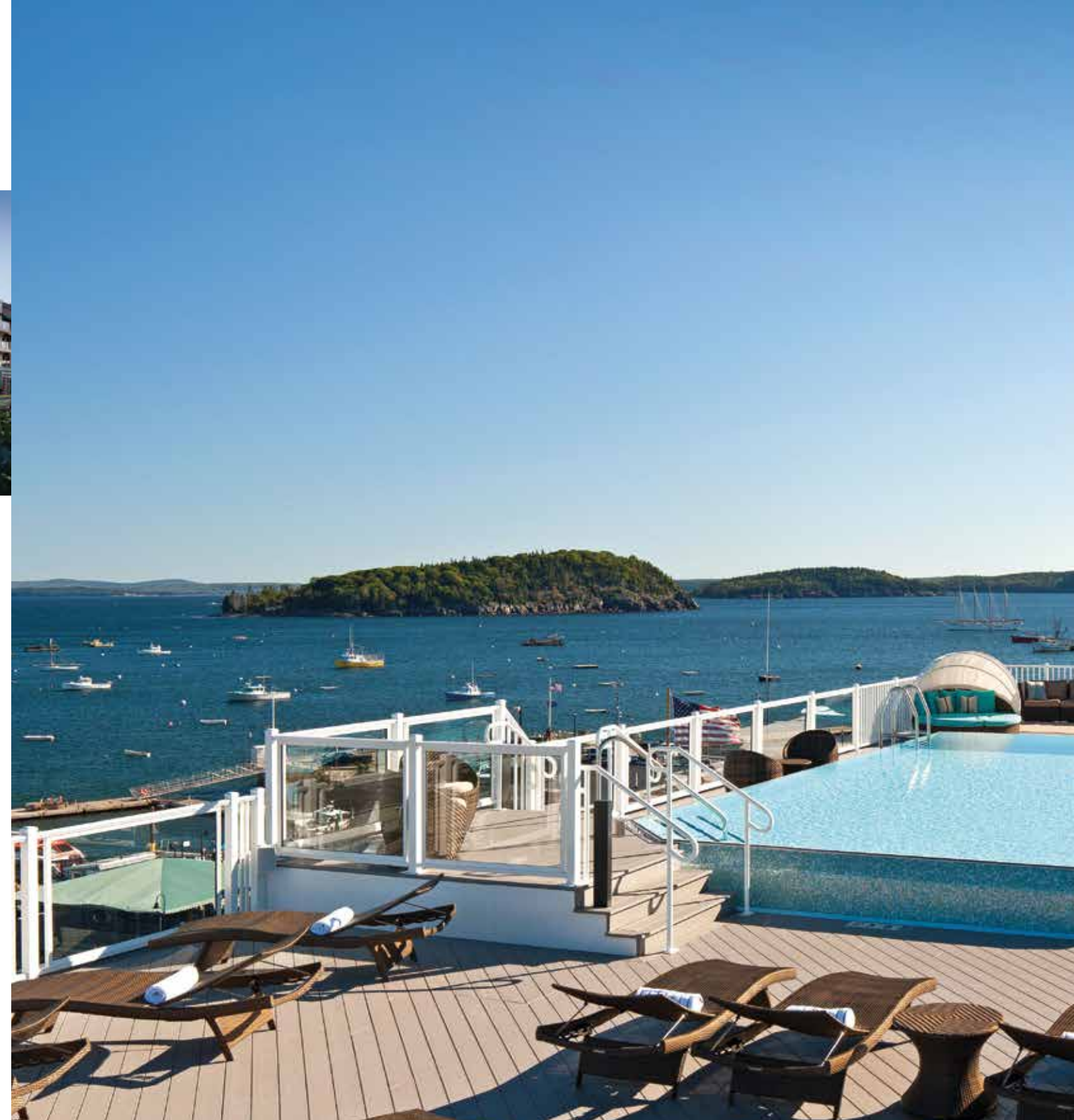
### **West Street Hotel**

50 WEST STREET / BAR HARBOR, ME  
855-424-0494 / THEWESTSTREETHOTEL.COM

*Bar Harbor's only luxury boutique hotel is situated on the downtown corner of West and Main Streets, featuring modern design and magnificent ocean and harbor views.*

#### AMENITIES

>> 85 beautifully appointed rooms. >> Home to Paddy's Irish Pub & Restaurant and also a short walk from La Bella Vita Ristorante and Stewman's Lobster Pound. >> Exclusive access to the adjacent Bar Harbor Club, featuring a full-service spa and fitness center, pool house, and tennis courts. >> Deluxe boutique accommodations, many with ocean views. >> Maine's only rooftop pool, offering panoramic views of Frenchman Bay, the outer islands, and Acadia National Park. >> Closest major airport: Bangor International (50 miles).



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## Harborside Hotel, Spa & Marina

55 WEST STREET / BAR HARBOR, ME  
877-528-4261 / THEHARBORSIDEHOTEL.COM

*Nestled in a seaside village and just moments away from Acadia National Park, Harborside Hotel, Spa & Marina offers breathtaking views of Frenchman Bay and beyond.*

### AMENITIES

» 193 newly renovated guest rooms, many with stunning views of the ocean. » Four luxurious two-bedroom Boathouse Suites built into the heart of the active marina. » On-site dining: La Bella Vita Ristorante, as well as Enoteca Wine Bar. » Exclusive access to the adjacent Bar Harbor Club, featuring a full-service spa and fitness center, pool house, and tennis courts. » Steps away from the Bar Harbor Whale Watch Co., offering boat tours for viewing puffins, whales, lighthouses, seals, and seabirds. » Full-service marina on Frenchman Bay that accommodates vessels from 25 to 160 feet in length. » Closest major airport: Bangor International (50 miles).



### AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

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## New England Coast **Penobscot Bay**

All located on Route 1 within a stretch of 10 miles, each of Penobscot Bay's major seaport towns of Rockland, Rockport, and Camden has its own unique flavor: Camden's quaint downtown is home to eighteenth-century architecture, boutique shopping galore, and a pretty waterfall cascade; Rockland and Rockport feature cultural attractions with gallery-lined streets and historic landmarks, like the 1923 Strand Theatre and the Rockport Opera House. When classified collectively, the three are touted as the "Jewel of the Maine Coast."



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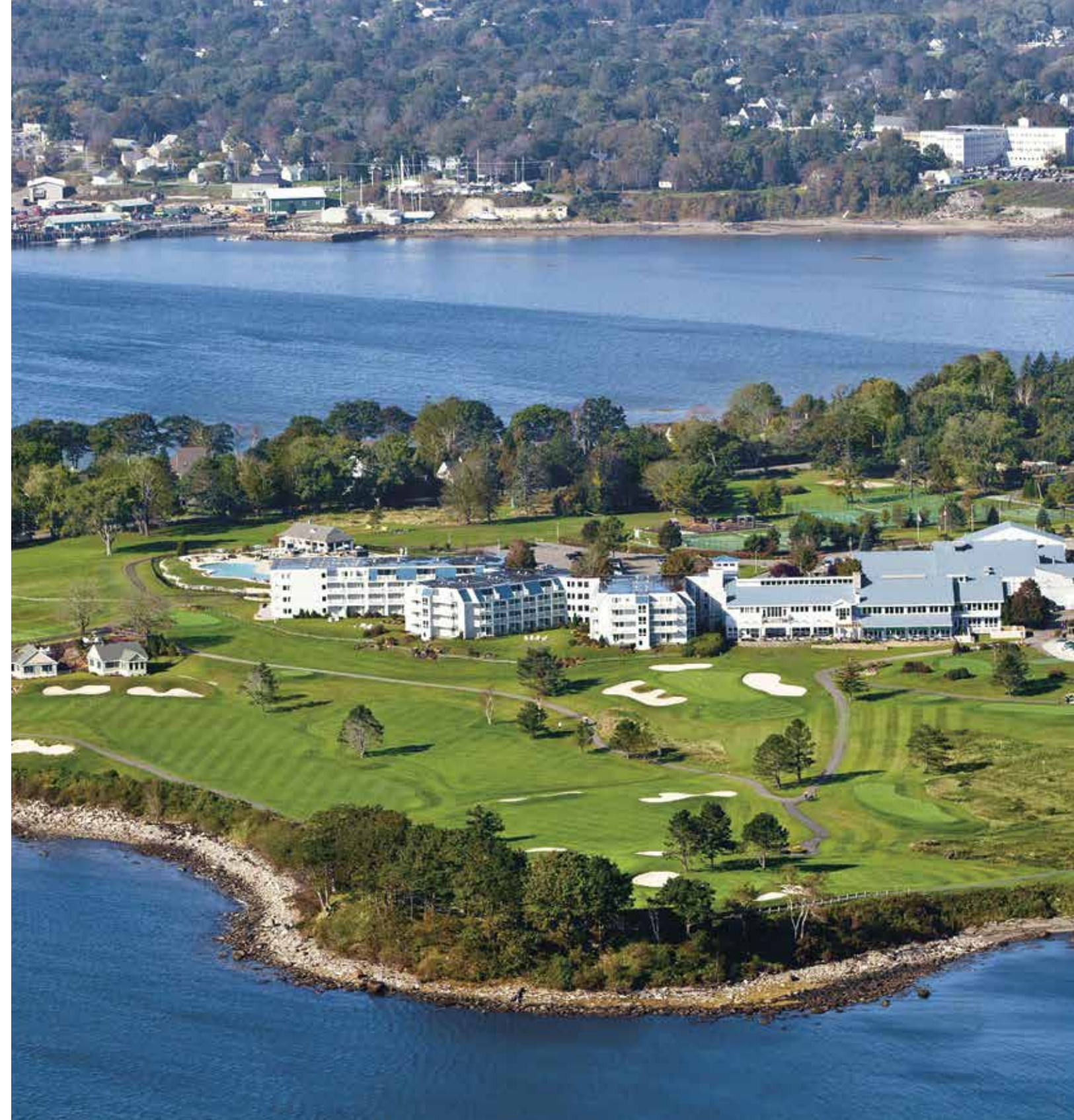
### ***Samoset Resort***

220 WARRENTON STREET / ROCKPORT, ME  
855-434-0414 / SAMOSETRESORT.COM

*Cradled between lush green hills and the blue waters of Penobscot Bay, Samoset Resort is a legendary landmark of Midcoast Maine, offering championship golf, exquisite dining, newly renovated guest rooms, and a five-room spa.*

#### AMENITIES

» 178 newly renovated rooms and four private seaside guest cottages, including the luxurious oceanfront Flume Cottage. » On-site dining: La Bella Vita, Enoteca Lounge, Splash Pool Bar, and Clubhouse Grill. » Themed winter weekend packages, including one that features an outdoor Glacier Ice Bar & Lounge. » Championship golf with 14 of 18 holes affording dramatic ocean vistas. » Full-service spa. » Fire pit and s'mores and Ultimate Backyard. » Shuffleboard courts, volleyball, tennis, basketball, cornhole, and more. » Stunning outdoor, free-form, zero-entry pool, hot tub, and fire pit that overlook the breakwater. » Closest major airport: Bangor International (45 miles).



#### AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

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"BEST HOTEL/RESORT WINNER" & "BEST GOLF COURSE" IN DOWN EAST MAGAZINE BEST OF MAINE READERS' CHOICE, 2020





# New England Coast Portsmouth

This southern New Hampshire port town, located at the mouth of the Piscataqua River where it empties into the Atlantic, blends a historic colonial vibe with a hip, modern community. Settled in 1623, it is one of the oldest cities in the nation, home to brick buildings and shop-lined alleys that harken back to the era of the tall ships. Today, those same buildings are often home to trendy bars and bistros, boutiques, and cutting-edge businesses.



## Wentworth by the Sea

588 WENTWORTH ROAD / NEW CASTLE, NH  
855-434-0454 / WENTWORTH.COM

*Located right next to Portsmouth, this meticulously restored grand hotel gleams with the glamour and grace that has drawn guests here for more than a century.*

**AMENITIES**  
 >> Historic 1874 hotel. >> 161 guest rooms and suites blend historic elegance with twenty-first-century convenience. >> 18 luxurious Harbor Marina Suites each offering 1,000 square feet of elegant living space. >> Full-service spa. >> Indoor pool and whirlpool and outdoor heated pool. >> Two premier restaurants: Latitudes Waterfront dining and the inventive SALT Kitchen & Bar, a dining experience that combines the Wentworth's historic charm with contemporary flavors. >> Annual Winter Wine Festival that offers a two-month array of tastings, seminars, and vintners' dinners. >> Most sought-after venue for weddings and meetings in New England, located less than an hour north of Boston. >> Closest major airports: Boston Logan International (60 miles) and Portland International Jetport (54 miles).







## ***Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside Hotel***

250 MARKET STREET / PORTSMOUTH, NH  
603-431-2300 / [MARriott.COM/PSMSI](https://www.marriott.com/psmsi)

*Centrally located in the heart of downtown Portsmouth, Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside Hotel is the perfect jumping-off point to explore all that this port town has to offer.*

### **AMENITIES**

» 194 guest rooms and condominium-style suites, featuring luxury bedding, free Wi-Fi, mini-fridges, and spacious desks. » Views of the Piscataqua River and working waterfront. » On-site restaurant, Two-Fifty Market, serving seasonal dishes inspired by local ingredients. » Fully equipped fitness center and indoor heated pool. » 13,788 square feet of meeting space and business center. » Closest major airports: Boston Logan International (56 miles) and Portland International Jetport (48 miles).





## New York Adirondacks **Lake Placid**

While most know Lake Placid for having hosted two winter Olympic Games (in 1932 and 1980), it was also a hot spot during the nineteenth-century Adirondack “Great Camps Era,” when Gilded Age debutantes and magnates erected sprawling summer retreats on the banks of the five-mile-long Lake Placid. Today, there’s a never-ending list of four-season to-dos: golf, hiking, or skiing Whiteface Mountain; kayaking; shopping; and touring the lake aboard Lake Placid Lodge’s own 35-foot mahogany Hacker-Craft.



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### **Lake Placid Lodge**

144 LODGE WAY / LAKE PLACID, NY  
855-434-0434 / LAKEPLACIDLodge.COM

*Perched on the five-mile-long Lake Placid, the stunning setting of Lake Placid Lodge could be something out of a film. In fact, it recently was when the HBO Emmy and Golden Globe Award winning show, Succession, filmed here in 2019 at the Relais & Châteaux property, home to world-class dining, lakefront lounging, and elegance with an Adirondack touch.*

#### AMENITIES

» Luxurious Arts and Crafts-style lodge reminiscent of the Adirondack Great Camps Era. » Lakeside suites and lakefront cabins featuring one-of-a-kind beds from local artisans, each with at least one wood-burning fireplace. » Farm-to-table cuisine and gourmet made-to-order breakfast. » Fine dining at Artisans, casual dining at Maggie’s Pub, and private dining – all available exclusively to hotel guests. » Wine cellar, carefully curated by our sommeliers. » Family activities year-round: nightly bonfires and s’mores, movie nights, and more. » Winter activities: cross-country skiing, tobogganing, ice-skating at the 1980 Olympic Oval, and downhill skiing at Whiteface Mountain. » Summer activities: swimming, fishing, kayaking, and touring Lake Placid aboard the lodge’s 35-foot mahogany Hacker-Craft. » Closest major airport: Adirondack Regional (17 miles).



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*New York  
Adirondacks*  
**Lake  
George**

**B**olton Landing has long drawn writers, artists, and musicians for its quiet beauty, perched on the crystalline Lake George and in the shelter of the Adirondacks’s 4,000-foot mountains. While the location still serves as a muse for many artists and creative types, it has become a major summer destination for generations of families who annually explore the surrounding mountain peaks and the lake’s 44 state-owned islands.



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***The Sagamore  
Resort***

110 SAGAMORE ROAD / BOLTON LANDING, NY  
855-434-0424 / [THESAGAMORE.COM](https://www.thesagamore.com)

*Based on the southern end of Green Island, The Sagamore Resort commands stunning views of Lake George and offers luxury accommodations, extraordinary dining, and a host of opportunities to enjoy the incredible beauty of the Adirondacks in any season.*

**AMENITIES**

» 395 rooms make up the elegant historic 1883 resort and Adirondack-style lodges. » New stand-alone accommodation, The First House, is a historic building turned into a 3,500-square-foot lakeside home away from home. » Eight on-site dining experiences: Mr. Brown’s Pub, La Bella Vita, Club Grill Steakhouse, Caldwell’s Lobby Bar, Veranda Terraces, The LakeHouse, Splash Pool Bar, and dockside dining on the Pavilion. » The Sagamore Golf Course, home to an 18-hole 1928 Donald Ross–designed golf course that overlooks Lake George at the first tee. » The Spa and Salon at The Sagamore, featuring an eclectic array of services and treatments. » Glacier Ice Bar, an annual winter event that transforms 20,000 pounds of ice into an outdoor lounge. » More than 50,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor meeting space for elegant weddings and meetings. » The Rec, a family fun and adventure center, and outdoor infinity pool and indoor pool. » Home to *The Morgan*, a replica of a nineteenth-century touring boat that offers daily scenic cruises for guests in the warmer months. » Closest major airport: Albany International (55 miles).



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## Florida Gulf Coast *Clearwater Beach*

**E**arly 1800's settlers called this area "Clear Water Harbor" for the many freshwater springs that bubbled from the banks into the bay. Although these springs are now gone, the name Clearwater stuck – especially since it can just as easily be applied to the clear, azure waters of the Gulf that spill onto soft beaches. Today, Clearwater Beach – lined by a pedestrian-friendly boardwalk with easy access to restaurants, marinas, and one of the most legendary sunsets on the Gulf – has been ranked the best beach in the country by TripAdvisor's Travelers' Choice Awards two years in a row. Not to mention, the area is neighbored by other popular towns like Dunedin, Tarpon Springs, and John's Pass.



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### *Sandpearl Resort*

500 MANDALAY AVENUE / CLEARWATER BEACH, FL  
855-454-0484 / SANDPEARL.COM

*With decor and details inspired by the Gulf of Mexico and delightful amenities, this resort is truly a beachfront icon perched along 700 feet of exquisite shoreline.*

#### AMENITIES

» 253 guest rooms and suites, featuring airy decor. » On-site dining: Clearwater's only AAA Four Diamond Restaurant, Caretta on The Gulf, and Tate Island Grill. » The Marketplace, a convenient one-stop shop for coffee, freshly made pastries, and light meals. » Tropical, lagoon-style pool with private cabanas and a beachside fire pit. » Renowned sunsets over one of the finest stretches of sand on Florida's Gulf Coast. » Full-service spa and fitness center. » Camp Ridley kids' program (ages 5 to 10), including activities based on Florida's animals and ecosystems, nature-themed arts and crafts, and scavenger hunts. » Silver LEED-certified resort. » On-site culinary and art activities, nearby eco-tours, and Clearwater Marine Aquarium (home to Winter the dolphin from the major motion picture *Dolphin Tale*). » Closest major airports: St. Pete–Clearwater International (14 miles) and Tampa International (20 miles).



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FLORIDA GULF COAST | ***Clearwater Beach, FL***



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***Opal Sands  
Resort***

430 SOUTH GULFVIEW BOULEVARD / CLEARWATER BEACH, FL  
855-454-0494 / OPALSANDS.COM

*At Opal Sands Resort, casual Gulf Coast and beachfront luxury blend with the lively ambience of the pedestrian-friendly Clearwater Beach.*

AMENITIES

>> 230 luxurious guest rooms and suites, all offering panoramic Gulf views with balconies that overlook the beach. >> Hanging glass sculptures, as well as large paintings of beach scenes, are either made or hand-selected by local artist Christopher Still. >> Direct beach access. >> On-site dining: Reflections Pool Bar, Sandbar beachfront tiki bar, and signature Italian and fresh seafood restaurant, Sea-Guini. >> Zero-entry pool and sundeck. >> Full-service spa, offering outdoor patios with picturesque views. >> 17,500 square feet of indoor and outdoor event and meeting space. >> Nearby eco-tours and Clearwater Marine Aquarium. >> Closest major airports: St. Pete–Clearwater International (14 miles) and Tampa International (20 miles).





## Florida Gulf Coast **Belleair**

**J**ust a mile-and-a-half south of Clearwater, Belleair grew up around the legendary nineteenth-century Belleview Biltmore Hotel – reopened in 2018 as the Belleview Inn. Winter visitors enjoyed the setting above a 35-foot bluff that overlooks Clearwater Harbor so much that they built “cottages” (actually elaborate Victorian homes) for year-round living. The community remains a coveted residential haven, buoyed by its history, fine homes, and civic pride (it is a designated bird sanctuary). It is acclaimed for its out-of-the-way location, but also its proximity to world-famous sugar-sand beaches, entertainment, shopping, restaurants, and everything Tampa Bay has to offer.



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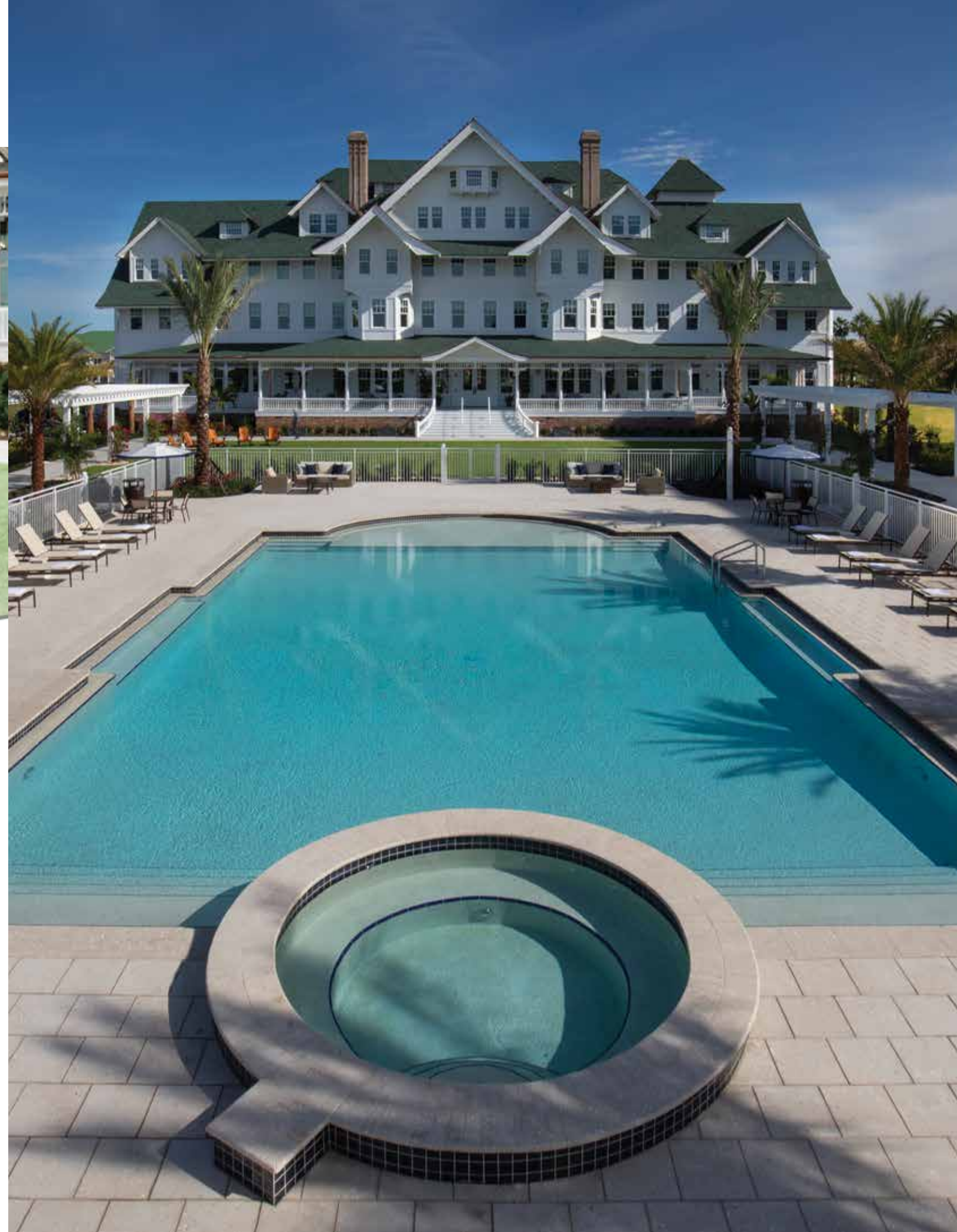
### ***Belleview Inn***

25 BELLEVIEW BOULEVARD / BELLEAIR, FL  
877-905-4496 / THEBELLEVIEWINN.COM

*Unplug and get away from it all in this 120-year-old historic boutique hotel created for comfort and tucked away within a gated community, yet close to everything in Tampa Bay.*

#### **AMENITIES**

» 35 meticulously renovated guest rooms marry modern amenities with lavish Victorian-era appointments. » Architectural details include grand porches, wainscoting along broad hallways, elaborate door and window casings, original heart-pine plank floors, and charming fireplaces. » On-site exercise room, resort-style pool, and bike rentals. » Unique indoor and outdoor event space. » Access to the two Donald Ross-designed golf courses at the Belleair Country Club, as well as casual and formal dining options. » Close to Clearwater's award-winning beaches, fine and casual restaurants, shopping, entertainment, and sporting venues. » Closest major airports: St. Pete–Clearwater International (9 miles) and Tampa International (20 miles).







## *Florida Gulf Coast* **Treasure Island**

**T**here are a few speculations as to how Treasure Island, located west of Tampa and sandwiched between Madeira and St. Pete beaches, received its name. One of the more popular theories is that, in the early 1900s, several hotel owners buried wooden treasure chests on the beach, then “found” them in the hopes it would boost guest visits. Whether that’s true or not, today, guests from all over come to this small barrier island for its three miles of beaches lined with open-air bars, laid-back Florida vibes, and epic sunsets.



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## ***Treasure Island Beach Resort***

10800 GULF BOULEVARD  
TREASURE ISLAND, FL / 855-660-6566  
TREASUREISLANDBEACHRESORT.COM

*Centrally located in the middle of a three-mile barrier island, this property offers easy, walkable access to sparkling waters, shops, and restaurants, and the picturesque Sunset Beach boardwalk.*

### **AMENITIES**

» 77 luxurious suites, offering spectacular Gulf and resort views. » 34 two-bedroom suites and 43 one-bedroom suites. » BRGR Kitchen & Bar, located on the second floor. » Beachfront pool, overlooking the Gulf. » Miles of gorgeous white sand. » Famous nightly sunset views. » Closest major airports: St. Pete–Clearwater International (16 miles) and Tampa International (27 miles).





## Florida Gulf Coast **Sarasota**

From the Spanish explorers of the 1500s to the Scottish settlers in the late 1800s to the circus followers of the 1920s, a rich, historical past has molded Sarasota into one of the most sought-after cultural destinations in the country. Today, you'll find neighborhoods lined with colorful homes and a vibrant downtown scene of independent shops, award-winning restaurants, and lively bars, making it an exciting daytime or nighttime destination. Barrier islands, like Longboat, Lido, and Siesta Keys, provide spectacular enclaves of refuge and relaxation that overlook the azure waters of the Gulf of Mexico.



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### ***The Resort at Longboat Key Club***

220 SANDS POINT ROAD / LONGBOAT KEY, FL / 855-454-0464 / LONGBOATKEYCLUB.COM

*One of Florida's most exclusive luxury resorts and private clubs on the Gulf, this AAA Four Diamond property was recently renovated, bringing in nautically rich details – like sleek marble, polished wood in all tones and hues, and luxury navy-blue carpets and tiling – and brand-new dining concepts, making it one of the state's best beachfront resort experiences.*

#### AMENITIES

» 228 newly renovated, luxuriously appointed suites with private balconies. » The Spa, featuring more than 50 island-inspired treatments. » State-of-the-art fitness center and Mind & Motion Studio. » Five distinctive restaurants and lounges, as well as in-suite dining. » The award-winning Tennis Gardens, featuring 20 Har-Tru courts and professional instruction. » 45 holes of championship golf across two courses: Links on Longboat and Harbourside. » A 291-slip, deep-water marina, the largest on the west coast of Florida. » Heated Gulf-front pool and hot tub. » Flexible meeting space for executive retreats. » A spectacular wedding and honeymoon destination. » Minutes away from St. Armands Circle, the cultural offerings of Sarasota, and the renowned attractions of Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium, and Ringling Museum of Art. » Closest major airport: Sarasota–Bradenton International (8 miles).



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FLORIDA GULF COAST | **Longboat Key, FL**



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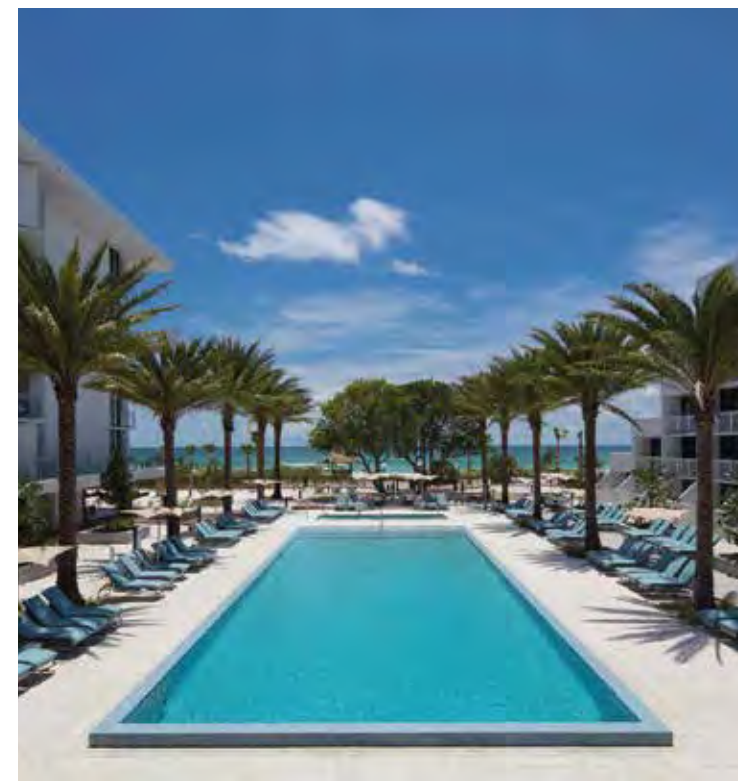
## Zota Beach Resort

4711 GULF OF MEXICO DRIVE / LONGBOAT KEY, FL  
855-995-9199 / ZOTABEACHRESORT.COM

*Longboat Key's newest luxury beach resort features modern architectural touches, stylish accommodations, and private balconies overlooking the Gulf.*

#### AMENITIES

» 187 luxurious guest rooms and suites. » On-site dining: Viento Kitchen + Bar and Cascades Pool Bar » Outdoor pool area. » Upscale shopping and dining at nearby St. Armands Circle. » Near the cultural offerings of Sarasota and renowned attractions of Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium, and Ringling Museum of Art. » Closest major airport: Sarasota–Bradenton International (14 miles).





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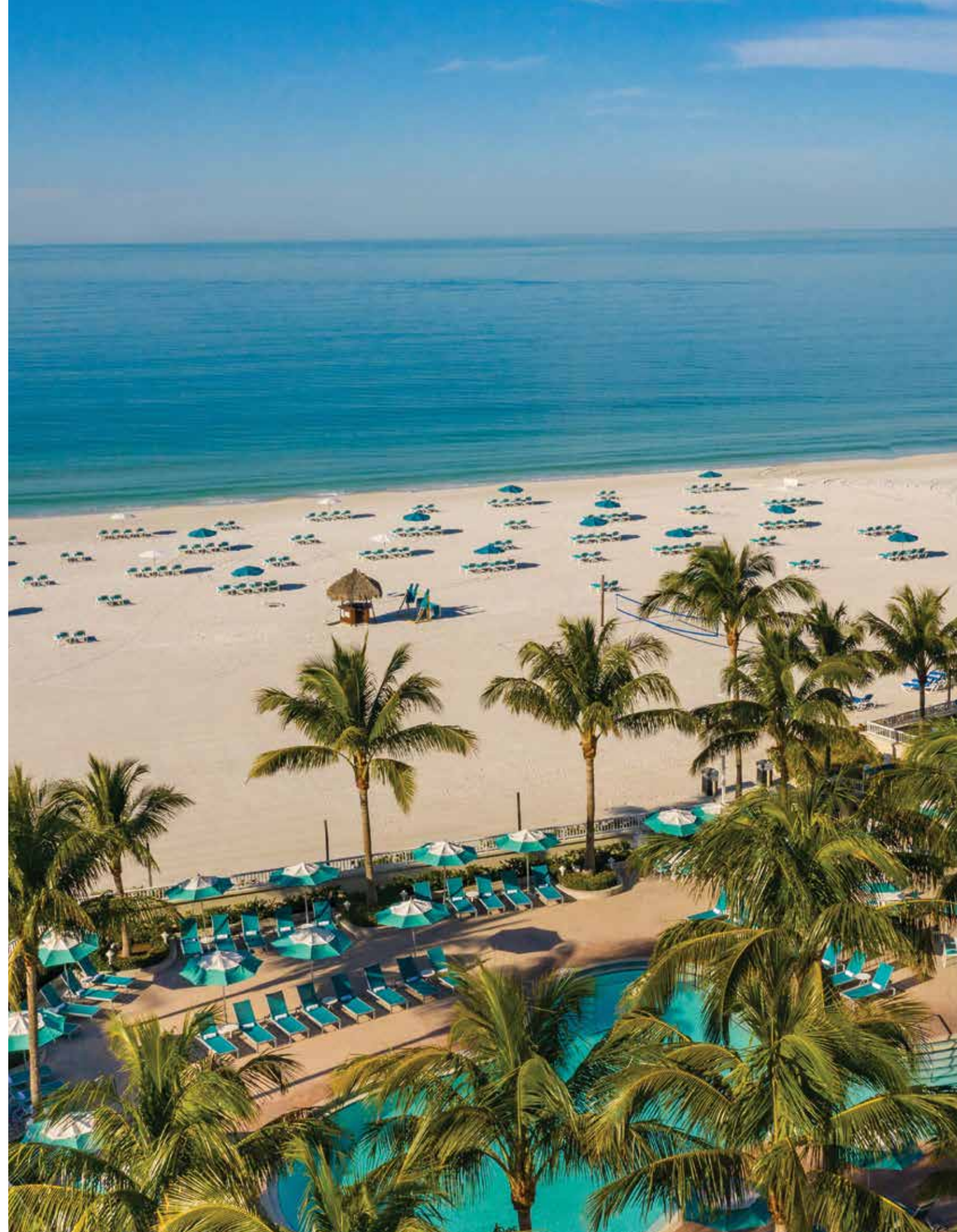
## ***Lido Beach Resort***

700 BEN FRANKLIN DRIVE / SARASOTA, FL  
855-454-0474 / [LIDOBACHRESORT.COM](http://LIDOBACHRESORT.COM)

*This prime Gulf-front location along Sarasota's Lido Key is home to exquisite sunsets matched by a wide swath of white-sand beach that was recently nourished with 700,000 cubic yards of sand.*

### AMENITIES

» 222 modern guest rooms and one- and two-bedroom suites that include kitchenettes. » On-site dining: Drift Kitchen & Bar, a new restaurant perched on the 8th floor that features stunning floor-to-ceiling views of the Gulf; and Poolside Tiki Bar, the place for colorful drinks and sunsets. » Two pools: one for families and one for adults only. » Three beachside hot tubs and large private beach. » 6,000 square feet of newly renovated meeting and banquet space. » Fully equipped fitness center. » World-class shopping and dining at nearby St. Armands Circle, historical and cultural destinations, and wildlife rehab facilities. » Closest major airport: Sarasota-Bradenton International (7 miles).







#### AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

No. **12**

"NO. 12 IN TOP 30 RESORTS IN FLORIDA" IN  
CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER READERS' CHOICE  
AWARDS, 2020

No. **6**

"NO. 6 IN TOP 15 RESORT HOTELS IN FLORIDA" IN  
TRAVEL + LEISURE WORLD'S BEST AWARDS, 2020



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## Edgewater Beach Hotel

1901 GULF SHORE BOULEVARD NORTH  
NAPLES, FL / 855-464-0424  
EDGEWATERNAPLES.COM

*The only all-suite beachfront resort in Naples, Edgewater Beach Hotel is a haven of casual luxury just yards from a private stretch of white-sand beach that was recently nourished with 47,500 cubic yards of sand.*

#### AMENITIES

» 125 suites, all newly renovated with chic, modern, coastal design, hardwood floors, and stylish updated kitchens and bathrooms. » State-of-the-art glass balconies offer unrivaled views of the beach and Gulf sunsets. » On-site dining: Coast Restaurant and Reflections Pool Bar. » Wellness packages. » Seven miles of beachfront, heated swimming pool, and two-lane lap pool. » Full-service fitness center with state-of-the-art cardio and strength-training equipment and a newly expanded wellness studio, featuring private yoga classes, personal training, and nutrition planning. » Several function rooms for weddings, meetings, and private events. » Close to popular attractions, including Naples Pier, Naples 5th Avenue South, and the Everglades. » Closest major airport: Southwest Florida International (33 miles).

FLORIDA GULF COAST | **Naples, FL**

## Florida Gulf Coast Naples

This swanky city perched on the Gulf of Mexico received its name in the 1800s, when people began comparing its mild climate and white-sand beaches to that of Naples, Italy. But beaches and weather aside, today, Naples is famous for so much more: high-end shopping from 5th Avenue South to 3rd Street South; culture in the form of historic gardens, museums, and art galleries; and sophisticated dining. Not to mention, the city is your gateway to the largest subtropical wilderness in the United States: Everglades National Park.







*Florida East Coast*  
**Hutchinson Island**

**B**ordered by the Indian River to the west and the Atlantic Ocean to the east, Hutchinson Island is a secluded barrier island located an hour north of Palm Beach. Offering 21 miles of some of the country’s most secluded beaches, world-class golf, and boating and fishing, the island is also within easy striking distance to Stuart, Florida – a city known for its walkable and quaint downtown.



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**Hutchinson Shores  
Resort & Spa**

3793 NORTHEAST OCEAN BOULEVARD / JENSEN BEACH, FL  
855-995-9299 / HUTCHINSONSHORES.COM

*Hutchinson Shores Resort & Spa is a comfortable and innovative property that mirrors the jaw-dropping beauty of its surrounding Jensen Beach.*

**AMENITIES**

» Opened in 2017 as the first new resort to be built on Hutchinson Island in almost two decades. » 178 rooms with coastal-inspired decor. » 12,000 square feet of oceanfront meeting space, making this a destination resort for weddings and events. » On-site dining: Italian- and seafood-inspired Drift Kitchen + Bar, oceanfront Dune Beach Bar, and Reflections Pool Bar. » Two heated pools and hot tub. » Full-service spa. » Closest major airport: Palm Beach International Airport (47 miles).



**AWARDS AND ACCOLADES**

No. **10** "NO. 10 IN TOP 30 RESORTS IN FLORIDA" IN  
CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER READERS' CHOICE  
AWARDS, 2020





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## Florida East Coast **Jupiter**

What do golf pros like Rory McIlroy and Rickie Fowler, an 1,100-foot-long pedestrian promenade, and a 150-year-old lighthouse have in common? They all live in Jupiter, a beach town on the Atlantic that is home to championship golf, scuba diving, and cultural landmarks, including the aforementioned Intracoastal Waterway's Riverwalk and the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse. Beyond the water and beaches, the downtown boasts a lively dining and cultural scene with the Maltz Jupiter Theatre and Lighthouse Entertainment District.



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## **Jupiter Beach Resort & Spa**

5 NORTH A1A / JUPITER, FL  
866-384-0708 / JUPITERBEACHRESORT.COM

*Known as the jewel of northern Palm Beach County, Jupiter Beach Resort & Spa rests on a recently nourished 1,000 feet of secluded beach along the Atlantic coastline for a one-of-a-kind experience.*

### AMENITIES

» 168 guest rooms, including suites and penthouse suites with a West Indies flair.  
» On-site dining: Jupiter's only oceanfront fine-dining restaurant, Sinclairs, and The Sandbar, for casual poolside food and drinks.  
» Beachside pool and waterfall spa hot tub.  
» Fitness center and full-service spa and salon.  
» 10,540 square feet of flexible event space to accommodate groups of 10 to 300 guests.  
» On-site staff arranges all transportation, including individual airport service, sedan or limousine, and full coach excursions.  
» Home to paddleboarding, kayaking, boating, golf, and landmarks like the Loggerhead Marinelife Center, historic Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and Museum, and Manatee Queen Intracoastal Waterways Tour.  
» Closest major airport: Palm Beach International (20 miles).







## *Florida East Coast* **Delray Beach**

**B**eloved for its mix of small-town charm with a city feel, Delray Beach is anchored by the 24-block Atlantic Avenue, a strip that is home to couture boutiques and a thriving nightlife and restaurant scene. But it isn't named Delray Beach for nothing – the downtown's lush parks, historic museums, and theaters transition to a two-mile stretch of sugary soft sand that lures kayakers, surfers, and those looking to lather up and lounge out.



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### ***Opal Grand Oceanfront Resort & Spa***

10 NORTH OCEAN BOULEVARD / DELRAY BEACH, FL  
877-433-5729 / [OPALGRANDRESORT.COM](https://opalgrandresort.com)

*Fresh from a top-to-bottom renovation, this shoreside sanctuary is an expression of upscale tropical luxury in the heart of Delray, featuring details like tropical trees, large skylights, living green walls, and swinging chairs amid teak, terrazzo, and shell-stone touches.*

#### **AMENITIES**

» Newly renovated for 2021, boasting a new bright white brilliant facade, arrival and lobby experience, pool, and reimagined waterfront dining. » Luxury guest rooms, suites, and villas boasting soothing hues and ocean blues, several with private balconies. » On-site dining: Drift Kitchen + Bar and Monkey Bar, both featuring flavorful and innovative fare, inspired cocktails, and an energetic atmosphere. » Full-service spa, home to serene treatments and a fitness center. » Closest major airport: Palm Beach International (20 miles).





## ***Delray Sands Resort***

2809 SOUTH OCEAN BOULEVARD / HIGHLAND BEACH, FL  
855-434-0474 / DELRAYSANDSRESORT.COM

*Located in the upscale enclave of Highland Beach, just a couple miles south of Delray Beach's Atlantic Avenue, Delray Sands Resort is Palm Beach County's most beautiful oceanfront address.*

### AMENITIES

» 115 bright and airy guest rooms and suites. » On-site dining: Latitudes, Highland Beach's only restaurant located directly on the beach. » Direct beach access with chairs, umbrellas, and private cabanas, as well as food and beverage service. » Tropical outdoor pool with poolside bar and a separate children's pool. » 2,300 square feet of event and meeting space. » Restaurants, shopping, golf, fishing charters, museums, and art galleries. » Loxahatchee Everglades Tours, Delray Beach Center for the Arts at Old School Square, Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, and Palm Beach Zoo at Dreher Park. » Closest major airport: Palm Beach International (22 miles).







*Florida East Coast*  
**Hollywood**

Nestled between Fort Lauderdale and Miami, Hollywood is a classic Florida beach town that has been popular with visitors since the 1920s. The town is divided into two sections: the lively waterfront section anchored by the two-and-a-half mile oceanfront promenade and the Hollywood Beach Broadwalk; and the small, pleasant, historic downtown section located just a couple miles to the west. But the biggest draw has always been the beach, known as one of the most family-friendly stretches in Florida.



**Hollywood Beach**  
**Marriott**

2501 NORTH OCEAN DRIVE / HOLLYWOOD, FL  
855-314-1984 / [MARRIOTTHOLLYWOODBEACH.COM](https://www.marriott.com/holllwoodbeach)

*With direct access to the famous Hollywood Beach Broadwalk and the beach, this oceanfront, boutique-style hotel provides elegant lodging with easy access to the area's best attractions and activities.*

**AMENITIES**  
» 229 guest rooms offering furnished balconies overlooking amazing views of the Atlantic Ocean. » On-site dining: Latitudes Restaurant and Latitudes Ocean Bar on the Broadwalk. » Beach chair, umbrella, and cabana rentals and water sports available. » Outdoor pool overlooking the ocean. » State-of-the-art fitness center with cardio equipment and free weights. » Seven meeting venues totaling 7,000 square feet of event space. » Nearby area attractions, including Port Everglades, Anne Kolb Nature Center, Gulfstream Park, Dania Jai Alai & Casino. » Closest major airport: Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International (5 miles).



## Florida Keys **Key Largo**

The “long key,” as it translates, might be the northernmost and largest of the Florida Keys. Yet, that doesn’t stop this 33-mile stretch of island from feeling far-flung, thanks to the bordering reef-diving hot spots and thick lushness of the Everglades. Come slink away or find an explorer’s paradise through the diversity of water sports, ecological tours, and fishing excursions.



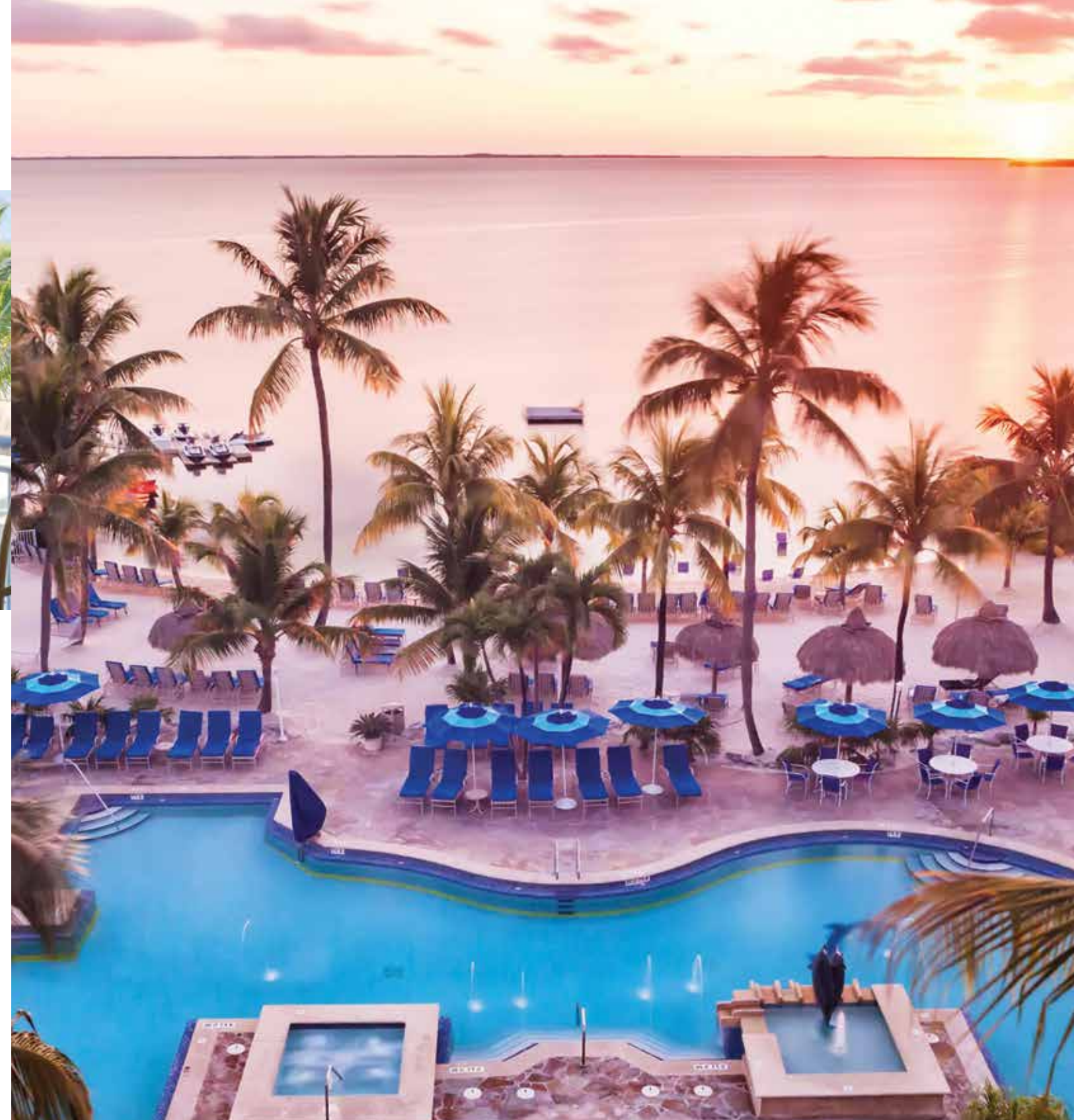
## **Key Largo Bay Marriott Beach Resort**

103800 OVERSEAS HIGHWAY / KEY LARGO, FL  
855-464-0434 / [MARRIOTTKEYLARGO.COM](https://www.marriott.com/keylargo)

*Located just a one-hour drive from Miami, this bayfront beach resort feels a world away from the city, with dazzling blue skies, a private beach, and 17 lush tropical acres.*

### AMENITIES

» 153 oversized rooms, including 20 two-bedroom suites, each with more than 980 square feet of space. » On-site dining: Gus’ Grille, Breezer’s Bar & Grille, and Flipper’s Pool Bar. » Heated outdoor pool. » Full-service fitness center and spa. » Family activities, including beach volleyball, shuffleboard, and table tennis. » More than 15,000 square feet of flexible meeting space for weddings, events, and conferences. » Close to popular attractions, including John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park and swimming with the dolphins at Dolphins Plus & Island Dolphin Care. » On-site Lyin Hawaiian Fishing Charters and Pirate Island Divers, offering paddleboard, kayak, wave runner, and boat rentals. » Closest major airport: Miami International (58 miles).



### AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

No. 8 THE FLORIDA KEYS AWARDED “NO. 8 IN TOP 15 ISLANDS IN CONTINENTAL US” IN TRAVEL + LEISURE WORLD’S BEST AWARDS, 2020







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FLORIDA KEYS | **Key West, FL**



## Florida Keys **Key West**

**K**ey West's diverse and colorful history has molded this southernmost US city into an eclectic array of attractions. Water activities come in the form of snorkeling, parasailing, sunset cruises, deep-sea fishing, and more, while the main artery, Duval Street, pulses with a variety of street cafés, art galleries, world-class restaurants, and nightlife. But one thing is always consistent: At the end of the day, nothing beats the rainbow of colors found in the famous Key West sunset celebration.



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## **Opal Key Resort & Marina**

245 FRONT STREET / KEY WEST, FL  
855-995-9699 / OPALKEYWEST.COM

*Situated adjacent to Mallory Square, Opal Key Resort & Marina offers luxurious accommodations and amenities just steps away from famed Duval Street in Old Town Key West.*

#### AMENITIES

» 178 island-inspired guest rooms and suites, appointed with all the modern conveniences. » On-site dining: Bistro 245 waterfront restaurant, Castaways, and Sunset Deck. » 6,000 square feet of indoor function space and an additional 10,000 square feet of outdoor function space with a full-service catering team. » Marina and on-site shopping. » Located near historical and cultural attractions, shopping, and more. » Closest major airports: Key West International (4 miles) and Miami International (161 miles).





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## *The Capitana Key West*

2401 N ROOSEVELT BLVD / KEY WEST, FL  
866.384.2997  
THECAPITANAKEYWEST.COM

*The Capitana Key West, Key West's newest boutique hotel, is inspired by the famous shipwrecks that dot the shores off the Florida Keys.*

### AMENITIES

» Accommodations range from two-bedroom private cottages to the main hotel's beautifully appointed rooms and suites, all with furnished balconies. » On-site dining: Sundry Market, offering a daily breakfast spread and grab-and-go essentials; and poolside McKee's Tiki Bar. » Private beach with sunny loungers and shaded hammocks and a shaded pool sanctuary overlooking Key West's Gulf waters. » Fully equipped fitness center. » Located at the entrance of the Hilton Haven neighborhood on the eastern side of the island and tucked back to take advantage of the water views from all the rooms and spacious lawn and pool area. » Closest major airports: Key West International (3.6 miles) and Miami International (159 miles).



### AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

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# Sunset Key Cottages

245 FRONT STREET / KEY WEST, FL  
855-335-1009 / SUNSETKEYCOTTAGES.COM

*Located just 500 yards off Key West, this secluded island resort provides serenity and relaxation with exciting nightlife and historical landmarks just minutes away.*

**AMENITIES**

» 40 coastal-chic cottages with up to four bedrooms, some with private pools. » On-site dining: Latitudes beachfront restaurant and bar. » Complimentary breakfast basket of freshly baked goods delivered daily. » TROPICALLY landscaped, free-form pool. » Secluded beach with tiki umbrellas, chairs, and towels. » 24-hour launch transportation service between Sunset Key and Key West. » Spa and fitness center. » Located close to Key West’s sunset celebration, historical and cultural attractions, shopping, and more. » Closest major airports: Key West International (4 miles) and Miami International (161 miles).



**AWARDS AND ACCOLADES**

*No. 1*

“NO. 1 IN TOP 15 RESORT HOTELS IN FLORIDA” IN *TRAVEL + LEISURE* WORLD’S BEST AWARDS, 2020

*No. 7*

“NO. 7 IN TOP 15 RESORT HOTELS IN THE CONTINENTAL US” IN *TRAVEL + LEISURE* WORLD’S BEST AWARDS, 2020

*No. 91*

“NO. 91 IN TOP 100 HOTELS IN THE WORLD” IN *TRAVEL + LEISURE* WORLD’S BEST AWARDS, 2020

*No. 12*

“NO. 12 IN TOP 15 RESORTS IN THE FLORIDA KEYS” IN *CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER* READERS’ CHOICE AWARDS, 2020





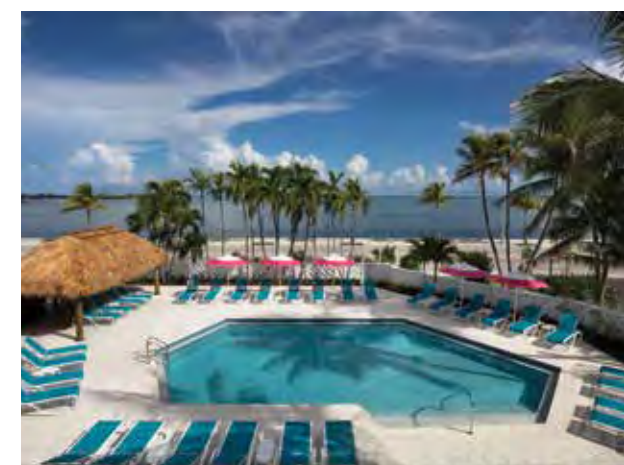


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## ***The Laureate Key West***

3444 NORTH ROOSEVELT BOULEVARD / KEY WEST, FL  
800-932-9332 / [THELAUREATEKEYWEST.COM](http://thelaureatekeywest.com)

*Key West's all-suite retreat summons inspiration from the literary icons who have called the island home.*

#### AMENITIES

» 64 spacious suites, featuring chic, coastal decor, plush bedding and premium linens, and full kitchens. » Rooms with private balconies boast beautiful bay views. » Tropical pool surrounded by lush landscaping. » Located on the northeast side of the island and the perfect jumping off point to the attractions and great eateries. » Closest major airports: Key West International (2 miles) and Miami International (159 miles).





## Canada *Montréal*

**T**he largest city in Québec, Montréal is Canada's cultural capital, with some 250 theater and dance companies, one of the most exciting food scenes in North America, and more than 90 festivals. But perhaps most interesting is the alluring cityscape that is a blend of old Europe and contemporary, from heritage churches like the Basilique Notre-Dame and cobblestone streets with seventeenth-century stone houses to hipster bars, high-end shopping, and cosmopolitan clubs.



## *Le Westin Montréal*

270 ST-ANTOINE WEST  
MONTRÉAL, QUÉBEC, CANADA  
514-380-3333 / WESTINMONTREAL.COM

*Located on the cobblestone streets of Old Montréal, the hotel provides a guest experience that epitomizes Québec's rich history and its joie de vivre.*

### AMENITIES

» 455 sophisticated guest rooms.  
» Architectural details include a glass-bottomed pool that hovers over the entrance. » On-site dining: gaZette restaurant, featuring avant-garde Québec terroir-inspired cuisine. » More than 40,000 square feet of meeting space, connecting with Montréal's largest convention facility, Palais des Congrès. » Westin Workout gym to help guests maintain their wellness routine. » Closest major airport: Montréal-Pierre Elliott Trudeau International (12 miles).







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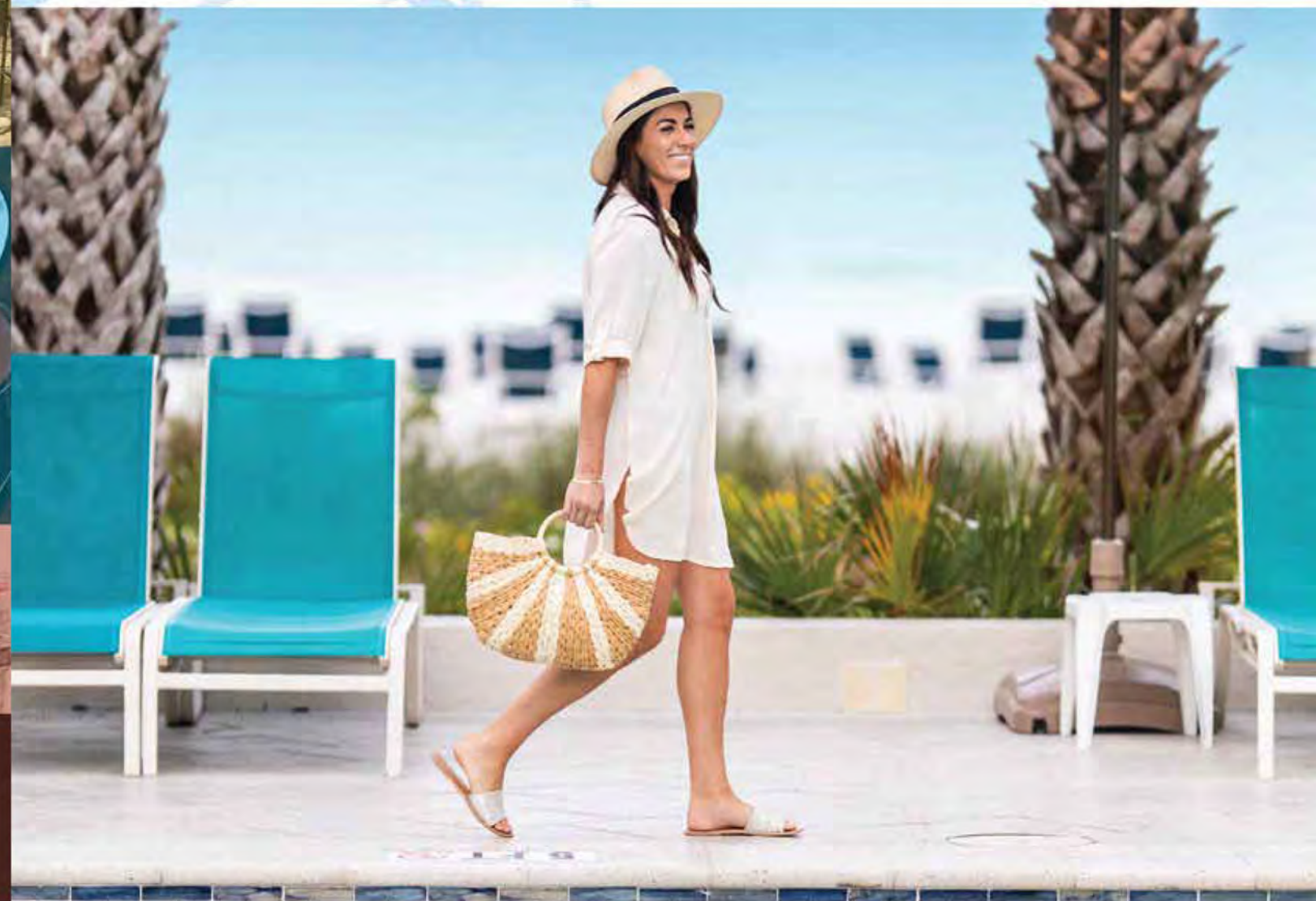
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