

Sanibel Island Resorts: Tips

There is a jewel along the southwest coast of Florida, where exotic creatures play in their natural habitat, and millions of seashells stud the unspoiled beaches. Sanibel Island, Florida is considered to be one of the top vacation spots in the world, attracting thousands of visitors each year. The island is home to the fantastic J. N. Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge, a sanctuary covering nearly a third of the island's mass. At the sanctuary, visitors will see exquisite birds, mammals and reptiles.

Perhaps the best thing about Sanibel Island is that there is not one single high-rise hotel or multi-level condominium to spoil the perfect view. There are, however, many fine Sanibel Island resorts to make your visit to paradise even more spectacular. Some offer family-friendly amenities, others were created with sheer romantics in mind. Sanibel Island resorts cater to sun worshippers, adventurers, golfers and every other sort of vacationer.

Here is just a sampling of the spectacular Sanibel Island resorts that are waiting to indulge you:

West Wind Inn Resort

The warm waters and pristine beaches along the Gulf of Mexico provide the setting for the West Wind Inn. Visitors are free to explore the private beach, which is literally lined with magnificent seashells. The resort itself is casual and stress free, with a professional staff offering friendly service to make your visit as comfortable as can be.

Sundial Beach and Golf Resort

Those yearning to experience the grand chivalry of Old Florida will surely enjoy their stay at the Sundial Beach and Golf Resort. Known as the "Centerpiece of Sanibel Island", Sundial Beach and Golf Resort is by far the most complete and accommodating of the Sanibel Beach resorts. From the white sand and crystalline waters of the beach, to the miles of paved bicycle paths, it really is a natural playground. Guests and critics alike give these resort top ratings for its comfort and service.

Sanibel Harbor Resort and Spa

Rated among the "Top 10 Spa Resorts in the United States" by Conde Nast Traveler, Sanibel Harbor Resort and Spa has been awarded the AAA Four-Diamond Award for more than 12 years. This 85-acre oceanfront property overlooks the Island of Sanibel and its "little sister", Captiva Island. While noted for the grandeur of the double-decked verandas, wicker rockers, octagonal porches and Victorian-laced elegance, Sanibel Harbor Resort and Spa is also family friendly, with a special Kids Club offering fun activities for kids 5 to 12. It's a perfect retreat of natural wonder and traditional Southern elegance.

Casa Ybel Resort

This grand hotel epitomizes the sanctuary and old island spirit and charm that has made Sanibel Island the choice of travelers. The sub-tropical climate and endless supply of seashells makes Casa Ybel a wonderful choice for those who seek a true island experience, but don't want the hassles and expense that more exotic locales demand. Like all Sanibel Island resorts, Casa Ybel is located not far from the Southwest Florida International Airport in Fort Myers.

Not all travelers were created equally, so there is a selection of unique Sanibel Island resorts catering to every taste and every whim. Adventurous, romantic, athletic or just a kid at heart, you'll find a Sanibel Island resort that's perfect for the traveler in you.