

summer fun in southwest florida



Summer is one of the best times of year to visit Southwest Florida. While some visitors never leave its sun-kissed shores and challenging golf courses, there are plenty of attractions and activities to keep you busy!

No type of "island hopping" is more fun than "island shopping." From designer labels to one-of-a-kind boutiques, the **Shops on Sanibel** offers dozens of delightfully unique stores, restaurants and art galleries. The four centers (**Tahitian Gardens, The Village Shops, Olde Sanibel Shoppes and Town Center**) are all within a mile of each other, making it easy to bike or drive to your favorite Sanibel shopping destination. Visit their Website for a complete list of products and vendors. www.shopsansanibel.com

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Operating out of South Seas Island Resort on Captiva Island and Pink Shell Beach Resort on Fort Myers Beach, the **Offshore Sailing School** is well known and respected worldwide. Founded by Steve Colgate, an Olympic athlete and America's Cup veteran, and his wife Doris, the school is one of several located in the British Virgin Islands; Jersey City, NJ; Chelsea Piers, NY; St. Petersburg, FL; and the Florida Keys. Programs offered include a full range of three- to seven-day sailing courses for all levels, daily resort clinics and corporate team-building programs.

Located on Sanibel Island's southern tip, visitors are encouraged to visit the 100-plus-year-old **Sanibel Lighthouse** while enjoying a picnic, strolling on the beach or fishing from the pier.

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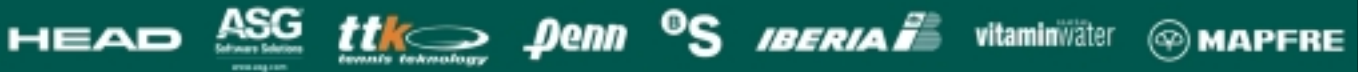


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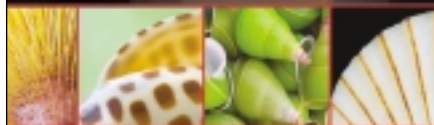
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Over 30 exhibits tell the story of mollusks from around the world. Exhibits are devoted to shells in art and history, shell habitats, rare specimens, fossil shells, and common Southwest Florida shells. A new interactive exhibit, "MMM. . . Mollusks," exploring the edible mollusks of the world opened in April of 2010. Children are mesmerized by a learning lab featuring a hands-on play area and a "live tank" with indigenous mollusks.

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Sanibel Island has two main roads that parallel each other. Periwinkle Way, located at the four-way stop immediately past the Visitor Center, is the main thoroughfare. West of the causeway, it leads to the island's shopping and dining district. Follow it east and you'll pass a quieter commercial section, ending up at the Sanibel Lighthouse and its beach. Gulf Drive, the other main route, roves past resorts, beaches, and homes at the water's edge. It is segmented into East, Middle, and West Gulf Drive.

Sanibel & Captiva Islands has a large variety of accommodations for you to choose from for your vacation including luxury resorts, hotels, motels, small inns and cottages. Rental properties also include private homes and condos and great facilities for camping.

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Set in Naples' restored Seaboard Air Line Railroad station, the Museum's branch facility in downtown Naples takes visitors back to the boom days of the Roaring Twenties and explains how generations of Southwest Floridians used

technology and transportation to conquer a seemingly impenetrable frontier.

Then spend a lazy afternoon exploring the history of nearby Everglades City at the Museum of the Everglades, a faithfully restored 1920s-era commercial laundry originally opened for workers building the famed Tamiami Trail. Complete your journey into the past with a visit to Immokalee, Collier County's largest inland community, and the Immokalee Pioneer Museum. www.colliermuseums.com

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