



focus on Indian River County

a not-so-hurried vacation destination

Along the Atlantic Coast, the incorporated towns of Vero Beach, Sebastian, Fellsmere, Orchid and Indian River Shores have been opening their communities to visitors in need of less noise, less traffic and a not-so-hurried vacation destination.

Vero Beach, named one of the Best Small Towns in Florida and 12th in the Nation, is perhaps better known as the "Gateway to the Tropics". Located in a climatic transition zone that offers an unusual mix of vegetation found in the coastal Carolinas, Vero Beach is highlighted with ancient oak trees and pine forests, blended with swaying palms and colorful blooms typical of the tropics.

For water aficionados, Vero Beach does not disappoint! Whether your sport is fishing, snorkeling, diving, or surfing, area beaches are world-renowned for their diversity. There are four artificial reefs along the beaches of Indian River County, about 200-300 feet offshore.

In addition to its natural attractions, Vero Beach is experiencing a marvelous renaissance with the advent of new hotels, shops and dining experiences. Some of Vero Beach's latest openings include the Vero Beach Hotel & Club, the Boutique Caribbean Court Hotel, the Country Inn & Suites and Costa d' Este, owned by entertainment and hospitality entrepreneurs Gloria and Emilio Estefan.

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