

# "value"



## VACATIONS

With today's economy being foremost on many traveler's minds  
- the thrill of saving money during their vacation is enticing!

To make the most of your next Florida getaway, take advantage of these unforgettable (and pocketbook friendly) sights and sounds!

**The Atlantic Resort & Spa** (Fort Lauderdale), part of Starwood's Luxury Collection, is comforting guests with the promise of **"Better Tomorrows."** For every night booked at the best non-restricted rate, guests will receive the following night at 50 percent off as part of the "Better Tomorrows" package. Offer valid through March 31, 2009, and valid for stays that begin with a Sunday-Wednesday arrival.

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**Carnival Cruise Lines** is launching an exciting new cruise pricing option called Early Saver which offers fares as much as 25 percent lower than the best generally available rates and provides rate protection if rates later drop below what the consumer originally paid. Early Saver further enhances the exceptional value of a Carnival cruise vacation.

**Early Saver rates...** which became available January 12, 2009 are offered up to three months prior to sailing date for cruises of five days or less and up to five months prior to sailing date for longer length voyages, subject to availability. Early Saver fares include all stateroom types, including suites. [www.carnival.com](http://www.carnival.com)

**Orlando Smile Card!** Valid through June 2009, the Orlando Smile Card provides visitors with discounted accommoda-

tions, attractions and range from stay two nights get one free and kids stay free, free parking, free tokens in the game room and even buy one attraction ticket and get a kid's ticket free. Free offers are easily redeemed by downloading the Orlando Smile Card™ at [www.bundlesoffreemiles.com](http://www.bundlesoffreemiles.com). Visitors simply show the card to participating establishments to lock in the offer.

**First Pooch Package!** As President Barack Obama finalizes his cabinet appointments; it's time for him to make another crucial decision. Which lucky dog will be the "First Pooch?" The search for the Obama family's new puppy has turned the spotlight on pets, and Loews Hotels is offering an "indoguration" for all with the "Presidential Pooch" package, available for the first 100 days of the Obama administration, January 20 through April 29, 2009.

**The "Presidential Pooch" package includes...** a one-night stay at one of the Loews Hotels for guests and their pets; A special "Stars and Stripes" room service meal for pups; A patriotic-themed bandana for dogs to wear home. The "Presidential Pooch" package is offered at a 10 percent discount off Loews Best Available Rate. Room rates vary by location and start at \$139. [www.loewshotels.com](http://www.loewshotels.com)

Cupid's arrow has landed at **The Westin Diplomat Resort & Spa**, 3555 S. Ocean Drive, Hollywood, FL. Imagine you and your loved one indulging in complementary champagne and strawberries, while snuggling together in a lush 10-

layered Westin Heavenly<sup>®</sup> bed watching your favorite and free in-room movie.

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Log onto [www.westin.com/diplomat](http://www.westin.com/diplomat) and click special offers, promo code CUPID, of course, or call 866-716-8107.

**Spring Break Special!** Stay five nights at the **Courtyard by Marriott Sandestin** for \$149 per night plus tax and receive a \$75 hotel credit at checkout. Special is available for stays March 13, 2009 through April 19, 2009. Guests enjoy the 2,400 acre Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort including golf courses, tennis courts, a marina, shopping, dining and private beach access.

Visit the Residence Inn by Marriott Sandestin for five nights at \$169 per night plus tax and receive a \$75 hotel credit at checkout. Valid for stays March 13, 2009 through April 19, 2009. Guests enjoy the 2,400 acre Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort including golf courses, tennis courts, a marina, shopping, dining and private beach access.

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Just because you're traveling with the kids doesn't mean you have to compromise luxury. Families win big with **The Resort at Singer Island's** spacious two-bedroom suites, each featuring a full kitchen with a stainless steel refrigerator and washer & dryer, as well as gorgeous water views. There is also the dynamic fun of the Lagoon Pool with its two-story water slide and waterfall.

The Resort at Singer Island is currently offering a **Kid's Club Package**, starting at \$279 per night. The package features fun perks for children ages four through 12 and includes a one night stay for one child (\$95 for each additional child/per night), movie night at Kid's Club, \$50 daily food credit at Solu and Kid's Club Half Day with lunch.

The Kid's Club Package is available through December 31, 2009. To book, please visit [www.luxurycollection.com/singerisland](http://www.luxurycollection.com/singerisland) or call 1.800.325.3589 and mention Booking Code KIDPKG2.

To keep families connected, the **Orlando World Center Marriott** has introduced their **Stay and Play Family Golf Package**. Available through September 9, 2009, guests can enjoy one night's deluxe accommodation, unlimited daily golf for two, kids 15 and under play free with parents after 3 p.m. and free club rental and breakfast for two in Solaris restaurant.

Amid the resort's tropical 200 acres, the par-71, 6,600+ yards course, with four sets of tees, offers players the opportunity to play like a pro. In addition to golf, the resort is home to a lagoon-shaped pool with 106-foot curvy waterslide and waterfall, spa pool, two children's pools, full service spa, sport courts and 10 diverse onsite lounges.



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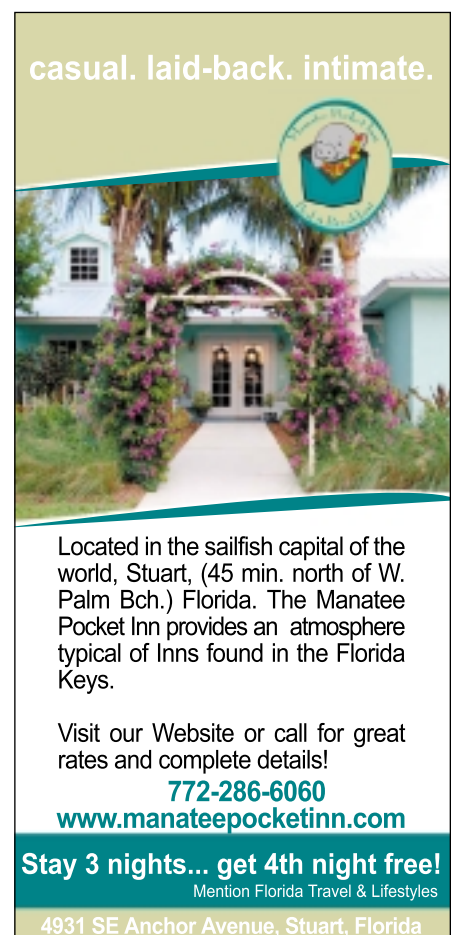
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### Value Shopping

Flea markets and antique malls can be a great way to spend a few hours, a whole day or the better part of your vacation.

**Bradenton's Red Barn** features more than 600 vendors and air-conditioned interior shopping (941-747-3794). **Tampa's Big Top Flea Market**, voted one of the best in Tampa Bay offers more than 1,200 vendors (813-986-4004). **The Wagon Wheel Flea Market**, St. Petersburg provides 125 acres, 2,000 booths (1,300 of them covered), and lots of yummy food (727-544-5319). Ellenton, popular for its **Prime Outlet Mall** is also the home of Ellenton Area Antiques. With stores that include **Charms of Leffingwell**, **Feed Store Antiques**, **Emilines Antiques & Collectibles**, **Magnolia Antiques and Zula's Antiques**, those with an aficionado for pre-owned precious collectibles will find themselves surrounded with an abundance of treasure. (941-723-6563). **Renninger's Farmers and Flea Market**, Mount Dora, has repeatedly been voted one of the 10 best markets in America. (352-383-3141). Situated between Orlando and Sanford is America's largest flea market, **Flea World**. Featuring more than 1,700 booths, rides and multiple displays (407-330-1792). Treasure hunters can take on the more than 80 acres of bargains at **Fort Lauderdale's Swap Shop**. The south's largest flea market is home to more than 2,000 daily vendors. (800-345-SWAP).

### Accommodations

Off the beaten path, the European-style boutique **Wyvern Hotel** of Punta Gorda provides its guests with luxurious accommodations amid a more peaceful and slower-paced locale.

The hotel's 63 spacious guestrooms are warmly decorated with a cozy residential feel, all with large flat screen LCD televisions with full cable access and video on demand, complimentary high speed Internet access, wired and WiFi, specially programmed IPOD docking stations, mini bars and laptop safes.

With panoramic views of Charlotte Harbor, the lushly landscaped Wyvern Hotel Rooftop Lounge is the perfect place to enjoy the sunset or relax and unwind in the beautiful swimming pool. The rooftop pool overlooks the harbor's Laishley Park, a modern facility offering a host of activities, a brand new marina and boat ramp.

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