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exquisite views

[Coconut Grove] Sonesta Bayfront Hotel

Enhanced by what every discriminating traveler desires is the Sonesta Bayfront Hotel Coconut Grove. A designated Florida "Green Lodging" property, the Sonesta Bayfront Coconut Grove features 215 contemporary-styled guest rooms, and one- and two-bedroom suites, offering a contemporary design and works of art from Sonesta's renowned collection. All of the luxurious guest rooms and suites feature city or bay views and most rooms provide private balconies and high-tech conveniences. Suites feature fully-equipped kitchens with all the conveniences of home and are perfect for families or extended stays. The hotel has a dramatic outdoor pool located on the eighth floor overlooking Biscayne Bay, the Marina and Peacock Park across the street. It is also the home of the award-winning Panorama Restaurant & Lounge,



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newly built...

[Tampa] Hilton Garden Inn Tampa Southeast

Situated within minutes of downtown Tampa, the newly built beautiful, green-friendly Hilton Garden Inn offers guests convenient in-room amenity extras in relaxing and well-designed accommodations.

Business meetings and social events are impressive here! In addition to 4,200 square feet of flexible meeting and event space, guests and visitors can enjoy the hotel's thoughtful extras such as the Great American Grill® restaurant and lounge, open seven days a week for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Come, enjoy a meal or beverage inside, or relax on the outdoor patio adjacent to the Great American Grill® restaurant & lounge. Spacious outdoor terraces adjacent to the meeting rooms offer creative event options, and will enhance any event hosted here.

Conveniently located adjacent to the Progressive offices in Crescent Park, the hotel offers easy access to major thoroughfares such as I-75 and the Crosstown Expressway. Downtown Tampa is just nine miles away. The hotel is positioned just minutes from major attractions, including the Port of Tampa cruise ship terminals at Channelside, St. Pete Times Forum and Raymond James Stadium, home of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

813-626-6610 | www.tampasoutheast.hgi.com

19th century southern village

[Steinhatchee] Steinhatchee Landing Resort

Along the Suwannee River, the luxurious resort community of Steinhatchee Landing has ideally recreated the charm and beauty of a 19th Century Southern Village (with all the modern amenities that today's traveler deserves!)

Narrow streets and walking paths wind their way between the beautifully appointed cottages, where both families and romantically inclined couples can take advantage of the natural and unspoiled surroundings this resort provides. Each of the 40 one-, to four-bedroom cottages are fully furnished with some including Jacuzzis, fireplaces or wood-burning stoves.

Those hosting an event or celebratory gathering Steinhatchee Landing Resort is highlighted by an outdoor gazebo, surrounded by a sprawling lawn, water garden and lush greenery. Those who prefer a more formal setting, the onsite Gothic-style Dancing Waters' Chapel seats 125 guests and features 12-foot tall stained glass windows, vaulted ceilings, and antique wood details. An onsite wedding/event coordinator is assigned to assist planners with every detail of their big day, from catering and flowers to reception and photography. The resort's breathtaking and ultra-luxurious honeymoon cottages offer bridal couple's an elegant beginning to their lives together. Contact the resort for packages.

352-498-3513 | **800-584-1709** | www.steinhatcheelanding.com

directly on the beach

[Madeira Beach] Barefoot Beach Resort & Hotel

Located directly on the beach between Clearwater and St. Petersburg, this is a great hotel for family events, intimate beach weddings or a romantic get away. The resort features

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SONESTA BAYFRONT HOTEL
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the **view** is just part of the scene



Creativity, flexibility and a friendly and inviting ambiance come together at the Sonesta Bayfront Hotel Coconut Grove. Here, you'll find 12,500 square feet of event space with spectacular views of Biscayne Bay and the glittering Miami skyline. Available for groups of up to 300 guests, the hotel reflects all the originality and spice of this treasured Miami neighborhood. With inviting guest rooms and enticing dining...all just steps from sidewalk cafés, boutique shopping and a sizzling nightlife.

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place of the lion

[Naples] **NGALA Private Reserve**

NGALA, which is Swahili for "Place of the Lion," offers the ultimate retreat for groups as intimate as 20 and as grand as one thousand. This 42-acre private reserve located in Naples, offers private groups the exclusive opportunity to step out of the hotel ballroom and back in time to a period reminiscent of the British Colonial era deep in the heart of a mysterious jungle.

The main architectural attractions include three authentic custom-created grand safaris tents. These grand tents are graced with carefully selected artifacts including authentic teak and bamboo furniture, antique steamer trunks, rustic lanterns, cut-crystal chandeliers and old-world curio cabinets. As your guests venture out of the tent, they are awed by the lush tropical gardens, and encounters with magnificent and exotic creatures such as giraffe, zebra, leopard and Florida Panther. NGALA offers spectacular culinary creations in addition to its many forms of unusual entertainment options and services.

239-353-3572 | www.ngala.net

the best value

[Orlando] **Orlando Vista Hotel @ Lake Buena Vista**

Amid the excitement found in Central Florida, the Orlando Vista Hotel @ LBV stands out by offering meeting and event attendees with the best value for their budgets.

Whether you're planning an event for 10 or larger celebration for up to 100, productivity and functionality combine with convenience and personalized attention. The hotel provides guests with a self-service business center, designed to accommodate a variety of business travel needs.

The Orlando Vista Hotel features Kids Club Suites, state-of-the-art game room and two onsite heated pool areas. Complimentary to visitors is theme park shuttles to all four Walt Disney World Parks.

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