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>>Central West Accommodations

[LONGBOAT KEY] Under a canopy of Australian pines, [Sun 'n Sea Cottages](#) features one, and two-bedroom cottages and deluxe suite apartments, ideal for those seeking a truly relaxing getaway. Situated on Longboat Key and within minutes of St. Armands Circle, these accommodations provide guests with the convenience of well-equipped kitchens, complimentary amenities including WiFi and nearby shopping, dining and golf.

Sun 'n Sea is locally owned and operated. Visit their Website for an online photo gallery.

941-383-5588 | www.sunnsea.com

[SARASOTA] Exemplifying comfort and refined style, The [Helmsley Sandcastle Hotel](#), Lido Beach, has created a resort atmosphere complimented with thoughtful amenities and breathtaking water views.

Overlooking the Gulf of Mexico, guests of the resort can enjoy unprecedented service while enjoying more than 600 feet of private beach and recreation staff ready to accommodate your every activity request. Guests of The Helmsley Sandcastle are treated to outdoor dining, morning newspaper and convenient touches that include an in room mini-fridge and coffee maker.

For information and reservations call toll free or visit their Website.

800-225-2181 | 941-388-2181 | www.helmsleysandcastle.com

>>South Florida Accommodations

[MIAMI] The [Historical Museum of Southern Florida](#)

(HMSF), founded in 1940, is one of the largest private, regional history museums in the country. The Historical Museum hosts a permanent exhibition gallery and a special gallery with several changing exhibitions each year. In addition, the museum houses the Research Center, a non-circulating library and archives open to museum visitors, and The Indies Company, the museum's store, which offers a unique array of Florida-themed books and gifts. Home to over 30,000 three-dimensional artifacts, HMSF maintains a premier Research Collection of archives and over one million photographs.

Admission for adults is \$8, children (ages 6-12) is \$5, and children under 6 are free. www.hmsf.org

>>Key West Accommodations

[KEY WEST] Where the ocean meets the Gulf of Mexico, the [Best Western Key Ambassador Resort](#) awaits its visitors in true Key West style. Featuring tropical landscaping amid its sprawling seven acres, resort guests can enjoy hotel amenities including a heated oceanfront pool, with Ocean view and a tropical sun deck. Poolside food and beverage services are available to ensure complete relaxation. The hotel also offers guests a complimentary continental breakfast. Spacious guestrooms include a tropical motif and convenient in room amenities.

305-296-3500 | www.keyambassador.com

[KEY WEST] The [Southernmost House in the USA](#), a grandiose bed and breakfast which has hosted five U.S. Presidents, is considered an architectural wonder. Built in



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[KEY WEST] The destination of Key West is known for raucous festivals and memorable holidays. However, visitors to this tropical paradise will be delighted to discover that Key West is also a place where they can relax beneath towering palms and enjoy a luxurious stay in paradise. The **Simonton Court Historic Inn** and Cottages epitomizes comfortable luxury and provides its guests with a historic, yet updated, vacation experience. Aside from the main property, individual cottage rentals are available.

800-944-2687 | www.simontoncourt.com

[ISLAMORADA] Make your escape to the tropical locale of Islamorada, while enjoying the comforts of a brand name you can trust. Known throughout the world for its high level of service and amenities, visitors to the **Hampton Inn & Suites** can enjoy the hotel's unique elevated sunning beach, playground, heated pool and hot tub along with an exercise gym, onsite dive shop, boat rentals, boat ramp, and dock space, ocean front suites, massage therapy and daily dive and snorkel trips.

Other amenities include complimentary hot breakfast, complimentary high-speed wireless internet, and TV with cable. 305-664-0073 | www.keys-resort.com

>>Eco Tours

Capt. Victoria Impallomeni, a native of Key West and wilder-

ness guide with an Environmental Marine Science degree, will enlighten visitors with a wilderness tour through the Key West ecosystem. Guests will journey into the unspoiled, natural habitats of wildlife native to the Lower Florida Keys. Private charter wilderness tours are available and children of all ages are encouraged to join in the fun. No paddles, no sunburn, just quiet shaded touring, snorkeling and pretending you are a dolphin on the tow board. The Dancing Dolphin Spirit Charters was named the #1 thing to do in Key West by National Geographic Traveler Magazine, January 2009!

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>>Fall Festivals!

Fall is FESTIVAL TIME in North Florida's beautiful **Madison County!** Located on Interstate 10 between Tallahassee and Lake City, Madison County is a great place to visit, especially in the fall when the leaves turn colorful, the weather starts to cool and the festivals and outdoor activities are hot! **October 17**, finds folks from hundreds of miles around coming to northeast Madison County to attend the annual **Hickory Grove Founders Day Celebration**. The Hickory Grove Methodist Church host this choice annual event where all exhibitors step back in time and prepare everything from food to furniture, the way it used to be done a long time ago...from cooking on the wood stove, rendering fat, making sausage, grinding cane, telling stories, homemade ice cream, biscuits and ham or sausage for breakfast, fresh hand picked corn on the cob, and the famous chicken and rice dinner at noon. Hickory Grove is located just off of Highway 255 north of Lee, in Madison County.

October 31st finds Madison County celebrating 2009's last



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Saturday, September 26	10-12 PM
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Miami River Boat Tour	
Sunday, September 27	10-1 PM
HMSF Members \$39	Non-Members \$44
Bay Harbor Islands MIMo Walk	
Sunday, October 4	10-1 PM
HMSF Members \$20	Non-Members \$25
Lincoln Road Walking Tour	
Saturday, October 10	10-12 PM
HMSF Members \$20	Non-Members \$25
Stilltsville, Cape Florida Lighthouse & Key Biscayne Boat Tour	
Sunday, October 18	10-1 PM
HMSF Members \$39	Non-Members \$44

To book a tour, call 305.375.1621.
For detailed tour schedule, visit www.hmsf.org.

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installment of the classic "5th Saturday Farmers & Friends Festival" sponsored by the Madison Rotary Club. The event features over 60 vendors of all kinds and is located in the historic Four Freedoms Park region of downtown Madison. Festivities include live music, arts and crafts booths and food vendors, and activities for the kids. Admission is free. Come enjoy a full day of activities for young and old with a secondary event geared toward bicycle activities for all age groups.

For additional information on these and other events, contact the Madison County Chamber of Commerce & Tourism at 877-272-3642 or log onto www.madisonfl.org.

>>Health/Wellness

[ST. PETERSBURG] **Andrew Coundouriotis, MD, FACS**, has earned the reputation of being an expert and leader in minimally invasive facial plastic surgery and facial rejuvenation. Dr. Coundouriotis provides his patients with a comprehensive range of cosmetic services including surgical procedures, facial sculpting with injectables, skin tightening and resurfacing treatments, and medical-grade skin care. Patients receive customized treatments in the comfort and privacy of Dr. C's beautiful facility located at 5000 Park Street North. With 15 years of experience, Dr. Coundouriotis is certified by both the American Board of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and the American Board of Otolaryngology. Call or visit their Website to schedule your consultation today.

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>>Property Management

[SARASOTA] Representing some of the Gulf Coast's most exquisite properties, the professionals of **Jennette**

Properties have made it their mission to provide visitors with some of the finest seasonal, monthly and annual rentals - furnished and unfurnished.

For those who can't get enough of the idyllic Gulf Coast lifestyle, Jennette Properties also provides relocation services. "Many people moving into Sarasota and Manatee counties lease a property for the first year to find their lifestyle. Our associates are the best at making our clients and customers feel welcomed and comfortable," said Richard Jennette, Broker-Owner of Jennette Properties.

Jennette Properties specializes in Florida's Gulf Coast properties and serves Casey Key to the south, and the Hwy. 70 area to the north. Call for property details or visit their Website for a complete listing of available properties.

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>>Theatre

A night at the theater! For 60 years, **Venice Theatre**, the country's third largest and most active community theaters, has been providing nonstop entertainment for both residents and visitors to the Gulf Coast. Featuring performances that are attractive to all family members, including children, the theater promotes a diverse range of productions with one goal - "Making a dramatic impact on all stages of life".

Upcoming performances include My Way: A Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra, Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, RENT, Annie, Doubt and much more!

The Venice Theatre is also proud to announce the designation of hosting the 2010 International Amateur Theatre Festival (June 22-27, 2010).

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