

Naples Overview

Paradise Coast

Located on the emerald Gulf of Mexico in southwest Florida, the resort town of Naples is known for its casually sophisticated atmosphere. Home to the elegant Inn on Fifth, Naples and the beautiful surrounding area is known as Florida's Paradise Coast. Visitors experience challenging championship golf courses, miles of pristine beaches, the wilds of The Everglades, world-class museums and art galleries, performing arts, unique shopping, delectable dining and pristine nature preserves and parks.

Average Temperatures (F)

Winter	High: 75°	Low: 53°
Spring	High: 83°	Low: 62°
Summer	High: 91°	Low: 73°
Fall	High: 87°	Low: 68°

Air Travel Access

Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW)

Southwest Florida International Airport is located in Fort Myers, just 40 minutes north of Naples. The airport supports Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties, and is serviced by most major domestic carriers and several international charters. RSW offers nonstop flights to 40 cities, including Chicago, Atlanta, New York, and Boston. The airport offers visitors extensive ground transportation options, including rental car, commercial taxis, and shuttles.

Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL)

Another easily-accessible and cost-effective flight option to Naples is Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. The airport is less than two hours from Naples and is serviced by 35 international, regional, and domestic carriers. Most major rental car companies are represented at the airport.

Naples Municipal Airport

Located just 10 minutes from The Inn on Fifth, the Naples Municipal airport is serviced by several regional airline carriers, including Yellow Air Taxi with service to Ft. Lauderdale, Key West and The Bahamas. The airport is also a major private jet and charter facility. Car rental, shuttle, and taxi transfers are available.

Car Travel Access

Interstate 75 (Alligator Alley) and U.S. 41 (The Tamiami Trail – A United States Scenic Byway and State of Florida Scenic Highway)
Two hours from Miami
Two-and-a-half hours from Tampa
Four hours from Orlando

Area Attractions

Naturally Naples – Naples’ star attraction – the **beaches** – have been rated among the top ten in the U.S. by consumers at the Yahoo! Travel Web site, according to a poll conducted by *National Geographic Traveler* magazine. The Travel Channel named Naples the “Best All-Around Beach” in 2005. Within easy walking distance of the Inn on Fifth, the immaculate white sand beaches and emerald waters of the Gulf of Mexico are a “must see” while visiting the Paradise Coast.

Visitors can take a walk on the wild side at **Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens**. Named “Best Place to Take the Kids” by *Gulfshore Life Magazine*, the 52-acre, nationally accredited zoo and historic botanical gardens feature tropical ambiance, exciting wildlife shows, and hundreds of animals, from tigers to African Wild Dogs to antelope. In 2008 two rare fosas, predators from Madagascar, took up residence and in 2009 the zoo debuts Black Bear Hammock, the country’s largest zoo exhibit for black bears. Guests can browse the many walking trails or cruise through a lake populated by islands that provide cage-free homes to primates including lemurs, apes and monkeys.

The Conservancy of Southwest Florida’s Naples Nature Center is just down the road from Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens, with various educational exhibits allowing adventurous visitors to touch a snake, count an alligator’s teeth, and explore Southwest Florida’s natural side with a narrated boat tour. The 14-acre conservancy offers narrated boat rides, trails, and, for the truly adventurous, canoe and kayak rentals to explore the natural waterways of the Gordon River. Narrated cruises and sunset cruises on the Cocohatchee River through a pristine mangrove estuary, home to a variety of bird species, are offered through the **Cocohatchee Nature Center**. Cruise passengers often spot marine life, such as manatees and dolphins, during their voyage. The 166-acre **Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park** features beaches lined with sea oats and cabbage palms, along with wooded trails. The park, known for its mile-long, unspoiled, natural beach, also offers picnic facilities, an observation tower, and summer educational sea turtle programs.

Cruise the streets of Naples and take in the warm Florida sun and cool gulf breeze on a Segway. **Naples Water and Land Tours** offers a one-hour narrated tour that takes visitors through Crayton Cove, the Third Street district, the Naples Pier, Tin City and much more. **Naples Segway** at the Experience Naples visitor center also offers Segway tours.

History and train buffs alike enjoy the **Naples Depot & Lionel Museum Train Display**, located in Naples' first passenger train station. Collier County's newest historical museum, the Naples Depot allows guests to relive Florida's early railroading days with exhibits featuring a Seminole dugout canoe, antique swamp buggy, and restored railroad cars. Children delight at the miniature train rides and extensive model railroad layout. The Naples Depot is listed on the National Register of Historical Places.

Tours by Land and by Sea – See the best of Naples while onboard a vintage trolley cable car on the **Naples Trolley Tour**. Hop on and off at 23 stops on this narrated tour, which departs every hour from convenient locations around the Naples area. Those visitors wanting to stretch their sea legs may opt for a relaxing cruise or a dolphin watch or shelling excursion aboard the lovely catamaran, **Sweet Liberty**. Another option is the **Naples Princess**, a luxurious yacht offering sightseeing, lunch, sunset hors d'oeuvres and sunset dinner cruises daily. **The Dolphin Explorer**, now sailing from Port O' Call marina in Naples as well as from Marco Island, welcomes passengers on board to serve as citizen scientists alongside naturalists studying the resident dolphin population for the 10,000 Island Dolphin Project.

Posh Paintings & Performances – Truly a world-class facility with performances of the same caliber, the **Philharmonic Center for the Arts** hosts events every year, with everything from plays, to dance and art shows for Naples visitors and residents. Attached to the Philharmonic, the 30,000-square-foot **Naples Museum of Art** allows visitors to peruse 15 galleries, a glass dome conservatory, entrance gates by renowned metal artist Albert Paley and spectacular chandeliers and a Persian ceiling by acclaimed glass artist Dale Chihuly. The museum displays permanent collections as well as traveling exhibits. Located next door to The Inn on Fifth is the **Sugden Community Theatre**, home of the Naples Players, a 40-year-old community theater troupe. The gorgeous, multi-million dollar theater on Fifth Avenue features a main theater, studio theater, and outdoor stage.

Side Trips

Marco Island & Everglades City – Explore the wilds of The Everglades, the rustic town of Everglades City and the pampering of pristine Marco Island, located 45 minutes south of Naples. Marco Island, located at the southernmost tip of mainland Florida's west coast, is the largest inhabited isle of the "Ten Thousand Islands." At **Everglades Area Tours**, Capt. Charles Wright sets guests up with the adventure of your choice, including kayak eco and fishing tours, kayak camping excursions, fishing charters, bicycle and aerial tours. Adventurous explorers can hop aboard **Speedy Johnson's Airboat Rides** to zip through mangrove jungles and grasslands. For a gentler experience, visitors can join captains Barry and Carol on their **Manatee Sightseeing Adventure** where guests will visit a manatee hideout and get up close and personal with the sea cows.

Immokalee/Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary – Spend the afternoon at the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, an 11,000-acre preserve that is the “crown jewel” of the National Audubon Society’s sanctuary system. Named as a Gateway Site for the new southern section of the Great Florida Birding Trail, the sanctuary is home to hundreds of native and migratory bird species, alligators, bears, deer and more.

Lover’s Key State Park – Fishing, biking, camping, canoeing and kayaking are all offered at Lover’s Key, only 10 minutes north of Naples. The north side of the island features natural canals and tidal lagoons fringed with mangroves, which support an array of fish and diverse aquatic animals. Accessible by foot or boat, the park has modern bathhouses, picnic shelters, hiking trails and beautiful remote beaches. For those looking for a unique experience, the park offers adventure paddling day trips, including a visit to Mound Key to see Calusa Indian-built shell mounds, and overnight tours with experienced guides are available.

Paddling Trails - The Paradise Coast Blueway is Collier County’s newly developed system of paddling trails, providing GPS-marked routes through some of Southwest Florida’s most pristine estuarine environments. Phase One includes paddling trails in the Ten Thousand Islands region between Everglades City and Goodland on Marco Island. The Blueway system is identified using virtual trail routes marked by GPS coordinates. Phase One includes one long route and six shorter day trip routes. Eventually the Paradise Coast Blueway will identify paddling trails throughout Collier County.

Fishing Excursions – Catch the “big one” on one of many fishing boat charters in the area. Specific tours explore the fertile waters of Rookery Bay and Ten Thousand Islands for snook, redfish, tarpon and other game fish species. Bass, crappie and blue gill can be found in fresh water at Lake Trafford, while the deep waters play home to grouper and snapper.

The concierge at The Inn on Fifth will be happy to find a fishing charter that meets your needs.

Experienced fishermen also have the option of renting a boat at one of the many area marinas and heading out into the fertile waters on their own. Of course, the historic, 1,000-foot-long Naples Fishing Pier is a perfect alternative for those wanting to stay on dry land.

Visitor Information

For more information on things to do, visit the official visitor information Web site for the Naples, Marco Island, Everglades Convention & Visitors Bureau at www.paradisecoast.com.

Reservations

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