Time Out MIAMI

Summer 2017

HIT THE ROAD!

Spend the summer cruising through Florida.
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NAPLES

DISTANCE AND DRIVE TIME: 125MI, 2HRS

Nestled between the pristine Gulf of Mexico and the gritty Everglades, Naples is not your typical beach town. Stroll down the neatly landscaped Mediterranean Revival–style downtown district, where you're most likely to spot snowbirds. Shed some layers for a walk down the rough-and-tumble Fifth Avenue South, and join locals hoisting longboards en route to the beach. Whatever your seaside style, you'll find it in Naples.

EAT: On the off chance you're carbo-loading at the beach (this *is* vacation), Osteria Tulia's regional Italian menu is full of reasons to indulge *(466 Fifth Ave South; 239-213-2073, osteriatulia.com)*. Work your way through the list of artfully prepared small plates, like the caramelized sprouts and crispy fried pig ears, and pared mains of which the classic cacio e pepe bucatini with sheep's-milk cheese is simply phenomenal.

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DRINK: Head straight from the beach to the Turtle Club *(9225 Gulfshore Dr; 239-592-6557, turtleclubnaples.com)*, and watch the sunset from one of the outdoor tables. Feel the sand between your toes while you look out onto the Gulf and sip a Paddle Boarder, a mango piña colada made with coconut rum.

STAY: Looming above a mangrove estuary that leads to a sublime secret beach, Naples Grande *(475 Seagate Dr; 239-227-2182, naplesgrande.com)* boasts chic rooms with oversize balconies, as well as three pools surrounded by beautiful landscaping. Zoom down one of the waterslides or hide in your gulf-view suite; the accommodations offer equal parts revelry and relaxation—just like Naples itself.

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