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# T&C Travel Guide: Naples, Florida

The *ultimate* guide on where to stay, dine and shop in the golf capital of the world.



Naples is known as the Paradise Coast, and for good reason: its sparkling white sand beaches, high-end shopping, and world-class golf (its nickname is the Golf Capital of the World) make it an irresistible draw for the well-heeled. Is it any wonder that celebrities like singer Bob Seger, NFL legend Mike Ditka, and yes, even Judge Judy flock to its shores? But this city is much more than the Gulf Coast's answer to Palm Beach. Nestled between the Gulf of Mexico and the Everglades, the destination also offers pristine nature reserves, botanical gardens, and world-renowned art museums. Whether you're craving sand or sophistication—or a little of both—this city is guaranteed to meet every need.

## WHERE TO STAY

*Naples Grande Beach Resort*



**PRIVATE CABANAS ARE AVAILABLE FOR RENT AT NAPLES GRANDE'S ADULT ONLY POOL.**

With 474 rooms, an 18-hole golf course, 15 tennis courts, three miles of white-sand beach, and three pools, the Naples Grand is just as—well, grand—as its name implies. It's the kind of property that has something for everyone. Kids can be found whipping down the 100-foot waterslide at the children's pool, while couples traveling solo hunker down in private cabanas at the quieter "adult's only" area. Come evening, you'll find a crowd around the lobby bar and Sunset Veranda seven nights a week. The hotel is known for its Friday happy hour—where guests and locals alike toss back flutes of Veuve for \$5 at 5pm, \$6 at 6pm, and so on, through 8 o'clock. (In fact, Naples Grande consumes the most Veuve Cliquot in the state of Florida, second only to Miami's Fontainebleau.) A recent \$18 million renovation gave the resort a fresh new look—rooms feature soaking tubs, private balconies, and marble bathrooms.