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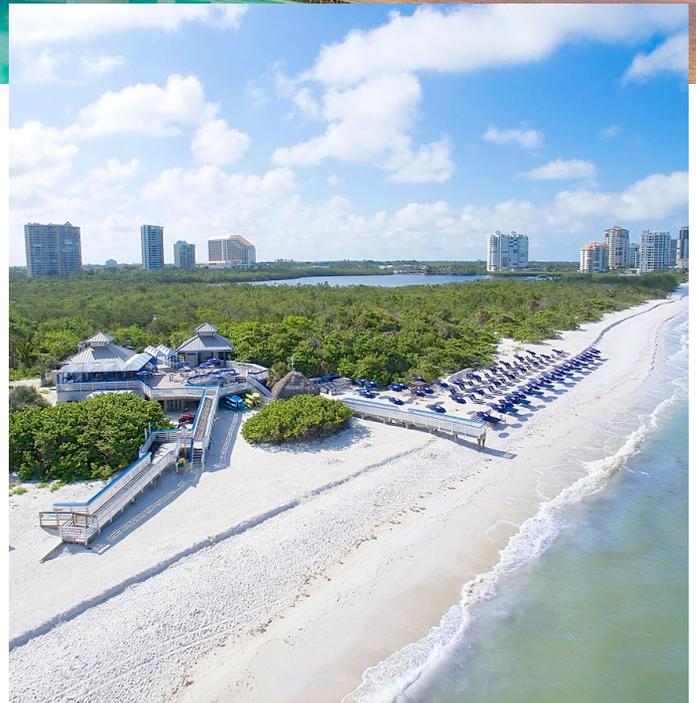


NAPLES GRANDE BEACH RESORT



All of us should take a vacation or staycation every once in a while to rest, relax and take a break from the stress of work and everyday life. Taking time off can improve our physical and mental well-being, reduce stress, and prevent burnout and exhaustion. On the other hand, working too much without rest can negatively impact us and lead to potential health issues such as high blood pressure and even heart disease.

Florida has many appealing destinations that we can drive to and enjoy a nice vacation. One of them is the Naples Grande Beach Resort – which I visited for a relaxing weekend vacation. This beautiful resort has 474 guestrooms, including 29 gulf view suites and 50 Garden Villas. Each room has a private balcony with direct views of the Gulf. Guests can enjoy six on-site restaurants and bars, three heated outdoor pools, a full-service luxury spa, an 8,000-square-foot fitness center, business center and an award-winning tennis facility with 15 courts. Naples Grande is also enveloped by a 200 acres protected mangrove estuary with a system of bridges and elevated walking paths that provide you with access to three miles of beachfront on the Gulf of Mexico.





I sat down with Frank Cavella, director of sales and marketing at Naples Grande Beach Resort, to discuss what the resort has to offer.

Rafa Carvajal: Why should our readers visit the Naples Grande Beach Resort for a vacation or staycation?

Frank Cavella: For an unprecedented third year in a row, Naples has been ranked the healthiest and happiest community in the nation by the Gallup-Sharecare Well-Being Index, a testament to the vibrant local culture. A short drive from Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach, Naples Grande Beach Resort offers an indulgent, coastal experience – an inclusive getaway full of leisure, activities and incredible nearby sights.

RC: What hotel amenities do you think our readers will enjoy the most and why?

FC: Offering a wide range of top-tier activities, from paddle boarding, tennis and golf to our adults-only pool and free-flowing #BubbleQ Veuve Clicquot happy hour, Naples Grande is a one-stop-shop for those looking for a unique and luxurious staycation.

RC: Which local tours/adventures would you recommend they go on during their stay?

FC: Serving as a home base (assuming they can tear away from the beautiful beach and idyllic pool!), guests can enjoy some amazing experiences in the area surrounding Naples Grande. The hotel concierge can arrange half or full day excursions to explore the Everglades, or guests can visit some of the area's other beautiful beaches, and even get a close encounter with an alligator, manatee or some of Florida's other fascinating wildlife.



RC: What is the resort's beach like? What makes the beach special for guests?

FC: Three miles of powdery, white-sand beach is easily accessible to guests of Naples Grande. Guests can stroll lazily along the sandy shore and take in the soothing breezes, floating lightly off the stunning Gulf of Mexico at Naples Grande Beach Resort. The beach offers the following:

- Open air tram ride through a 200-acre protected mangrove estuary to our secluded beach. It is approximately a 5-minute tram ride or 15-minute stroll to the beach along the boardwalk.
- Professionally managed with 5-star service, provided by the world-renowned Boucher Brothers.
- Three miles of perfectly-manicured, sugar-sand beach along the Gulf of Mexico.
- All fresco lunch and refreshing drinks available from the Rhodes End Beach Bar.
- Luxury chaise lounges, umbrella, cabana and daybed services.
- Paddle boards and kayaks for rent.
- A full array of other watersports including jet skiing, sailing, parasailing and deep sea fishing can be arranged through the concierge team.

RC: For those guests who enjoy dining on property, what are their alternatives and type of cuisine?

FC: Home to a wide variety of dining options, including the hotel's specialty restaurant, Catch of the Pelican – a celebration of the flavor of the Gulf Coast in a relaxed-yet-sophisticated setting – Rhode's End, Aura Restaurant, Gulf Coast Oasis (Pool Bar), in room dining, Spres-si Coffee Bar, and the all-new inventive, pan-Asian inspired open kitchen and bar, Mantra, the dining options are endless, catering to all types of discerning palettes.

RC: Tell our readers about your on property restaurant Mantra and its cuisine?

FC: An inventive, pan-Asian inspired open kitchen and bar, Mantra draws inspiration from several Asian influences such as Korea and Japan, featuring treats like Banh Mi Sandwiches, Ramen noodles, rice bowls, sushi and sashimi. Mantra offers sake and Asian-influenced cocktails, handcrafted by its in-house mixologist, with unique flavor profiles using fresh, local ingredients, in a chic yet comfortable lounge setting.



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RC: What are the most popular dishes at Mantra?

FC: The White Dragon Cocktail, Banh Mi Sandwiches, Korean BBQ Beef Tacos, and signature Build Your Own Ramen Bowl are a must-have!

RC: What kind of special offers does the hotel have for Florida residents?

FC: We're currently offering a delicious \$39 summer prix fixe menu for The Catch of the Pelican and a Florida resident rate – perfect for *Wire Magazine* readers! Guests can save up to 20% off their Naples escape, just a short drive from home, that feels worlds away from the everyday.

RC: Is there anything else you would like to share with *Wire Magazine* readers about the Naples Grande Beach Resort?

FC: Designed for couples looking for a romantic, secluded getaway, Naples Grande unveiled newly renovated Garden Villa Suites. Nestled among lush landscaping within the resort's 23 waterfront acres, these custom-designed villas, debuted as an additional phase of the resort's multi-million-dollar refresh, following the impact of Hurricane Irma. Each one-bedroom coastal-chic inspired villa, designed by award-winning design firm, Verve Collaborative, boasts 700 square feet of space, complete with a separate living area, two furnished terraces or private outdoor patios and stunning, panoramic views of the property's tropically manicured lawns, serene reflecting pools and picturesque gardens.



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