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Naples Grande

Naples, Florida, United States [View on a map](#)



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Telegraph expert
rating

" A vast, towering edifice from the outside, this long-time Naples classic softens to gentle and approachable inside, with the luxury touches expected of a Four Diamond resort. Semi-secluded by protected wetlands, the extraordinary natural setting adds visual appeal to the relaxed, sub-tropical ambiance. "

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Location

A walkable beach cradled by mangroves is just a 15-minute stroll from the resort or five-minute open tram ride along a shaded boardwalk. It's less than a mile to the upscale Waterside shops and Artis-Naples performing arts centre, with funky Tin City shops only six miles (10km) away. The shops and restaurants of downtown Naples are a five-mile drive (8km), and Miami International Airport is 125 miles (201km) east via scenic Alligator Alley.

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Style & character

At a grand 18 floors in the main tower and with 50 additional low-rise Garden Villa Suites, the sheer size of the resort means it copes well with Naples' peak seasons, and it becomes decidedly indulgent when the crowds depart. The resort is surrounded by a 200-acre (81ha) nature preserve, with a white-sand beach just beyond, and while the beach is spotlessly groomed, you may be lucky enough to encounter a gopher tortoise or two.

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Service & facilities

Staff are personable, efficient and quick to offer insights into the area's numerous attractions. Along with three miles of beach, water pursuits are found at the family pool with waterslide, adults-only pool and whirlpool, and a secluded lap pool. There are 15 tennis courts with pro shop, a fitness centre and an 18-hole private golf course named as a North American Top 100 Resort Course.

The 'spa village' specialises in Ayurvedic and Eastern therapies, plus full-service salon. Concierge can arrange tours into Everglades National Park; fishing, airboat, jet boat, kayak or wildlife spotting tours; and even a private seaplane tour over the Everglades.

- ✔ Bar
- ✔ Fitness centre
- ✔ Laundry
- ✔ Pool
- ✔ Room service
- ✔ Spa
- ✔ Tennis court
- ✔ Beach
- ✔ Golf course
- ✔ Parking
- ✔ Restaurant
- ✔ Sauna
- ✔ Steam room/hammam
- ✔ Wi-Fi

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Rooms

Oversized windows in the tower rooms take advantage of the spectacular views, which encourage lingering in your room — if you can resist heading straight to the beach. Corner rooms add wrap-around windows for even greater visual enjoyment. All tower rooms have a private, furnished balcony or patio, and interiors are spacious and restful in soft earth tones. Ample USB ports, iHome docking station, in-room safe, Keurig coffee-maker and mini-fridge are useful touches.

Bathrooms are fitted with soaking tub, shower and granite vanities with twin sinks. Garden Villa Suites offer a King bed, Queen sleeper-sofa, large living room and bathroom, plus two balconies or patios.

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Food & drink

Seven bars and restaurants ensure all tastes are catered for. Succulent steaks and fresh-caught seafoods are the speciality at The Catch of the Pelican; pan-Asian inspired dishes are found at Mantra (try the White Dragon cocktail, ultra-crispy Chicken Wings and tempting Sushi rolls); and eco-conscious Aura delights with coastal cuisine at breakfast and lunch.

Choose the breakfast buffet or à la carte items, including American classics and a healthy açai bowl (fruit, granola, lavender honey and almond milk). Spressi serves Illy coffee, breakfast drinks and light lunch choices, while Gulf Coast Oasis poolside bar has sandwiches, burgers (try the Blue Crab Burger for a neat change on the theme) and drinks.

Enjoy pre-and post-dinner cocktails at Sunset Veranda. Rhodes End beachside eatery offers casual Mediterranean fare, with a large deck designed with sunset cocktails in mind.

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Value for money

Double rooms from \$253 (£199) in low season, and from \$603 (£475) in high season. Breakfast excluded (buffet \$19.99/£16 for adults; \$10/£8 for children; à la carte from \$10/£8). A resort fee of \$37 (£29) includes bikes, tennis discounts, water, beach chairs and table, and Wi-Fi. Self-parking is \$18 (£14); valet \$28 (£22).

Access for guests with disabilities?

All areas are fully accessible, as is the beach tram.

Family-friendly?

There are daily pool activities, golf and tennis lessons on offer, and Saturday pizza-making dinners keep children amused.

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