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## A Classic Florida Getaway for Less in Naples

Located at the southern end of Florida's Gulf Coast, just before it shatters into the Everglades and 10,000 Islands National Wildlife Preserve, Naples brings together the best of Florida in one glittering, sunswept package. Start with the beaches: 17 miles of soft white sand and emerald Gulf water lined with laid-back resorts and golf courses. Old Naples is a picture-postcard town of pastel stucco buildings set with fountained courtyards, outdoor cafes, and boutiques. Though best known for its upscale shopping, the real news in Naples is food: dozens of small, chef-driven restaurants have opened in the past year, transforming the scene from staid to spirited.

### Where to Stay

Located in the heart of Naples, the 119-rooms **Inn on Fifth** impresses with big-resort amenities like spacious bathrooms, a pool with food and cocktail service, complimentary beach shuttle (complete with chairs and coolers), and a full-service spa. Book a Club Level suite and you'll have access to a lounge where breakfast is served late and Champagne flows freely. Summer rates start at about \$200 and more than double during high season; Club Level rates are exactly twice the regular rate.

It's the details that set 474-room **Naples Grande** apart from other large-scale resorts, like the giant waterslide that rocks the kid's pool, the spa's zen-inducing outdoor sanctuary, the boardwalk that weaves through a mangrove forest to the beach, and an outdoor restaurant perched right on the sand. There's even a golf course. Special deals abound on the website and include winter rates that start around \$300 and a summer stay for \$159 per night.

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