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## Beaches, Boardwalks & the Wild: A Road Trip Across Coastal Florida

From pastel Art Deco streets to mangrove mazes, this tropical itinerary explores the best of Florida's coasts and national treasures.

**Florida isn't just a beach destination** - it's a mosaic of ecosystems, cultures, and coastlines. This itinerary takes you from the vibrant pulse of Miami through the laid-back beauty of the Keys and Gulf Coast, then loops north toward wild wetlands, rocket launches, and roller coasters.

Whether you're snorkeling with manatees, indulging in Cuban food, or soaking up shell-covered shores, your resort stays along the way bring ease and comfort to every leg of the trip. Today's timeshare properties offer multiple bedrooms, separate living and dining spaces, full kitchens, and even an in-suite washer & dryer, along with plenty of resort amenities - making them a modern, flexible way to vacation more often and with less hassle.

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### Waypoint Stops & Highlights:



**Stay Here:** [Hyatt Vacation Club at Beach House – Key West, FL](#)

This oceanfront escape brings a laid-back island vibe in the southernmost point of the U.S. Feel the tropical breeze from the zero-entry lagoon pool; play table tennis, cornhole, and foosball; feast at Jimmy's Ocean Blue Tiki Hut; or simply enjoy ocean views from the comfort of your suite.

- **POI: Duval Street** – Eclectic shops, bars, and conch fritters in every direction.
- **POI: Hemingway House** – Home to six-toed cats and literary lore.
- **POI: Fort Zachary Taylor Historic State Park** – A shaded beach perfect for snorkeling.
- **POI: Sunset Celebration at Mallory Square** – Street performers and views worth pausing for.



**Stay Here:** [Marriott Vacation Club®, South Beach – Miami, FL](#)

Located in the heart of South Beach’s Art Deco district, this stylish stay blends iconic design with ocean views and offers a world of culinary delights, sun-soaked streets, gorgeous beaches, and vibrant nightlife.

- **POI: Ocean Drive – Palm-lined streets filled with neon signs and sidewalk cafés.**
- **POI: Wynwood Walls – A free outdoor museum of larger-than-life street art.**
- **POI: Little Havana – Sip Cuban coffee and watch dominoes at Maximo Gomez Park.**
- **POI: South Pointe Park – Walk the pier, snap skyline pics, or watch cruise ships sail by.**



**Stay Here:** [The Charter Club of Marco Beach® – Marco Island, FL](#)

Savor the slower pace of island life with white-sand beaches and stunning Gulf views at this beachside resort. Spend your days in the sand or enjoying the resort’s beautiful grounds featuring a family pool, kid’s activities and a recreation program for all ages.

- **POI: Tigertail Beach – Paddle through a tidal lagoon or hunt for sand dollars.**
- **POI: Marco Island Historical Museum – Learn about the Calusa people and pioneer life.**
- **POI: Snook Inn – Local seafood, live music, and sunsets over the water.**
- **POI: Marco Island Brewery – Laid-back pub with house brews and casual bites.**



**Stay Here:** [Charter Club Naples Bay, a Hilton Vacation Club – Naples, FL](#)

Located in the heart of the Old Naples Historic District, this boutique resort features 33 spacious, 2-Bedroom Suites with screened balconies, plus an outdoor heated pool with sweeping views of Naples Bay. Relax with a special beverage from the poolside snack bar, bike to the beach, grill up something on the barbecue or warm up in the waterfront hot tub.

- **POI: Fifth Avenue South – Upscale boutiques, cafés, and galleries.**
- **POI: Naples Botanical Garden – A lush escape into tropical flora.**
- **POI: Tin City Waterfront Shops – Quirky local market along the bay.**
- **POI: Celebration Food Truck Park – Local eats with live music and lawn games.**



**Stay Here:** [Casa Ybel Resort – Sanibel, FL](#)

Charming and secluded, this beachfront resort is ideal for reconnecting with nature. Overlooking 23 acres of coastline, Casa Ybel is your starting point for beachcombing and world-famous shelling along Florida's Gulf Coast, plus plenty of other outdoor activities to keep everyone amused including tennis, swimming, boating, and watersports.

- **POI: Bowman's Beach – A quiet, shell-strewn stretch of paradise.**
- **POI: J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge – Birdwatching, paddling, and walking trails.**
- **POI: Sanibel Island Farmers Market – Sunday mornings with produce and local crafts.**
- **POI: The Island Cow – Funky family-friendly spot for breakfast and seafood.**





**Stay Here:** [Las Palmeras, a Hilton Grand Vacations Club](#)

Just minutes from Florida's famous theme parks, this resort is a peaceful escape from the crowds. Take a break from park-hopping to enjoy relaxing on-site amenities, including a pool with a waterslide and splash pad.

- **POI: Universal Orlando™ – Try out the newly opened Epic Universe**  
**Universal CityWalk – Shopping, dining, and nightlife just outside the park gates.**
- **POI: ICON Park – Ride The Wheel for views of the Orlando skyline.**
- **POI: Milkhouse – A trendy market with craft coffee, beer, and creative bites.**
- **POI: Leu Gardens – 50-acre botanical garden tucked away near downtown.**



**Stay Here:** [Club Wyndham Ocean Walk – Daytona Beach, FL](#)

Right on the sand and steps from boardwalk attractions, this stay brings fun to your doorstep. Take a dip in one of the two indoor or two outdoor heated pool, or a relaxed journey down the lazy river.

- **POI: Daytona Beach Pier – Carnival rides, games, and classic beach vibes.**
- **POI: Jackie Robinson Ballpark – Catch a game in a historic stadium.**
- **POI: Sweet Marlays – Coffee, crêpes, and baked goods in a cozy corner café.**
- **POI: Daytona Beach Farmers Market – Local goods with ocean breeze.**



**Stay Here:** [Westgate Cocoa Beach Resort – Cocoa Beach, FL](#)

Larger than typical Cocoa Beach hotels, the Westgate Cocoa Beach Resort is one of the area's most modern resort hotels featuring spacious two-bedroom suites. Relax beachside or splash around at Wakulla Water Play Experience - there's fun for everyone. Plus, the resort is just minutes from top Space Coast attractions, the cruise terminals, and steps away from the beautiful beach.

- **POI: Cocoa Village – Stroll this charming district for boutiques and ice cream.**
- **POI: Cocoa Beach Pier – Historic pier with restaurants, bars, shops, and great ocean views.**



**Stay Here:** [Holiday Inn Club Vacations Cape Canaveral Beach Resort – Cape Canaveral, FL](#)

A spacious stay with easy access to space launches, surf, and sun. Enjoy the pool and hot tubs, relax in the lazy river, slide down the 4-story waterslide, watch a movie in the on-site theater, play a round of mini golf, or play in the game room after a day of exploring the Space Coast.

- **POI: Kennedy Space Center – Get up close with rockets and astronauts.**
- **POI: Jetty Park – Fishing, picnicking, and rocket launch views from the beach.**
- **POI: Exploration Tower – Architecture meets interactive space exhibits.**

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Florida's coastlines are wildly diverse - and wildly worth the drive. With resort stays providing a blend of convenience and comfort, you'll spend less time stressing and more time swimming, snacking, and exploring. From swaying palms to starry skies, this trip captures the sunshine state in its fullest, most fun form.