

10 Reasons to Meet in Naples, Marco Island & The Everglades

Meetings in paradise. An alluring combination of spectacular Gulf beaches, lavish accommodations, fabulous fairways and mysterious miles of Florida Everglades.



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Beach and Golf Resorts with Conference Facilities.



Beautiful, white-sand beaches and world-class golf can be found at the leading meeting and conference resort properties in Naples and on Marco Island. These resorts are experts at creating fun, fanciful and totally tropical events, such as welcome parties right on the beach. Golf tournaments are also popular. All of the area's meeting properties have their own courses or can provide convenient access to nearby links.

Range of Mid-size and Smaller Hotels.

In addition to larger resorts, Naples, Marco Island and Everglades City offer excellent choices for planners seeking host sites for small and mid-sized groups. Properties including the Hilton Naples; Bellasera Hotel; GreenLinks Golf Resort; the Inn on Fifth; DoubleTree Guest Suites, Naples; The Inn at Pelican Bay; Marco Beach Ocean Resort and more provide excellent accommodations, on-site meeting space and easy access to off-site locations that will vary your meeting program.

Spas and Golf Galore.

Access to luxurious spa treatments and spa-themed breaks are a popular component of today's meeting agendas. Consider the first Golden Door Spa on the country's East Coast at the Naples Grande Resort & Club, or the Balinese-themed spa at the Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort, Golf Club & Spa. Golf courses are everywhere in the Naples area, and professional instruction can be found at several locations including the Rick Smith Golf Academy at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples. For post-game soothing, players can try a golfer's massage at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club.

Memorable Off-site Venues.

Several interesting venues give a broader appreciation of Naples, Marco Island & The Everglades. Unique options include Naples Botanical Garden and NGALA, an African-themed reserve that thrills with wild animal encounters, entertainment and gourmet dining. The Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens also hosts evening animal-encounter events for groups. Take a sail on the 80-foot schooner Lady Stirling or charter the Naples Princess or Marco Princess yachts for a sunset dinner cruise.

Miles of White-sand Beaches.

Thirty miles of Gulf beaches provide the perfect backdrop for a meeting in paradise. Beach exercise breaks, team-building games and beach receptions can infuse your agenda with a breath of fresh, tropical air. There are plenty of beaches to explore, from resort beaches to beach parks to deserted islands accessible only by boat.

Recreational and Teambuilding Opportunities.

Unsurpassed boating and fishing can be found in the Everglades and in the Ten Thousand Islands mangrove estuaries. Canoe and kayak eco-tours are favorites for small groups, and hiking takes on new meaning inside a cypress swamp, where ranger-led excursions provide a wet-foot experience. Check out Adventure Training Concepts, which specializes in educational and fun themed team-building experiences. Shopping excursions include scavenger hunts at Waterside Shops or a shuttle ride to downtown Naples' famed Fifth Avenue South and Third Street South.



A Pedestrian-friendly Downtown.



Naples pleasantly surprises many first-time visitors with its attractive and extremely walkable downtown areas. Fifth Avenue South and Third Street South are lined with boutiques, art galleries, pubs and restaurants. Downtown Naples is the ideal spot for spending free time, enjoying a small group dinner or taking a stroll. Don't miss the Naples Pier, where crowds gather nightly for the spectacular sunset over the Gulf of Mexico.

Family-friendly Pre-and Post-conference Stays.

Meeting attendees in Naples, Marco Island & the Everglades can treat their families to a vacation as area golf, spas, beaches, resorts, shopping, fishing and attractions all provide plenty to keep every family member occupied. And, many local hotels and resorts extend conference rates, making a pre- or-post conference stay even easier.

The Everglades.

Naples and Marco Island are surrounded by the Everglades eco-system, which provides easy access to pristine natural sites prime for outdoor adventures. Bird watch from a boardwalk, take an airboat ride, go fishing, paddle a waterway trail or make a museum visit.

Excellent Values from May to December.

Area rates are highest between January and April, so take advantage of greater availability and excellent rate reductions between May and December.

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