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Rooms with a View

Sugar-white-sand beaches, 80-degree weather and perfect orange juice (and mojitos!). It's no wonder vacationers and the cast of *CSI: Miami* love Florida. Check out these prime Sunshine State resorts



CSI Miami's
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dining and exclusive beaches. Think of it as your own private paradise in a cottage with chaise lounges, thatched huts and personal butlers. *For more information, call 800-282-1138 or visit colonybeachresort.com.*



Hawk's Cay, Key West

This 60-acre island resort is nestled between the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico. It boasts stunning natural beauty, a full-service 85-slip marina, boating, snorkeling, diving, fishing excursions, guided kayak tours and a chance to swim with dolphins. Hawk's Cay has Caribbean panache and the most luxurious homes away from home. *For more information, call 888-814-9104 or visit hawkscay.com.*



The Mandarin Oriental, Miami

Ideally located on prestigious Brickell Key, The Mandarin Oriental, Miami, is where you'll find five-star luxury and your own private beach. Catering to celebrities and leisure travelers, this high-end hotel provides ultimate privacy. And if a starlet like Jennifer Love Hewitt wants to go to Miami, the resort is just a short drive over a private bridge. *For more information, call 305-913-8332 or visit mandarinoriental.com/miami.*

The Breakers, Palm Beach

Twice ravaged by fires in the early 1900s, the famous The Breakers, Palm Beach, reopened its doors in 1926 and has since become one of America's most celebrated and historic resort destinations. Inspired by Italian villas and Renaissance style, its timeless atmosphere and elegant comforts say "Hollywood elite" without all the tinsel and flash. Situated on 140 acres on Palm Beach Island, guests enjoy a year-round sub-tropical climate and two 18-hole championship golf courses. *For more information, call 888-273-2537 or visit thebreakers.com.*



The Ritz-Carlton, Key Biscayne

This acclaimed island oasis boasts beautiful nature preserves, shopping villages, golden beaches and the country's only "Tequiler" at Cantina Beach, the resort's award-winning oceanfront coastal Mexican restaurant and lounge. Located on the barrier island of Key Biscayne, this stretch of paradise just south of Miami offers very swish amenities. *For more information, call 305-365-4500 or visit ritzcarlton.com.*

Little Palm Island Resort and Spa, Little Torch Key

Celeb couples dying to ditch the paparazzi and embrace private paradise will gladly get lost in luxury here. Tucked offshore from Little Torch Key and accessible only by boat or seaplane, the resort is extremely private, plush and full of hidden pleasures, like crushed seashell paths, lush gardens, thatched-roof bungalows, oversized hammocks and secluded beaches. *For more information, call 800-343-8567 or visit littlepalmisland.com.*



The Colony Beach & Tennis Resort

Recognized by *Tennis Magazine* as the No. 1 tennis resort in the U.S. for eight consecutive years, The Colony Beach & Tennis Resort at Longboat Key features world-class



The Don Cesar Beach Resort, St. Pete Beach

Known as Florida's Legendary Pink Palace since 1928, this luxury resort is revered internationally for its flawless white beach, unparalleled dining, revitalizing spa, fantastic fishing and signature themed parties. The infamous flamingo-pink, Mediterranean-inspired playground entertained the pampered elite of the 1930s. Today, guests experience ultimate grandeur at the revitalized Pink Lady. *For more information, call 727-360-3503 or visit doncesar.com.*

