Naples & Marco Island

Beaches, gardens, wildlife and waterfront dining



Morning: Fifth Avenue South

Begin your getaway along Fifth Avenue South, the heart of downtown Naples. Explore palm-lined streets filled with boutiques, art galleries, cafés and beautifully landscaped courtyards.

Continue toward Cambier Park or walk through the surrounding historic neighborhoods on your way to the Gulf.

Late Morning: Third Street South

Explore Third Street South, a charming district known for its colorful architecture, upscale boutiques, hidden courtyards and tropical landscaping.

Lunch: Downtown Naples

Restaurant ideas:

- **Tommy Bahama Restaurant & Bar** 📍1220 3rd St S
- **Campiello**📍 1177 3rd St S
- **Sea Salt** 📍 1186 3rd St S
- **The Dock at Crayton Cove**📍845 12th Ave S

Afternoon: Shops, Galleries & Crayton Cove

Spend the afternoon browsing the shops and galleries along Fifth Avenue South and Third Street South.

Evening: Downtown Naples

Enjoy dinner along Fifth Avenue South before taking a sunset walk beside the Gulf.



Naples Botanical Garden & Coastal Wildlife

Gardens, wildlife and sunset adventures

Morning: Naples Botanical Garden

Begin your second day at Naples Botanical Garden, a 170-acre tropical garden filled with plants and landscapes inspired by regions around the world.

Explore the themed gardens, water features, natural areas and family-friendly children's garden.

Afternoon: Choose Your Own Adventure

Use your afternoon to explore one or two attractions that match your interests.

- **Wildlife lovers:** Visit the Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens.
- **Nature lovers:** Walk the boardwalk through Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary.
- **Families:** Explore the interactive exhibits at the Golisano Children's Museum of Naples.
- **Beach lovers:** Relax at Lowdermilk Park or Clam Pass Park.
- **Shoppers:** Visit the boutiques and restaurants at Waterside Shops or Mercato.

Evening: Sunset & Dinner

Watch the sunset from Lowdermilk Park, Vanderbilt Beach or another public beach access before enjoying dinner in Naples.

Dinner ideas:

- **Ocean Prime** 📍 699 5th Ave S
- **The French Brasserie Rustique** 📍 365 5th Ave S
- **Bha! Bha! Persian Bistro** 📍 865 5th Ave S
- **Sails Restaurant** 📍 301 5th Ave S

TIGERTAIL BEACH & MARCO ISLAND



Morning: Tigertail Beach

Begin your final day at Tigertail Beach, one of Marco Island's best-known natural areas.

Walk along the shoreline, search for shells, watch for shorebirds or rent a paddleboard or kayak when conditions allow. Depending on tides and recent coastal changes, accessing the outer beach may require a longer walk.

Lunch: Marco Island

Restaurant ideas:

- **Snook Inn 1215** 📍 Bald Eagle Dr
- **Mango's Dockside** 📍 Bistro 760 N Collier Blvd
- **CJ's on the Bay** 📍 740 N Collier Blvd
- **Doreen's Cup of Joe** 📍 267 N Collier Blvd

Afternoon & Sunset: Marco Island Recommendations

Choose the perfect way to finish your Naples and Marco Island getaway.

- **South Marco Beach:** Relax on the sand, search for shells or walk beside the Gulf.
- **Ten Thousand Islands:** Take a boat tour through mangrove islands while searching for dolphins, manatees and coastal birds.
- **Keewaydin Island:** Book a boat excursion to this undeveloped barrier island for swimming and shelling.
- **Goodland:** Explore a small Old Florida fishing community with waterfront restaurants and live music.
- **Marco Island waterways:** Rent a kayak or paddleboard and explore the island's peaceful canals and mangrove-lined shoreline



Insider Tips

- Wear comfortable shoes—you'll walk more than you think.
- Keep downtown Naples, the gardens and Marco Island on separate days to reduce unnecessary driving.
- The Naples Pier is currently being rebuilt and is not expected to reopen until after this itinerary's 2026 publication period.
- Arrive at popular beaches early because public parking is limited and often requires payment.
- Check tide and weather conditions before shelling, kayaking or exploring Tigertail Beach.
- Book Ten Thousand Islands cruises, dolphin tours, fishing charters and popular dinner reservations ahead of time.
- Bring reef-conscious sunscreen, sunglasses, a hat, insect repellent and plenty of water.
- Check beach warning flags and swim near a lifeguard whenever possible.
- Never remove live shells, sand dollars or other living marine animals from the beach.
- Keep a safe distance from dolphins, manatees, sea turtles and nesting shorebirds.
- Check seasonal hours before visiting Naples Botanical Garden and Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary.
- Leave room for unexpected boutiques, galleries, waterfront restaurants and wildlife sightings.
- Don't skip a boat tour—the mangroves, wildlife and remote islands are among the most memorable parts of Florida's Paradise Coast.