



FLORIDA

ANNA MARIA ISLAND

Experience Old World Florida & One of the World's Most Beautiful Beaches

Head south to paradise... Anna Maria Island is a barrier island on Florida's western Gulf Coast, located between Tampa and Sarasota. This picturesque and quaint island boasts white sand beaches, fantastic restaurants, and a chilled out vibe that you're sure to love. Late October is a great time to visit the Gulf Coast. The gulf is still warm but the crowds have subsided. It's peaceful and the sunsets are spectacular plus there are lots of outdoor activities to dive into.

ITINERARY:

Tuesday October 23 — Welcome to Florida!

Fly into Tampa Int'l Airport or St.Pete-Clearwater Int'l Airport and don't forget your sunglasses! We'll arrange a driver to transfer you to Anna Maria Island where you'll check in at Sunrise Garden Resort and get settled in to your apartment complete with kitchen. The resort has a heated swimming pool and is just steps from the beach. Take a walk to explore charming shops along Pine Avenue and visit Anna Maria City Pier, Bayfront Park and the Rod and Reel Pier. Also grab your golf cart at Beach Bums, we've arranged a weeklong rental and you can use the cart to explore the entire island. Beach Bums will also hook you up with a cooler, umbrella, lounge chairs, and a corn

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Five nights accommodation at the best local lodging
- All meals from dinner on arrival day until breakfast on departure day
- Roundtrip airfare for two
(up to \$1000)
- Airport transfers and golf cart rental
- Beach gear rental & \$500 AMI Outfitters shopping spree
- All activities: guided kayak tour, parasailing, SUP rental, fishing charter, yoga class & massages
- Founders Brewing swag, beer, goodies and surprises along the way!

toss for the week so you can hit the beach right. Dinner tonight is just down the street, grab a table on the beach at the Sandbar and enjoy what's fresh and local and watch the famous Anna Maria Island sunset. Cheers!

Wednesday October 24 — Beach Vibes

AMI has a great outdoors shop and you'll get a \$500 gift card for a mini shopping spree. Get some new gear for the week right on Pine Ave. Now time for some adventure! Meet Bradenton Beach Parasailing on AMI to soar over the Gulf. The waters are crystal clear so look for dolphin, turtles, fish, manatee and stingray. Choose if you want to get dipped in the water and don't worry, we upgraded you to get a longer ride and photo package. Grab some lunch, then head over to Bayfront Park to enjoy an afternoon of Stand Up Paddleboarding. After fun in the sun you may like to have a casual dinner tonight (Skinny's Burgers?!) or head out for some more fresh seafood.

Thursday October 25 — A Day at Sea

Fishing is a top pastime in Southern Florida. Few places in the world can support a year round fishery as favorable as Tampa Bay, Sarasota Bay and Anna Maria Sound. In fact, Tampa Bay is the largest estuary in Florida. Today you're going to fish the shorelines and don't worry - fish are guaranteed! Enjoy a private charter on a 26' Carolina Skiff "powered by Yamaha and inspired by Tom Petty." The Captain will clean your fish and you may like to cook it back at your apartment this evening.

Friday October 26 — Fun in the Waves

Start the day with a guided kayaking trip. Paddle the emerald waters of the Gulf of Mexico and cruise the quiet shallows as you look for wildlife. Journey along the tropical mangrove forest called the cradle of the sea. The mangrove forest is quiet and enchanting... the only sounds are the beating wings of pure white egrets, the clicking legs of tree crabs, and the gentle cadence and lapping ripples marking the progress of happy paddlers. After a morning paddle, spend the afternoon as you please. May we suggest horizontal on the beach with a stocked cooler!

Saturday October 27 — Island Luxury

Today is a day to enjoy the beaches and slow down. We've organized a private yoga class to get you feeling calm and stretched out. And then how about a 90-minute massage on the beach? Keep the chill vibes going and then get spiffed up for a memorable dinner this evening. Tonight dine seaside at Beach Bistro, a destination restaurant if there ever was one, lauded by Zagat as one of the Best Restaurants in America. This fine dining James Beard recognized bistro is at once romantic and fun, traditional and avant-garde, dignified and funny... And the food is top notch!

Sunday October 28 — Departure

Depart at your leisure this morning with a private transfer to the airport. Safe travels home!

ISLAND DINING : There are many wonderful restaurants on AMI so you'll be provided with a selection of gift cards to explore the local dining scene throughout your stay.

- * THE DONUT EXPERIMENT
- * SIGN OF THE MERMAID CAFE
- * GINNY & JANE E'S CAFE
- * THE PHARMACY COCKTAIL BAR
- * SKINNY'S BURGERS
- * POPPO'S TAQUERIA
- * ROD & REEL PIER
- * AMI GENERAL STORE

