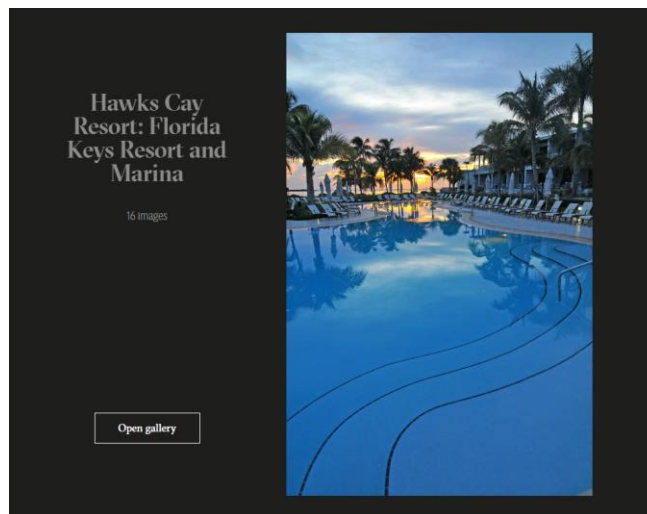


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Hawks Cay Resort review: Experience family friendly fun at the wildly popular Florida Keys hotel

Grab a cocktail at the adults-only pool or take a dip with a dolphin

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Hawks Cay Resort manages to create its own world on a little island called Duck Key. Ideally located between Miami and Key West, the island is the perfect for a quick stop on your way to your next vacation.

It's been a popular Florida destination for years, with many families driving down from Miami for a quick and relaxing weekend getaway. It certainly helps that guests can stand-up paddleboard in the lagoon or swim with the dolphins, all right at the resort. And if you're traveling without kids in tow, there's an adults-only area of the resort, complete with its own relaxing pool and cocktails (although you can always still swim with said dolphins as well, of course).

Here's what to know if you're considering booking a visit to the South Florida staple.



Duck Key (Hawks Cay)

The lowdown

Hawks Cay is the ultimate family-friendly destination, with many visiting for holidays and reunions every single year. When I went for July 4th weekend it was the ultimate place to watch the fireworks - and afterward, instead of struggling with the crowds, we simply walked right back to our room.

Hawks Cay is a member of the [Preferred Hotels & Resorts Lifestyle Collection](#), which boasts a group of chic and approachable hotels known for providing friendly service, upscale amenities and local dining options.

The resort reopened in 2018 following \$50 million renovations after the area was hit by Hurricane Irma. The entire hotel looks like a tropical screen saver come to life, complete with a blue lagoon, a fire pit and multiple swimming pools. The adult pool, aptly named Oasis Cay, is an ideal getaway for grown-ups while the lagoon is perfect for families (or for a quick Instagram thirst trap). Get ready to 'gram directly from paradise - seriously, the lagoon is the stuff of dreams.



(Hawks Cay)

The food & drink

There's a big breakfast buffet with lots of options, satisfying even the pickiest eaters. Guests can also enjoy food and cocktails from the comfort of the swimming pool, where they can invest in a cabana.

The resort boasts multiple restaurants, including Sixty-One Prime, a luxurious steak spot. It also has less carnivorous options, as well as serving up fresh, local seafood and cocktails. The vegetables come from nearby farms around the state and the seafood is caught by local fishermen.

Other restaurants include the new Angler & Ale for a more relaxed vibe, Hawks Cay Marketplace for quick snacks, and Tiki Grill for poolside treats.



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The rooms

There are 177 guest rooms. As they were re-done after the hurricane, they feel clean, fresh and new. Many of the rooms have terraces, where guests can lie out if they don't feel like venturing a few feet away to the swimming pool.



(Hawks Cay)

How much does it cost to stay?

The starting rate for the main hotel is \$209 a night and \$359 a night for a villa.

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