



A Step Further

One of the little-known secrets about South Florida's major cruise ports in Miami and Fort Lauderdale is how accessible they are to an entirely different side of the Sunshine State, figuratively and literally. So before or after your next cruise from the area, consider venturing out of the cities to one of these relaxing road-trip worthy resorts.

Private Retreat

HAWK'S CAY RESORT IS WHAT THE FLORIDA KEYS IS ALL ABOUT.

Head south from Miami and you'll enter a whole new world that is the Florida Keys. About halfway down the tiny strip of islands is the 60-acre Hawks Cay Resort on the secluded isle of Duck Key.

Ideal for those seeking a classic Keys experience, the resort boasts water activities galore, from dolphin encounters to parasailing, fishing to snorkeling, jet ski adventures to boat, kayak, and paddleboard rentals. Accommodations include 177 hotel rooms and 250 two- and three-bedroom Hawks Cay Villas, which are ideal for families or larger groups, as most feature complete kitchens.

Dining options showcase concepts and flavors unique to South Florida and include Alma restaurant, which serves Nuevo Latino cuisine and a selection of fine rums and cigars, and the newly opened Angler & Ale marina restaurant for fresh seafood, craft beer, and the resort's signature "Hook N Cook" option where

you can bring your fresh catch and have the chef cook it for you. When you want to just lounge by the pool, there are casual poolside eateries that serve seafood, sandwiches, and cocktails.

The kids get their own cool features at Coral Cay adventure and activity center, such as the can't-miss Pirate Ship Pool, complete with slides, tunnels, water shooting cannons, and a shallow beach-style entry. There's also Camp Hawk (ages 5-12), a game room for teens (ages 13-17), babysitting for infants, and the new Camp Hawk's Environmental Education Program (ages 5-12) where kids get to learn about the Florida Keys ecosystem.

Other resort amenities include eight lighted courts, a saltwater lagoon, five swimming pools, and the 7,000-square-foot Hawks Cay's Calm Waters Spa. Eight treatment rooms include two couple's suites, three facial rooms, and a tropical rain room with Vichy shower for body treatments. Signature treatments feature local ingredients such as the Key Lime Mojito body treatment, which uses the resort's private label of Key Lime products. HawksCay.com

