

Florida's Best Hotels for a Caribbean-Style Vacation

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With a few dozen island stamps in her passport, Florida-based travel expert Angie Orth from AngieAway.com knows a thing or two about Caribbean life. We asked her how to have a relaxing island vacation without ever leaving the Sunshine State. Check out her suggestions for where to stay in Florida below!

Travel season never really ends in Florida, my home base when I'm not jaunting, and that means some of the best themed hotels and most fun vacations in the world are in my own backyard. For a taste of the islands without ever leaving the U.S., check out my top picks for where to stay in Florida with a tropical flair.

Hawks Cay Resort | The Florida Keys

The Florida Keys are as close as you can get, both geographically and mentally, to the Caribbean without having to go through customs and immigration. Halfway down the island chain is Duck Cay, the laid-back home to [Hawks Cay Resort](#). With a variety of accommodations from traditional hotel rooms to sprawling 4-bedroom villas, there's room for everyone.



The resort's 85-slip marina is a hub of activity with fishing charters and sunset cruises coming and going throughout the day. And the resort offers the opportunity to cook what you catch alongside the chef. You can eat well on vacation and recreate the experience once you get home.



There are four distinctive pools including a pirate ship pool for kids and tranquility pool for grown-ups. And there's a saltwater lagoon for snorkeling and paddle boarding. It's the only property in the Florida Keys where you can hang out with dolphins while you have your morning coffee!

Book Hawks Cay Resort for:

- Large groups or romantic getaways
- Gourmet dining at Angler & Ale and Alma
- Fishing charters

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