

Beach Vacation 4 Me

Fall, Winter, Spring – the islands are calling your name!

Like you, I am now looking over my shoulder at summertime. Our family was able to create some very special memories of time spent together. I hope the same for you and your family. Being a planner I am always looking ahead keeping a calendar of when I can gather my grown children and extended family together again. I find it is never too early to start planning the next trip.

Southwest Florida is home to an abundance of autumn fun. This is a great time to visit as the rates are at lowest of the season. Great deals exist not only on airfare, but on some spectacular beach homes. The islands are less crowded and I find the weather is spectacular. The holidays will then be right around the corner. Many families express to me that "experience of time together" is better than gift they could purchase. Both Thanksgiving and Christmas/New Years are in high demand this year. If you are planning holiday travel, I would encourage you to nail this down quickly. There are still some exceptional last minute Thanksgiving opportunities available. Following the holidays, we then experience those super low season rates in January. This is another great time for unbelievable deals on beach houses.

Our goal at Beach Vacation 4 ME is to provide you personalized vacation planning. We listen to your needs, match you with the perfect beach home and guide you through the travel maze. Not only do we work closely with the owners and property manager, we travel to and from these locations and can provide you a wealth of hands on knowledge.

Isn't it time to reserve your slice of sun kissed paradise. We look forward to assisting you with your vacation plans.

Come with me...grab your flip flops and don't forget your sun screen, let's go to the beach! Sarah

Banyan Bend – Boca Grande – 6 BR/6 BA – Sleeps 12

We still have some availability in 2017. The month of January is open as well as well as April 1 to 22nd. There is a seven night minimum stay requirement.

The Banyan Bend beach house is perfect for family gatherings. Located on a quiet street, close to the beach and a short walk to town, the Banyan Bend has it all. This spectacular home has both a large living room and family room. The kitchen is a chef's dream. Each bedroom has its own bathroom. There are so many intimate places to relax and enjoy.



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Holiday Availability on North Captiva

Island Jewel

3 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms, boasting Panoramic Views from 3rd Floor, only a hop skip and jump from the beach! Sleeps 8 in beds. Available both Thanksgiving and December holidays.

Crew's Nest – 3 BR – Sleeps 10 – 2 Golf Carts – Pool – NCIC: Open **11/19 -11/27**; 12/17 -12/26

Isla Vista – 4 BR – Sleeps 8 – Pool – NCIC – **Thanksgiving week – owner discounting**

La Casa Del Sol – 4 BR – Sleeps 10 – 2 Golf Carts – Pool – NCIC; Open **11/20 – 11/27**

Captivation – 4 BR – Sleep 14 – Pool – NCIC - 2 Golf Carts – **Thanksgiving week open**

Beach Therapy – 3 BR – Sleeps 8 – NCIC Membership; Open Dec. 17 – 26

Coquina Beach House – 4 BR – Sleeps 8-10 – 2 Golf Carts – Pet friendly **Thanksgiving open**

Kaya Del Sol – 4 BR – Sleeps 8 – 2 Golf Carts – NCIC – **Thanksgiving week open**

Longboat Pearl – 3 BR – Sleeps 8 – Pool – NCIC – **Thanksgiving week open**

Island Time – 2 BR – Bayfront – NCIC – Dec 17- Jan 1 OPEN

ByDesign I & II – Available Dec. 16- Dec 26th.

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Reel Paradise – 4 BR – Sleeps 8 – 2 Golf Carts – Private Pool Available Dec. 17-24; Dec 31 – Jan 7th

Captiva Beach Sunset 5 BR – Sleeps 14 – Pool -2 Golf Carts – NCIC Membership Available Dec 17-24; Feb 11 – 24th



Beach Therapy



Crew's Nest



Captivation



Coquina



Kaya Del Sol



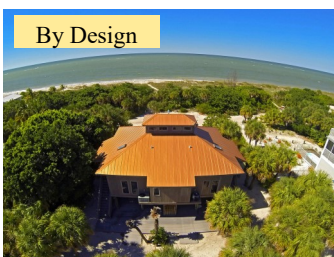
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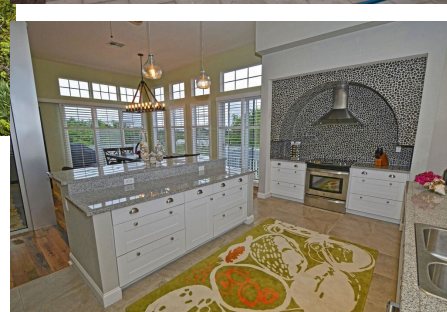
Reel Paradise

Happy Hours Beach House – This is LUXURY!

**North Captiva 4 BR–NEW PRIVATE POOL! 2 GOLF CARTS – NCIC MEMBERSHIP
Sleeps up to 10**

Ultimate grandeur awaits at the spectacular Happy Hours Beach House. From the time you pull up to the entry your jaw will drop. This beautifully decorated high-end home on unspoiled North Captiva Island can provide you with a vacation of fun and relaxation. The quality of this home is unsurpassed. From the moment you walk through the door, you will begin to relax and feel at home in this one-of-a-kind home.

The reclaimed hardwood floors, stainless steel appliances, granite countertops and comfortable furniture on the second floor make it stand out from the rest. The master suite is huge, and has a jetted tub and an extra-large shower with a bench. The master bedroom has a king-size bed, and the other three bedrooms have queen-size beds, each with a memory-foam mattress topper for added comfort. Each bedroom has its own bathroom and balcony. Because the home is surrounded by trees, there is complete privacy. (Picture of the pool is prior to completion)



Stone Crab Season is Here

Florida's Stone Crab season kicked off on October 15th. It is a special delicacy folks wait for every year. Harvesting is from Oct 15, 2016 – May 15, 2017.

So, what is stone crab? Stone crab is considered to be one of the most scrumptious crustaceans found anywhere. Unlike the blue crab or king crab, the stone crab has a round body with rounded claws. It crawls on the sea bottom but does not swim. Its white fleshy meat is similar to the Florida lobster - but with a distinctively rich taste making it one of the most popular dishes in the state.

Found in the waters and bays of the Gulf of Mexico, stone crabs are caught in crab traps. Commercial fishermen set traps clustered in areas where the crabs congregate. They generally check the traps every few days, delivering fresh stone crab directly to local markets and restaurants. Many fishermen cook the crabs on the boats, ensuring it is freshly delivered to the local restaurants.

If you need information for purchasing local stone crabs to enjoy on your vacation, let me know.



New Beach Vacation 4 Me Property - Bonita Bay

Bonita Bay Greenbrier – 3 BR/2 BA – Sleeps 6 – Pool – Tennis – Beach Shuttle

Private beach, gated community, and your own pool and spa just steps away! Treat yourself to a home away from home in the Greenbriar neighborhood of beautiful Bonita Bay. 1500+ square feet includes three bedrooms, two full baths, in-unit laundry, kitchen with updated appliances, lanai with amazing nature view, and spacious living/dining area. Wake up for a walk along the twelve miles of paved paths ensconced in gorgeous landscaping and mature trees, and stop at the three parks featuring a scenic pier, boardwalks through the mangroves, and a variety of sports activities. If you prefer tennis, neighborhood courts are right outside your door. Then, hop on the free shuttle to the nearby private beach club on the Gulf of Mexico, where your lounge chair and umbrella await you. Afterwards, stop at the Promenade, an exclusive shopping and dining area just outside your secure gated entry. (The restaurants and entertainment of Fort Myers, Naples, Marco Island, and Sanibel Island are also just a short drive away.) Once you're ready to return home, be sure to pause at your Greenbriar neighborhood pool and hot tub before heading up the elevator to your lanai, which boasts one of the best views in Bonita Bay. As the sun sets over the nature preserve, you'll be so relaxed that you won't believe that you get to do it all again tomorrow. (30 night Minimum stay Available Nov 19 to Feb 24)



The Collier Inn – A unique dining experience

If you are looking for a special evening out, the Collier Inn on Useppa Island is your place. Useppa Island has been referred to as the Crown Jewel of the Florida coast. The island features the spectacular Collier Inn. The island is private and if you want to dine there you will need reservations and a dining club member to handle your reservation. Emmy Girl Charters can assist you with transportation to Useppa and a dinner reservation at the Collier Inn. This is an unforgettable experience that I highly recommend.

Call Emily for more details. **Emmy Girl Charters - Captain Emily Locicero** - Sightseeing • Shelling
Dolphin Watching • Sunset Cruises; Water Taxi Service to: North Captiva, Captiva, Cabbage Key and Boca Grande
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Beach Vacation 4 ME—New Properties on North Captiva

Morganite – 3 BR/4 BA – Sleeps 6 – Pool, Bikes, Kayaks at the house

Ideal family house with a large living space on the second floor. Each floor has a large veranda to relax and take in the view. King size bed in master bedroom, 2 single twin beds in bedroom 2 and Queen size bed in bedroom 3. Each bedroom with own shower or bathroom.

Fully gated and heated pool, makes the house ideal for young children.

6 seater cart included with the rental. Two mongoose wide tire bikes and 2 dual kayaks available at the house.



Buckeye Beach House – Builder Owned – 3 BR/ 2 BA Sleeps 10 – NCIC Membership

Enjoy one of North Captiva Island's Newly Renovated vacation homes offered. The Buckeye Beach House is a fabulous 3-bedroom home with incredible Gulf of Mexico and Pine Island Sound views! This amazing home has everything you would need! From the moment, you arrive you will be taken back by amenities, comfortability and island living. The home has over 1800 square feet under a/c with more than 400 square feet of outdoor living space including open and screen decks. It was just recently renovated and professionally decorated from top to bottom. Most everything in this home is brand new including kitchen, appliances, TV's and the unbelievable baths!



Emeraude - North Captiva – 3 BR/4 BA – Sleeps 6 – Pool, Bikes, Kayaks at the house

Ideal family house with a large living space on the second floor. Entirely remodeled in 2013. Fully gated and heated pool - completed in December 2014.

View over Gulf of Mexico and reserve from 1st and 2nd floor. Each floor has a large veranda to relax and take in the view.



LOOK OUT MIDWEST – Snowier Than Average Winter is Ahead

SNOWIER THAN AVERAGE WINTER FOR OHIO-- NOAA's Winter Outlook is predicting above average snowfall and near average temperatures for Ohio. Forecasters say La Nina will impact weather across the entire country this winter.

This is a dramatic change from last year's mild winter and is being caused by a cooling of the waters in the Eastern Pacific. La Nina means more snow not only across Ohio, but all of the Great Lakes. Central Ohio typically receives around 30" of snow on an average winter.

The colder than average temperatures are forecast across the Upper Midwest **while the South and Southwest United States will be warmer than average.** A return to more typical winter temperatures will be a big change from last year's unusually mild winter.

Interesting Facts about North Captiva

- ⇒ Are we on Upper Captiva or North Captiva? Both names are used by residents, government agencies, island businesses, and local publications—depends on who they quote. Officially, according to the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, the folks who provide all map info, the island is North Captiva and the residential community is Upper Captiva.
- ⇒ North Captiva split from “South” Captiva October 25, 1921, when a monster hurricane dug Redfish Pass.
- ⇒ The Island is 3.7 miles long and about 0.5 miles across at its widest; nearly 700 acres of barrier island in the Gulf of Mexico.
- ⇒ Until we got wired, Upper Captiva homes ran on lanterns, ice boxes and generators. In 1983, Safety Harbor Club developers persuaded politicians to OK a cable under Pine Island Sound and privately raised the \$1.2 Million required to dig the trench for power and phone wires. A dozen homes at the southern tip are off the grid, below the wide flats (bird nesting area) left over from hurricane Charley in 2004.

Limited Availability at two of Boca Grande Favorites!

Tarpon Tales – Steps to the Beach – Sleeps 14 - Pool

TROPICAL ABUNDANCE awaits you at TARPON TALES which has established the new standard for Boca Grande beach vacation homes with 5 bedrooms (sleeps 14), 5 full bathrooms (plus outdoor shower), stunning gulf views, easy direct beach access, private pool, spill-over hot tub, and pool bar ... all within a five-minute walk to the charming shops and restaurants of Boca Grande.

Available dates: Nov 28-Dec. 21; Jan 14 – 21; Feb 25 – March 4; May 20-June 3; July 15 -22. 7-night minimum stay required. Saturday to Saturday only.



Tropic Ten – Beachfront – Sleeps 8 – Pool & Tennis

TASTEFUL RELAXATION awaits you at TROPIC TEN - a bright sun filled beachfront townhome that has been beautifully updated to include every amenity desired for an ideal beach vacation. TROPIC TEN is designed to wonderfully accommodate two families or three couples.

Available dates at the Tropic Ten are: Dec 13-23; Jan 7-14; Jan 28 – Feb 11; April 1 – 15. 7-night minimum stay required. Saturday to Saturday only.



Boats and Fun - Ready for the NEW Season



Boats And Fun is getting ready for the holiday season! We have made a ton of upgrades we know you're going to love! We have new golf carts, kayaks, paddle boards, bicycles, jet skis, and we currently have the best boat fleet we have ever had. Like always, this holiday season we are running awesome custom private boat tours for all your fun and private water taxis 24hrs a day to accommodate flight schedules. Boats And Fun received the 2016 Certificate of Excellence for customer service from Trip Advisor and we are currently ranked #3 out of 45 for outdoor activities in Southwest Florida! We want to thank all our past guests for their appreciation and reviews. We look forward to having a ton of fun with everyone this holiday season!

Reservations are strongly encouraged. 800-991-3259, 239-472-3230 or info@boatsandfun.com

