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**Forecast for The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel:
Great weather for the beaches and baseball!
*Book a spring training getaway package now***

LEE COUNTY, FL – As if its famous shelling beaches, award-winning sunsets, picture-perfect weather and endless ways to experience the area’s wildlife were not enough, The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel in southwest Florida is also the spring training home of the Boston Red Sox and Minnesota Twins. And what could be better than beautiful days that offer a chance to watch great baseball?

Spring Training 2012 offers Boston Red Sox fans a chance to experience the new \$78 million JetBlue Park with its state-of-the-art training facilities and room to entertain 11,000 fans. A number of the characteristics of the new ballpark are taken from Fenway Park, including a 37-foot high Green Monster in left field, featuring seating both on top of and behind the wall, as well as the manual scoreboard used decades ago. The new complex also includes six practice fields along with other adjoining facilities that will house the major and minor league operations, rehabilitation center, food facilities, HD video board and interactive family areas.

Spring Training Packages and special offers

A selection of accommodations and package pricing for Red Sox fans may be found at: http://boston.redsox.mlb.com/bos/ticketing/destinations_st_hotels.jsp . Information includes pricing, distance from JetBlue Park, maps, details about the property and booking details. Packages for the following properties are included: Best Western Airport Inn, Courtyard by Marriott, Crown Plaza, Hotel Indigo, Spring Hill Suites, and Holiday Inn Fort Myers @ Gulf Coast Town Center, all in Fort Myers; Embassy Suites in Estero; Seaside Inn, Sanibel Island; Pink Shell Resort & Marina, Fort Myers Beach.

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Four SunStream Hotels & Resort properties are offering 10 percent off standard rates Feb.1-April 30. Properties include the Resort at MarinaVillage in Cape Coral; DiamondHead Beach Resort & Spa, GullWing Beach Resort and Pointe Estero Beach Resort, all in Fort Myers Beach. For information and reservations, visit www.SunStream.com/RedSox or call 888-627-1595.

Floridian Airport Inn, Fort Myers 239-322-1399

www.floridianairportinn.com

Floridian Grand Slam offer: Stay 6 nights and receive one free night, or stay one to 5 nights and receive a 15 percent discount. includes two complimentary breakfast vouchers per day, manager's happy hour from 4-7 p.m, one free appetizer at the Floridian Bistro and a complimentary room upgrade if available. Rates: from \$120 per night based on double occupancy. Available Feb. 25-April 20.

Sanibel Arms West Condominium 239-472-1138

www.Sanibearmswest.com

Spring Training Baseball Season offer: Baseball and Bicycles package: Stay 7 nights or longer during the spring training schedule in a two-bedroom, two-bath, garden view condo and receive two box seats to a Minnesota Twins or Boston Red Sox game. Also receive complimentary use of two adult bicycles during stay. Available: Feb. 24-April 5. New reservations only. Rates: \$279.50 per night with 7-night minimum stay. Maximum number of people: 6.

Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham Hotels, Lehigh Acres 239-369-2121

www.microtelinn.com

2012 spring training rates: \$76.99 for two queen beds (four adults). Available March 1-April 20.

Boston Red Sox spring training

Workouts start Feb. 25.

Games start March 3 and continue through April 2.

JetBlue Park, Fort Myers

For tickets and package information go to www.redsox.com or call 239-334-4700 or 877-REDSOX9.

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Minnesota Twins spring training

Workouts start Feb. 24.

Games start March 3 and through April 3.

Hammond Stadium, Fort Myers

Call 800-33-TWINS or go to www.twinsbaseball.com for schedule and ticket information.

For additional packages, special rates and information on planning a spring training vacation at Florida's unspoiled island sanctuary, visit www.FortMyersSanibel.com .

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel in southwest Florida includes: Sanibel Island, Captiva Island, Fort Myers Beach, Fort Myers, Bonita Springs, Estero, Cape Coral, Pine Island, Boca Grande & Outer islands, North Fort Myers, Lehigh Acres. A comprehensive media kit and images are available upon request.