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***Summer Sanctuary offers values without the crowds
at The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel***

LEE COUNTY, FL – Visitors have an opportunity to explore this unspoiled island sanctuary on southwest Florida’s Gulf coast with discounted rates and packages that include lots of great offerings this summer. With exciting attractions, shelling, fishing, unique shopping and art galleries, waterside dining, kayaking and accommodations from quaint cottages to upscale resorts and everything in between, The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel offers the best value this time of year and into fall and beyond.

Special packages are designed to offer a chance to take advantage of the area when it is less crowded, the pace is slower and lots of great deals make it a perfect time to enjoy this island sanctuary.

There are many cost-saving opportunities and select deals available when planning a summer vacation. For a list of all *Summer Sanctuary* packages and special rates, visit www.fortmyerssanibel.com. Samplings of some that are not-to-be-missed include:

Pine Island

Bokeelia Tarpon Inn

239-283-8961

www.tarponinn.com

Kayak Adventure

Accommodations for two nights with queen bed and private bath at this award-winning bed and breakfast are offered. Hors d'oeuvres with wine each evening and full breakfast each morning. Enjoy an early morning guided kayak excursion and see the sunrise and the birds while enjoying the cooler morning air and the back waters of Pine Island. Return to the inn in time for a hearty breakfast.

Rates: \$499 per couple including tax. Use of fishing pier, golf carts, kayaks (non-guided) and bicycles also included.

Valid: Through Sept. 30, 2009.

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Aerial Escapades

Accommodations for two nights with queen bed and private bath. Hors d'oeuvres with wine and full breakfast each day. Soar over Pine Island and the surrounding area with pilot Tim McTeague and watch the dolphin, manatee and tarpon in their natural habitat.

Rates: \$599 per couple including tax.

Valid: Through Sept. 30, 2009.

Bonita Springs

Holiday Inn Express, Bonita Springs

239-948-0699

www.hiebonitasprings.com

Summer Sanctuary in Bonita Springs

Accommodations for one night, welcome gift with bottled water and snack, bicycle rental discount, one \$50 gift card that may be used at a choice of three local restaurants, one 15 percent discount coupon to Cosmotique Day Spa, two free Estero River Kayak rentals, one \$15 coupon for Baywater Boat Rentals. Includes hot breakfast, free parking and valuable discounts to dining, shopping and other local attractions.

Rates: \$145.75 based on single or double occupancy.

Valid: Through Dec. 31, 2009.

Captiva Island

'Tween Waters Inn Beach Resort

239-472-5161

www.tween-waters.com

Half Crazy Supper Sale

Enjoy sand, surf and sunshine at Captiva Island's legendary 'Tween Waters Inn Island Resort.

Rates: Book one night and enjoy 50 percent off each additional day you stay. Available Sunday through Thursday nights.

Valid: Through Oct. 8, 2009.

Summer Sanctuary Package

Enjoy a three-night stay in a waterview room for a special price of \$160 per night. Offer includes continental breakfast buffet for two, free two-hour bicycle or canoe rental and a complimentary dessert with each entree purchased at the legendary Old Captiva House Restaurant.

Rates: \$160 per night for three or more nights.

Valid: Through Aug. 31, 2009.

Fort Myers

Hilton Garden Inn, Fort Myers

239-790-3500

www.fortmyers.stayhgi.com

Off Island Adventures Package

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Includes: Three-night minimum stay with breakfast each morning; tickets for the Edison & Ford Winter Estates; Everglades Day Safari and Ecotour with lunch; one evening at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre (call hotel for schedule of shows).

Rates: \$315 per person.

Valid: June 5 through Nov. 15, 2009.

Holiday Inn, Fort Myers Airport @ Town Center

239-561-1550

www.hiftmyersairport.com

Summer Holiday Shopping Spree

Package includes deluxe accommodations, continental breakfast for two and a \$25 Gulf Coast Town Center shopping gift card.

Rates: \$94 single; \$119 double (two \$25 gift cards per room).

Valid: Through Aug. 31, 2009.

Courtyard by Marriott

239-275-8600

www.ftmyerscourtyard.com

Summer Sanctuary Family Escape Package

Includes deluxe courtyard view room, breakfast for four daily (two adults, two children 12 and under), one in-room movie per stay, microwave popcorn and soda.

Rates: From \$99 to \$169 per night.

Promotional code: ZJ5

Valid: Through Sept. 13, 2009.

Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa

239-466-4000

www.sanibel-resort.com

Dine and Drive Package

Jump in the car and steer to Sanibel Harbour. Receive a \$25 gas card for each night. Enjoy breakfast for two each morning in Tarpon House.

Kids under 12 eat free. Stay until 3 p.m. with late checkout. This package has no minimum stay requirement.

Rates: From \$159.00 per night based on double occupancy.

To book this package: 866-318-0191.

Valid: Through Sept. 30, 2009.

Fort Myers Beach

Lovers Key Resort

239-765-1040

www.loverskey.com

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Summer in Paradise Package

Stay three nights and receive the fourth night free. Also includes complimentary lunch for two at Flippers and welcome gift.

Rates: Starting from \$137 per night based on double occupancy.

Valid: through Aug. 31, 2009.

GullWing Beach Resort

239-765-4300

www.gullwingfl.com

Family Fun Getaway Package

Includes resort condominium accommodations for three nights; \$100 VISA gift card; two 30-minute back, neck and shoulder massages at the Esterra Spa & Salon; two GullWing Beach Resort Spa gift sets; unlimited movie rentals; spring water and popcorn; two coffee mugs. Enjoy complimentary daily newspaper, self-parking and no resort fees.

Rates: Two-bedroom Suite from \$799; three-bedroom suite from \$979. Based on four to six guests.

Valid: July 1 through Dec. 25, 2009.

Sanibel Island

Sanibel Arms West

239-472-1138

www.sanibelarmswest.com

Summer on Sanibel Package

Stay seven nights in any Gulfside condo and receive a gift certificate for a free Dolphin Cruise during stay.

Valid: Through Aug. 14, 2009.

Gulf Breeze Cottages

239-472-1626

www.gbreeze.com

Summer Getaway rates from \$129. Mention Summer Sanctuary and receive a complimentary bike rental for two days.

Valid: Through Aug. 31, 2009.

Summer visitors will want to check out the ninth annual **MangoMania Tropical Fruit Fair** held July 11 –12 in Cape Coral. The mango is the star attraction for two days each summer when visitors go wild for locally-grown delicacies including lychee, carambola, longan, papaya, and “chocolate pudding fruit.” Fruit, exotic fruit trees, and fruit-related products are available for purchase. The festival also offers live music, kids’ activities and rides, contests, and other entertainment. For more information call 239-283-4842 or visit www.mangomaniafl.com.

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For more information on planning a summer vacation to The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel, 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. Images available upon request.*