

Atlantis Resort on Paradise Island *ESCAPE FROM IT ALL!*

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Some people may say that paradise is hard to find. Well, as it turns out, it's only sixty miles off the coast of Florida. Whether you're 8 or 80, Atlantis Resort on Paradise Island will make for an unforgettable vacation.

If you're a beach fanatic, you've found the right vacation spot in Atlantis. Choose from their two beaches: at Paradise Lagoon Beach, you can enjoy snorkeling, paddle boats and various other water sports. At Atlantis Beach, you can stretch out in a lounge chair and soak up the sun. If you're tired of looking at the ocean and feel the urge to hit the open waters, Atlantis offers sailing in their multi-million dollar America's Cup Racer as well as yacht and fishing charters.

The Atlantis Resort is teeming with marine life; over 50,000 marine animals from over 200 species inhabit the surrounding areas. It's not hard to find them either; passageways under the water allow patrons to view creatures like stingrays, moon jellies, piranha, giant grouper and sharks, not to mention the rainbow variety of coral.

And yes, you can play with the dolphins too. At Dolphin Cay, Atlantis's fourteen-acre Atlantic bottlenose dolphin habitat, you get enjoy some aquatic antics with one of the sea's most playful creatures, both in shallow waters and in the deep.

The nightlife never ends at Atlantis...whether it's the 9,000-square-foot Aura Nightclub with its glass dance floor and banquet seating, Café Martini's vast array of international wines, or Beach Bar, where you can overlook miles of white sand beaches.

And that barely skims the surface.

If you're just looking for a bite to eat, Atlantis offers fine dining, relaxed dining, buffets and express shops. If bells and flashing lights are more your



scene, the Atlantis Casino has got every game you can imagine. From Blackjack, Baccarat, Craps, Roulette, Let It Ride and Caribbean Stud Poker to slots and sports gaming, Atlantis is sure to keep your wallet hot.

Looking for a place to spend all those winnings? There are multiple shopping venues located throughout Atlantis, like the Crystal Court Shops, which offer the finest in haute couture or the Marine Village Shops where you can find everything from jewelry and Bahamian art to Tommy Bahama shirts. A two-minute walk will take you to the BahamaCraft Centre, where you can pick up souvenirs and other gifts.

If you like hitting the links, the eighteen-hole Ocean Club Golf Course will prove both challenging and picturesque.

Designed by Tom Weiskopf and operated by Troon Golf, the course stretches out to more than 7,100 yards and features an on-site pro shop and clubhouse.

Need a break from it all? Then head to Mandara Spa, where you'll find a variety of therapeutic treatments, including ancient Balinese healing touches, warm and cool plunge pools as well as steam and sauna rooms. Afterwards, women can head to the aromatherapy room and men can roll over to the barber's shop or enjoy the plasma television in the lounge room.

There's plenty for the kids, too. Spanning 141 acres, Aqua-venture is one of the largest water-themed attractions in the world. With thrilling water slides, intense rapids and wave surges, and a mile-long river ride, it's sure to be a treat for kids as well as the adults. And here's something you've probably never experienced before: instead of having to leave the water and climb a set of stairs to get back on a ride, water conveyors will propel you back up the slide tower.

At Atlantis Speedway, kids can design, build and race their very own remote-controlled race car or monster truck. Pre-teens and teenagers can head over to Club Rush, where there are no parents allowed. And the whole family can head to The Dig for an archaeological view of the lost city of Atlantis, featuring spectacular ruins and underwater tunnels.

Atlantis has more than enough accommodations and variety with seven hotels to choose from. Royal Towers offers guest rooms, regal suites and grand suites, while Coral Towers is the popular spot for families. The Cove Atlantis provides a more fashionable guest experience while The Reef Atlantis makes guests feel more like they are in an apartment than a hotel. Harborside Resort is suited more for groups of four to nine with spacious villas overlooking the docks.

So no matter what your pleasure, Atlantis is here to serve you! **PBG**

For reservations at Atlantis Resort on Paradise Island, call (888) 877-7525 or visit www.atlantis.com.