

LITTLE PALM ISLAND

Resort & Spa

Private Island Experience

Situated on a 5.5 acre private island in the Lower Florida Keys, this discreet enclave is a favoured escape for luxury travel enthusiasts, CEOs and Hollywood's elite. Its ambiance is intentionally romantic, with surreal vistas during the day and after a breathtaking sunset, dramatic nightscapes dotted with twinkling stars and miles of shimmering water shattering the moon's reflection into a thousand pieces.

With just 15 thatched-roof bungalows featuring 30 suites, the island is never inhabited by more than 60 guests at a time, offering anonymity for the affluent. Intimate dinners for two, romantic walks along secluded beaches and sand pathways and swift, sweet plunges into the tranquil surf are daily occurrences.

Most every whim, whether a floating Madrugada Water Massage, Mangrove Maze kayaking or private Chef's Table dinner, is realized and the bespoke services are sought after by discriminating guests worldwide

While located less than 30 miles from the excitement and bustle of Key West, Little Palm Island remains the essence of exclusivity and tranquillity.

Portrait

Little Palm Island has been named one of "America's Best Beach Hotels" and consecutively ranked "World's Best" by Travel + Leisure, as well as consistently featured on Conde Nast Traveler's Gold List.

Renowned for its South Seas meets Swiss Family Robinson appearance, the 15 thatched-roof bungalows, replete with private outdoor showers and verandas, seem as native as the tropical foliage among which they are poised.

Crushed seashell paths lead to romantic alcoves, where hammocks sway softly, or twin chaise lounges are thoughtfully placed on the docks edge. Here, the only interruption to be heard is the lull of gentle waves.

From proposals at Palapa Point to ultra-romantic, customized turn-downs, endearing island characters such as Chris, the Romance Concierge, anticipate every whim.

The island is blessed with more than 100 species of visiting birds, colourful iguanas and tiny, spectacular Key Deer, creating a one-of-a-kind Keys experience.

Accolades

Condé Nast Traveler / Gold List
Travel + Leisure / World's Best
Travel + Leisure / 500 World's Best Hotels
Brides Magazine / 50 Sexiest Hotels
Harper's Hideaway Report's / Best Beach Resort
Lodging Hospitality / The Top Performers
Zagat / Extraordinary to Perfection in Food, Décor and Service

Climate

Little Palm Island experiences average temperatures around 80°F. With no large landmasses to attract rain clouds, the island is a sun-worshiper's paradise.

Island Cuisine

Sophisticated palates indulge in epicurean delights from Executive Chef Alex Rosado, applying his own style of vibrant cuisine pairing Pan-Latin ingredients with French techniques, it's hard to decide whether the rich flavors or breathtaking setting is most unforgettable.

The Dining Room

Recognized as the Best Hotel Dining in Florida and number three in the US by Zagat, the 2010 Zagat rated The Dining Room "extraordinary to perfection" in every category — food, decor and service. The Dining Room at Little Palm Island affords guests gorgeous vantage points of the calm, cerulean ocean whether they choose to dine in the elegant, candle-lit dining room, on a terrace perched above the beach, or at tables strewn along the water's edge.

Serving eclectic, enticing and seasonally fresh fare, termed Modern Tropical Cuisine, The Dining Room plays host to a vibrant blend of French and Pan-Latin flavors. Chef Pous' ever-changing menu depends on available produce and includes dishes such as Yellow Tail Snapper Ceviche with Passion Fruit and Coconut Gelee or Roasted Pork Tenderloin with Roasted Corn, Black Bean, Sweet Plantain and Bacon Hash Served with Mango Mojo. An array of decadent desserts are prepared daily, however, Chef's special Key Lime Pie remains a favorite.

Chef's Table

At this elegant enclave, positioned intimately in the award-winning kitchen of The Dining Room at Little Palm Island, Chef Luis Pous personally attends to diners. Here he prepares and presents a 5 or 7-course tasting menu paired with his selection of exceptional wines. This truly once-in-a-lifetime experience is available nightly (except for Sunday) for up to four people.

Ultimate Picnics

Whether indulging en suite, aboard a private catamaran cruise on the Lilyanna, or flying high in a Cessna 206 Amphibious Seaplane to dine on a secluded private island, each ultimate picnic prepared at Little Palm is superbly delicious. In addition to deliberate wine and champagne pairings, guests enjoy an exquisite spread that may include: French breads, saussicon sec & chorizo, pate de foie gras, truffle butter, artisanal cheeses & preserves, lobster and shrimp spreads, fresh, tropical fruits, marinated olives, spiced nuts, key lime cookies and pistachio biscotti.

Gumby Slumber

Little Palm Island Resort & Spa's signature welcome drink, offered to all guests at the Shore Station is a tropical rum punch created by a long time bartender, infamous for sleeping late. The drink is made from Captain Morgan's Parrot Bay Coconut Rum, Captain Morgan's Spiced Rum, pineapple, orange and cranberry juice. As a special island treat, the drinks are topped with "a shot" of shredded coconut marinated in 151 proof rum.

Guest Quarters

Little Palm Island Resort & Spa offers 30 remarkable, oceanfront suites in thatched-roof villas. The bungalows are discreetly nestled throughout the island amid hundreds of Jamaican coconut palm trees. Guests are welcomed to their suite by a personalized nameplate on the bungalow door. Each bungalow houses two one-bedroom suites with private sun decks and ocean views. There are no telephones, televisions or alarm clocks in the rooms to distract.

26 Bungalow Suites / 550 square feet each

With names like Osprey, Snowy Egret, and Ibis, the 26 thatched-roof Bungalow Suites feature a comfortable living room and an expansive bedroom with a king-sized bed draped with romantic, bed curtains and a sitting area furnished with exquisite British colonial pieces. A separate dressing area and bath complete with whirlpool made for two lead directly to the bamboo-fenced, private outdoor shower.

2 Premium Bungalow Suites / 550 square feet each

These two newly redesigned suites have the finest fixtures and furnishing and are also one-bedroom suites featuring a king size bed, separate living room, private outdoor shower, and private verandah overlooking the ocean. Each 550 square foot suite and has an iHome docking station and Nespresso coffee maker. Premium Bungalow Suites include a welcome bottle of champagne and fruit, water sport amenities, mini bar beverages and guaranteed beach dining (weather permitting).

2 Island Grand Suites / 1,000 square feet each

The most exclusive accommodations on the island, these spacious suites feature breathtaking and exquisitely decorated spaces with British Colonial furnishings, a separate living/dining area, slate floors, large private front porch with redwood hot tub, lounge chairs and dining table. The Island Grand Suites also feature his and her bathrooms. "His" bathroom is equipped with a large slate shower, with three unique shower-heads and "her" bathroom has a large, claw-footed porcelain tub and vanity table. Island Grand Suites include a welcome bottle of champagne and fruit, water sport amenities, mini bar beverages and guaranteed beach dining (weather permitting.)

SpaTerre

SpaTerre at Little Palm Island Resort & Spa is designed to incorporate the style and traditions of east and west cultures while promoting health, peace and relaxation through cross-cultural spa experiences.

Four treatment rooms calm and relax, featuring crystal chandeliers, Indonesian teak furnishings and warm tones complemented by soft fabrics. Outdoor treatment areas double as meditative spaces and a wetroom bungalow, nestled quietly in the Zen Garden, features a Vichy shower and outdoor hot tub along with an authentic Indonesian reclining bed. A three-walled bathhouse is home to a Japanese soaking tub complete with retractable roof — the perfect place to sip champagne and enjoy the twinkling of a thousand stars.

Signature body treatments include the Javanese Lulur Royal Treatment, a regal ritual that begins with a body massage of Jasmine Frangipani scented flower oil and continues with a Lulur exfoliation to lightly color and scent the skin, a yogurt massage, a scented shower and a soak in a Japanese tub infused with fragrant rose petals. Another notable treatment is the Bali Spice Body Mask, a Balinese ritual that combines a spice body mask with unique massage techniques.

Guests can enjoy a couple's massage at the outdoor Palapa Point, with its thatched roof and outdoor pavilion, overlooking the ocean or a floating Madrugada Water Massage, soothed by knee-deep waters on the resort's sandbar.

Weddings

The hallmark of elegance and intimacy, Little Palm Island provides the ideal backdrop for couples to tie the knot, whether barefoot on the soft, sandy beach, in the lush tropical Zen Garden, at the harbor view Palapa Point gazebo, or atop the Sunset Dock.

Little Palm indulges couples with the promise of pure personalization on this private oasis. On an entire island devoted to one exclusive retreat, anything is possible: small, simple ceremonies overlooking the lapping waves to extravagant, all-the-trimmings affairs that can include a complete island buy-out.

The resort's on-site wedding coordinator handles every detail including flowers, cake, photographs, champagne toasts, music and decor. She works with the resort's award-winning chefs to create an incredible cake and catered reception for two to 52. She also orchestrates entertainment from solo violinists to a harp and steel drum duo.

Amenities & Services

Welcome Gummy Slumber

Complimentary stocked minibar, wet bar with coffee maker and a complete section of coffee and tea

Complimentary Wi-Fi Access in the Great Room Library

Complimentary water sports including unlimited access to kayaks, paddleboards, day sailer and beach floats as well as use of snorkel and fishing gear

Life-size chess and checkers board

Private sea plane or sailing excursions can be arranged

History

Little Munson Island, the original name of Little Palm, derived its first moniker from its first inhabitant, Newton Munson. He planted the more than 250 Jamaican coconut palms that still provide shade to the island. Munson also brought out enough cement, by way of rowboat, to build "The Storm House," — a shelter with two-foot thick poured concrete walls. The same structure now houses a portion of the island's boutique.

State Senator John Spottswood bought the Island when he was sheriff of Monroe County. He also owned the only radio station in the Keys. It was through the station that he became acquainted with then President and Mrs. Harry S. Truman. When the Trumans chose Key West for their winter White House, Bess, not being a fisherman, missed the radio concert broadcasts from New York. Much to Bess' delight, Spottswood arranged to have the concerts broadcast over his station in the Keys. The Trumans spent much time on Little Palm (then and until recently called Sheriff's Island). Through Truman many notables, such as John Foster Dulles and Admiral Bull Halsey, have visited the Island.

In 1962, Warner Brothers selected Little Palm Island, because of its South Pacific appearance, as the location for the film, PT-109, the story of John F. Kennedy's war exploits, starring Cliff Robertson. It was then, at the request of old Joseph Kennedy, that the state of Florida ran electricity and water to the island. According to the story, Joe Kennedy thought it unseemly to have his son visit an island to watch a picture in progress only to be kept awake by a generator.

In 1986, the Island was bought and made into the island resort that exists today. Hurricane George of 1999 nearly destroyed the island, which was reconstructed at a cost of more than \$10 million.

Travel

Guests to Little Palm have the option of arriving from either Key West to the South or either the Miami/Ft. Lauderdale area or Marathon to the North.

From Miami International Airport

Upon exiting the airport, take 836 West to the Florida Turnpike South. Continue South on the Turnpike to its end. Drive South on scenic U.S. Highway 1 for approximately 120 miles to Little Torch Key and Mile Marker 28.5. After leaving Big Pine Key you will be on Little Torch Key. You will turn left on Pirates Road. Turn left into our parking lot where you will see an off-white building with a thatch roof, which is the Welcome Station.

From Key West International Airport

Take U.S. Highway 1 North approximately 28.5 miles to Little Torch Key and Mile Marker 28.5. After leaving Big Torch Key you will be on Little Torch Key. You will turn right on Pirates Road. Turn left into our parking lot where you will see an off-white building with a thatched roof, that is the Welcome Station.

From Marathon International Airport

Take U.S. Highway 1 South approximately 22 miles to Little Torch Key and Mile Marker 28.5. After leaving Big Pine Key you will be on Little Torch Key. You will turn left on Pirates Road. Turn left into our parking lot where you will see an off-white building with a thatched roof, that is the Welcome Station.

Guests register at the Welcome Station and wait for the next complimentary motor yacht shuttle to the Island. The motor yacht departs the Welcome Station on an hourly basis on the bottom of the hour from 9:30 am - 9:30 pm. Please contact the resort for additional motor yacht times.

Reservations

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