



BEACH VACATION 4 ME

Tis the season for the holidays! With Thanksgiving approaching quickly I want to send a special greeting to everyone (guests, homeowners and the property management teams) expressing my sincere appreciation for your confidence and loyalty. I truly enjoy working with each of you and wish you and yours the very best for a joyous holiday season as well as a healthy, prosperous New Year.

It is great to be writing to you again. Each trip to Southwest Florida, I gather new information to bring back to you. I know every parent dreams of taking the entire family on vacation where everyone has a great time, the travel is easy and the activities don't break the bank.

As I have shared with you in the past, my goal is to listen to your needs, match you with the perfect beach home and guide you through the travel maze. I do this from my thorough knowledge of each property and experiences I have had doing just what you will be doing.....traveling! Whether you want to go low budget or all out, I have the answers to fit your needs. You can think of me as your travel coach.

Many folks comment to me about the maze while searching for vacation rentals. There are a multitude of choices on a large variety of different websites. We are a boutique vacation rental site focused on a small area of Florida. We pride ourselves in customer service and have an excellent relationship with homeowners and management teams. You can reach toll free 7 days a week at 866-587-6420.

This newsletter promises all the latest news from my most recent trip to Boca Grande and North Captiva Island. You will find plenty of information enclosed to assist you in finding an accessible enjoyable vacation destination. I hope to help you return to that unhurried pace and to find the natural beauty which will invite you to slow down, relax and reconnect.

In closing, I hope you have a happy and healthy holiday season.

See you at beach!

Sarah

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Inquiries and reservations for North Captiva and Boca Grande:

- Toll free (866)587-6420.
- When booking on North Captiva **All the amenities** of the North Captiva Island Club are yours to enjoy with each of our North Captiva properties. We will coordinate your vacation directly with the island club.
- Our guidance and information is from experience. We know the drill! We know what works. We look forward to assisting you with your vacation plans.

facebook

I love hearing from all the fans of the "Boca Grande Florida" and "North Captiva Island Florida" Facebook fan pages. Every day we have new fans. Your posting, suggestions and comments are appreciated. If you haven't joined yet, look us up and sign up. This has been a great sharing of information. Keep checking in and posting. Thank you fans!!

News Just In! Owner slashes price on North Captiva and Boca Grande properties!

The Tropic Ten has just reduced their prices for 2010. All remaining 7 night stays have been reduced to \$1595 low season, \$2,495 mid season and \$3,595 high season. These rates include sales tax and housekeeping. You can view this spacious, 3 bedroom beachfront villa on our website. In addition, the Lazy Dolphin on North Captiva Island has reduced their rates to \$2100 for all 7 night stays remaining in January. Mid season rates are \$3,995 and high season rates \$4,995. These rates include sales tax, housekeeping, full resort privileges to NCIC (includes ALL amenities) and one golf cart. Mention this newsletter when booking these homes.

Ready, Set, Let's go to North Captiva!

You have made your airline reservations and selected your beach house on North Captiva Island, what should be your next planning step? Most people do prefer to hire one of the airport shuttle services over a car rental. The shuttle services make your arrival to your southwest Florida destination easy.

Upon making your beach house reservation, I will provide you with all the necessary information to make your trip to the island seamless. I know all the service providers from my own personal experience and can assist you with a plan that will work best for your group.

Once you arrive at the airport, head straight to baggage and as the bags are coming off the conveyor, call your airport shuttle service. They will be in the cell phone lot awaiting your arrival. It typically takes them about 5 minutes to reach you. The van driver will assist you by in loading your luggage in the van. You will be transported to the grocery store (if you pre-ordered groceries). Please check with the driver for additional time needed to shop. Once the groceries are in the van, you will be transported directly to Pineland Marina, where the bags are unloaded and onto the boat. The boat ride is 25 to 30 minutes depending upon the direction and tides.

Be on the lookout for dolphins during your boat ride to North Captiva. The boat occasionally will stop at Cabbage Key and three stops on North Captiva. Your stop will be the North Captiva Island Club where the luggage will be unloaded and placed into a flat bed golf cart. Check in for your rental in the NCIC reception area. Guest Services escort you to your beach house. Relax and unwind!

Blackening Seasoning Mix

- 1 1/2 Tsp. Cayenne Pepper
- 1 1/2 Tsp. Paprika
- 3 Tsp. Salt
- 1 Tsp Onion Powder
- 1 Tsp. Garlic Powder
- 1 Tsp. black Pepper
- 1/2 Tsp. Oregano
- 1/2 Tsp. Thyme
- 1/2 Tsp. Nutmeg or allspice (optional)

Mix all ingredients thoroughly and place in small glass or plastic jar. Keep it with your other spices or, for longer storage, in the refrigerator

Cooking fish on the Grill

There is nothing better than cooking fresh fish the same day it is caught. I always like to cook fish on the grill with Blackened seasoning and minimize the mess to cleanup afterwards. I use Aluminum foil and prep the fish on it with some olive oil. The foil should be sized to fit the grill. Blackened seasoning should be applied to taste or mix it up with different amounts by piece. Pre-heat the grill and then place the fish on the grill with the foil side directly on the grill. I cook until the fish is flakey. Serve immediately and throw the aluminum foil away. No cleanup and great fish!!



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FEATURED PROPERTIES

Featured Property – The Absolutely Beach House – North Captiva Island



The Absolutely beach house is great place for family vacations. This 3 bedroom 3 bath home features a private pool and hot tub. It is located conveniently to both the gulf beaches and the North Captiva Island Club. The home will comfortably sleep 8 in beds and there is plenty of room for family gatherings. It is hard not to notice the spectacular photographs throughout Absolutely which were taken by the owner who truly has a gift with the camera lens. When reserving this home with Beach Vacation 4me, you will receive ALL the amenities at the North Captiva Island Club. Be sure to check out on our website the recent decorating updates this owner just completed on our website. You will have an Absolutely fabulous beach vacation at this wonderful island home.

Hot off the press, there is more fun ahead on North Captiva!

I have some exciting news to share. Bryan Brillhart, the general manager of the North Captiva Island Club, was proudly displaying the new boat the Island Club just purchased. Just Four Fun is the name of the new boat which is rated by the coast guard for 49 passengers. Bryan informed me they are working on a schedule, but plan on offering affordable weekly trips to include: dinner cruises off island, off shore fishing trips, snorkeling trips to a coral reef 1 mile offshore 6 feet depth, sunset cruises and beach excursions. As soon as I know more, I will share the details with everyone on my website. Congratulations to Bryan and the staff of the North Captiva Island Club. Just Four Fun is just a beauty.



**Winter is coming
and the early
planners are locking
in!!
You can do this
Too!!**

Your Gateway to Boca Grande – The Gasparilla Island Bridge

Boca Grande is a unique barrier island that you can travel to by car. The Gasparilla Island Bridge is your gateway to Boca Grande. The classic swing bridge, two concrete bridges and the 2½-mile roadway were built from 1952-1958 replacing the ferry service. The bridge and roadway system are the only land link from Placida to historic Boca Grande. There is a \$4.00 charge per cars and pickup trucks. The motorcycle charge is \$3.50. Unless you travel by boat, the Gasparilla Island Bridge is your connection to paradise.

Pineland Marina after hours?

The Pineland Marina is open daily and after hours has a security guard on duty. Should you arrive after hours, you will be greeted by a security guard who will accept payment for parking. You can also call ahead to provide payment and be assured the security guard will have your paperwork. Upon arrival, the security guard will provide a parking pass and open the gate to the parking area. Your car will be safe at the marina while you are on vacation. For questions about Pineland Marina, all 239-283-3593 or look them up at www.pinelandmarina.com.

PJ's Seagrille! Yummmmmmy

Destination 321 Park Avenue, Boca Grande, FL

Have you ever had a meal where you are thinking the next day, "if I could only have one more bite?" Last week I had the opportunity to dine at PJ's Seagrille for lunch while visiting Boca Grande. My two guests and I had a delightful time. We sat in what I would call the Florida room – a glassed encased room with views of the gulf. It was bright and cheery.

We started our meal with one of their starter dishes, the Oasis Plate. Oh my, it was absolutely delicious. The Oasis Plate included humus and baba ganouj served with marinated olives, roasted peppers, cut vegetables and warm flat bread. This portion size was very generous and everything was so fresh. It was absolutely delicious.

For our lunch one of my guests had the Pita Chicken Sandwich. Our extremely helpful and pleasant waiter had shared this was one of their most popular dishes. The pita sandwich included grilled julienne chicken lightly blackened. This was then topped with grilled onions, tomato and pesto mayonnaise served on fresh baked pita bread. The sandwich came with the side of your choice as well. "It was scrumptious" proclaimed my friend.

My daughter, who has gluten intolerance, was delighted with her sweet potato soup. Our waiter was very attentive to making sure the dish did not include gluten. I did have a wondering spoon and tried this. It was just yummy, just like "Thanksgiving in a bowl".

I decided to try the fresh seafood of the day which was grouper. The grouper was lightly blackened and served with a unique caper tarter sauce. It was so fresh it melted in my mouth.

Everyone at the table gave PJ's Seagrille the thumbs up. I highly recommend this spectacular restaurant.



Top Ten Reasons you love Boca Grande

1. It is truly an old Florida town – carefully preserved.
2. Walking on the miles of beaches
3. Fishing, fishing and more fishing
4. Ice cream at the Loose Caboose
5. Cars, golf carts and bikes can coexist in a friendly manner
6. The South Beach Grille – love the grouper ruben
7. Sunset at the beach
8. Magnificent Shells
9. The historic light house
10. Our best family vacation ever!



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