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The Inn on Fifth, Naples, Florida, USA

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## So casually sophisticated and culturally rich

**Naples, on the Gulf of Mexico, in South West Florida, is a casually sophisticated, culturally rich city.**

It is a delightful, upmarket destination for those looking to enjoy the best of the Sunshine State beyond the theme parks.

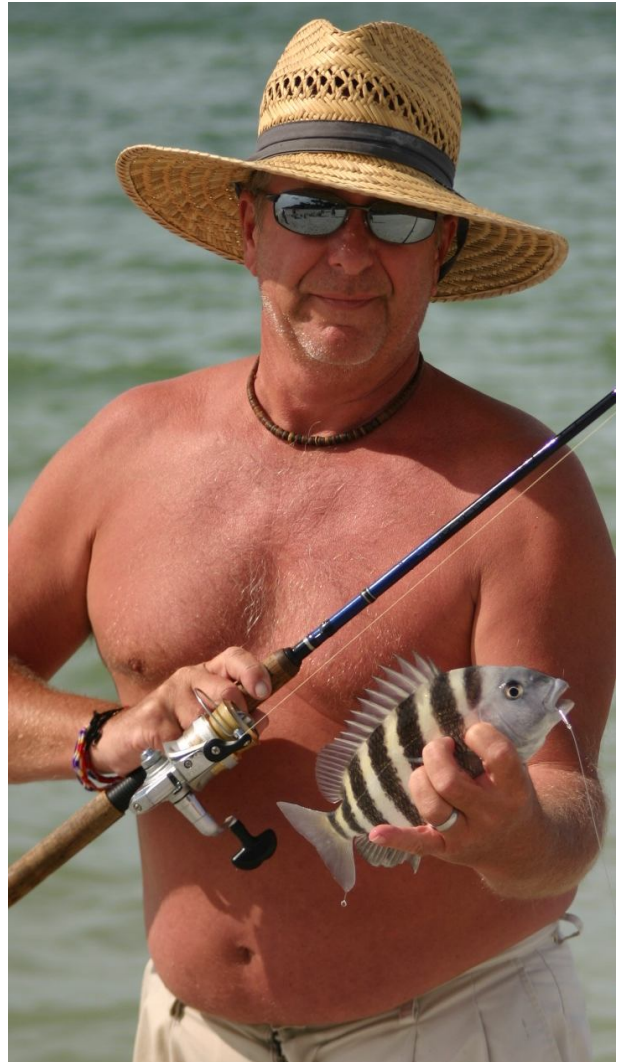
The Naples Downtown area, around 5th Avenue South and 3rd Street South, is the hub for all that is attractive about this place.

There's fine dining and great bars in abundance, arts and craft studios, designer shopping and a wonderful community theatre.

And at the end of Fifth Avenue - the stunning Naples beach.

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### The Inn on and Club Level Suites

Those looking to stay in Downtown Naples will want to check out the Inn on Fifth. A luxury boutique hotel that matches perfectly the essence of the area, the Inn on Fifth has recently undergone a complete refurbishment and this has taken it to another level.



# Making the most of Naples



By Ashley Gibbins

**As a travel journalist, I am reluctant to highlight favourite places. But I must confess that I really, really like everything about Naples.**

I have been lucky enough to visit on three occasions now and have yet to be disappointed.

The combination of sunshine and laid back ambience means Naples is just made for relaxing.

My first morning on this last visit was typical.

I decided to grab a quick coffee on 5th Avenue, and picked up a New York Times to scan.

The coffee arrived, the waitress chatted and a fellow customer, a personal tutor called Kevin, joined in.

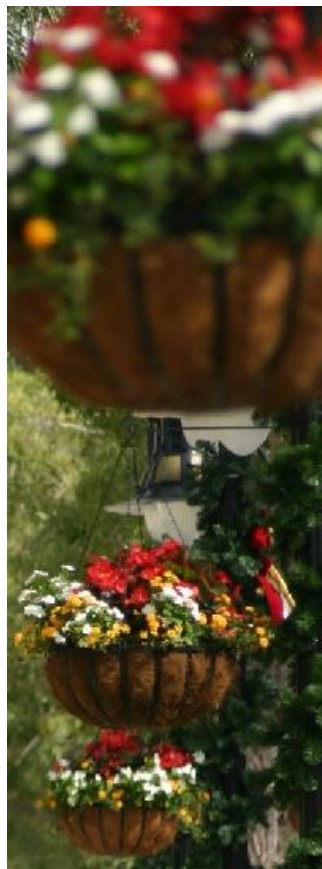
An elderly, but sprightly, lady pushing her small dog, kitted out in a fetching wooly pink outfit (the dog not the woman) heard my accent and said hello.

The four of us had a really good time together until the little dog, obviously wanting for attention, started to play up. It was time to say have a nice day.

I returned to my New York Times and realised it was the longer features that were taking my eye.

Back in London, I would never feel I had time to consider anything but the shorter news items.

And so ninety, very pleasant, minutes went by. Time wasted. On the contrary, time savoured.



## The Downtown dining experience



**An essential ingredient of life in Naples is the fine dining it offers.**

Leave the Inn on Fifth and there are 32 restaurants, within a strolling distance along 5th Avenue and 3rd Street - and not a bad one among them.

And that does not include the ice cream parlours, and you will want to include an ice cream parlour.



Together they bring the world's cuisine to Downtown Naples and, this being Florida, there is the choice of dining inside or alfresco to suit the mood and the weather.

Fish and stone crab is a particular favourite



Several of the restaurants have live music and most offer very tempting happy hours.

## No road rage here



The other thing about Downtown Naples are the drivers. They meander along Fifth willingly stopping to wave one across the road whenever and wherever the need arises.

It's a courtesy that surprises at first, but is typical of the friendly, slow paced nature of Naples.



But for slow paced, do not read sleepy. There is an underlying vibrancy about this place - particularly during the evening, when the bars and restaurants come alive.

And, of course, there is also the beach at the southern end of Fifth.

The avenue comes to an end with a barrier trees and shrubs, through which there is a small wooden walkway.

### A glorious expanse

This leads onto a panoramic expanse of glorious sand and still blue water.

Knowing this stretch of the Gulf Coast, I walk along the beach to my right and one of my favourite spots anywhere.



It's a one time fishing jetty, but all that remains are the wooden stanchions that stick up and stretch out some way into the water.



These provide ideal resting spots for dozens of pelicans and other sea birds. And provides me with yet another chance to relax and unwind in Naples.

## McCabes



McCabes is an Irish pub restaurant and, while these are to be found worldwide, this is as authentic as you will find outside of the Emerald Isle.

Phil McCabe, the owner of the Inn on Fifth, is second generation Irish and not known for doing things by half.

So when he decided to establish an Irish pub on Fifth Avenue he found one in Dublin, shipped it, 'lock, stock and barrel' to Naples, and also brought over Irish craftsmen to reassemble the pub on the ground floor of the Inn on Fifth.

McCabes serves good pub fare, beers and wine and has nightly live Irish entertainment for the real 'craic'.

[www.mccabesirishpub.com](http://www.mccabesirishpub.com)

## Trulucks



Trulucks, which is located next to McCabes, could not be further from it in terms of style and ambience.

This is a casually sophisticated, cosmopolitan seafood, steak and crabhouse restaurant although first stop has to be to the piano bar, particularly during happy hour.

This is where the locals hang out, and where you can enjoy Margarita's that are worth the flight to Florida.

A Trulucks highlight is the stone crabs, when in season (15 October to 14 May). The restaurant has its own sustainable, stone crab fishery on the Isle of Capri some 18 miles away.

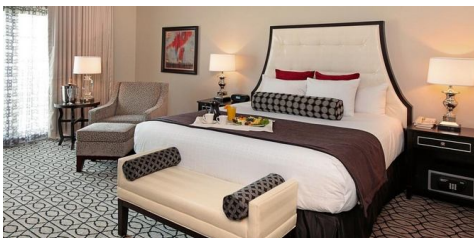
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## The place to stay : The Inn on Fifth



As for a place to stay in Downtown Naples it has to be the Inn on Fifth, a luxury boutique hotel that matches the essence of the area to a 't'.

The hotel has recently undergone a complete refurbishment and this has taken it to another level.



The rooms and suites are real quality and the rooftop pool provides an area of sun and tranquillity.

For those who want a beauty treatment or a workout there is a luxury spa and fully equipped gym.



Step out of the hotel and you are among the Avenue's shops, bars and restaurants.



## Shopping

### Downtown Naples



The retail experience in Downtown Naples, particularly along 5th Avenue and 3rd Street, is predominantly upscale with combination of designer jewellery and clothing stores, art galleries and gift shops.

[www.fifthvenuesouth.com](http://www.fifthvenuesouth.com)

### Tin City



Tin City is a former oyster processing plant now converted into a tin roofed cluster of gift shops and restaurants.

[www.tin-city.com](http://www.tin-city.com)

### Miromar Outlets Centre



The Miromar Centre is a 30 minute drive away, but well worth the trip for those looking for the bargains the outlets offer.

It is also a very attractive complex with excellent dining by the lake.

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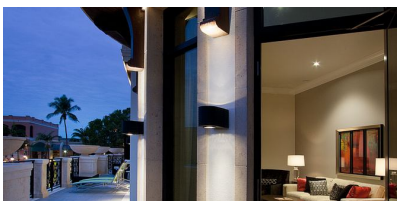
## The Inn's Club level suites

The Inn on Fifth's Club Level Suites is a real luxury addition for Fifth Avenue South and Naples.



With 32 Club Level Suites now available, guests can enjoy the finest in service and accommodations in the same location as the Inn on Fifth.

Guests staying in the *Club Level Suites* will enjoy spacious rooms with large floor plans and balconies with views of Fifth Avenue South.



Rooms feature sophisticated furnishings and a bold, trendy look. Upon arriving at the property, guests are personally greeted by a concierge and escorted to an exclusive Club Level check-in.



Added luxuries include a private rooftop retreat with a tranquil hot tub and sunbathing area. Guests also receive buffet breakfast, afternoon refreshments and evening cocktails and tasters.

The concierge service provides guests of the Inn on Fifth's *Club Level Suites* include making reservations, organising transportation and attending to any other needs.

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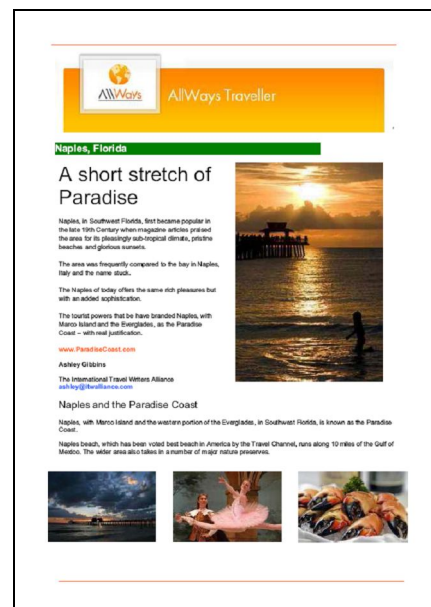
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