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Florida Hotels Nominated for Prestigious Travel Award

Art Ovation Hotel / Sarasota, FL

Art Ovation Hotel is the first hotel in Sarasota to offer a full 360° experience into the city's thriving arts-scene — from theatrical arts, opera, music, art, tech and more. The property cultivates partnerships with local arts organizations, instructors and performers to celebrate, support, and embrace the well-established arts destination (known as Florida's cultural coast) and offer an array of creative guest experiences including group music lessons, origami lessons, paint and sketch classes, live performances, art demonstrations, IMPROV comedy lessons, tours of the curated art installations throughout the property and more. Upon arrival, guests invited to explore their artsy side since each room is equipped with leather-bound sketchbooks, art supplies and a ukulele for private jam sessions. The ukulele isn't quite your style? Art Ovation's "Check In, Jam Out" instrument loan program gives guests the choice of guitars, keyboard, violin, or cello to rent and further find their musically-inclined side in the comfort of their own room. Additionally, guests of Art Ovation are invited to tour the art installations exhibited throughout the property's public spaces with the cultural curator and a complimentary glass of wine during the wine + art tours hosted every evening. Travelers might take away an unknown artistic ability or interest after exploring the creative programs at Art Ovation Hotel. For more information, visit <https://artovationhotel.com>

Opal Sands Resort / Clearwater Beach, FL

Opal Sands Resort is located along the south end of Clearwater Beach and easily stands out among the rest, with its unique curved exterior treating all 230 guest rooms and suites to panoramic views of the Gulf Coast paradise. Floor-to-ceiling windows and spacious private balconies serving as the perfect frame, while the oceanfront zero-entry pool and beachside tiki bar SandBar provide guests with ample spots to find relaxation. Enjoy a smoking cocktail or pizza-making class at Italian seafood fusion restaurant Sea-Guini - home to house made pastas and fresh seafood. Opal Spa offers coastal-inspired treatments as well as their new Social Addiction Spa series - specific treatments for ailments caused by excessive technology use. Guests can choose four 25-minute treatments - from a chair massage to treat neck hyperextension, to hand reflexology, to treat hand pain from scrolling and typing away to even a scalp massage, to treat headaches from eye straining, you're bound to feel rejuvenated. Visitors can continue to disconnect from digital devices with the new Sensory Overload amenity, which provides guests with Jabra Elite 85h Noise Cancelling Headphones, Earth Luxe Essential Oils to further promote relaxation, and an Ugg travel set equipped with a sleep mask - leaving guests with no other choice but to lock away your phone and unplug in paradise. For more information, visit <https://www.opalsands.com/>

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