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Porch on cabana room at Isla Bella. (PHOTO BY MARY THURWACHTER)

Florida resorts are making deals and making changes to keep travelers happy and healthy this summer.

How does a private porch on Islamorada sound?

Or transporting yourself to another time in America's oldest city?

Or driving to Daytona for a spin in a racing-themed hotel?

MARATHON

Isla Bella Beach Resort: This year-old slice of paradise has five swimming pools, and the beach at your feet. You drive in through a canopy of native plants to the gorgeous, artist-designed iron gates that swing open as cars approach. Guestrooms have 9-foot ceilings, spa-like bathrooms, south-facing ocean views and a private outdoor living space furnished with lounge-style chairs and sofas. Prices start at \$269.



Garden tours at The Collector Inn give guests details on statuary, historical buildings and plants. (PHOTO BY MARY THURWACHTER)



ST. AUGUSTINE

Collector Luxury Inn & Gardens: This 30-room oasis blends history with bespoke accommodations and modern luxuries. The inn bills itself as "St. Augustine's most unique inn — a sensory immersion in art, history and romance." The one-acre block in the heart of the historic district contains nine homes dating from 1790 to 1910 and gardens so enchanting and photogenic you'll find yourself hanging out there as much as time allows. Rates start at \$139, a good deal for this much luxury and location.

Be sure to bring your camera to The Collector, which provides many beautiful backdrops for photos. (PHOTO BY MARY THURWACHTER)



The Daytona, six-story hotel, a Marriott Autograph Collection property across from the Daytona International Speedway. (PHOTO BY MARY THURWACHTER)

DAYTONA BEACH

The Daytona: This themed hotel, right across the street from the Daytona Speedway, tells the tale of the culture and history of Daytona racing through design and vintage collections of race cars and motorcycles. As soon as you walk in, you'll see a dazzling and Instagramable mural that celebrates Sir Malcolm Campbell's Blue Bird, which broke five land speed records on the Daytona shoreline in 1933. Prices are reasonable, starting around \$110.

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