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### WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Although Marco Island may seem small, it's comprised of many unique neighborhoods and communities, appealing to families, retirees, and vacationers. Perhaps one of the most popular areas is Cape Marco, located on the southwest corner of the island. It is home to six luxury condominiums and offers residents the chance to experience Marco Island like never before with pristine views and timeless design. With buildings named *Belize*, *Cozumel*, *Merida*, *Monterrey*, *Tampico*, and *Veracruz*, Cape Marco combines luxury and island appeal into perfection.

Another highly desirable community is *Hideaway Beach Club*. Hideaway Beach Club, located on the northwest corner of the island, features an excellent golf and country club experience. With beachfront homes and access to a variety of amenities, Hideaway Beach Club is a popular destination for many looking to put down roots on the island.

In the 1960s, the Mackle brothers of the Deltona Corporation led the development of the island after purchasing vast land and installing a series of canals. Today, there are homesites with direct access to the Marco River available to build waterfront houses. Or there are opportunities to tear down older homes, built in the 60s and 70s, and replace them with modern houses that cater to any lifestyle. All owners on Marco Island have exclusive access to *Residents' Beach*—making Marco Island your paradise.



### Marco Island is the Ultimate Vacation Destination and a Premier Location to Call Home!

Nothing quite compares to the beauty that emanates from the pristine beaches, crystal waters, and iridescent skies at sunset. With endless possibilities, Marco Island provides the perfect backdrop to residents and visitors alike, offering a chance to experience tranquility, elegance, and sheer perfection. Regarded as one of the most stunning places in Florida, it is teeming with activity, possibility, and opportunity. Experience Marco Island like you never have before in our *Ultimate Lifestyle Guide!*





## TOP-NOTCH EDUCATION

Marco Island is truly the perfect location for families, retirees, and vacationers to thrive; it is home to top-notch schools! Offering students a more personalized approach in a small classroom environment, Marco Island schools include:

- Tommie Barfield Elementary School  
*101 Kirkwood Street, Marco Island, FL 34145*  
(239) 377-8500, [collierschools.com/tbe](http://collierschools.com/tbe)
- Marco Island Charter Middle School  
*1401 Trinidad Avenue, Marco Island, FL 34145*  
(239) 377-3200, [micms.org](http://micms.org)
- Marco Island Academy  
*2255 San Marco Road, Marco Island, FL 34145*  
(239) 393-5133, [marcoislandacademy.org](http://marcoislandacademy.org)

Marco Island is an alluring travel destination, but it also offers a safe environment for families with dedicated professionals to educate and guide children, preparing them for success. Tommie Barfield Elementary School ranks in the top 30 elementary schools in the state of Florida and has a student-teacher ratio of 14:1. Marco Island Charter Middle School ranks in the top 20 middle schools in the state of Florida and has a student-teacher ratio of 17:1.

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### DIVING & FISHING PARADISE

Most notably, one of the best diving locations in the area, Marco Island offers an experience to remember. With ocean life flitting about, divers have the chance to be face-to-face with colorful sea life, such as:

- Angelfish
- Crabs
- Goliath Grouper
- Mackerel
- Snapper
- Snook
- Shells and Sand Dollars

Visibility ranges from 15-50 feet in depths of between 30-45 feet. Advanced divers have the opportunity to experience natural wonders, such as The Blue Hole, which is located 20 miles off the island's coast. It measures 200 feet in diameter; it is a "hole at the bottom of the sea," where the fish swim upside down with caverns to explore. Talk about a once-in-a-lifetime experience!

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### THINGS TO DO ON MARCO ISLAND

Marco Island is more than spectacular beaches and stunning sunsets. It is home to fine dining establishments, exclusive boutiques, and fun activities for the whole family. Jump aboard the trolley for the *Marco Mystery & History Tour* as you learn about the island's history and its resident ghosts. If ghosthunting isn't for you, reserve a spot on the *Marco Island Princess* for a sightseeing, lunch, dinner or sunset cruise.

Embrace nature at the *Otter Mound Preserve*, where you'll learn more about the Calusa tribe and its headquarters. Packed with an abundance of shell mounds, this destination tells the story of natives who lived on the island and their ancient ways.

Marco Island is at the edge of the Ten Thousand Islands and offers sightseers the chance to explore some incredible sights. *Paddle Marco* takes adventurers on a trip between the hustle  
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## WHITE SAND BEACHES

Perhaps the most-gorgeous element of Marco Island is the exquisite white sand beaches. Tranquil breezes, clear waters, and the salty sea air make Marco Island a Southwest Florida treasure. *South Marco Beach* ranks high on the list of outdoor activities on the island, providing beachgoers with a variety of adventures. It is near the *Hilton Marco Island Beach Resort & Spa*, *JW Marriott Marco Island Beach Resort*, and many dining options. Take advantage of the immaculate views, swim in the temperate Gulf waters, or enjoy boating, fishing, kayaking, and more. The possibilities are endless!

*Tigertail Beach* is one of the best places to enjoy quiet, while taking advantage of copious amounts of shelling opportunities. With food and drink spots, kayak and stand-up paddleboard rentals, this spot affords beachgoers the best of both worlds: seclusion and fun beach activities.

Another top spot for locals and visitors is Hideaway Beach, located north of Tigertail Beach. It provides the ultimate place for relaxation and is also a popular stop for migrating birds. Take a long stroll along the sandy shores, search for shells, and enjoy nature in this perfect slice of paradise.

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### DINING ON THE ISLAND

If you're dreaming of breathtaking views of a balmy backdrop while you wine and dine, Marco Island delivers. The island features many fine dining establishments, mixed with casual spots to appeal to any guest. Enjoy delectable crab cakes and an ocean view at the *Sunset Grille*, where you can take in the breezy island vibes over dinner. *CJ's on the Bay* is another popular dining destination for locals and visitors alike. With dancing every Thursday evening and the best lobster fries around, you'll want to make a pitstop here.

For a fine dining experience, Marco Island offers several options. Visit *Marco Prime*, where you'll feast on sizzling steaks, fresh seafood, and a housemade chocolate soufflé. This upscale, local establishment features soft lighting to create an ambiance like no other. *DaVinci's Ristorante* is premier Italian at its best. With fresh plates of lobster ravioli, linguine with clams, and their signature pizzas, there's sure to be something

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### THE SHOPS OF MARCO ISLAND

You won't find too many box stores or chains here. Marco Island includes everything from small boutiques to farmers' markets. Take a stroll over to *Island Trends* for unique shopping experiences for both men and women. Capture the island appeal and add to your Southwest Florida wardrobe with brands like Tommy Bahama, Southern Tide, FitFlop, and more.

Fresh fruits and vegetables, flowers, meats and seafood, clothing, and more can be found at the *Marco Island Farmers' Market*, which is held every Wednesday at *Veterans' Community Park*. Shop for the best local items in the area while taking in the salty sea air and the ocean breezes. Marco Island is also home to several art galleries, such as the *Blue Mangrove Gallery* and the *Local Color Art Gallery*. Add some tropical flair to your new home on the island with a vibrant piece of artwork, often created by local artists.

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Marco Island boasts spectacular fishing in its waters and amid the *Ten Thousand Islands*. Common catches include tarpon, redfish, and snook. This area is also a dolphin-watching destination, attracting many vacationers and residents alike to catch a glimpse of these majestic creatures.

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and bustle of the main island and Isles of Capri. This two-and-a-half-hour mangrove kayak tour winds through the inlet, where paddlers can enjoy the resident birds, fish, and other marine life in this backwater experience.

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for everyone. The next time you're in the mood for some fresh, local fare, be sure to try one of these outstanding restaurants as you continue to make Marco Island your home in paradise.

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You'll also find many small shopping attractions, offering an abundance of items, such as olive oil, shells, jewelry, custom t-shirts, and so much more. Marco Island continues to provide an unmatched shopping experience, where you can find whatever you're searching for without even taking a step off of the island.

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### WE BUILT A FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESS

Frey & Son Homes have finished more than 4,500 distinctive homes from Marco Island to Cape Coral. Our mission, and the foundation of the success we've achieved to date, rests on five fundamental ideals that add value to every home:

- *Architectural Integrity* – We have long-standing relationships with gifted architects.
- *Mutual Trust* – We communicate with all parties candidly and clearly.
- *Outstanding Craftsmanship* – We value the skills and talents of those we engage as contractors.
- *Ongoing Service* – We continue to deliver outstanding service long after completion of your home.
- *Teamwork* – A collaborative effort with top industry talents ensures a unique finished product.

When you choose to make Marco Island your home, you choose to be nestled among some of the most impressive backdrops in the country. Don't miss your chance to take advantage of waterfront living, a wide array of activities and so much more when you choose to call paradise home.



WE HOPE YOU ALLOW US THE HONOR OF FULFILLING YOUR VISION FOR A HOME THAT WILL LAST FOR GENERATIONS.

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