



Singh Resorts' Parrot Key Resort in Key West

The Benefits of Staycations

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GETTING AWAY FROM IT ALL DOESN'T MEAN YOU HAVE TO GO FAR

Oil and water sometimes do mix. In these times of high oil costs, and with fuel surcharges firmly in place at airlines and cruise lines, this may not be the time to explore the Great Wall of China, make a road trip across Canada or cruise Antarctica. It may, however, be time to investigate the concept of a staycation - a short getaway close to home. It's a concept catching on across the country. But forget oil. We have water.

Just look around and you'll notice we have some of the world's best beaches right here in South Florida. And because it's the off-season, you can find some great values as well as credits and even cash incentives awaiting your arrival. Why not enjoy our own backyard? Consider the following for your staycation:

Picking Up The Tab For Gas

Singh Resorts' new **Parrot Key Resort** in Key West has an exclusive offer just for South Florida residents: Stay three nights or more in one of the resort's three-bedroom water-view homes (\$349/night) and receive \$100 to pay for gas. "We recognize that many of our guests drive from other areas in South Florida and this is our way of saying 'thank you' to them for visiting us during our Grand Opening," said Karl Compton, Parrot Key Resort general manager. Parrot Key opened May 15, and is located just minutes from world-famous Duval Street, just off U.S. 1 at 2801 N. Roosevelt Blvd.

For more information, call 1-866-MID-KEYS or (305) 809-2200, or visit www.parrotkeyresort.com/gas.

Slide! Swim! Splash! Sleep!

Convenient to the Orlando theme parks and just three short hours from home, the **Clarion Resort & Water Park** in Kissimmee is a full-service hotel with restaurants, a bar & grill and even a Seattle's Best Coffee®. Amenities include a teen activity area, a children's playroom, heated whirlpool and a state-of-the-art water park for kids of all ages.

This summer, stay three days and two nights for just \$149.99.* Call 1-866-9-SLIDES and be sure to mention the "Hollywood Magazine special" to book your staycation.

**Subject to availability. Includes up to four-person occupancy in a standard queen room. Taxes and resort fee not included. Offer expires Nov. 1, 2008.*



State-of-the-art water park for kids of all ages at the Clarion Resort & Water Park in Kissimmee

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Clarion Resort & Water Park in Kissimmee

Earn Extra Credit

The Fort Lauderdale Grande Hotel and Yacht Club, a Hilton hotel, located at 1881 S.E. 17th Street Causeway, is offering a \$50 resort credit for two- and three-night stays and a credit of \$75 for four nights or more between now and Aug.31.* The hotel also offers a \$99 per night rate. *Book plan code PO.

For reservations, call 888-554-2131 or visit www.fortlauderdalegrande.com.