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Florida Family Vacations

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When it comes to summer vacations close to home, Florida has it all; sea breezes, wave-washed beaches, sweetwater springs, theme parks, history and hoopla. Here are five family-friendly destinations to consider for your travels in the Sunshine State.

## TRANQUILITY BAY BEACH RESORT MARATHON, FL

If private cottage living is more your style, check out this aptly named resort colony of two- and three-bedroom beach houses. (Book several and have a family reunion.) Quaintly Conch but stylishly up-to-date in every way, cottages have fully equipped kitchens with all the latest appliances. Dining is in the Tiki Beach Bar or in the Butterfly Café, where they'll cook your day's catch for you and serve it with just the right wine. Children aren't forgotten here. They get their



Tranquility Bay Beach Resort offers two and three-bedroom beach houses.

own "caterpillar" menu at the café and supervised play times when they can do T-shirt tie-dying or have build-your-own sundae parties. Swim off the private beach or in the meandering lagoon pool. Watch sunsets from your cottage's veranda while you check the next day's list of planned activities ranging from back country eco-tours to offshore sport fishing. Island Spice Spa brings treatments to your cottage by appointment, using their own special blends of herbs, spices and oils. ■

### IF YOU GO

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