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Summer hotel deals in Florida, some just for residents

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Summer is not yet over, and Florida hotels continue to offer deals for the season.

In Daytona Beach, a group of hotels tout specials through BookIt.com. Some offers: Wyndham Ocean Walk-Daytona: Book through Aug. 27, for \$119 per night with \$10 instant rebate and free breakfast for two; Conch House Hotel-Daytona: Book through Aug. 14 for \$52 per night with two free Banana Boat Ride tickets; El Caribe Resort-Daytona: Book through Aug.14 for \$55 per night with free breakfast and upgrade; and Perry's Ocean Edge Resort-Daytona: Book through Aug.15 for \$69 per night with free breakfast and two free Banana Boat Ride tickets.

In Fort Lauderdale, the Riverside Hotel on Las Olas Boulevard is offering a "Stay More, Save More" deal through Sept. 30. Stay one night and get 10 percent off; two nights and get 20 percent off; and three nights and get 30 percent off. Rates start at \$149 per night before savings. Guests also get 25 percent off Echo Salon, 20 percent off dinner at Indigo restaurant; and 50 percent off beer, wine or cocktails at Golden Lyon Pub. Visit riversidehotel.com.

In St. Petersburg, the Courtyard by Marriott Downtown St. Petersburg offers a Republican National Convention "Stay and Play" promotion. Stay Saturday, Sept.1 and Sunday, Sept. 2 at \$149 per night, and get the night of Monday, Sept. 3 free. Click [here](#).

In Vero Beach, Kimpton's oceanfront Vero Beach Hotel & Spa offers Florida residents up to 25 percent off rooms, plus a choice of either free nightly parking for one vehicle or daily continental breakfast for two. Guests must present a valid Florida ID upon check-in. Room rates start at \$169 per night before discounts and do not include taxes and fees. Use booking code FSR. Visit verobeachhotelandspa.com.

In downtown Miami, the chic, high-rise Epic Hotel offers 20 percent off to Florida residents. Guests must present a valid Florida ID upon check-in. Room rates start at \$169 per night before discounts and do not include taxes and fees. Use booking code FSR. Visit epichotel.com.

Also in downtown Miami, Hampton Inn & Suites Miami Brickell-Downtown is offering a Florida resident special through Sept. 30. Guests receive 12 percent off rates, with discounted standard rates starting at \$125 a night, including hot breakfast; half off overnight parking; free welcome cocktails; and free high-speed wireless Internet. A valid Florida driver's license or ID must be presented on check-in. Call 305- 377-9400 or visit hamptoninnmiamibrickell.com.