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Cupid Awaits at Hawks Cay

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Ladies and Gents, have I got the perfect Valentine Getaway for you and one lucky person. Only an hour and a half drive from Miami and situated on 60 acres of fun and relaxation is Hawks Cay. Everything about it oozes romance.

Pulling into the driveway, I felt like I was arriving at a sugar plantation. The West Indies inspired décor sets the tone for what can only be described as the perfect escape. The guestrooms are spacious and beautifully appointed with dark wood and that Casablanca feel. The Tommy Bahama toiletries add a nice touch in the bathroom, which has a shower built for two (wink). In the morning, you can make coffee in your room, at your leisure and drink it outside on your private wooden deck, lounging on a chaise overlooking the pool while you plan your day. Let's see, pool, tennis, nap, spa, dinner, fire pit. Did I mention the shower for two?

As Cupid's guests, you can spend your days relaxing by either the family pool or the adult only pool, which offers free cabanas. If you want to feel like Robinson Crusoe, head over to their beautiful saltwater lagoon where you can ease yourself back onto a waiting lounge chair under a Tiki Hut with a frozen Margarita. If you're looking for more action, than the choice is all yours. There's kite boarding, paddle boarding, SNUBA, guided jet ski tours, tennis, fishing, Segway tours and the JetLev flying experience. The Dolphin Connection is an amazing experience unto its self. The resort boasts its own dolphin lagoon and has several different programs depending on how up close and personal you want to become with their four adorable resident dolphins. Lunchtime will find you either at the Sand Bar, which offers the best tasting beachside food I've ever tasted, or the Ocean Grill with a Mediterranean menu. Can't go wrong either way. After that wonderful lunch, take a nice stroll over to the marina, hand in hand, and grab an ice cream cone from Emach and Bolio's.

Moving right along into the latter part of

the day, you two lovebirds can head over to the award winning Calm Waters Spa. There are many treatments to choose from which includes their signature Key Lime Mojito body treatment as well as a specially designed menu for the man in your life. On a personal note, the massage I had by Dennis was rival to none. They have couples suites so perhaps a massage au deux? As you're checking out, be sure to pick up their signature line of Key Lime products to use in the shower (wink).

Sunset at Hawks Cay is breathtaking and there is no better way to appreciate it than on a sunset cruise aboard their power catamaran sipping wine, wrapped in the arms of your sweetheart. Back at the dock, it's a wave to the captain and back to your room to get ready for the evening ahead. There's that shower again (wink) and off to dinner.

Dinnertime, now that is a dilemma given the resort's fabulous restaurants. There is Ocean that offers beautiful tropical views and a Mediterranean menu, Tio's Cantina, located at the marina, offers a laid back atmosphere with high quality Mexican cuisine but if Latin flare is what you're in the mood for, dinner at Almas, with it's selection of fine rums and cigars will surely be a treat.

As the night winds down, sitting by the



fire pit with the warmth of the flames on your face and the soft sounds of music in the air, your thoughts drift back to a beautiful, romantic space in time called Hawks Cay.

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