

Sandpearl Environmental Initiatives

Green Lodging

The *Florida Green Lodging Program* covers an all-inclusive list of environmental initiatives that are specific to protecting and preserving Florida's environment. Sandpearl is part of this program and is recognized by The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Clean the World

Sandpearl Resort partners with *Clean the World* by donating guests' leftover soap and shampoo to be recycled. Rather than discarding used soap to overflowing landfills, the soap is melted down and sterilized before being distributed to impoverished countries around the world. Clean the World aims to save one million lives each year by providing unattainable, yet essential cleaning items for combating the spread of diseases worldwide.

What is LEED?

Sandpearl Resort is the only resort in the state of Florida with a Silver LEED certification, and one of thirteen in the nation to be LEED Certified. LEED, which stands for "Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design," is the rating system of the U.S Green Building Council. The Sandpearl Resort has been independently inspected and certified to include a number of environmentally – efficient elements in its design and construction.



LEED Practices Implemented by the Resort

Chilled Water Air-Conditioning is an energy-efficient heating and cooling system that supplements the typical through-the-wall units. The state-of-the-art chiller system utilizes water as the heat transfer agent instead of Freon, and provides significant long-term energy savings.

Heat Recovery Exhaust System is an energy recovery system that uses energy from the already conditioned air before it is captured and returned to the outside environment to provide fresh air. Recovered energy is then transferred to the incoming air before it enters the inside environment.

In-Room Energy Management systems monitor room temperatures so that occupied rooms are controlled by guests and vacant rooms are adjusted to reduce energy waste. System cut-offs are installed on the sliding glass doors to automatically prevent energy waste when guests open the door.



Low Emission Construction Materials were used in the construction of Sandpearl, resulting in lesser impact on resort patrons. Wood finishes, floor coatings, carpet adhesives, duct sealants, and interior paints were selected for their low chemical component emissions. Smoke-free environment eliminates exposure to obvious and potentially harmful source of contaminates.

Window and Door Glazed glass used in windows and sliding glass doors is double-pane laminated and tinted resulting in sound transmission reduction, pressure and impact resistance, high level of UV protection, and improved insulation value

Geothermal Pool Heating System takes advantage of the geographical region and utilizes natural interaction of the sun and earth. Piping is drilled deep into the ground drawing on the soil's constant temperature. The absorbed heat of the earth is pumped to the surface and keeps the resort's pool and spas warm in the cooler months. The system works in reverse in the summertime, adding a bit of cool to the summer waters for the right swimming temperature.

Ozone Pool Sanitizing System is used as an alternative water purifier because it's a sanitizer that reverts back to its natural state after eliminating contaminants. There are no residual chemicals in the water; therefore, guests are not subjected to chlorine smell and burning eyes.

Water Conservation System includes water-saving faucets, toilets, and showerheads, as well as state-of-the art laundry equipment and an advanced technology irrigation system. Water savings are over 20% for the fixtures alone. The laundry system produces additional water savings to the tune of hundreds of thousands of gallons a year.



Sandpearl Dining

Culinary Experiences

At Sandpearl Resort guests are offered enriching experiences including "hands-on" organic cooking classes with the executive chef, to inspire dining on the purest level - with fresh, healthy and delicious ingredients. Head Chef Steve Jordan gives healthy eaters his personal attention in this exclusive ten-person class, sharing cooking tips for gourmet organic meals that participants can then recreate at home.

Caretta On The Gulf

Named for the Loggerhead Sea Turtle, *Caretta on the Gulf* offers a AAA four-diamond fine dining experience featuring seasonal cuisine. Caretta offers a warm atmosphere with indoor and outdoor seating, where jackets aren't required to dine in style.

Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, Carretta fuses South American and Caribbean flavors. Menu items range from Crab Cake Eggs Benedict to Fresh Fruit Mélange and Caretta Brioche French Toast with candied orange cream and maple syrup. Later in the day, guests can select one of the many dinner options on the menu, such as Ratatouille Zucchini Boxes with olive tapenade, cannellini beans and roasted yellow tomato vinaigrette or a Grilled 18 oz Ribeye served with organic vegetables and potato soufflé. Diners "who want a bit of it all" can also sample the chef's Dinner Tasting Menu with wine pairings and dessert.

In addition to the offerings on the standard menu, an organic and all natural menu is available. Organic meals are expertly paired with the ideal organic wine, thanks to Caretta's insightful wine stewards.

Ceviche Sushi & Raw Bar at Caretta

The *Ceviche Sushi and Raw Bar at Caretta* offers a fresh selection of local seafood and sushi along with a wood-burning oven boasting a myriad of rustic options. At the Raw Bar, epicureans observe as the sous chef freshly prepares palette-pleasing selections including fresh sushi rolls and Tuna or Shrimp Ceviche.

Caretta Lounge

The provocative atmosphere of *Caretta Lounge* comes alive at night, with live entertainment and specialty cocktails offered either inside or on the patio. A full bar is available with selections including fresh takes on classics like Pineapple Mojitos or Watermelon Cucumber Martinis. The lounge also offers a diverse nighttime menu including sushi and raw bar items.

Tate Island Grill

Tate Island Grill provides a laid-back setting, just inches from the sand, to enjoy casual cuisine with live island music at dusk. Menu items such as Jumbo Lump Crab Cakes with Roasted Red Pepper Remoulade or Sugarcane Shrimp Salad, offers food for all tastes. Delicious fare is complemented with an extensive cocktail menu featuring the signature Blue Pearl, a frozen concoction of Cruzan Coconut rum, crème de banana, coconut and a blue Curacao swirl. As the sun sinks into the Gulf, guests relax in one of the Adirondack chairs around the beachside fire pit while selecting from a varying list of 10 different flavorful mojitos and tempting frozen specialties.

The Marketplace

A quick grab-and-go dining option, *The Marketplace* offers fresh pastries, fruit, cereal and rich Starbucks cappuccinos to fuel guests before a day on the beach. The Marketplace also offers freshly prepared salads, sandwiches, snacks and cold beverages throughout the day.

Wine Cellar

The wine cellar at Sandpearl Resort houses an extensive collection of ‘New World’ wines including, Cain V, Napa, Valley and Robert Sinskey Pinot Noir, Los Carneros.

Personalized Dining

For a truly private dining experience, a personal chef will prepare a customized dining experience in-room. Beach goers can also take advantage of a private picnic while spending the day boating on Caladesi Island.

Caretta’s secluded Private Dining Room, overlooking the Gulf of Mexico, can also be reserved for parties of up to 35 guests.



Sandpearl Meetings

The Sandpearl Meeting Experience

At Sandpearl, ordinary meetings become extraordinary. Elegant facilities, grounds and accommodations add a refined grace to any event. The beachfront setting delivers a breath of fresh air to any conference or banquet along with fine catering for the perfect touch. From a waterfront conference to an intimate reception, Sandpearl's event-planning professionals and state-of-the-art audio visual telecommunications equipment are ready to take any offsite meeting to a level that is sure to impress every guest. Enjoy an unforgettable event in the beautiful surroundings of Sandpearl. <http://www.sandpearl.com/Meetings.aspx>

Meeting Spaces

With more than 25,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor meeting space, the resort has the flexibility to accommodate any event.

Hunter Ballroom

With over 5,200 square feet of event space, the Hunter Ballroom can be divided into three equally sized rooms, each over 1,700 square feet. The function space provides over 2,300 square feet and room for 300 reception guests.

Harbor Ballroom

The Harbor Ballroom's 3,400+ square feet overlooks the Gulf of Mexico and is the perfect setting for mid-size meetings and events. The ballroom can be divided into three equally sized rooms measuring over 1,100 square feet each. The pre-function space provides nearly 3,000 square feet and room for 300 reception guests.

Other Meeting Rooms

The Sandpearl Resort & Spa also features additional indoor, state-of-the-art meeting and event venues for small groups. The elegant Cove Room (1,032 square feet) and two boardrooms (270 square feet each) showcase dramatic views of the Gulf of Mexico with floor-to-ceiling windows and private balconies. The pre-function space for the Harbor Ballroom can also be utilized for these three rooms.

Outdoor Meeting Areas

With beautiful views of the Gulf of Mexico, the Sandpearl Resort & Spa's outdoor meeting and event spaces offer the perfect location for an event reflective of Florida. Enjoy events al fresco on the Gulf Lawn (6,750 square feet) overlooking the beach accommodating up to 400 guests, or have fun poolside at the Pool Lawn with 2,112 square feet for up to 220 guests.



“Green” Meetings

As a one of the only resorts in the nation built to LEED® certification standards from the ground up, and the first resort or hotel in Florida to be awarded LEED® Silver Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council; Sandpearl offers meeting attendees not only an environmentally-friendly building, but also many other “green” options such as recycling all materials after the meetings and using only biodegradable products.

Sandpearl Group Activities

Activities scheduled as part of a meeting provide conference attendees the total resort experience and enhance all other components and objectives of the meeting. Sandpearl’s innovative menu of activities enables planners to select those extra touches that make a meeting special and memorable. Choose from Beach Olympics, Sandcastle Challenge, Wellness Seminars and Fitness Breaks or ask for a unique custom designed program.

Culinary Catering

The resort’s award winning executive chef has designed a broad range of event menus. The chef and his team will accommodate almost any requirements and will create special menus upon request to ensure a tailored culinary experience.

Conference Service Professional

Conference services professionals are available to accommodate and respond to guest needs and requirements and help create a memorable event or meeting experience.

Sandpearl Area Attractions

Sandpearl Surroundings

Sandpearl Resort's home, award-winning Clearwater Beach, situated on the Gulf of Mexico on Florida's west coast, boasts one of the best beaches in the state of Florida. Additionally, the area is full of rich history and heritage along with outstanding performing and visual art events for those that crave a little cultural stimulation. As a year-round top vacation destination due to its mild and temperate climate, Clearwater offers an endless supply of fun in the sun and endless activities and events for everyone.

Beaches

As a certified Blue Wave Beach, Clearwater Beach is overseen by the Clean Beaches Council who determines and ensures excellence in water quality, cleanliness, safety, habitat conservation and education. The beaches of Clearwater hold a regal seat among the luxurious Top 10 Beaches from Maine to Hawaii according to the readers of USA Today. Further, Conde Nast Traveler named Clearwater Beach as the best city beach on the Gulf of Mexico. With a trail of accolades, Clearwater Beach is as dignified as it is beautiful.

The Dalí Museum

The new Dalí Museum has already attracted the world's attention and is listed as "one of the top buildings you have to see before you die" in *AOL Travel News*. It is the permanent home and most comprehensive collection of Salvador Dalí's work. Visitors to the new museum will find a garden that marries science and geometric illustrations. Salvador Dalí was fascinated by the way mathematics reveal hidden order in the world.

Clearwater Marine Aquarium

Meet Winter the Dolphin, star of the Warner Brothers feature film "A Dolphin's Tale." Winter was a rescue dolphin that lost her tail and now lives at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium. This rehabilitation facility is an internationally respected center for animal care that is dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and release of injured marine animals. The aquarium features daily tours and programs with dolphins, stingrays and sea turtles.

Pier 60

Guests can take a stroll down the beach from Sandpearl to Pier 60 and enjoy the nightly sunset celebration that takes place on Clearwater Beach. This free family event features artisans, crafts, street performers and live musical entertainment every night of the week (weather permitting).

Busch Gardens

Travel across the Causeway Bridge and experience up-close encounters with amazing animals at Busch Gardens. Take an unforgettable safari across the Serengeti Plains, get an adrenaline fix on the roller coasters, or relax and enjoy a live stage show with colorful entertainment that goes on year-round.

Botanical Gardens

Wander through 12 different gardens of herbs, tropical fruits, native plants, butterflies and palms. The Botanical Gardens are home to more than 150 species of birds, mammals and reptiles. Explore the gardens and gain appreciation and understanding of the natural and local botanical habitat.

Shopping

Experience an array of local boutique shops while strolling down Mandalay Avenue, or take a short drive to Tampa and visit the International Plaza, one of the Gulf Coasts most distinct shopping plaza which features over 200 specialty stores and 16 restaurants.

Boating

As a waterfront resort, Sandpearl offers an array of boating activities. From kayaks to sailboats, it is easy to travel out to sea on a relaxing vessel of choice. Whatever the vessel may be, meander through brackish water to the Gulf of Mexico and discover different species of mangroves and sea life. Captain Memo's pirate ship is also up for boarding, with live entertainment, music, beverages and salty-dog lore.

Golfing

Clearwater Beach is a haven for those who love to golf. With over 50 renowned golf courses located among tropical flowers and lush greens that hug the Gulf Coastline, any level of golfer can find refuge here. Clearwater Beach offers golfers white-glove service, exceptional dining and lavish amenities, from the Innisbrook Golf Club's Copperhead Course to the Belleview Biltmore Club.

Spectator Sports

The avid sports fan will find their fill of activity with football, baseball and hockey accessibility in the nearby area. Football fans can cheer on the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, hockey enthusiasts can enjoy a Tampa Bay Lightning game, and baseball lovers will find the Tampa Bay Devil Rays playing, and even the Phillies, Blue Jays and Yankees during Spring training. Additionally, for the speed demons, there is a yearly Super Boat National Championship, which showcases the world's fastest and largest offshore power-boats.

Cultural Events

Ruth Eckerd Hall hosts a variety of spectacular cultural events. The Hall features a full spectrum of calendar events, from national stage plays and rock music concerts to operas and touring comedians.