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## **The Happiest Place in the Happiest Place**

*Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort, Golf Club & Spa the Perfect Spot for Happiness and Health in Top Rated Community*

**MARCO ISLAND, Fla. (February 26, 2016)** – Travelers vacation in order to increase their happiness and decrease stress. In that case, what could be better than vacationing in one of the happiest and healthiest places in the country?

On Tuesday, The Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index released its results for the happiest and healthiest cities in the U.S., with Naples-Immokalee-Marco Island, Florida taking the top spot. Entitled "[State of American Well-Being: 2015 Community Well-Being Rankings and Access to Care](#)," the report reviews the comparative well-being of 190 communities across the nation. This distinction is no doubt thanks to the beautiful beaches, calm gulf waters and natural setting which has earned this area the name of *Florida's Paradise Coast* among locals and visitors alike. The best place to enjoy this idyllic locale and experience some happiness and well being of your own? The Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort, Golf Club and Spa, the No. 1 rated property in Marco Island on TripAdvisor.

The property is located at the mouth of the Ten Thousand Islands, gateway to one of the Natural Wonders of the World — The Florida Everglades. Surrounded by a lush natural setting and perched on the shores of the Gulf of Mexico, the property is home to casually luxurious guest rooms, mouthwatering restaurants, an award-winning spa and much more — all nestled on the largest private beach in the Southwest Florida region.

When it comes to well-being, the Spa at Marco Island Marriott is second to none. It offers the utmost in a relaxing and intimate spa experience, with treatments specifically designed by world-renowned experts inspired by the tropical environs. The Balinese-style spa, with its elegant yet laid back setting, features a mineral tub overlooking the Gulf of Mexico, state-of-the-art fitness facilities, salon services and a Spa Shop. For those who prefer their moments of Zen to be on the fairway, the resort boasts 36 holes of championship golf at two "Resort-Private" courses including The Rookery and Hammock Bay.

If the way to your happiness is through your stomach, the resort does not disappoint. New signature restaurant ARIO delivers to guests a world-class culinary experience, from an extensive, international wine list and handcrafted cocktails, to in-house dry-aged steaks and seafood caught in the resort's own backyard — the Gulf of Mexico. The menu features salts and spices from around the world that allow for globally inspired flavors. Maia, a casual, coastal style eatery, showcases the chef's ingredient-driven menu featuring an abundance of locally and regionally sourced produce, focusing on bringing the best and freshest of the local environment tableside. Other on-property restaurants include the world renowned Quinn's on the Beach, Italian-style Pazzi's, lobby lounge and sushi bar Korals and Café San Marco.

In January 2017, the property will become the JW Marriott brand's first beachfront resort in the continental United States and boast a total 100,000 square feet of innovative event space, 810 finely appointed guestrooms and suites across the resort and new adults-only tower featuring a rooftop, ocean-front, infinity edge pool. Currently in Phase Two of this project, the resort recently completed select renovations including newly designed guestrooms and suites, expanded pool decks, refurbished lobby and a new porte cochere and grand front entrance to the resort.

**About Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort, Golf Club & Spa**

Like no other resort in Southwest Florida, Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort, Golf Club & Spa is the perfect island within an island escape. The 726-room Balinese-styled resort evokes complete tranquility and harmony. The resort features 4 pools, a luxurious Balinese inspired spa, magnificent outdoor dining and meeting spaces, - two Championship golf courses - the Rookery at Marco and Hammock Bay Golf & Country Club, and finely appointed rooms and suites. Located 20 minutes south of Naples and just a 50-minute drive from Southwest Florida International Airport; Marco Island Marriott Resort & Spa is the ultimate sanctuary for relaxation and rejuvenation. For additional information and reservations please visit [www.marcoislandmarriott.com](http://www.marcoislandmarriott.com) or call 1.800. GET. HERE (1.800.437.4373). To stay up to date on the latest news and happenings follow us on Twitter at @MarcoMarriott and Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MarcoIslandMarriottResort](http://www.facebook.com/MarcoIslandMarriottResort).

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