Hello, \_\_\_:

After months of being confined at home, caring for children (as parent, teacher and chef), and balancing the stress of a global pandemic, parents are ready for a much-needed escape. In fact, recent surveys show that it is this segment of Americans that will be most likely to return to traveling in the upcoming months. Though air travel remains a concern for many, the good news is that pent up parents across the state who are in need of some quiet time can find paradise just a short drive away in the **Bradenton Area (Bradenton, Anna Maria Island, Longboat Key) on Florida’s West Coast.**

With pristine, secluded beaches, intimate dining options and activities that will allow parents to unwind and enjoy some quiet time alone, this stress-free beach destination is the perfect place for parents to finally exhale and put quarantine behind them.

I have included a few parent-perfect highlights below my signature.Please let me know if you’re interested in a story focused on safe destinations for parental escapes. I work with the Bradenton Area Convention and Visitors Bureau and would be happy to work with you and / or arrange a visit when you are ready

Thank you for your time.

Megan

Known for its laid-back, friendly atmosphere, idyllic views and places to be pampered, the Bradenton Area is the perfect place to unplug, unwind and relax, especially after months at home. R & R is simply a part of its DNA…

Area beaches are found on the idyllic barrier islands of Anna Maria Island and Longboat Key, where cozy beachfront cottages, intimate resorts and inns and smaller, low-rise condos dot the landscape.

With no high rises in sight and a speed limit that does not exceeds 35mph, it is a place where Florida, as it once was, can still be found.

Highlights for couples include:

**Unbeatable Beaches:** Having successfully resisted the intense development present in the rest of the state, “Old Florida” still thrives on our [16 miles of sugar white beaches](https://www.bradentongulfislands.com/terms/beaches), with options for those looking to snorkel, shell or enjoy some seclusion. And, Coquina Beach on Anna Maria Island was recently named one of the world’s top island beaches for perfect sand by *Conde Nast Traveler* readers.

**Relaxing Experiences:** Those looking for a day of pampering often visit [Sea-renity Beach Spa and Eco Boutique](https://www.bradentongulfislands.com/places/583/searenity) on Anna Maria Island. Though it offers professional skin care, massage therapy and everything in between, for those in search of a truly one-of-a-kind experience, the spa is most renowned for offering the island’s only massage on the beach, in a private tiki hut. With 30, 60 and 90-minute beach massages for individuals and couples, the service is arguably the most sought-after escape on the entire island.

**Unbeatable Dining:** Parents can finally enjoy a night off from cooking. The destination has superb ‘hook and cook’ restaurants that will prepare your catch however you like it. In addition, the intimate [Beach Bistro](https://www.bradentongulfislands.com/places/63/beach-bistro), located on the beach on Anna Maria Island, is consistently awarded the highest ZAGAT scores in the state and offers some of the best sunset views on the coast. While those seeking the quintessential Florida dining experience should look no further than the [Sandbar Restaurant](https://www.bradentongulfislands.com/places/385/sandbar-restaurant), located right on the beach where diners can eat with their toes in the sand.

**Quiet Shops:** Those who get nostalgic for the time when chain restaurants, stores and hotels were not on every street corner should look no further than [Pine Avenue](https://www.bradentongulfislands.com/places/489/pine-avenue) on Anna Maria Island where local shops, general stores, boutiques, cafes (and the Community Edible Gardens) line the “Greenest Little Main Street in America.”

**Water Activities:** In the Bradenton Area, couples can take advantage of the destination’s top assets – the beach and water – by renting a kayak, jet-ski or powerboat, chartering a fishing boat, flyboarding (boarding up to 20 feet in the air using a jet-ski for power), parasailing, windsurfing, or just exploring the clear-blue water where they are likely to spot wildlife, including manatees, dolphins, sea turtles and fish.

**Craft Breweries:** The Bradenton Area is home to Motorworks Brewery, which was recently named “Best Large Brewery in Florida”. It houses a full-production Brewery and Taproom and features Florida’s largest beer garden. It is one of a few breweries in the state of Florida to have its own grain silo and offers [30 craft beers on tap](http://motorworksbrewing.com/draft-menu), including a few more award winners.

Located just down the road, is Darwin Brewing Company, known for its distinctive artisan brews featuring flavors of South America’s Andean Region. Darwin features a newly constructed 15-barrel production facility, tasting room and beer garden. It offers seasonal and year-round [brews](http://www.darwinbrewingco.com/#brews) and the best pub grub favorites, courtesy of top food trucks!

[The Naughty Monk](http://www.naughtymonkbrewery.com/), with Belgian-inspired brews, and [Three Keys Brewing](http://www.3keysbrewing.com/), specializing in West Coast ales and traditional German recipes with local ingredients (strawberries, oranges, grapefruit), have also recently joined the scene in Bradenton, making the area the perfect destination for couples hoping to create their own craft beer tour.

**Lush Nature Trails:** [Robinson](https://www.bradentongulfislands.com/places/367/robinson-preserve) and [Emerson Point](https://www.bradentongulfislands.com/places/168/emerson-point-preserve) Preserves are popular destinations for wildlife photography and bird watching. At each, visitors will find hundreds of acres of coastal saltern, marsh and mangrove habitat attracting rare wildlife in their natural environment, plus lots of quiet trails to explore.

And this is just scratching the surface. There’s also paddleboard yoga, wineries, countless spas and more! Thanks for scrolling. Take care.