

NATIVE VACATIONS – MANATEE SAFARI

Dear Valued Guest, and Future Friend;

Welcome to Manatee House where I sincerely hope and truly expect that you will enjoy your Native Style Vacation. The premise of my service is to create a comfortable atmosphere where you forget that you are visiting from elsewhere and enjoy the beautiful Nature Coast as if you lived here. Enjoying the waterfront home with one of the most beautiful views anywhere instead of a motel is just the beginning.

If you have chosen one of my boat excursions, (unless I have mechanical problems and have to have a temporary replacement vessel) you will be on a boat without advertising and will indeed feel As a Native. If there is anything that you want to do, I will help you find the right contacts, so you can “live the life” so just ask.

The most important RULE of your stay is to embrace my little slice of Heaven, and simply relax, enjoy, forget that you are a tourist, and come back next time as a friend.

If you have any questions about the house, or any aspect of your stay, do not hesitate to call me. If I do not answer, it will be due to the fact that I am on the water with other guests, but I will call you back, even if the voice mail is full.

Please take a moment and read the following information that will familiarize you with the house and provide for a few rules so the next visitor will experience the same enjoyment as I know you will.

Thank You, and Enjoy.

Respectfully Yours,

Captain Traci

I KNOW!!! YOU DON'T LIKE TO READ RULES EITHER:

SO, I CHANELED MY INNER COMEDIC PERSONALITY:

YOU MAY JUST GET A CHUCKLE OR TWO:

ENJOY!!! AND BE SURE TO SHARE YOUR COMEDIC INSIGHT WITH SUGGESTED IDEAS:

I strive to offer a clean, safe, affordable, and accommodating home for you and all future guests to enjoy. The following list includes a few common sense and courteous rules as well as information that will quickly familiarize you with the house for safety and convenience sake. If you have any suggestions that would make your stay more enjoyable, please let me know. Within budgetary parameters, all suggestions are considered and appreciated.

I have asked you for a cleaning/breakage/smoking deposit which will be returned as long as no damage has occurred, and the house does not require cleaning above normal use, or due to misuse. Smoking is acceptable on the lanai or around the pool only (Ash trays can be found on the tables in the lanai.) I have many friends return many times because I treat everyone as I would want to be treated and such respect and understanding is returned by virtually everyone. I thank you in advance for your help in keeping the house nice for all who follow. However, if you are part of a rock & roll band, please destroy the house completely as calling the insurance company would probably be easier than cleaning up after you.

Watch your step when entering the large bedroom from the laundry room. There is a step down or a step up depending on your point of view.

Please park your vehicles only on the driveway. The sprinkler system can be easily damaged. An EMPTY boat trailer is OK to park on the grass if necessary, but please watch out for the sprinkler heads, especially the ones located very close to the driveway edge.

The thermostat is on the wall in the hall outside the laundry room. Now, if you want to experience the Florida of yesteryear, feel free to just turn it off. I think a window or two might actually open, but don't quote me on that.

The house has a septic system, so it is very important to understand that only toilet paper or that which has previously been eatened or drankened can be handled by such systems.

If you happen to be here during our cold time, (maybe 10 days per year) the pool heater may not be able to keep up with the snow and ice and general blizzard conditions that you may have thought you left behind, so I apologize if your dip is a little cool. I suggest the long underwear swimsuit collection which can be found at the Anchorage Victoria Secret outlet store. This suggestion is probably only helpful on your next visit, after a short side trip up north. Sorry.

Also, regarding the pool, please no disposable diapers or other clothing articles such as cutoffs that could become disengaged and plug the filter. And you all know the old saying, I don't swim in your toilet, so please don't pee in our pool. We have the gulf, or the bays, or the rivers for such silliness.

The kitchen trash containers by the sink will have additional bags at the bottom for your convenience. Dish soap and even more trash bags can be found under the sink, and/or with other cleaning supplies, including dishwasher soap which are to always be kept in the hall, or dining room closets on the high shelves away from children.

Keys are hanging on the wall by the front door. Please help me in their ongoing training as they tend to want to stowaway in purses or pockets. Be stern if necessary, but please make them stay on their hooks when you leave.

Trash cans are on the side of house behind the grey fence. Please bag and tie everything before putting in trash and keep lids closed. There are ample bags, and if everything is bagged, animals and bugs won't be attracted, which, in turn makes for less reason for screams due to being surprised by any of the multiple cute bugs, squirrels, raccoons, possums or ??? that inhabit the South. We recycle, so if you would like to help, there are two trash cans marked for bottles and cans. Also, please bag recyclables too as bees and possums really like left over soda, or beer.

Towels are in hall closet by bedroom and under the sink in the "purple bath".

Please turn off outdoor lights during the day. The neighbors will think you're a little crazy if you leave them on. However, if that is your intent, then definitely leave them on. You ARE on vacation.

The locked closet in the big bedroom contains the furnace and maid supplies only. There is nothing that the CIA, FBI, you-tube or the sy-fy channel would be interested in.

Enjoy the board games in the bedroom closet, and try really hard to keep them intact for next time. I know that they are in better shape than the ones in my home, and for that I thank you, again.

I try to keep charcoal for the cookers in the closet in the lanai. Please forgive me if the supply is short, as the cookout seems to be a big hit. So enjoy, but again, especially if left outside, an unclean cooker will attract bugs and animals especially the everglades yeti. Be careful.

OK, now pay close attention, especially if you are as old and stubborn as my dad. The T.V. requires the power button on the cable remote and the on button on the T.V. remote to be pressed. Then, the T.V. remote will control the volume and the cable remote will control the channels. Channel 99 is the T.V. guide. The VCR and DVD works on input #5. Now, if that is confusing (my dad won't even try) just find a ten year old and ask politely, or bribe, if necessary.

Do not, I repeat DO NOT live out of your suitcases. I have personally built a couple of large closets and one small one. Unfortunately, they did not fit in the appropriate bedrooms, but, they, and dressers are there just for you. However, make sure you check them before you leave. The resale charities really love my donations, but the constant trips do get tiring after a while.

Also, checking under the beds where kids; and outlets where phone chargers like to hide is also an important part of the getting ready to go home procedure. I fully understand that through the tears and the screams of "Don't make me go home, I wanna stay longer" the process of packing can be stressful. However, if you have raised the kids well, I'm sure that they will help you stop sobbing before too long. Remember, you are welcome to come back anytime and participate, once again in the "Do something real today" Motto of Native Vacations.

Capt. Traci

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