

## Guest Supplied Testimonials

### **WONDERFUL HOST, IMMACULATE PROPERTY! March 2016**

My boyfriend and I stayed at Michael Bartone's duplex/apartment for a week and were treated like royalty. Michael was there to greet us and give us the "tour" of the place. He couldn't have been nicer, was so helpful if we needed anything during our stay. Our unit was beautifully decorated, immaculate and very comfortable. We felt right at home. The private and quaint backyard had a heated pool and hot tub for us to use anytime, and the fully equipped kitchen had everything we needed if we wanted to stay home and cook. The property itself is steps away from the beach (and the bay) and is located in a beautiful neighborhood. We have already booked with Michael (while we were still there) for our stay next year.

**Recommended for:** Sightseeing, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway

**Marybeth, New York**

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### **Outstanding March 2016**

I have stayed on Anna Maria island for 10 years at various places and this was by far my most enjoyable trip and location. The place exceeded my highest expectations!! Boss, Chicago

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Tourists without a Car, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway

### **Accommodations that exceeded my expectations two years in a row-Jan 2016**

This is the second year that I have stayed in this condo on Anna Maria Island. In addition to an excellent location this condo has it all. The unit is very well appointed and extremely comfortable. I have been coming to Anna Maria for over 16 years and the last two years stay has been my favorite. The owners of the rental lives nearby and he was very responsive to any of our questions or needs. SSB

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Tourists without a Car, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers

### **Very nice place-Nov 2015**

This condo is exactly like the picture. Very clean and well-equipped. It's our first time staying here and we are very happy with the accommodations. We will definitely consider staying here again. Ownere is very responsive. Wonderful place to stay! Melissa

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children

## **A touch of paradise Oct 2015**

Excellent accommodation, everything being clean, comfortable and of a very high standard. The location is perfect being only a short walk from the beautiful beach. We have now been going to Runaway Bay for approx. 15 years and intend to continue to do so  
Paradise, Nashville

## **May 2015**

Very comfortable and safe in the condo. The condo was very clean, the furniture was very comfortable. It is an excellent location on the island; close enough to walk to shopping and beach and the free trolley is right out the front door which will take you anywhere on the island. The beaches and sunsets are postcard perfect. The pool is heated and large but I can't give up walking the beach to swim in it. I've heard others say it's great. I definitely plan to return to Runaway Bay and would highly recommend this condo.

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Tourists without a Car, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers

## **May 2015**

We stayed in Michael's one bedroom condo and the accommodations were excellent. The condo is furnished very nicely with everything you need. We arrived to a super clean condo and all we needed to do was unpack and head to the large salt water pool. Our favorite part of the condo was the screened in patio. Large king size bed was very comfortable. Very enjoyable stay.

Pam, New York

## **Feb 22,2015**

Mike Bartone has provided a fantastic place to relax and unwind on Anna Maria Island. Runaway Bay is convenient -- the island-wide trolley stops right out in front! A lovely screened porch is part of the charm that overlooks a pond with a fountain. It was nice to be near the pool and we really enjoyed the tennis courts. We fished from the pier and shared it with a heron, crane and egret, all apparently waiting for treats from us. The unit is neatly maintained, stylish and very comfortable and completely furnished with anything you might need during your stay, including an assortment of cooking spices in the pantry and cozy robes in the master bedroom walk-in closet. It was helpful to have a quiet, full-sized washer and dryer along with an iron and board. We dined in a few times and even threw some steaks on the grill which is right out the front door. The kitchen is fully stocked with all the dishes, pots and pans, and any and all utensils you might need. If you don't want to cook while vacationing, know that Anna Maria Island is jam-packed with amazing restaurants. We would highly recommend this condo to anyone considering a visit to the island! It was a pleasure to deal with Mike; we appreciate

his top-notch customer service.

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Tourists without a Car, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers

Jack and Family, Michigan

January 25,2015

The condo was tastefully decorated & we felt right at home. We loved Anna Maria Island & we will be returning every year & staying longer! Our unit was very clean, plenty of towels & everything we needed in the kitchen to cook with when necessary. The new updated bathrooms were beautiful!

**Recommended for:** Girls Getaway, Tourists without a Car, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway

**James**

November 22,2014

This was my first stay on Anna Maria island and I loved it! The condo was excellent, very clean and comfortable. The bed was also very comfortable, which I am usually pretty picky. The property was nice and quite and is in an excellent location. I walked to several different restaurants throughout the week and the beach is right there! As an avid SCUBA diver, I was very pleased to find two dive shops, one with a charter boat, very close. I found the Island very easy to get around. The owner, Mike, had excellent communication throughout my stay and was responsive to any requests that I had. I really enjoyed my stay, both on the island and in the condo. I will be returning, I felt rested and relaxed! It was hard to come back to the cold north east! I highly recommended!

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, People with Disabilities, Sightseeing, Tourists without a Car, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers

Beachlover

October 13, 2014

**Oct 26, 201-**

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October 18,2014

Situated in Runaway Bay, a beautiful, excellently maintained complex only seconds away from the Gulf of Mexico and its beautiful beaches, condominium 234 is tastefully decorated and very well appointed. The view from its balcony, which is a good size, is one of the best on the complex. We have rented 234 many times and intend doing so many more times in the future.

**Recommended for:** Sightseeing, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway

October 12,2014

We have been coming to Anna Maria Island since 1999, and this is without doubt the best accommodation we have ever had, and that includes some accommodation that was twice as much money! The condo is really clean and fantastically well equipped, - we didn't find a single thing missing, it is also very tastefully furnished and decorated. Runaway Bay complex also has the biggest swimming pool on the Island, and is right on the bay, just a few steps from the beautiful beaches. The free Anna Maria Island Tram stops right outside the complex, would highly recommend, we are already booked for next year

**Recommended for:** Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Tourists without a Car, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers

Andy and Karen, London UK

October 5,2014

Our holiday was fantastic - the apartment was very clean (most important for me!), very well equipped and very comfortable - almost a home from home. Its location too was a big plus - convenient for the glorious beaches, shops, bars and places to eat if you don't want to cook. It was easy to find and we'll definitely use this accommodation again. The owner certainly seems to know what holiday makers want. Loved it.

**Recommended for:** Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers

Sue

June 15,2014

We had an incredible time at your apartment. It was beautiful and exceeded our expectations!. We literally felt like were welcome into our own piece of paradise. It was as if you shared a new home on a beautiful tropical island with us, and gave us the keys for a week. We look forward to a return visit. Thank you for a wonderful vacation home and the memories that will last a lifetime. Melanie,Cindy &

Denis-Georgia&Chicago, Il.

May 24,2014

What a pleasure to stay in this fabulous condo! We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and enjoyed meeting and working with you. There has been everything here we could ask for and more and we definitely will be back. Thank you so much. Michelle and Wanda-Kokomo In

May 09,2014

What a great place. Michael was a wonderful host. Dan&Alia Chicago, Il

May 08,2014

Dear Michael,

We are leaving tomorrow around 9 AM after a wonderful two weeks. Love the island and can very well understand why you moved here. We want to thank you for making our stay such a memorable one. In a way they are all little things but they add up. The beds, super comfortable, the wifi and telephone, a great help to those with families far away, the air conditioning...indispensable but also quiet, effective and reliable, large soap in the bathrooms, big towels, excellent TV. We really thought the decor and the spaciousness of the condo was perfect for us. The office staff were very helpful and via you, very quick to respond to the one issue we had (the broken fan cord). All the best and we hope to come back sooner rather than later, Teresa & John

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May 02,2014

Dear Michael words cannot express the gratitude that we feel towards you for allowing us to vacation here in your lovely beach home, yet again. We have had the pleasure of staying in three of your properties and although they are all beautiful, clean and relaxing we have enjoyed our time here the

best. We would like to thank you for your hospitality, kindness and generosity,. Thank you also for making our memories happy times all the more special. We truly appreciate all that you have done for us over the years and look forward to visiting with you again. So until then,take good care of yourself and God Bless. Zach,Julie,Zach-Mass.

April 15,2014

We have had the most fantastic stay here the best ever. We had a great evening the other night and thank you for inviting us. Having stayed in several of your properties we like this one the best. They are all great, clean and fantastically equipped but this one is super special. We will miss Anna Maria and don't know when we can come back but we do hope the apartment will be available.  
Andy&Karen-Surrey,England

March 1,2014(Apartment)

Thank you Michael. We enjoyed our stay at your vacation home and had we not bought our own home here in Florida we would have liked to book with you again in the future. We found you very personable, accessible and accommodating. Wishing you we'll in all your endeavors  
Olga,Canada.

February 26,2014

Hi Michael:

Thank you for the chance to enjoy Anna Maria Bradenton & Sarasota.The condo was everything we could have wished for-clean,bright,spacious.Completely stocked all appliances.Every thing in good working condition.We loved every minute of our stay.  
Regards, Murray

January 25, 2014

We just wanted to let you know that we really enjoyed staying at Runaway Bay #207 these past two weeks. The condo was clean, comfortable and well equipped. We especially appreciated some of the little extras like the plastic dishes for the kids, sand toys and chairs.  
Thanks again. We really enjoyed our stay on AMI.  
Pat and Ken

November 2013

Michael, thank you for letting us stay at your Condo over Thanksgiving week. We really enjoyed the amenities at the complex. We would recommend this to our friends and we may come back next year.

Thank you again,

John

October 2013

Hi Michael,

Wanted to let you know that we REALLY enjoyed our week in your condo (#234), October 19th-26th. Everything was perfect, your condo is everything you said it was, lovely, and we had a great vacation! Runaway is such a nice place, so conveniently located to everything we love to do, and your condo had everything anyone could possibly want or need on a vacation. Really loved that you had beach chairs and beach umbrella for our use, beach towels, and everything else under the sun. :) That was our first time vacationing on the Gulf and we can hardly wait to go back. Liked it so much that we spent a little bit of time looking at places for sale. Did not find anything, not enough time to spend looking around, but are definitely considering Anna Maria or the Bradenton area for a future investment/retirement place.

The beach across the street was great, we spent quite a bit of time over there and also explored Bean Point and down to Sarasota to Siesta Key where on Sunday nights is "drum circle" night and that was quite a treat! Bean Point is beautiful and, surprisingly, not that many people seem to know of it. Had great burgers at Skinny's. Enjoyed a nice dinner at "Eat Here." I thought it was really great how accessible all of the beaches are. On Wednesday nights (probably through this month?) the Ritz Carlton in Sarasota, one of the most beautiful hotels I have ever been in, has an outdoor cocktail hour (actually a couple of hours long) where everything is \$7.00. There was a DJ (great music), food, drinks, etc, a really nice time. Also loved shopping at St. Armand's Circle!

I have a friend that is getting married October 2014. When I told how nice your condo is and how we loved Anna Maria Island, she asked if I could give her your email address. I hope you do not mind that I do that, her name is XXXX and I'm guessing you will be hearing from her fairly soon.

Thank you for sharing your place with us, we hope to do it again!

September 2013

Hi Michael,

We just wanted to say Thanks for the wonderful week in your condo. You had everything there we needed. Beautifully decorated. Great location with nice pool. We enjoyed seeing dolphins every day. Sunshine everyday

June 2013

First time on Anna Maria Island but definitely not our last. Your condo was perfect for us, very comfortable and well stocked. Thanks for making it available to us. Mary and Todd- Louisville Ky

June 15, 2013

Thank you so very much for the use of your beautiful condo during our stay. It was the perfect "home

away from home.” We wanted to also note, we loved the Paradise Bagels & Cafe. It is located about a mile down the road in the Walgreen's shopping center. Get the “Eggle”...you will not be disappointed. Also, the Beach House, about two blocks away has a wonderful view & delicious food. Skinny's Place on Anna Maria has a great burger. If you like Indian food, the restaurant right by Runaway Bay here has some spectacular, spicy Chicken Vindalo. Thank you again. Mike & Michelle Allen- GA.

April 27, 2013

It has been a wonderful vacation. I've enjoyed your condo as much as before. The weather has been great. I am looking forward to spending another three weeks in your condo next year God willing. Keep up the good work of keeping your condo updated. Thanks again for everything. You treat everyone so good. Skip Shula and Pat Gimp- New Jersey

April 2013

We enjoyed a wonderful stay here! The apartment is lovely and your view from the deck is very comforting and peaceful. Looking forward to our next visit...a week is just not long enough. Patrick and Cindy -Williamsville, NY

April 2013

Michael, thank you for all of your hospitality. We are so lucky that you had a cancellation. Definitely one of the best condos we have ever stayed in. We will be back. Beautiful views, very comfy and easy to get to anything. Barb

April 2013

We had a glorious two weeks on Anna Maria. Your place is lovely bright, cheery, and very comfortable. We enjoyed the beach, rented a boat for a couple of days, ate too much key lime pie and Oma's Italian food!. Richard and Lee-Southwest Harbor Maine

April 2013

Loved the condo-felt like home from the moment we walked in. So peaceful and had everything we needed. Going to miss having breakfast on the balcony. Cathy and Paul-Toronto, Canada

April 2013

Michael, My wife and I just wanted to thank you for the stay at Unit 232 this past week! The place was clean, very comfortable; fit all of our requests and then some! Thank you so much for providing a great place and a great stay! Thank you so much Michael! We'll be sure to tell people about your condo units if they're heading to AMI. Thank you for providing a home for our great vacation! Josh and Kelly

March 2013

We thoroughly enjoyed our month in your beautifully decorated and equipped condo. We believe the view we enjoy from your deck is the best in the complex. In 2012, we enjoyed our stay in another of



your units and are booked here at 234 for the month of March 2014. It was a pleasure to meet you in person while you were here supervising the wifi hook up with Bighthouse. Warm Regards, Bruce and Carol

March 16, 2013

We had a wonderful vacation. Your condo is lovely, tastefully furnished, and well-equipped. We look forward to returning to this wonderful vacation spot. Gerry & Rita- MA.

February 23, 2013

We really enjoyed our stay here and loved going to the beaches and playgrounds around. It was a pity the heater from the pool didn't work so we couldn't go in the pool as often as we would have if the water had been warmer. But the surroundings and the island is so nice that it wasn't too sad for the kids. Thank you for this wonderful week on Anna Maria Island, Michael. Best Wishes. Til, Klara, Bo, & Lone.

January 13, 2013

We are back for a second year in this lovely condo. I just love riding the trolley to Publix and getting seafood to cook in this well equipped kitchen. This condo is so clean. I am enjoying the beautiful and clean beach. Anna Maria Island is the perfect winter get away. I hope to live long enough to bring my grandchildren here. Linda and Rick -Minneapolis, Minn.

December 2012

Thank you Michael we enjoyed our time here so much. The condo was everything that we hoped for and more. Yes thought of everything to accommodate your guests. We loved the complex and the island!. Spent time at Ginny and Jane E's, Hurricane Hanks and the Bilad The Island. We will be bac again and will recommend this unit to our friends in Canada. Thank you again. Marianne and Joe-Ontario, Canada

December 2012

Michael thank you so much for renting your condo to us. It was lovely and had a spectacular view from the porch. We have decided Anna Maria Island is the perfect place to celebrate New Year's and we will definitely be back again and we will definitely recommend your condo. Thanks for coming thru in a pinch. Gary and Sandy

November 2012

Where do I begin in expressing my gratitude for such a marvelous vacation!?! I must admit that when I read the testimonials, I did question their genuineness. However, I am completely convinced that these are authentic testimonials. We were just blown away by the accommodations and environment! Your condo was truly a home away from home with tasteful and comfortable furnishings. I practice in health care and found your condo to meet my high standards of cleanliness. The sound of the fountain was very soothing and potentiated the much needed relaxation. I loved the updated colors and decor.

The bikes were in good repair and afforded us the means to explore the island and nearby communities. The wifi was helpful to have as my husband was able to keep up with important business via email and allowed us to search out nearby sites. The pool, ah the pool, it was perfect; clean and warm (but not too warm). It was great for the joints and spine. It was nicely maintained. My husband and I were so impressed by the community that we began looking for jobs and homes in the area! Maybe in 2-5 years we will be ready to take the plunge and relocate to AMI. To rate the vacation, it was a 10 out of 10 and your accommodations played such a vital part. The memories are not that distant of enjoying the sunsets at the beach or sipping coffee on the balcony with the water fountain sounds flooding the condo. There is so much beach to discover, there's always something to explore. Thank you for sharing your condo with us; we have since passed your name onto others. I hope we can visit again soon. May God bless you and your family! Happy Thanksgiving!!

November 9, 2012

Our fifth visit to beautiful Anna Maria Island. Each time here, we discover more interesting and beautiful experiences in this lovely spot. Arrived during hurricane Sandy's "windy" moments but loved it anyways. The condo is beautiful and so convenient to the beach and good restaurants. Ron and Irma- Pennsylvania

November 2012

Thank you for the loan of your condo for the last two weeks. We have enjoyed it very much. This is the first time we have rented a condo on the island and would do it again. The weather was good. This is our 4th visit to Anna Maria and will be back soon. Barb and Ian-Kent, England

October 23, 2012

Thank you Michael for everything. When we mentioned that the CD player was not working you changed it for a new one the following day. The condo is beautiful and we have once more had a relaxing time in AMI. It was also nice to meet you. Thank you once again. Peter, Linda, Diane & Michael- London & Wales

October 22, 2012

Anna Maria Rocks! We had a ball. It was nice and relaxing after our week in Orlando. Joan, Gerry, Deemor and Breda- Dublin, Ireland

September 2012

A wonderful 2 weeks. We've fallen in love with Anna Maria and the condo. We hope to be back again and again. Nicky and David-Hampshire UK

August 2012

Michael, I just wanted to thank you again for the use of your beautiful condo last week! My daughter and I had a wonderful time on the island! Your condo was absolutely beautiful and had everything we

could have possibly needed! The furnishings were absolutely beautiful and the condo couldn't have been decorated any better! Kay had the place spotless when we arrived last Saturday afternoon. I fell in love with your condo and told my daughter I could live there very happily! HaHa! Thank you again for everything! We will definitely be back!Kathy

July 2012

Mike, Thank you for allowing us to rent your condo, we had a wonderful time visiting AMI. The condo was comfortable and I can not think of any instance of missing something that we needed. The housekeeper did a wonderful job of cleaning the place before we arrived. My wife works in the medical field and has a much higher standard of clean than most people. She was quite happy with the condition of the place. Hopefully we can make it back next year. David

June 15, 2012

Really enjoyed our stay- celebrated our 43<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on 6/13 and went to Mar Vista for dinner and then sunset on the beach across the way. We went to all of your "must do" restaurants. We were never disappointed, but must say Sign of the Mermaid is a MUST MUST. Great Food. Weather was terrific- Thanks again for the sun. Paul and Carolyn- New Jersey

June 2012

Michael we have had a wonderful break in 232 and feel the batteries recharges. The condo is as ever very well done on the décor. Thank you for being so thoughtful and kind. See you in October. The Bakers-Scotland.

June 2012

Thank you for the use of your beautiful condo. We really enjoyed the pool and beach. The island is a perfect vacation spot. Vicki Hall, Barbara Dawson, Andy, Eric, and Collin Carpenter- Pennsylvania

May 19, 2012

Another great vacation at RB. Nice refurb of condo Michael. See you next year, same time. Paul, Elaine, Emma- UK

May 2012

Enjoyed our week here very much. My brother and his family were in your other unit 176 so that made it even more special. I am very impressed with all of the furnishing! Robert and Alice- Greensboro NC

May 2012

Had a terrific time! Thanks for making our 1st Anniversary and 1st vacation in 3 years memorable. Harry and Patti-Ohio

May 2012

Michael, we have enjoyed our stay so much in your condo. Glad we got to pick your condo. We have stayed in unit 113 for two years and were so sad when the owners were returning and moved in to stay. You have everything we needed Michael, so well-equipped and you are such an accommodating landlord. The condo is so bright and cheery. We will be back next year. Hate leaving. This is our paradise. Hope we can stay longer next year. Thanks for everything. We have been coming to this area for the last 27 years. Robert and Shirley Walters, New Jersey

April 2012

Michael, my wife and I just wanted to thank you for the stay at Unit 232 this past week! The place was clean, very comfortable; fit all of our requests and then some! Thank you so much for providing a great place and a great stay! Thank you so much Michael! We'll be sure to tell people about your condo units if they're heading to AMI. Thank you for providing a home for our great vacation! Josh and Kelly

April 2012

Michael, what a wonderful time! Wonderful décor, and comfortable bed , location ,location, location. Everything available you could possibility need! Booked it again for next April. You truly thought of everything!!! Colleen and Curt- Palo Alto, California.

April 2012

Hello Michael, it's certainly been a few months since our stay at your facility back in April but I think it's better late than never no comment. Our stay at the Runaway Bay facility was great. Clean, quiet and comfortable with a beautiful beach just a few steps from the condo door. One thing for sure is that we learned a valuable lesson staying at your facility....when you say everything is there except your swim suit you really mean it. Everything from beach chairs, umbrellas to coolers...we had all we needed to kick back and relax. If we have the opportunity to do this again we will certainly pack less. Thanks so much! Hope to be talking to you again. Best regards, Gary and Jeannine, New Brunswick, Canada

April 21, 2012

We loved staying here in this condo. The moment we walked in last Saturday, it felt like home. We loved the style and comfort of this condo. We had everything we needed, and when we would come back to the house at night we could just relax and it was great. AMI is so beautiful. We cannot wait to visit here again. Thank you for making this house a home away from home. The Kelley Family.

April 6, 2012

Enjoying our last evening at AMI over a glass of wine in our screened in patio. We were so grateful we finally discovered AMI and your lovely condo Michael. We were able to try many of the wonderful restaurants, but also a couple of home-cooked meals.. thanks to the well-stocked kitchen. The condo was perfect for the two couples with the two bed, two bath function. Will be back and have

recommended your condo to friends and family. Dave and Jan, Dwight and Audrey, Minnesota.

March 2012

Dear Michael. Thank You! We had a wonderful week in your beautiful unit. The Rough-Cooks-Michigan.

March 2012

We certainly lucked out that your condo was available when we booked, We so enjoyed the location, comfort and tasteful décor and hope to return soon. Many Thanks. Bruce and Carol. Ontario, Canada.

March 2012

Can't believe we stumbled on a bit of Paradise!!! Love Anna Maria and the Beach Cottage is delightful. There was not a thing we needed during our stay that wasn't here and the weather .....14 days of 70-80 degrees with sun every day. We already booked for next year. Staying a month!!! Can't wait to come back! Dom and Pat, New York.

March 2012

Hi Michael,

I am back home in Duluth, MN now in 10 degree weather and wishing I were back on the beach. My suntan started to fade the minute my feet hit the jet way on the plane arriving back in Minnesota. I wanted to thank you for the wonderful accommodations in unit 176 at Runaway Bay. We all thoroughly enjoyed our stay. The weather was fabulous the whole week we were there. We got to enjoy the pool several days. Beautiful pool. Everyone we met there was so friendly and nice. The condo itself was great. Nicely decorated and had all the supplies we needed in the bathroom, kitchen and laundry facilities. Great place. Would certainly recommend it to my friends. It all worked out....we are moving a bit slow with the cold weather but it's beautiful here and the condo is absolutely perfect for us! This is the best place I have stayed in the area. We would love to come back...let me know the availability please. You said you were booked through August I believe. I don't mind being squeezed in through weekly stays or a week would be a possibility too.

February 4, 2012

We have had a wonderful month here. The condo is beautiful and our guests were very complimentary. This was our first visit to AMI and I am sure we will return. The Zeighers

February 2012

We had an absolute great 3 weeks and Runaway Bay and the whole island. Thanks you for renting this apartment to us and making sure we had everything we needed. The apartment was the nicest accommodations we have ever had on the island. Thanks. Carolyn and Ed

February 2012

Hi Michael, thanks. You are a man of integrity and I will refer my friends to you whenever possible.

Hope to see you next year. Susan

February 2012

Just wanted to let you know how much we liked the condo and our stay there. We loved ,loved, loved it! It was just perfect ,from the set up,to really being just a stones throw to the beach. Being the clean freak I am, it was great to stay somewhere, where it felt like home. We would definitely stay there again, but hopefully we could fly down next time. We live in Nashville, so it was quite a drive. You truly have a gem of a place, and look forward to the day we can come back. We are very envious of you, you get to live on that beautiful island, but we did get some nice pics to enjoy.

January 2012

Hi Mike,We are checking out tomorrow AM and just wanted to drop a line to you to let you know we really enjoyed our stay in your condo #234. The unit was clean well appointed and very cozy. We had some friends over and they really liked the place also. We would recommend your place without a doubt to anyone looking to spend some time in a very friendly complex. The people here are very friendly and the customer service was great. We will leave the keys at the front office. We are off to Tampa and then home. Thanks so much.

MY NAME IS SALLY AND I AM A FRIEND OF MICHAEL BARTONE WHO HAS CONDO RENTALS IN ANNA MARIA ISLAND FLORIDA. I WORK FOR BA IN TERMINAL 5 IN PASSENGER SERVICES.FOR MANY YEARS I HAVE STAYED AT MICHAELS CONDOS,AND HAVE RECOMMENDED THEM TO MANY PEOPLE,IN AND OUT OF THE AIRLINE COMMUNITY.IF YOU CHOSE TO STAY AT ANY ONE OF THESE IM SURE YOU WILL NOT BE DISAPOINTED.THEY ARE OF HIGH QUALITY STANDARD AND HAVE ALL THE NECESSARY BITS AND PIECES YOU WILL NEED.A REAL HOME FROM HOME.THERE IS A HEATED POOL,THE LARGEST ON THE ISLAND,AND JUST A FEW STEPS AWAY FROM THE FAB BEACH.IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE CONDOS OR THE AREA PLEASE JUST E-MAIL ME AT ANY TIME.HAPPY HOLIDAYS.....SALLY, England

Good Morning Michael. I meant to e-mail you before now, but we haven't quite adjusted to the time change yet!! Thanks for the use of the condo. It really was so nice to 'come home' to such a nice place at the end of each day. We really did have a wonderful stay. An interesting article - I hope it doesn't lead to a great influx of visitors, we like it as it is, although I suppose that is a selfish view. We went to the theatre to see the Island Players - we can recommend the experience to visitors. One disappointment was a visit to Rotten Ralph's. It really has gone down in our estimation. However, we did enjoy eating at the Sandbar at the top of the island. I thought their cajun shrimp was just the best ever. Weather here hasn't been too bad since we returned, although not quite Florida style. Hope we shall get to see you in November. Kind regards Margaret and Ross, Scotland

Michael, I want to thank you for everything. We really enjoyed our stay at your place. The place

was immaculate and my family were all impressed with the accommodations. I look forward to coming back every other year or so and would like to rent from you again.

Hi Michael, sorry we didn't see you before we left but wanted to thank you for helping to make our vacation so enjoyable. Your condominium is a credit to yourself, fitted out in good taste and spotlessly clean. We really enjoyed our stay and hope to return next year when we will first check with you for our accommodation, Many thanks. Pat and Bryan Baker

Hi, Michael ..Jeannie and I want to tell you how much we enjoyed staying in your unit this week..It was beautiful, decorated to the max, comfortable, and had almost everything we needed. I was so sorry to call you about the bikes, but thank you so much for taking care of the problem. We are almost sure we will return next year, and will let you know as soon as possible about availability. Again, thank you for everything and for all you did to make our stay absolutely perfect. This was our first time visiting the island, and we are hooked on how quaint, quiet, and laid back it is there..Bob Wheeler

Mike, We've just got back home and I wanted to send you a message saying how much we enjoyed our holiday in your condo. Although we have been to the USA many times before, this was the first time we had tried what we in the UK call self-catering. Previously we had always stayed in hotels. Consequently, we were a little bit unsure as to what to expect, especially as we were 'booking' thru an individual rather than a 'corporate'. However, I have to say that the holiday exceeded our expectations. We thought the condo was delightful. In fact, we didn't see anyplace better or even equal to it on the Island. Not that we were particularly looking, but we just observed what we saw as we drove and walked around. My wife particularly liked the complex (Runaway Bay): it was on a human scale and well landscaped. The pool was a real bonus as was the water feature - I don't know if you would call it a stream or a lake or a pond - which attracted the egrets, herons and ibises. We were really impressed by the comprehensiveness ( if that's the right word) of the furnishings and fittings and paraphernalia of the condo; and it's immaculate decor and presentation. All in all we had a wonderful holiday and I'd like to thank you for it. If you ever need a reference, don't hesitate to nominate me. Best wishes and thanks Bill White

Thanks we enjoyed the condo. The weather was nice especially towards the end of the week. Nice decorating and especially nice bed and comforter. We were so comfortable.

Hi Michael, As for renting next year, we would like to know previously what the price would be for the same dates and time. So much can happen in a year that we will not venture to officially reserve right away. We could only do that at the end of August. As so the satisfaction of living in your condo, nothing could be better. We are truly satisfied.

Hallo Michael! We would like to THANK YOU for the wonderful condo and time you made possible for us! It was a great time in Florida and we took a lot of memories with us. I hope everything is ok in your apartment and we may come back?! My parents are big USA- and Florida fans and are thinking about to stay in your condo next year in autumn, too. They had been on Anna Maria Island a few times before, 'cause they love the golf courses all around. In the appendix you find a little postcard from us....:) Many, many greetings from cold Germany....

Hi Michael, We just wanted to drop you a note to say we are now back in "Sunny England" I wish!!! And to say we had a fabulous week in your condo!!! We were both shocked at how beautiful the condo was and how spotlessly clean it was, not forgetting to mention the great taste of decor. We hope to return in the future and will be sure to be in contact to stay again, hopefully explore the island a bit more, Thanks again and best regards, Richard

Michael, We really enjoyed our stay at your condo unit 176. It was nicely decorated, the complex was great, and the beach access was easy. My family and I had a very nice time and the weather was wonderful! The rain moved in the morning that we were leaving. We arrived home safely to cold and snowy Michigan but we have a lot of good memories! Thanks and perhaps we will be in touch in the future. Anne

Hi Michael, Now we are almost one week in cold Germany again. It was such a wonderful time in Florida! We really enjoyed it - thank you for all!!! I am pretty sure we are coming back again.... :o) Marlen, Germany	

We just wanted to thank you for renting your condo to us for the week. We thoroughly enjoyed our stay. Your condo is very nicely decorated, convenient, quiet and clean. Very relaxing! Everything that we needed was there. We loved it! I know you mentioned that you travel a lot. Do you have condos in other areas? Thanks again for a wonderful stay!! Maurice and Sandy	

Thank you for making us feel so welcome on the island. It has been a true pleasure to stay in one of your beautiful condos, they are so tastefully furnished, you are a credit to Runaway Bay. Warm Regards, Sandra and John. Surrey, England



Ashley and I had a great time escaping the freezing weather in New York and spending time here in the beautiful condo. Everything was great and we enjoyed every minute of our stay here. Thank you for everything. Ashley and Justin- New York

Thank you so much we have had the best time away from the snow and cold of New York. The condo is really fabulous and we love the colorful tiles in the bathroom and the comfortable accommodations. It was like staying at our 5 Star Hotel back home. Thank you again for everything. Jerry Ann and Brian-New York

I loved your new place very well decorated. I enjoyed your rocking chairs on the lanai, read 2 books rocking away. Claire and Louis, Canada

Michael, We have had a fantastic time on Anna Maria. Your condo is absolutely fantastic and definitely home away from home. The kids have had a great run in the pool and of course the beautiful beach. It was so nice to arrive and have everything we needed. Your condo has a real wow factor. We have discovered some lovely places and met some great people on AMI. We really do not want to go home now but we will definitely be back. Claire, Russ, Poppy and Izie- Epsom, Surrey UK

It all worked out....we are moving a bit slow with the cold weather but it's beautiful here and the condo is absolutely perfect for us! This is the best place I have stayed in the area. We would love to come back...let me know the availability please. You said you were booked through August I believe. I don't mind being squeezed in through weekly stays or a week would be a possibility too.

Michael, We had a wonderful time again here at Anna Maria Island. The weather was gorgeous and we soaked up the sun. The condo was so comfortable and homey; we thoroughly enjoyed it. The pool was so refreshing and quite a work out. Thank you so much for the wonderful experience. We will be back. Manny- Miami, Florida

Michael, Sorry for being little late, but wanted to thank you for your hospitality. Your Condo was really nice in good shape and very good location we really liked being there all of us. Hope to be able to come there soon, if / when we will, we'll ask you if you have this or others available. Below is one of these email jokes, take a look and you realize we would not be bothered easily by cool weather. (+ 15 Celcius is ab. 60-65 Fahrenheit, 0 C is ab. 30 F ). Take care. Ari & Päivi and Boys from Finland

