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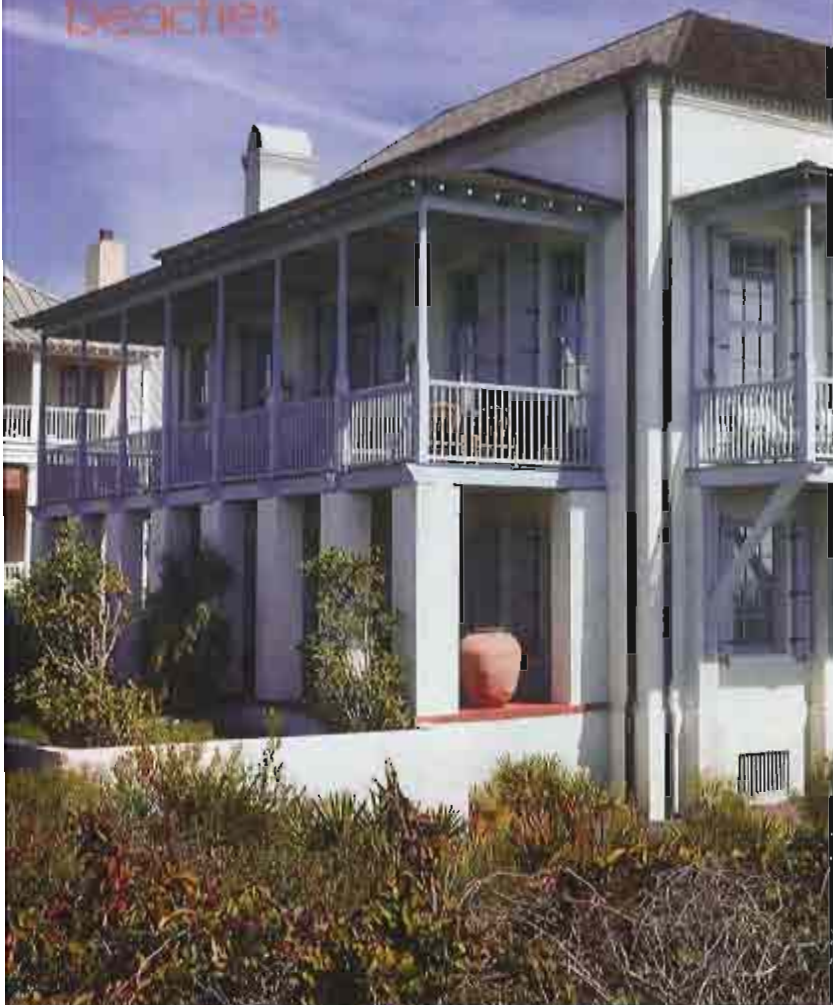
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## GARRETT COTTAGE 78 S. GREEN TURTLE LANE ROSEMARY BEACH, FLORIDA

### THE HOUSE

A perfectly situated cottage is always the key to a stay on 30A, and Garrett Cottage, right on the Gulf, definitely meets that criteria. A spacious, private courtyard with fountain and indigenous foliage leads into a home with four adult-sized bedrooms, each with private bath, all located on the first floor. The second floor living space offers an open dining area showcasing a grand table with seating for eight, a vast living area with a giant flatscreen TV and plush sofas and chairs, plus a small private study if you dared to bring work along. Open kitchen, wet bar and screened-in balcony with an outdoor kitchen, plus an additional 85-foot balcony on the other side of the house make it ideal for entertaining. Perfectly suited for travel with extended family or multiple couples.

"Rosemary is a gem among jewels along 30A—it's got a culture all its own, and you can take a long, leisurely time to explore each hidden nook. Running on the beach in the evening just reinforces the magic."



### EXPLORE

If you can tear yourself away from sun, waves and sand—we love indulging in hand-blended perfumes, plus skin care and cosmetics at **Patchouli's**, and shopping the little boutiques like **Willow** and **Tracery** or **Moonpize Shoe Boutique**. Stopping in at the retro candy store, **Sugar Shack**, is a must for kids. Rent a bicycle at **Bamboo Bicycle Company** and explore—even ride out to view the dunes. Food and beverage options range from the quick and fab **Wild Olives Market** to high-end **Restaurant Paradis** (sit in the bar, you'll love it). **La Crema Tapas and Chocolate** is the best place to indulge in little bites of luxury. If you must leave the resort, make an appointment to go YOLO boarding on the dune lakes.

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## GOING BACK TO THE GULF

With the real estate market a bit unsteady over the past three or four years and the added stress of last spring's oil spill, previous visitors to this stretch of coastline opted for different destinations. After multiple visits through fall and winter, we can report there's every reason to go back.

There's no sign of oil whatsoever as the clean up efforts have been enforced and effective. The white sand beaches are as beautiful as before, and things are looking up on the real estate side. All of this positive news and activity has allowed many projects to come to fruition, both in building and opening businesses. Some of the long-term residents and operators have improved or expanded their locations—making this destination even more attractive than ever.

**Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort** offers seven miles of sugar-white sand beach and bay-front property, four championship golf courses, 15 world-class tennis courts, 19 swimming pools, a 98-slip marina, marina dockage facilities, water sports, children's programs, a fitness center and spa, and it should definitely influence your plans. It's a private world of 30 charming village neighborhoods featuring rental condominiums, villas, town homes and a wide variety of luxury beach hotel accommodations, complete with shopping, restaurants and vibrant nightlife. Check out the Sandestin Wine Festival April 28-May 1. [sandestin.com](http://sandestin.com)

**The Hotel Viridian** in **Seagrove** is finally underway. While the hotel is not yet complete, finished and opened is the 6,700 square foot hotspot **V** restaurant, on the corner of Highways 30A and 395. The blue and green theme is influenced by the coastal landscape. A round whiskey bar will be hopping this summer and their serene patios with more than 120 seats (complete with water features) are a reservation to make for anyone visiting. An emphasis on locally sourced produce and seafood makes up the varied menu.

[hotelviridian.com](http://hotelviridian.com)

The hottest place (and often line) in Rosemary Beach is frequently at **Cowgirl Kitchen** (go for breakfast!). This spring, owner Nikki Nickerson is branching out and opening **The Cowgirl Kitchen Market in Seagrove Beach**. The restaurant's famous home cooking with Western flair will still be the draw, but they are adding a terrific take out menu and smorgasbord of fancy, fun specialty foods for purchase. [cowgirlkitchen.com](http://cowgirlkitchen.com)

## SoWal INSIDER

*Bridging the gap from "city to sand" for Nashvillians' favorite Florida beach destination*

This is the first installment in our series, giving Nashvillians the inside scoop on what you need to know from a local's perspective. SoWal.com is the premier webzine and authority on the hottest events, new restaurants, fashion trends and the overall latest buzz on the beach in South Walton County, Fla.

We'll deliver the scoop so you can prepare to vacation like a local—all before you take that Southwest Airlines direct flight or load up the SUV and hit 65 South for your beach time (in the meantime you can check SoWal.com for nine live BeachCams if you're stuck at work).

### GETTING AROUND

**Sunshine Shuttle** transports you in style to and from our new Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport with direct flights into and out of Nashville on Southwest Airlines. *SunshineShuttle.com*.

**30A Coastal Cruisers** goes green in the sun with complimentary rides around town in Seaside and Watercolor while you kick up your heels and enjoy the gulf breeze without having to do the heavy pedaling.

**WalCo EcoTours** is all about the distinctive flora and fauna found in SoWal with kayak and YOLO tours on one of our rare coastal dune lakes led by master naturalist and guide Murray Balkcom, complete with a must-see glimpse of one of our most secret spots in SoWal.

*WalcoEcoTours.com*.

### COFFEE SoWal STYLE

**Amavida Coffee** won the award for nation's top roaster. Check out locations in Seaside and Rosemary Beach and grab a bag of beans to go or sip an espresso and nibble a rabitos (delectable chocolate-covered fig). *Amavida.com*.

**Hibiscus Coffee and Guesthouse** in Grayton Beach where "Hef" the cat will greet you while proprietor Cheri insists on "hugging you in and hugging you out" amidst the décor of a charming bed and breakfast circa 1940s Florida. *HibiscusFlorida.com*.

**Central Square Records** has the best view on SoWal's beaches, set to a soundtrack while serving you a steaming cup of Jittery Joe's coffee. *CentralSquareRecords.com*.

### MAIN EVENT

**Digital Graffiti** is a must-do we've been happy to sponsor since the first year, helping put SoWal Beaches on the international map with Alys Beach's juried artists splashing their artistic flair on the expansive white canvases of the town's distinctive homes. *DigitalGraffiti.com*.