



## Dan & Goose's AMI Restaurant Recommendations

Restaurants, Delis, & Bars: *SOME ESTABLISHMENTS ARE CLOSED ON MONDAY OR TUESDAY; most places on the island are KID FRIENDLY; we have noted some below that kids will love. ISLAND EATS delivery service picks up at many of the restaurants below and will deliver to you. Visit: [www.islandeats.com](http://www.islandeats.com) or by calling 941.201.8184. \* = outdoor dining available; blue underline = water view*

**Rod & Reel Pier\*** – OUR ALL TIME FAVORITE! Grouper (and all fish) is great in all preparation styles. We usually select the blackened grouper sandwich with an appetizer of clam strips OR a blackened scallop Caesar salad. Both large enough to split between two people. The entire menu is outstanding. The bar downstairs has excellent beer & wine prices. Very casual and offers guests fishing poles and bait for a nominal fee. *Fantastic choice for kids of all ages!* It is also a short walk from Castaway Cottage. 875 North Shore Dr, Anna Maria, FL 34216.

**The Doctor's Office** – Very clever concept bar that actually USED TO BE the doctor's office on the island. Expertly mixed drinks, beer, and wine in an eclectic setting. Excellent small plates that will fill you up. 5312 B Holmes Blvd, Holmes Beach, FL 34217.

**Waterfront Restaurant\*** – Another “go-to” spot. Indoor or outdoor dining. Great menu with a more upscale, yet still casual, feel. Indoor dining usually requires reservations; outdoor is first come, first served. 111 South Bay Blvd, Anna Maria, FL 34216.

**Sandbar Restaurant & Bar\*** – Yes, it's true – another gem! Indoor or outdoor “toes in the sand” dining. Fun bar area – popular for brunch, fun cocktails, and weddings. Also – great gift shop! *Kid friendly, especially outside.* 100 Spring Ave, Anna Maria, FL 34216.

**The AMI General Store\*** – **We are here at least once a day!** Perfect for everything you forgot at Publix and more. **Delicious** deli: breakfast, salads, sandwiches, and desserts on site to eat al fresco plus the store also sells beer and wine. Dips serves ice cream in the front. 503 Pine Ave, Anna Maria, FL 34216

**Skinny's\*** – Popular burger dive. Indoor and outdoor grubbing. Yummy burgers, grilled cheese, etc. – delicious stuff! Amazing value! If weather is bad, they may close without notice. Closed Monday.

Beer/Wine only. CASH ONLY. *Kid friendly!* 3901 Gulf Blvd. Holmes Beach, FL 34217.

**Duffy's** – Old School AMI. Inexpensive and delicious burgers, etc. **GREAT PULLED PORK SANDWICH!**

One of their specials – The Mahi Burger – is particularly mouthwatering! Lots of TVs for sports/news. Closed Tuesday. Beer/Wine only. CASH ONLY. *Kid friendly!* 5808 Marina Dr, Holmes Beach, FL 34217.

**Old Hamburg Schnitzelhaus** – Delightful atmosphere and authentic German food. Don't let the strip mall setting fool you. The owners and staff are classic characters that you will not forget. 3246 East Bay Drive, Holmes Beach, FL 34217.

**D' Coy Ducks** – No food but fun cheap drinks, all the games on TV, and live music until late at night. 5410 Marina Dr, Holmes Beach, FL 34217

**My AMI\*** – Cute and friendly French bistro directly on Gulf Blvd – breakfast & lunch only (also dinner in March and April). Beer and wine only. 9906 Gulf Dr, Anna Maria, FL 34216

**Ginny & Jane E's** – Adorable – breakfast & lunch only. Bakery/café serving espresso, breakfast fare, sandwiches & cinnamon rolls in a relaxed funky retail setup. 9807 Gulf Drive, Anna Maria, FL 34216,

**Hurricane Hanks\*** – Fantastic food and full liquor bar with cute liquor store next door. Definitely a “must stop”! 5346 Gulf Drive, Homes Beach, FL 34217

**The Wicked Cantina\*** – Bueno southwestern fare with great queso & chips. Full liquor bar and clever margaritas! *Kid friendly!* 101 7th St N, Bradenton Beach, FL 34217

**TommyKnockers** – No food but super fun décor and great cocktails! Same plaza as The Wicked Cantina. 101-199 7th St N, Bradenton Beach, FL 34217

**Oma's Pizza and Restaurant** – Best pizza on the island. p.s. they deliver to Castaway Cottage: 941.778.0771-open until midnight. Order a garlic, mushroom, & onion pizza and your life will never be the same! Hand-tossed or Sicilian-crust pizzas, calzones & Italian entrees delivered in a casual environment. *Kid friendly!* 101-199 7th St N, Bradenton Beach, FL 34217

**Island Gourmet\*** – We really like this place – it smells SO delicious and the food never disappoints! Bring in your freshly caught fish and their chef will create a fabulous meal for you! Also turning out pizza, burgers, pasta & seafood dishes in modern, low-lit quarters. The pizza is especially delicious.

Happy Hour 11:30am-6:30pm. They deliver on the island: 941.778.0333. Closed Sunday. 5910 Marina Dr, Holmes Beach, FL 34217

**Slim's\*** – Philadelphia based sports bar; good pub grub and lots of TVs with sports. We love this place! Get the Philly on Thursdays for ½ price during the “No Shower Happy Hour” – get it “all the way” and make sure there are cherry peppers on it for a little kick! No Shower Happy Hour from 3-5pm. *Kid friendly!* 9701 Gulf Drive, Bradenton Beach, FL 34217

**The Ugly Grouper\*** – Outdoor tiki bar; lots of games like ring toss; unique menu with specials; live music. Their giant metal grouper sculpture is amazing. *Kid friendly!* 5704 Marina Dr, Holmes Beach, FL 34217

**Harry's\*** – Charming outdoor seating area, clever promotions, and a good menu (famous hamburger). We love the HUGE order of nachos. Also known for their Sunday Hallelujah Brunch! Recently renovated kitchen. *Kid friendly, especially outside!* 9903 Gulf Dr, Anna Maria, FL 34216

**Island Ocean Star\*** - Popular family-owned sushi house features traditional rolls, hibachi, & Japanese fare in a relaxed atmosphere. Excellent! 902 S Bay Blvd, Anna Maria, FL 34216.

**The Donut Experiment** – Very popular stop for breakfast at the original store! Make your own donut creation! *Kid friendly.* 210 Pine Avenue, Anna Maria, FL 34216.

**Poppos Taqueria\*** – Casual fast food southwestern “street food” deliciousness! Also serve beer and kombucha on tap. *Kid friendly.* 212C Pine Avenue, Anna Maria, FL 34216.

**J. Burns Pizza Shop\*** – Clever and delicious pizza that comes in squares, not slices! Delivery offered: 941.251.4070. *Kid friendly.* 308 Pine Avenue, Anna Maria, FL 34216.

**Freckled Fin\*** – Irish pub with fun drinks and great food! LIVE MUSIC: Wed – Sun (check in the off-season for music schedule)! 5337 Gulf Blvd., Holmes Beach, FL 34217.

**Turtle Shack-NEW** – Beach eats with Chicago attitude! All sorts of hot dogs, burgers, sandwiches, and salads. Next to The Lazy Turtle Kayak & Bike Rental. *Kid friendly!* 314 Pine Ave, Anna Maria, FL 34216.

**Vinny's Italian Kitchen** – Same Vinny – **NEW LOCATION.** Little Italy in the heart of Anna Maria.

Outstanding Italian market and gourmet take out. Bread is out of this world! Stop by and grab a pan of lasagna to take home for dinner! Open for lunch and dinner. 5337 Gulf Drive, Suite 500, Holmes Beach, FL 34217

**Jessie's Island Store** (in the Shell Station) – Delicious deli sandwiches and salads. Cuban Sandwiches & chicken salad are especially YUMMY! Boar's Head products used. Also, a little Shell Station mini mart. 5424 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach, FL 34217.

**Scott's Deli** – Very popular deli with a vast menu of breakfast and lunch sandwiches, salads, desserts, and more. Delivery to the beach: 941.778.3000. They also partner with local boat excursion providers like **Egmont Key Adventures**: order custom lunch boxes that will be delivered to your boat the morning of your excursion. *Kid Friendly*. 5337 Gulf Drive, Suite 300, Holmes Beach, FL 34217.

**The Feast\*** – Very popular spot with a fantastic gourmet menu. No bar area to sit in but you can stop in, order pizza, and they will deliver it to D'Coy Ducks next door. Pizza is delicious! 5406 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach, FL 34217.

**BRIDGE STREET – Bradenton Beach:** Lots of fun spots: [Island Time\\*](#); [Bridge Tenders\\*](#) (both good for watching games on TV with fun food and music); [AMOB\\*](#) (Anna Maria Oyster Bar on the Pier); Blue Marlin\* (YUM YUM YUM!); [Beach House](#) & many fun shops!

**ACROSS THE CORTEZ BRIDGE:** Many entertaining and super authentic spots on the fun & quirky main drag of Cortez or right on the water; watch the fishermen bring in their catch – it could be on your plate in a few minutes! [AMOB\\*](#); [Cortez Clam Factory\\*](#); [Tide Tables\\*](#); [Swordfish Grill\\*](#) (watch all the games at their Flippin' Mullet bar); [Cortez Kitchen\\*](#); Cortez Café (breakfast & lunch only); O' Shucks; [Star Fish Company\\*](#) (cash only); [Seafood Shack\\*](#); Bunny and Pirate's (beer garden and cute retail area) – just across the Cortez bridge in Cortez Village.

**ACROSS THE BRIDGE ON MANATEE AVE/75<sup>th</sup> Street-Beachway Plaza 7232 Manatee Ave W, Bradenton, FL 34209:** Danny's Pizzeria\* – super yummy and popular with islanders; Shang Hai-super clean pick up place for totally delicious Chinese food; Cremesh – worldly cuisine made from scratch (open Tue-Sun 11am-230pm & 5pm-9pm). Plaza also contains a regular sized Publix and Staples.