RIGHT The docents of One Ocean Resort

BELOW-RIGHT The Spa at One Ocean Resort

rue confession: A few times a year, I drive 20 minutes from my home and spend a few nights at a luxury boutique hotel. It may sound crazy to some, but I get to wake up at the most beautiful beach in all of Florida.

But there's another reason I indulge myself with this excursion. Quite simply, it's to be pampered. I'm a big fan of Downton Abbey and I often joke that I need a lady's maid, my own personal attendant. Breakfast in bed doesn't happen often in my house (okay, it's never happened) but at my favorite resort in Atlantic Beach, I have my own personal concierge who will greet me at my door each morning with hot coffee and my favorite newspaper. One Ocean Resort & Spa, located on Atlantic Beach in North Florida, prides itself on "intuitive service" by providing guests their own private concierges, or, as they call them,

docents. Just as a docent in a museum is required to have broad knowledge of art to meet visitors' interests, docents at One Ocean Resort get to know each guest's individual tastes in order to provide world-class, personalized service.

Another true confession: I can call my docent (from the beach) and have him or her draw a relaxing candlelit bath for me with a glass of my favorite wine waiting tub-side. Recently



## **Intuitive Service** At One Ocean Resort Spa

with local activities, business needs and may even get you that last-minute tee time.

The resort's 193 rooms and suites feature floor-to-ceiling views of the Atlantic Ocean (another reason to have breakfast in bed). The hotel boasts ASID Legacy Award-Winning Accommodations for its elegant decor and furnishings, all inspired by the ocean from the azure blue walls to seashell artwork.

With its sweeping panoramic views of the Atlantic, the One Ocean Resort spa was rated one of the Top 100 Resort Spas by Condé Nast Traveler. There are plenty of options for taking in what is arguably one of Florida's best beaches. With an oceanfront pool, covered beach cabanas, and the spa's morning fitness beach walk, you'll find ample time to feel the sand between your toes.

One Ocean Resort's restaurant, Azurea, has received its share of accolades and is the only restaurant in North Florida to host the prestigious Friends of James Beard culinary organization. The restaurant is one of three AAA Four-Diamond restaurants in Northeast Florida and has received a Wine Spectator Award of Excellence. The seasonal menu features coastal-inspired cuisine, with specialties such as Indian Corn and Lobster Ravioli, Coriander Dusted Scallops with Cold Water Lobster Braised Leek Risotto, and Cast Iron Seared Jumbo Blue Crab Cake, among many other mouthwatering offerings. Foodies will appreciate the "Chef's Adventurous Palate", a culinary journey directed by Executive Chef Ted Peters. The resort also offers numerous options for casual and poolside dining, not to mention an upscale, eclectic cocktail lounge.

Let's face it. We all get away to rest and relax and there's no better way to recharge than having someone else tend to your needs. The docents at One Ocean Resort & Spa are highly trained to inconspicuously ensure that this hotel experience exceeds your expectations.





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AAA Four-Diamond Resort for 30

consecutive years, One Ocean Resort

guest's stay a memorable experience.

& Spa is committed to making each

If you travel with your pet, your

docent will feed (a chef-prepared

pet food) and walk your dog while

you're out enjoying a round of golf

or long day on the beach. Do you

prefer walnuts over almonds as a snack? Or maybe you're watching

your waistline so you like to nosh

cabinet accordingly. And unlike

most resorts, the products

on fresh fruit. It's your docent's job

to know that and stock your amenity

(excluding alcoholic beverages) are

free of charge. Docents can assist

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