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MARENAS RESORT HAS THE MAKINGS FOR MEMORABLE FAMILY MOMENTS

SUNNY ISLES, Fla. – Marenas Resort, an oceanfront property located just north of Miami Beach, is an ideal respite for families seeking a beach getaway. It is conveniently located between two airports – Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport and Miami International Airport – and offers spacious suite accommodations, al fresco dining, a beach club and nearby family friendly attractions.

Families playing and staying together require ample space. Marenas Resort features a suite collection, with one bedrooms ranging from 700-900 square feet and two bedrooms measuring 1,100 square feet. All feature fully equipped kitchens with black marble countertops and breakfast bars with stainless steel appliances and some feature a second full bathroom with shower. Separate living areas equipped with entertainment systems and queen sofa beds provide havens for relaxation and privacy. Spills and accidents can happen to any one, especially children. At Marenas Resort, parents can allow their kids to enjoy the pleasures of ice cream cones and spaghetti as each suite features its own washer and dryer units.

When the little ones aren't eating cereal and macaroni and cheese in their suites, they can enjoy a family meal at The Restaurant at Marenas. The Restaurant features two-story-high windows overlooking the ocean as well as al fresco dining. Its expansive terrace is convenient for "parking" strollers while dining.

Since Marenas Resort is perfectly situated on the beach, it is a very short walk from the suites to the beach club. Families can enjoy complimentary chairs with umbrellas and chaise lounges as well as food and beverage service provided by The Pool & Beach Bar. Each morning, resort staff carves out a large circle in the sand and fills the interior with the shovels, pails and all sizes and shapes of buckets. Here, kids and parents work together to create show-stopping sandcastles. Adjacent to the beach lies a refreshing pool offering panoramic ocean views.

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While families take a break from the sand and surf, they can enjoy nearby attractions including Jungle Island (www.jungleisland.com), Miami Seaquarium (www.miamiseaquarium.com), Billie Swamp Safari Everglades Seminole Airboat Park & Ride (www.billieswampsafari.net) and the Miami Children's Museum (www.miamichildrensmuseum.org). Sports enthusiasts can enjoy Miami Dolphins football and Florida Marlins Baseball games at Sun Life Stadium (www.sunlifestadium.com), which is seven miles from the resort, and eco tourists can explore Oleta River State Park in North Miami Beach (www.floridastateparks.org/oletariver) or visit Key Biscayne's famous Cape Florida Lighthouse and Crandon Park Beach (www.miamidade.gov/parks/parks/crandon_beach.asp).

-About Marenas Resort-

Situated on a 2.5 mile stretch of beach in Sunny Isles Beach, a barrier island just north of Miami, Marenas Resort blends the best of South Florida's "Riviera Coast" with an international style. Marenas Resort's name draws from its location, evoking the sea and the sand ~ mar y arenas ~ in Spanish. A member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts and operated by Benchmark Hospitality International, the 26-story stainless steel and glass hotel tower includes 159 suites, including one- and two-bedroom suites, each with a full kitchen and spacious contemporary interiors. Amenities include a Mediterranean-inspired restaurant, oceanside pool, beach club, luxurious spa, health club and elegant meeting space. For reservations, please call a travel agent professional or 1-877-858-2305. Visit www.marenasresortmiami.com

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