

Loonie goes the distance at Florida Keys resort

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The gorgeous Hawks Cay Resort, Villas and Marina in the Florida Keys has so many guests from north of the border that it is offering discounts of up to 25 per cent to Canadians staying two nights or longer, through Feb. 11.

Hawks Cay is a sprawling island estate with 177 rooms and suites in its main hotel, as well as 250 two- and three-bedroom villas, ideal for extended stays and equipped with full kitchens and washer-dryers.

The picturesque village-style resort is also home to four restaurants, a saltwater lagoon, five swimming pools, a tennis centre, Segway tours and the Calm Waters Spa.

The full roster of water activities includes fishing, diving, paddle-

boarding and kiteboarding, as well as the extraordinary experience of swimming with dolphins.

A recent multimillion-dollar renovation updated the rooms and suites in the main hotel, as well as meeting rooms, the 85-slip marina and all public spaces, including the kids' club and Pirate Ship Pool.

Two important additions to the resort are the Oasis, an adults-only area with five cabanas at the Tranquility Pool; and family suites with bunk beds for children.

Details: Hawks Cay Resort, Villas and Marina, Duck Key, Fla.: hawkscay.com/little-love-loonie, 877-484-9342; use promo code CANADA. Guest rooms on weekdays start at \$219 Canadian; family suites with kids' bunk beds at \$229; two-bedroom villas at \$309 for four people. Weekend and holiday rates are higher.



The accommodations at the picturesque Hawks Cay Resort, Villas and Marina are built around a network of boat channels off the Atlantic coast. JASON STEMPLE/HAWKS CAY RESORT, VILLAS AND MARINA

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Annual interest rate	Average balance	
	\$500	\$3,000
21.99% (regular rate for balance transfers and cash advances)	\$9.04	\$54.22
19.99% (regular rate for purchases)	\$8.22	\$49.29

Annual interest rate in effect on January 1, 2015.