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whispering of ghost encounters. Rooms are spacious, with walls and furnishings swathed in crisp blues and soothing beige, and some suites are fitted with luxe claw foot tubs and sitting and dining rooms. Beds tucked with luxurious linens are a dream, and guests are treated to gourmet chocolates at night.

DINE LIKE YOU'RE ON VACATION Don't bother changing out of your robe for breakfast — a basket filled with muffins or croissants. fruit and fresh juice is placed outside your door each morning. While Belleview only offers a market for coffee, beer, wine and light snacks, guests can join the golfers and tennis skirts at neighboring Belleair Country Club for a meal overlooking the greens. Our suggestion — drive ten minutes to quaint downtown Dunedin, where there isn't a chain restaurant in sight. Make a reservation at The Black Pearl. a romantic, 11-table restaurant that shines with starters like escargot en croute — flaky puff pastry that houses plump escargot in a goat cheese-garlic cream sauce — and







The Classic Belleview Inn room; a claw-foot tub and muted hues add subtle glamour to the bathroom design; a complimentary breakfast basket; the stately aesthetic of the Belleview Inn extends to the sprawling pool area.

mains such as white truffle lobster risotto sprinkled with pistachios. Another standout meal can be found at Hew Parlor & Chophouse, which proves it's more than a steakhouse with melt-in-your-mouth bison topped with crispy shiitakes, seared scallops in a smoked pork jus, and artful plates like candied-striped beets fringed with chili-spiced granola. End your weekend at Caretta on the Gulf's Sunday Champagne brunch to stack your plate with fresh seafood and sushi, omelets and mini-waffles, while toasting to endless glasses of bubbly and beach views.

PURE RELAXATION

While Belleview will entice you to sunbathe by its sparkling pool, zip off on a complimentary bike to explore the Pinellas Trail, or perfect your golf swing next door at the oldest golf course in Florida — don't miss out on the natural beauty of Clearwater. Take a shuttle to the hotel's beachfront sister property, Sandpearl Resort, to lounge on their private beach and play in the clear, aquamarine water; or embark on a private catamaran cruise with Clearwater SunCoast Charters (sailthemoon.com), where you'll settle into cushy bean bags for a BYOB-sunset celebration while keeping your eyes peeled for dolphins. (If you don't see a dolphin — or four — in Clearwater, did you even go?) The charter also offers daytime excursions to secluded Caladesi Island, which is consistently voted one of the best beaches. Since the west coast is the best coast for Instagram-worthy sunsets, end your day by watching the orange ball slip into the water from the lively Hi-Fi Rooftop Bar overlooking St. Joseph Sound. The area's breathtaking sunsets will stay in your mind on the drive back to Miami.

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