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Florida's Grand Beach Resorts:

Since the 1880's, Florida's beach resorts have dazzled international travelers. Pioneering hotel and railroad entrepreneurs Henry Flagler and Henry Plant, who were often in competition with each other for the tourist dollar, built some of the first and architecturally finest beach resorts in the world. Many of these resorts are now National Historic Landmarks and continue to operate as resorts today.

A small sampling of Florida's most famous and historic beach resorts includes:

• The Ponce De Leon

St. Augustine, established 1887 Henry Flagler built, now Flagler College

Tampa Bay Hotel

Tampa, established 1891 Henry Plant built, now the University of Tampa and the Henry B. Plant Museum

Royal Poinciana Hotel

Palm Beach, established 1894 by Flagler Expanded and rebuilt into The Breakers

Hotel Belleview

Clearwater, established 1896 by Plant Now the Belleview Biltmore Resort

Royal Palm Hotel

Miami, established 1897 by Flagler Destroyed in the 1926 Miami Hurricane

The Biltmore

Coral Gables, established 1924 Still operated by Seaway Hotels Corp.

The Breakers Hotel

Palm Beach, established 1925 by Flagler Served as a Veterans hospital during WWII Golf resort and spa still in operation today

The Don CeSar

St. Petersburg Beach, established 1928 Served as a Veterans hospital during WWII; Owned and operated today by Loews

Long Beach Resort

Panama City Beach, established 1936 Operated by the Resort Collection

DiLido Hotel

South Beach Miami, established 1953 Now operated as the Ritz-Carlton South Beach



The Royal Poinciana Hotel



TAMPA BAY HOTEL. 1891. THE UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA AND MUNICIPAL MUSEU

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