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## HOSPITALITY

## Island destination ranked among the leaders in its field

**Marco Beach Ocean Resort achieves triple recognition.**

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A Fodor's "choice" award isn't half bad as far as national recognition goes, but throw in an American Hideaways website invitation to showcase your hotel as well, and there's reason for celebration.

Top that with a TripAdvisor declaration you're the island's top resort, and there's reason aplenty for staff and management at the Marco Beach Ocean Resort to jump up and down.

That's the story over at the resort, which has also upped its own ante by enabling online booking for its award-winning Sale e Pepe restaurant.

The Fodor's Choice property distinction recognizes the all-suite, boutique hotel as a leader in its field for service, quality and value during 2012, according to a release.

Each year, the editors and experts of Fodor's



**Striking facade of the Marco Beach Ocean Resort, which has recently picked up a slew of recommendations.** SPECIAL TO THE SUN TIMES

select only the top 15 percent of their listed properties and activities recipients. Their writers experience, examine and evaluate thousands of hotels, restaurants and attractions in their trav-

els across the globe.

As a reward, the resort will be featured in the next Fodor's guidebook to this area, and online at Fodors.com.

Featuring on americashideaways.com

comes about by invitation only, according to another release. Site visitors are provided with a complete description of each chosen hideaway and then urged to visit that property's web-

site for the whole story.

Listing is also fairly exclusive, with 42 hideaways and 27 states coast to coast featured at the moment. Marco Beach Ocean Resort is the only Florida getaway on the

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For information on the hotel, go to [marcoresort.com](http://marcoresort.com)

list right now.

The TripAdvisor Popularity Index rankings are listed on the world's largest travel site featuring reviews and advice on hotels, resorts, flights, vacation rentals, vacation packages and travel guides.

Comments on the resort that bolstered the ranking included observations that the rooms were immaculate, staff members were very attentive, and even a remark by one guest that the resort was the best he had ever picked.

Sale e Pepe has joined the OpenTable online booking network, which has 25,000 participating restaurants worldwide.

Simply put, the service provides a fast, efficient way for diners to gauge food, price and times to their liking. The restaurant is Italian-themed.