

WaterColor Inn and Resort

by Linda Holloway

Relish the first days of Mr. and Mrs. with a drive to an ideal honeymoon location at the fabulous Forbes Four-Star and AAA Four-Diamond boutique hotel, WaterColor Inn and Resort in Northwest Florida. Crowded airports and delayed flights are not options when calculating every cherished minute of your honeymoon. Reminisce about your wedding day privately in your own vehicle. Create those important honeymoon memories along the famed turquoise waters of the Gulf of Mexico. This perfect beach oasis blends romantic lodging with leisurely and heart-pumping activities.

Nestled within a 500-acre community, boasting 1,400 feet of sugar-white sand, and bordered by picturesque pine forests alongside Western Lake, WaterColor Inn is the flagship of South Walton's WaterColor community. While you can choose from 67 guest rooms

and suites, WaterColor Inn's coveted Rotunda suites are pure romance. Each has a spacious 600 square feet of luxury and offers panoramic views of the Gulf. The amenities are endless with complimentary house-made biscotti, jam, and scones upon arrival and home-made cookies with the turndown service. A beach bag is conveniently provided during your stay. The balcony is furnished with Adirondack chairs, which are ideal for witnessing the greatest show on earth—water kissing sand.

With only one Rotunda suite available on each of the hotel's three floors (2-4), these are extremely popular and have limited availability. We lodged on the 4th floor in a King Suite where the amazingly comfortable mattress comes with luxurious Egyptian cotton linens, and like the Rotunda suites, the perks are endless. We admit visiting the "Treat Suite" often where we found complimentary sodas, fruit,

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WaterColor Inn and Resort – The Beach Club
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ice cream, coffee, and snacks—steps from our room. For couples who are dreaming of a destination wedding and honeymoon location, popular venues include the WaterColor Boat House, LakeHouse, and Western Lake Park.

Pools, Dining and Activities: WaterColor Inn boasts the most pool accesses on Scenic Highway 30-A, just steps from the area’s iconic beaches. There are ten pools in all with some sprinkled in the WaterColor community. The Inn’s new 2,800-square-foot zero-entry pool features chic cabanas and spacious lounging areas. Next door, the WaterColor Beach Club boasts three pools, each with unobstructed views of the Gulf. Couples can enjoy the tranquility of the adult pool where audibles are wind, surf, and cawing seagulls. By day, you can enjoy the shimmering white sand that “sings” beneath your feet; be sure to ask about bonfire set-ups under the stars.

The Inn’s famous Fish Out of Water was our favorite place to dine with its expansive Gulf-view outdoor deck. I enjoyed the Fish Basket (Grouper was in season), while my husband had the Shrimp Basket. Scratch Biscuit Kitchen, located in the WaterColor Town Center, is where you will find the best breakfast around. Try the Biscuit Doughnuts with chocolate gravy, strawberries, and powdered sugar...a Southern delight.

The Inn offers complimentary bikes and access to golf at Shark’s Tooth Golf Club. Tennis anyone? Arrange a game of tennis at the

WaterColor Tennis Center. Explore the paved bike trail along Scenic 30-A. The South Walton area is one of the few places in the world where coastal dune lakes exist. The Inn offers complimentary kayak/canoe rental at WaterColor Boat house located along Western Lake, the most explored dune lake. Discounted stand-up paddleboard rentals are also available. Take an excursion to Eden Gardens State Park where centuries-old live oak trees are dripping with Spanish Moss—perfect for a memorable picnic. On our last evening at WaterColor Inn, the sunset was magnificent. It was almost like a painting, but I know an artist could not depict the beauty we witnessed.

For WaterColor Inn and Resort reservations:
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King Rotunda Suite Room 312
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