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Best of South Florida | Readers' choice for South Florida's finest

AND THE WINNER IS . . .

More than 4,900 of you entered to win our Best of South Florida giveaway prize: A once-in-a-lifetime, not-for-sale cruise for two in one of the owners suites aboard the Carnival Imagination.

The winner gets to choose a three- or four-day cruise in one of the spacious suites, with whirlpool tub, separate living area and master bedroom. The prize includes port taxes and one free shore excursion in each port of call.

And that winner is . . . Rosa Santana, a Broward County yoga teacher. It will be her first cruise.

As any vacationer knows, South Florida bubbles with "bests." Check out any list of savvy hotels, stellar beaches, memorable meals, and South Florida's lodgings, attractions, restaurants will be there.

But nobody knows this place better than those of us who live here. Now we've created our own list: The Best of South Florida, chosen by the readers of The Miami Herald and Miami.com.

Last month, you voted for your favorites. Here are the top three vote-getters in each category, listed in order. To the winners, congratulations!

HOTELS

BEST VIEW

1. Grove Isle Hotel & Spa, Coconut Grove
2. Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six Resort & Spa, Fort Lauderdale

3. Epic Hotel, Miami

BEST URBAN HOTEL

1. Mandarin Oriental, Miami
2. Four Seasons, Miami

3. Epic Hotel, Miami