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JUDGE JUDY'S NAPLES

When she's not taping America's top-rated daytime television show in Los Angeles, Judge Judy—a.k.a. Judy Sheindlin—lives in Naples with her husband, Jerry. What impresses the judge most about the southwestern Florida city are the beaches. "They rival any in the world, with absolutely spectacular sunsets," she says.



EAT
Judge Sheindlin's staple is **Amore Ristorante** (4681 Ninth St. N.; 239/643-2201; dinner for two \$75), where an intimate Mediterranean-inspired dining room (Tuscan-orange walls and paintings of the Italian countryside) resembles a trattoria in Italy. On the menu? Traditional dishes such as risotto with mushrooms and black truffles. "The food here is consistently good and fresh," she says.

PAMPER
The spa at the beachfront **Ritz Carlton, Naples** (280 Vanderbilt Beach Rd.; 239/598-3300; ritzcarlton.com; treatments from \$150) is what Sheindlin calls "a great oasis." It's one of the biggest in Naples (51,000 square feet), with treatments ranging from

hot-stone massages to aromatherapy.

SHOP
For a little retail therapy, Sheindlin loves the **Waterside Shops** (5415 Tamiami Trail N.; 239/598-1605), a stretch that includes high-end brands such as Kate Spade and Cartier, along with the lesser-known boutiques along **Third Street South** (thirdstreetsouth.com).

DO
There are, of course, the beaches—**Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park** is one of the

most scenic. At night, you'll find her at the **Philharmonic Center for the Arts** (5833 Pelican Bay Blvd.; 800/597-1900; thephil.org)—this month the Holiday Pops are on tap. There are also downtown's art venues, including the **Shaw Gallery** (761 Fifth Ave. S.; 239/261-7828; shawgallery.com), which showcases works by Brazilian painter Shirley Brasil, and the **Weatherburn Gallery** (452 Bayfront Place; 239/263-8008; weatherburn.com), with landscape paintings by David Smith.



Weatherburn Gallery



A view from Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park

DON'T MISS

The Sheindlins are honorary trustees of the Naples Winter Wine Festival (napleswinefestival.com; January 28-30) at the Ritz-Carlton Tiburon. Expect appearances by renowned chefs and vintners, including producers of the acclaimed Bordeaux Château Petrus. Proceeds benefit the Naples Children and Education Foundation.



Naples Grande Beach Resort & Golden Door Spa

STAY
At the **Naples Grande Beach Resort & Golden Door Spa** (naplesgranderesort.com; doubles from \$109), bungalow suites have white-washed oak headboards, Egyptian-cotton linens, and panoramic views. On Captiva island, 41 miles from Naples, the 330-acre **South Seas Island Resort** (southseas.com;

doubles from \$149) offers a daily cruise to Cayo Costa, a nature preserve with knockout beaches and an inlet where you can see manatees. The **Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club** (naplesbeachhotel.com; doubles from \$119) is an old-guard establishment created in the 1880's, which now has 319 beachfront rooms.