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Florida's 'Paradise Island Its Best-Kept Secret'

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In addition to its impressive theme parks and sprawling resorts, Florida has something of a well-kept "secret", suggests a Travel commentator. The Gulf island of Anna Maria has "some of the most amazing sunsets I've seen", states Matt Carroll, writing for the Daily Express.



Linked to the mainland by bridges, the commentator points out that the island has low-rise accommodation and plentiful amounts of natural beauty. "With beaches this beautiful you'd expect them to be packed, but in the two hours I spent strolling through the ocean spray, I passed only a handful of people," he comments.

Mr Carroll adds that testament to its many attractions is the fact that a range of celebrities have been spotted on the island. According to the official tourism website of the Sunshine State, Anna Maria provides visitors with a taste of Florida from a bygone age. It states that the low-key atmosphere is in part due to local government attempts to preserve the island's cultural heritage.