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Island visitors have several options when it comes to local transportation. Your day's activities might help you choose which one best suits your needs at the time.

The most obvious mode, with miles of bike paths awaiting you, is a bicycle. There's no better way to feel like you're on vacation than two-wheeling it around Sanibel Island—and ringing a handlebar bell, just because you can. Some bike rental companies provide free deliveries for multi-day or weekly rentals; inquire when you book them. Billy's Rentals also offers free use of wheelchair bikes. Rent bikes at any of the following locations: **The Bike Route**, 2330 Palm Ridge Road, Sanibel, 239/472-1955; **Finnimore's Cycle Shop**, 2353 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, 239/472-5577; or **Billy's Rentals**, 1470 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, 239/472-5248.

Bikes are available for rent on Captiva at **Jim's Rentals**, although that island only has marked bike paths within South Seas Resort. Why not be adventurous and boat your bikes over for a day trip to Boca Grande? *Jim's Rentals*, Andy Rosse Lane on Captiva, 239/472-1296.

Want to go a little faster without working harder? Both Billy's Rentals and Jim's Rentals have a selection of mopeds for rent. This makes a fun day for adults and older teens.

If your idea of paradise is feeling the wind and the sun while zipping past people on bicycles and mopeds, **Enterprise Rent-a-Car** will deliver a vehicle out to the islands directly to you and Enterprise has a satellite office at South Seas Resort on Captiva. Anything from a sexy convertible to a van or a sport utility vehicle is available, although reservations are encour-



aged in high season. No minimum number of rental days is necessary to qualify for delivery. **Hertz** also has a variety of rentals available at the Amoco station on Sanibel. Convertibles and SUVs are available if they are ordered in advance. Especially during season, people who want to rent are advised to reserve a car in advance. *Enterprise Rent-A-Car*, 239/454-0770 or 888/352-7368; *Captiva office*, 239/395-0833. *Hertz*, 1015 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, 239/395-4571 or 800/654-3131.

You don't want to do the driving? Call **Sanibel Taxi** or **Sanibel Captiva Airport Shuttle**. Arrange your ride ahead of time, and then relax and leave the logistics to them. *Sanibel Taxi*, 239/472-4160; *Sanibel Captiva Airport Shuttle*, 239/472-0007.

Adventures in Paradise provides another mode of transportation for visitors taking a boat tour aboard one of their vessels. Open-air trolleys drive a

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regular route on Sanibel, including West Gulf, Middle Gulf, and East Gulf drives, taking passengers to and from the tour boats. *Adventures in Paradise*, Port Sanibel Marina, 239/472-8443 or 239/437-1660.

Do you like these islands so much you want to explore others nearby? Call for a water taxi to North Captiva or Cayo Costa. **Jensen's Twin Palms Marina** on Captiva will deliver and pick you up based on your time frame. **Captiva Cruises** also provides the means to island-hop the upper islands. Enjoy lunch on Cabbage Key or Useppa Island, or try shelling on primitive Cayo Costa, made simple by several daily cruises from Captiva Island. Captiva Cruise's Boca Grande Cruise even allows passengers to take a bicycle along to tour the island that's a favorite of the Bush family and Katharine Hepburn. *Jensen's Twin Palms Marina, Captiva*, 239/472-5800; *Captiva Cruises, Captiva*, 239/472-5300. (Also see Explorer, page 38.)

For a totally different perspective on the islands, high fliers will want to call **Boca Grande Seaplane Inc.** Since 1987, pilot Mark Futch has provided winged transportation to and from airports as well as other destinations in Florida, including the Keys. His plane, which lands on land or water, seats up to four passengers of any age. Futch picks up at Tampa and Miami international airports, Tween Waters Inn on Captiva, and the Sanibel Causeway. You can charter him for taxi service, sight-seeing, or a combination. Futch has 16,000 hours of experience. Who could resist winging to the islands with him? *Boca Grande Seaplane Inc.*, 800/940-0234 or 941/964-0234.

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