

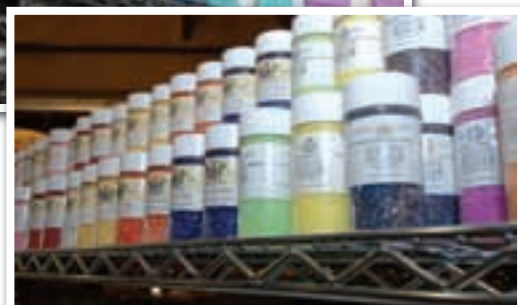
Spice Up Your Travel Plans

Artfully combining travel and cuisine can lead to a wonderful journey of discovery. Whether you are seeking Asian flavor in the Far East or as close as your kitchen spice cabinet, here are a few ways to make the trip tasty and comfortable. —by Julie Clay

All Things Nice ➤

The Sandy Butler offers an array of things sweet and salty. The Artisan Salt Co. packages rare salts from around the world in cork-topped glass jars. Salts from France, Bolivia, Australia, and Peru stand next to smoked and Cyprus Flake Greek salts. On the sweet side, India Tree of Seattle offers a festive collection of ornamental sugar pieces with names like Pretty Bubbles and Tutti Fruitti, as well as decorative sugars like Marigold Orange, Raspberry Red, and Periwinkle Blue. Chels offers the perfect picnic tote. This durable olive green tote is well insulated and plastic-lined, offering tons of food storage as well as silverware, plates, and cloth napkins in designated compartments.

The Sandy Butler, 17650 San Carlos Blvd., Fort Myers Beach, 239-482-6765, www.sandybutler.com



◀ The Nose Knows

Oh, that aroma that welcomes you into **The Cheese Nook!** Since 1983, the array of powdered “Sanibel Seasonings” (source of said aroma) has grown to include Pink Flamingo southern onion, Pelican Party garden vegetable, Playful Dolphin green onion, and Sanibel’s Own original party dip mix. Brightly colored paper packaging ensures that you won’t miss them on the shelf, and if choice becomes a problem, a variety pack sampler is also available. Longtime employee Jerry affirms that Captiva Sunset hot ‘n’ spicy and Dill Party are among customers’ favorites.

The Cheese Nook, 2075 Periwinkle Way, 20 Periwinkle Place, Sanibel Island, 239-472-2666

Bags Aplenty ➤

There are stylish travel bags aplenty at **Her Sports Closet**, including two by Lacoste. A yellow bag with green trim and green and white striped handles features a zippered pocket and attachable cosmetics case inside, as well as two straps across the inside top that snap together.

A navy Lacoste bag has a traditional “travel bag” flat bottom, blue and white striped handles, cosmetics case, and outside key ring. There’s also an attractive Lily Pulitzer cream-colored canvas bag with orange handles as well as an adorable children’s sized light blue canvas bag by A. Tierney with a two-toned blue and white bow.

*Her Sports Closet, 2075 Periwinkle Way,
22 Periwinkle Place, Sanibel, 239-472-4206*



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With its floral pattern and padded cloth exterior, the Country Provençal messenger bag at **Samsonite** really stands out. The fully padded interior has three slip pockets, double buckle security flap, and comes in light blue, red, and black. The Travelon Independence Bag cosmetic organizer zips to form a travel case large enough to hold full-size bottles, and has a zippered water bottle pocket, hand mirror, and removable shoulder strap. It is available in beige or leopard print. The store’s leather computer tote comes in burgundy, black or red, comfortably holding up to 15-inch laptops in its padded compartment, with tons of extra pockets and storage space.

*Samsonite Company Store, Tanger Outlet Stores, 20350 Summerlin Road,
Suite 2135, Fort Myers, 239-454-1844*