



# Heat Things Up

in a Caribbean Bungalow

They say the libido increases the closer you get to the equator, so if you want to generate some tropical heat in February, we suggest you head for the Lost Parrot Cabins. Hidden in a wooded (not lakefront) area below RM 620 just south of the Iguana Grill, the cabins lie at the end of a semi-paved road in what feels like another world. The sight of island-style bungalows splashed in hot pink, lime green and other luminous colors and surrounded by tropical plants is startling and beguiling. And while the architecture is Caribbean, most of the interiors simmer with the warm lively colors of Mexico and Guatemala. It may be cold outside, but it's *muy caliente* in here.

Each of the six bungalows, with names such as Mango Moon and Lemon, Lime and Coconut, beckons the visitor, but the owners usually direct the love-struck (i.e., honeymooners) to the Mermaids in the Night bungalow, named after a Jimmy Buffet tune. (Heck, everything here seems inspired by Jimmy Buffet.) The room features a king-size feather bed with a charming hand-carved headboard from Mexico, a two-person shower and walls bright enough to quicken the pulse. If it's not too chilly, you can enjoy the rockers and hammock on the porch, as well as the hot tub on the communal party deck, which includes a festive BYOB bar jammed with south-of-the-border art and colorful knick-knacks. If you're not a Jimmy Buffet fan when you arrive, you'll be a Parrot Head by the time you leave.

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**Rates:** \$219 for Mermaid bungalow; continental breakfast included.

**Dining Best Bets:** Carlos'N Charlie's, Hudson's on the Bend, Iguana Grill, the Oasis.

