

Margaritaville Returning to Biloxi, Without a Casino

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Margaritaville is returning to Biloxi — this time, without a casino.

Businessman and developer Cono Caranna has released plans for a family-friendly Margaritaville Resort Biloxi, built around a 373-room hotel — the former Casino Magic hotel.

It will include a 55,000-square-foot entertainment complex including separate ropes courses for adults and for children aged 2 to 7; a zip-line roller coaster; and a rock climbing wall that rises to a restaurant entrance, news media report.

A pool, a 450-foot-long "lazy river" and two water slides will be reserved for hotel guests, but everything else in the entertainment complex, including several restaurants and bars, will be open to anyone. Other features are to include hundreds of arcade games, six lanes of "boutique bowling" and two golf simulators programmed to emulate 87 top courses.

The resort's opening date has not been set. The hotel is taking room reservations for June 30 and later, with plans to take earlier reservations once the opening date is scheduled.

Officials have scheduled a job fair May 1-3 at the Biloxi Civic Center, and say the resort should open within months, with 600 employees.

This is the brand's third start in Biloxi.

Pascagoula-born [Jimmy Buffett](#) and Harrah's planned a \$700 million casino resort in 2007, but those plans went under in the world financial crisis.

A smaller Margaritaville Casino opened in 2012 but filed for bankruptcy in 2014.

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