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Concierge TOP PICKS



BEST RESORT FOR AGES 2 -12 Legoland

If there's anything that makes you long to be a kid again, it's this totally awesome 150-acre interactive theme park specifically designed for kids 2 -12 years old. With more than 50 unique rides, 10 theme zones and all kinds of really cool attractions, it is the absolute bomb! Lots of special events here, too. FYI: The water ride, "Quest For Chi" is an absolute blast! Find it at 1 Legoland Way in Winter Haven. 877-350-5346; legoland.com/Florida. Legoland Properties - Legoland Hotel, Legoland Beach Retreat and Pirate Island Hotel.

BEST SOUTHERN COOKING Ivy On The Square

Southern food is synonymous with comfort food so it's not surprising that great Southern recipes, passed down from one generation to the next, are cherished and protected. And that brings us to Marjorie "Mimi" Hale - the matriarch of the award-winning "Ivy House Restaurant & Catering" in Williston as well as the new, hip "Ivy On The Square" in downtown Ocala. Two restaurants, two different vibes but both share the same authentic

Southern specialties created from Mimi's cherished family recipes. You'll find perennial favorites like homemade Pimento Cheese, Fried Green Tomatoes, Shrimp & Grits and Mimi's signature Baked Krispy Chicken. Everything here is outrageously good! In Ocala at 53 S Magnolia (352-622-5550); and in Williston at 106 NW Mail St (352-528-5410). ivyhousefl.com.

BEST PUPPY HUGS

Southeastern Guide Dogs
Need a good hug? Then head on down to Southeastern Guide Dogs, an outstanding organization that trains puppies on a 33 acre campus to prepare them for their future lives as trained guide dogs. To help socialize these precious puppies, you are invited to come visit for lots of free puppy hugs. FYI: Reservations a must! Find it at 4210 77th St, East in Palmetto - just over St Pete's Skyway Bridge. Info: 941-729-5665; guidedogs.org.

BEST CLASSIC BURGER

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If you love Don Shula's famous steaks, you'll really flip over his fresh, juicy char grilled burgers. The legendary NFL Coach raises the bar with a big beefy patty that is always made fresh from his own signature blend of Premium Black Angus Chuck, Short Rib and brisket, perfectly seasoned and served with lettuce, tomatoe, pickle and your choice of cheese on a brioche style bun. Once you've tackled one of these bad boys, you'll never suffer another "Mac-Attack" again. At the Hilton Univeristy of Florida Conference Center, 1714 SW 34th St., Gainesville (305-664-2321). Info: shulas.com.

BEST WILD HANG

ZooTampa at Lowry Park

With more than 1300 resident animals, ZooTampa is famous for having one of the most beautiful, tropical zoological settings in the world. You'll experience unforgettable, natural connections and get closer to wildlife than ever before. Touch a giant tortoise, feed a giraffe, go nose-to-horn with an Indian rhino, hand-to-fin with slippery stingrays and a whole lot more! You and your family can also splash in the fun water play areas, climb aboard thrilling rides and take in fascinating educational shows. Love manatees? At the David A. Straz Jr. Manatee Hospital, the Zoo's veterinary and animal-care staff treat sick, injured and orphaned manatees before returning them to the wild after rehabilitation. Don't miss this one! ZooTampa is open daily from 9:30am - 5pm. Find it at Lowry Park, 1101 W Sligh Ave, Tampa, FL 33604. Info: 813-935-8552; zootampa.org.



BEST OF BROADWAY

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If you love Broadway musicals, the STRAZ Center is just the ticket. This extraordinary 335,000 square foot performance center stages some of Broadway's greatest hits including Cabaret, Wicked, An American In Paris, and other Tony Award-winners, as well as grand opera and a variety of concerts, performances and events. With five halls, three restaurants, a coffee shop and the Patel Conservatory, it's the second largest performing arts center in the U.S. Find it at 1010 N.W. C. MacInnes Place, Tampa. Info 813-229-7827; strazcenter.org.



BEST VIEW OF TAMPA

Ballast Point Park & Fishing Pier

Located a little more than 4 miles from downtown Tampa along Bayshore Blvd, this wonderful park with its historic wooden fishing pier jutting out of Tampa Bay, offers unparalleled views of the downtown skyline. It's also known for the Taste Of Boston restaurant which is one of the few places in the Bay area that serves up classic New England fare including fried Ipswich clams and steamers.

BEST RIB EYE

Bascom's Chop House

It's impossible not to fall in love with everything on Bascom's menu. The seafood, delivered daily and expertly prepared, is always top-notch. The center-cut prime chops? Simply the best. But let's talk about the showstopper: the glorious 16 oz bone-in Ribeye. Hand-cut from Certified Angus Midwestern grain-fed steer, this steak is a masterpiece. It's rich, well-marbled, and served perfectly charred on the outside with an intense, unforgettable flavor. If you're a steak lover, this Ribeye needs to be on your bucket list! Find it at 3665 Ulmerton Rd., Clearwater. 727-573-3363; bascoms.com.

BEST CIGAR EMPORIUM

Corona Cigar Tampa

With 5,000 square feet of humidified space, this smoking-hot cigar emporium showcases a unique collection of premium cigars, must-have accessories and curated pieces. But what really puts it over the top are the added amenities which include multiple indoor-and-out smoking lounges, private lockers and an elegant full service bar with top shelf libations. Yowza! Find it at the Metwest International Shopping Center, 4142 Boy Scout Blvd. near Tampa's International Mall and Airport. Info: 813-513-7560; coronacigar.com.



BEST FRENCH RESTAURANT

La Cuisine

Located in historic downtown Ocala, this charming French restaurant is like taking a trip to Paris without having to pack. Owners Patrice and Elodie Perron source super fresh, high quality ingredients for their sensational European creations. Specialities include Organic Half Roast Chicken with fresh herbs, black truffle and black truffle au jus; Pan-Seared Sea Scallops with celery root au poivre and a cognac cream sauce; and Herb & Dijon Mustard Crusted Rack of Lamb with demi glace sauce. Save room for dessert because the sweet endings here are the "piece de resistance!" Find it at 48 SW 1st Ave in Ocala. 352-433-2570; lacuisineocala.com.



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ABOUT THE COVER

With more than 1,300 resident animals, ZooTampa is famous for having one of the most beautiful, tropical zoological settings in the world. There are lots of fun rides here, too, like the Tasmanian Tiger Coaster and Expedition Wild Africa Safari. Between the animals, the rides, and the splash area, you can spend more than a full day here. Read more about it on page 23 and be sure to visit it at 1101 W Sligh Ave, Tampa, FL 33604. Info: 813-935-8552; zootampa.org.



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Jeff Borysiewicz has a passion for two things: offshore fishing and smoking cigars. But it was the cigars that ultimately changed his life.

In 1996, Borysiewicz launched the Corona Cigar Co, a small one-man-band, home-based business. For the next two years, Borysiewicz was the company's one lone employee and did everything himself: from selling cigars out of a catalog to ordering the cigars, and packing the shipments.

In 1998, Borysiewicz opened his first brick and mortar, a modest 1,500 square-foot shop in Orlando. His business flourished and by 2001, Borysiewicz pursued opening a megastore in Orlando.

Outfitted with huge walk-in humidifier, a massive inventory of premium and rare cigars, as well as a dedicated Smoking Lounge stocked with top shelf spirits, the Corona Cigar Co's cutting-edge Orlando location was an instant hit.



Borysiewicz went on to open two more stores in Orlando before setting his sights on the Ybor City neighborhood of Tampa where he envisioned opening the world's largest cigar bar and lounge. And indeed he did.

Today, Borysiewicz's Ybor City location boasts over 5,000 square feet of humidified space, private lockers, multiple lounges, and an elegant full service bar showcasing the most extensive collection of whiskies and small batch bourbons in Tampa. In all, there are over 400 spirits on hand including rare pours like the *Johnnie Walker King George V* blended Scotch Whisky and *The Macallan 62-year-old single malt Scotch*. The bar also serves several classic cocktails and has an extensive Port collection.

But the real stars of the show are the exceptional hand-

crafted cigars.

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The Corona Cigar Co also features a big assortment of luxury cigar accessories including pipes, humidors, lighters, cutters and more.

You can find the Corona Cigar Co in Tampa at the Metwest International Shopping Center at 4142 W Boy Scout Blvd; in Orlando at 127 S Orange Ave, and at 7792 W Sand Lake Rd; in Lake Mary at 1130 Town Park Ave; and in Sarasota at 22N Lemon Ave. More info at 1-888-70-CIGAR or hit up coronacigar.com.

FYI: If Jeff isn't at one of his smoking hot cigar emporiums, he's probably casting his line offshore.

Art + Cultural Happenings

Please confirm details with event organizers or venues in case of changes or cancellations.

WEEKLY

Every Thursday Art on the House

Tampa: This celebration of 100 years of ancient, modern and contemporary art, current exhibitions showcases both American and international artists. Every Thursday, the price of admission is whatever you want to pay. Takes place 4 – 8 pm at the Tampa Museum of Art, 120 W Gasparilla Plaza. Info: 813- 274-8130 tampamuseum.org.

Every Thursday – Friday (Now through August 30) Laser Light Nights

Bradenton: Break out your big hair and acid-washed denims and get ready to rock out with some of your favorite artists. From the King of Pop, Michael Jackson, to Rock Royalty like Queen, you'll be getting your satisfaction with The Rolling Stones and twisting and shouting with The Beatles! There also grooving nights with the Motown Medley and the Starman

himself, David Bowie! Also on the roster: a Punk Rock Throwdown, the chart-dominator, Taylor Swift, and the uptown funk master, Bruno Mars! Showtimes: 7 and 9 pm in the Planetarium at the Bishop Museum of Science and Nature, 201 10th St W.

MONTHLY

Second Wednesday Heights Night Market

Tampa: A rotating cast of artisans offer handmade goods, jewelry, art, woodwork, unique gifts, and more. Takes place from 5:30 – 9:30 pm in front of Armature Works on 7th Ave. Info: armatureworks.com.

Second Thursday Happy Hour with the Historian

Tampa: Enjoy a fun evening of wine, words and wisdom as local experts cover topics ranging from trailblazing female pilots and St Pete's haunted past to artistic astronauts



and bridge disasters. Doors open 6 pm and event begins at 6:30 pm at the St Petersburg Museum of History, 335 2nd Ave NE. Info: 27-894-1052; historystpete.org.



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What the Constitution Means to Me
by Heidi Schreck
October 11-October 27; Preview October 9

Honky Tonk Angels Holiday Spectacular
by Ted Swindley
November 29-December 23

A Christmas Carol
Adapted by Niall McGinty from Charles Dickens
November 30-December 23

Laughs in Spanish
by Alexis Scheer
January 24-February 16; Previews January 22-23

Clyde's
by Lynn Nottage
March 28-April 20; Previews March 26-27

Summer Musical 2025 - TBA
May 30-July 6; Previews May 28-29

The Hipp Unplugged
Are you ready to be transported? We continue to thrill with our Hipp Unplugged reading series, where we're pushing the boundaries of traditional theater to showcase the raw power of storytelling.

Art & Cultural Happenings

First Friday
Fresh Fridays
Sarasota: Kick off your weekend with diverse music, food, and culture. Each month features a new theme and live entertainment. Takes place from 7 – 10 pm at various locations. Info: downtownsarasota.com.

Last Friday
Artwalk Gainesville
Gainesville: This self-guided tour introduces you to local galleries, studios, breweries and eclectic performance venues. Enjoy artist demos, meet-and-greets, workshops and more. Takes place from 7 – 10 pm at various locations. Info: artwalkgainesville.com.

First Saturday
Free Museum Day
Ocala: Browse museum masterpieces, enjoy special exhibitions, visiting artists and performers, get creative in the Artspace and enjoy a selfie or two in the sculpture garden before sampling fare from visiting food trucks. Takes place from 10 am – 5 pm at the Appleton Museum, 4333 E. Silver Springs Blvd. Info: appletonmuseum.org.

Second Saturday
Second Saturday Art Walk
St Pete: Explore the Sunshine City’s vibrant arts scene as galleries and studios in over seven arts districts stay open late to introduce featured artists and new exhibits. Takes place from 9 am – 9 pm. Info: stpeteartsalliance.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Now – October 26
Outside In: New Murals Inspired by Dalí
St Pete: Celebrate 10 years of SHINE with murals by artists like BASK, Chad Mize, Palehorse, and Tes One—created inside the gallery and inspired by Dalí. Don’t miss the interactive selfie-to-street-art and AI dream-to-image experiences. Takes place from 10 am – 6 pm (Th until 8 pm) at the Dali Museum, One Dalí Blvd. Info: 727-823-3767; thedali.org.

Now – September 19, 2026
Dali Alive 360°
St Pete: This multi-sensory light and sound experience features dynamic animations of the artist’s surreal landscapes, iconic melting clocks and mind-bending illusions



created during Salvador Dalí’s time in Spain, Paris and America. Takes place from 10 am – 6 pm (Th ‘till 8 pm) at the Dali Museum, One Dalí Blvd. Info: 727-823-3767; thedali.org.

June 29
Art & Nature Sunset Tours
St Pete: Explore the interconnection of art and nature with a docent-led tour at the Museum of Fine Arts, then embark on a cruise of wildlife watching, a bird sanctuary visit, and spectacular sunset views with Tampa Bay Watch. Takes place from 4 – 8 pm at the Museum of Fine Arts, 255 Beach Dr NE. Info and tickets: mfastpete.org.

July 12 – 13
September 13 – 14
Sponge Docks Art & Craft Festival
Tarpon Springs: Shop the finest in handmade arts and crafts, soaps, unique gifts and more all displayed just steps away from the best Greek restaurants, markets and bakeries in the country. Takes place on Sa from

10am – 7pm and on Su from 10am – 5pm at the famous Sponge Docks, 735 Dodecanese Blvd. Info: artfestival.com.

September 13 – 14
St Armands Craft Festival
Sarasota: Creativity blooms as top Florida artisans display paintings, jewelry, ceramics, pottery, planters and more. FYI: Be sure to check out the adjacent Green Market for unique orchids, dips, sauces and soaps! Takes place from 10 am – 4 pm at 1 St Armands Circle. Info: artfestival.com.

October 11 – 12
Downtown Dunedin Craft Festival
Dunedin: Some of the country’s finest artists and crafters showcase ceramic planters, functional pottery, hair accessories, one-of-a-kind jewelry pieces and more. An expansive Green Market also offers a variety of sauces, spices, luxury bath items and gourmet goodies! Takes place from 10 am – 5 pm at 271 Main St. Info: artfestival.com.

October 18 – 19
Downtown Sarasota Craft Festival
Sarasota: Creativity abounds at this stunning showcase of sculptures, paintings, jewelry, photography, and ceramics by US artists and fine crafters in the heart of downtown Takes place from 10 am – 5 pm at Five Points Park, 1 Central Ave. Info: artfestival.com.

October 25 – 26
Hyde Park Village Art Fair
Tampa: Stroll the historic brick-lined streets while shopping for life-size sculptures, spectacular paintings, unique jewelry, photography, ceramics and more from 100+ exhibitors in this open-air arts market. Takes place from 10 am – 5 pm in Hyde Park Village, 1622 Snow Ave. Info: artfestival.net.

October 25 – 26
Craft Festival at the Shops at Wiregrass Wesley Chapel: This outdoor artisan market offers handcrafted fine art, including painting, sculpture, photography, jewelry, and mixed media, plus unique lifestyle gifts, soaps, lotions, plants, handbags, pet accessories and more. Takes place from 10 am – 5 pm at 28211 Paseo Dr. Info: artfestival.com.

The Florida Orchestra: Mozart to Cynthia Erivo

The Florida Orchestra has announced the 2025-26 season, taking you on an exhilarating journey that spans continents and cultures through the universal language of music. The 58th season launches in September with a thrilling month of special concerts – starting with the return of Wicked star Cynthia Erivo. Now is the time to include a world-class concert with the largest professional orchestra in Florida, based in Tampa Bay.

A September to remember opens the season: On Sept. 3, the orchestra welcomes back global star Cynthia Erivo for a second concert of unparalleled artistry, conducted by Music Director Michael Francis at Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater. Then step into the Mississippi Delta for Morgan Freeman’s Symphonic Blues Experience (Sept. 25), featuring a live appearance and recorded multimedia narration by the Hollywood icon, in addition to cinematic visuals.

In the orchestra’s premier Hough Family Foundation Masterworks series, Maestro Francis carefully curates epic masterpieces and hidden gems. Highlights include Beethoven’s Symphony No. 9 featuring The Master Chorale of Tampa Bay; Strauss’ massive An Alpine Symphony; Mozart’s Jupiter Symphony; Beethoven’s Symphony No. 7; the U.S. premiere of Thierry Caens’ Tribones trombone concerto; and more.

The Raymond James Pops series brings a wide variety for all generations, from Bugs Bunny at the Symphony film concert to The Billy Joel Songbook, Holiday Pops and a salute to America’s 250th birthday.

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MONTHLY

First Thursday Rock the Park

Tampa: This free live monthly entertainment series showcases music from all genres. Showtime: 6:30 pm at Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park, 600 N Ashley Dr. Info: facebook.com/rockthepark.

First Friday Free Fridays Concert Series

Gainesville: Chill out to the sounds of local and regional musicians performing classic Rock, Reggae, R&B, Soul, SKA, Funk, Blues and more. Takes place under the stars from 7 – 9 pm at 111 E. University Ave. Info: bodiddleyplaza.com.

First Friday Music On Main

Lakewood Ranch: This free monthly concert series and lively block party includes local food vendors, beer trucks, sponsor booths, and plenty of games and activities for the kids Takes place from 6 – 9 pm at 8100 Lakewood Main St. Info: lakewoodranch.com.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Now – August 3 Summer Cabaret: How Sweet It Is

Sarasota: With fresh takes on chart-busting classics, this high energy show explores Motown’s legacy—enriched by personal accounts of collaborations with The Beatles, Eric Clapton, and James Taylor. Various

times. Takes place at the Goldstein Cabaret, 1239 N Palm Ave. Info and tickets: 941-366-9000; FloridaStudioTheatre.org.

Now – August 9 Summer Circus Spectacular 2025

Sarasota: The Summer Circus Spectacular highlights some of the finest circus acts from around the world. Takes place at 11 am and 2 pm on Tu – F; and at 2 pm and 5 pm on Sa at the Historic Asolo Theater, 5401 Bay Shore Rd. Info: 941-360-7399; ringing.org.

Now – September 14 Summer Cabaret: Too Darn Hot – Songs for a Summer Night

Sarasota: Acclaimed singer, Carole J Bufford brings fresh life to classics by Frank Sinatra, Ray Charles, Patsy Cline, and more. Various times at the Court Cabaret, 1265 First St. Info and tickets: 941-366-9000; FloridaStudioTheatre.org.

June 20 Sights + Sounds At Waterside Place: Florida Studio Theatre Improv!

Lakewood Ranch: Get ready for a night of nonstop laughs. This imaginative improv group makes everything up on the spot — no script, no plan, just pure, unpredictable fun inspired by YOUR suggestions. Limited seating but lawn chairs welcome. Showtime: 6 – 7 pm at 1561 Lakefront Dr. Info: lakewoodranch.com.

July 3 Sights + Sounds At Waterside Place: The Sarasota Concert Band

Lakewood Ranch: Sarasota’s acclaimed 40 piece professional Symphonic Band, celebrates its 71st year anniversary with this patriotic extravaganza in honor of Independence Day 2025. Also marqueeing: the award-winning performer, Kathryn Parks, an exceptional vocal soloist, singer, actor, and filmmaker. Limited seating but lawn chairs welcome. Showtime: 6 – 7 pm at 1561 Lakefront Dr. Info: lakewoodranch.com.

July 5 – 12 2025 Summer Improv: Freedom! The Musical

Sarasota: Sure, you know the story of the

American Revolution, but do you know the back, back, backstory behind the major historic events? This laugh-out-loud patriotic improv reveals the untold story of the American Revolution in this never-before-seen musical. Various times at Bowne’s Lab, 1241 N Palm Ave. Info and tickets: 941-366-9000; FloridaStudioTheatre.org.

July 9 – August 10 Summer Mainstage: Dorothy’s Dictionary

Sarasota: An unlikely friendship blossoms between a troubled teenager serving community service and a fiercely independent woman who introduces him to the transformative power of books. Various times at Keating Theatre, 1241 N Palm Ave. Info and tickets: 941-366-9000; FloridaStudioTheatre.org.

July 12 Ghost World Tour 2025

Tampa: Accumulating nearly 10 billion streams, GRAMMY-winning Swedish theatrical rock band GHOST is a global sensation. Showtime: 8 pm at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Info, tickets, and full concert schedule: 813-301-2500; amaliearena.com.

July 18 In The Air Tonight

Ocala: Rick Snider channels Phil Collins like nobody else, featuring monster hits, deep cuts, and a live show that feels so much like an arena tour that you’ll forget where you are! Showtime: 7:30 pm at the Reilly Arts Center, 500 NE 9th St. Info and tickets: 352-351-1606; reillyartscenter.com

July 18 – 19 Sarasota Improv Festival

Sarasota: This premier high-octane festival features more than 16 troupes, 80 artists, 26 performances, and 16 workshops. Various showtimes at the Florida Studio Theater, 1241 North Palm Ave. Info: 941-366-9000; floridastudiotheater.org.

July 19 Keshia Cole – The Way It Is 20th Anniversary Tour

Tampa: With over 15 million albums sold worldwide and an enduring connection to her fans, Grammy-nominated R&B singer, songwriter and television personality, Keyshia Cole remains one of the most influential voices in modern R&B. Showtime: 8 pm at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Info, tickets, and full concert schedule: 813-301-2500; amaliearena.com.

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July 20
Counting Crows
Clearwater: This award-winning band returns for a night of soulful rock & roll performing their latest playlist, as well as hits from their breakout album, *August and Everything After*. Special guest: The Gaslight Anthem. Showtime: 6:30 pm at Coachman Park, 255 Drew St. Info and tickets: 727-791-7400; rutheckerdthall.com.

July 25
Keith Sweat’s Birthday Bash
Tampa: Headlined by legendary hitmaker and R&B icon, Keith Sweat, the celebration also features, multi-platinum trio SWV, chart-topping Dru Hill; R&B sensation Joe; and platinum-selling artist, Ginuwine, Showtime: 8 pm at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Info, tickets and full concert schedule: 813-301-2500; amaliearena.com.

July 25
An Evening with Here Come the Mummies
Ocala: This 8-piece, 5,000-year-old band with a one-track mind and not-so-ancient stage antics will bend your brain and melt your face. Showtime: 7:30 pm at the Reilly Art Center, 500 NE 9th St. Info and tickets: 352-351-1606; reillyartscenter.com

July 25 – 26
2025 Summer Improv: Available Cupholders
Sarasota: Get ready for a hilarious, unscripted performance by this award-winning improv and comedy group who will have your rolling in the aisles. Various times at Bowne’s Lab, 1265 First St. Info and tickets: 941-366-9000; FloridaStudioTheatre.org.

August 6 – 24
Summer Mainstage: Don’t Dress For Dinner
Sarasota: Bernard has it all planned: a romantic weekend with his mistress, and an ironclad alibi provided by his best friend, Robert. But when Bernard’s wife discovers Robert is coming for a visit, she plans for a romantic escapade of her own. Various times at Gompertz Theatre, 1241 N Palm Ave. Info and tickets: 941-366-9000; FloridaStudioTheatre.org.

August 12 – 17
Summer on Stage: Happy Endings Wedding Chapel
Sarasota: In a faded Las Vegas wedding chapel, an offbeat family receives an unexpected visit from a charming British lawyer on a messy legal mission. Various showtime at The Crossings at Siesta Key, 3501 South Tamiami Trail. Info: 941.365.2494; theplayers.org.

August 19 – October 26
Summer Cabaret: A Tribute to Peter, Paul & Mary... and Friends
Sarasota: Modern-day folk trio, “A Band Called Honalee,” recreates the timeless magic of Peter, Paul & Mary. The show also pays tribute to legends like Bob Dylan, Joni Mitchell, The Mamas & The Papas, and more. Various times at the Goldstein Cabaret, 1239 N Palm Ave. Info and tickets: 941-366-9000; FloridaStudioTheatre.org.

August 21
UB40 and The Fixx
Clearwater: Rediscover the electric reggae-pop vibes of UB40 with hits like “Red, Red Wine,” and “Food for Thought,” as well as classic MTV-era sounds from New Wave favorite, The Fixx. Showtime: 7 pm at Coachman Park, 300 Cleveland St. Info and tickets: 727-791-7400; rutheckerdthall.com.

August 22
Katy Perry: The Lifetimes Tour
Tampa: The biggest-selling female artist in Capitol history has racked up a cumulative 115 billion streams alongside worldwide sales of over 70 million adjusted albums and 143 million tracks. Showtime: 7 pm at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Info, tickets and full concert schedule: 813-301-2500; amaliearena.com.

August 30
Stevie Nicks Live Concert Tour
Tampa: Powerhouse singer, musician and “all-around witchy icon,” Stevie Nicks, performs favorites from her back catalogue, as well as hits from Fleetwood Mac. Showtime: 7 pm at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Info, tickets and full concert schedule: 813-301-2500; amaliearena.com.

September 5
Disney Descendants/Zombies: World Collide Tour
Tampa: Celebrate the high-energy music that inspired families and fans of all ages to dance, sing and engage with their favorite stars. The concert marks a nostalgic return to tours like

Miley Cyrus/Hannah Montana and High School Musical. Showtime: 7 pm at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Info, tickets and full concert schedule: 813-301-2500; amaliearena.com.

September 11
Ice Cube – Four Decades of Attitude
Tampa: This multi-hyphenate international music, film and sports legend continues to wow fans. His latest album, *Man Down*, debuted in Billboard’s Top 10 and also hit Top Rap Albums and hit #2 on iTunes’ Hip-Hop/Rap Chart. Showtime: 8 pm at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Info, tickets and full concert schedule: 813-301-2500; amaliearena.com.

September 13
Flip Orley: Comedic Hypnotist
Ocala: Flip out as “the country’s best hypnotist” gets you in touch with your subconscious in the funniest and craziest ways during a zany night of off-the-wall! Showtime 7:30 pm at the Reilly Art Center, 500 NE 9th St. Info and tickets: 352-351-1606; reillyartscenter.com.

October 17
Twilight in Concert
Sarasota: This epic film-to-concert event includes the original movie accompanied by a sensational 12-piece ensemble of outstanding rock and orchestral musicians. The orchestra will perform the beloved film score in perfect synchronization with the original movie, projected on a full-size cinema screen. The production is backdropped by over a thousand twinkling candles illuminating the grand stage, Showtime: 7 pm at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, 777 N Tamiami Trail. Info and tickets: 941-263-6799; vanwezel.org.

October 22
Jonas Brothers with The All-American Rejects
Tampa: This career-spanning journey includes dedicated sets from every chapter of Jonas including Nick Jonas & the Administration, Nick Jonas’ solo career, Joe Jonas’ solo work and DNCE. Culminating it all is an unforgettable headlining performance from the Jonas Brothers. Special guests: The All-American Rejects. Showtime: 7:30 pm at Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Info, tickets and full concert schedule: 813-301-2500; amaliearena.com



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What's Up



Third Thursday Sip and Shop

Ocala: Merchants and restaurants stay open until 8 pm for shopping with complimentary cocktails. Show your receipt from participating retailers and get 15% off at select downtown eateries and bars. Takes place from 5 – 8 pm in Downtown Ocala. Info: ocalamainstreet.org.

First Friday The Market Elaine

Wesley Chapel: This nighttime version of the Market Marie includes 150+ vendors offering food, art, plants, clothing and jewelry, candles, soaps, home décor, pet adoptions and more. Takes place from 5:30 – 9:30 pm at 6103 Wesley Grove Blvd. Info: Facebook.com/TheMarketElaine.

First Friday & 3rd Saturday Gulfport Night Market

Gulfport: This new monthly hybrid blend of the Gulfport Art Walk and IndieFaire Markets showcases vibrant handcrafted goods from local crafters and artisans. You can also enjoy live music, street performers, and more. Takes place from 5 – 9pm on Beach Blvd S between 28th Ave S & Shore Blvd. Info: visitgulfportflorida.com.

Second Saturday The Market Marie

Clearwater: More than 65 small, local vendors offer up delicious food, art, clothing, jewelry, candles and soaps, pet treats, home goods and more. Takes place from 10 am – 2 pm at the Market Marie, 710 Court St. Info: themarketmarie.com.

Third Saturday Indie Faire Maker's Market

Gulfport: Discover local, handmade arts and crafts, jewelry, pottery, locally sourced botanicals and more at this expansive downtown arts market. Takes place from 5 – 9 pm on Beach Blvd S between 28th Ave S and Shore Blvd. Info: visitgulfportflorida.com.

First Sunday Hyde Park Essentials Market

Hyde Park: Browse more than 100 vendors offering fresh and organic fruits and veggies, locally prepared foods, handcrafted and artisan home décor, gifts and more. Takes place from 10 am – 3 pm at 742 S Village Circle. Info: tampabaymarkets.com.

Second Sunday Second Sunday Market & Art Walk

Tampa: Beat the heat at this air-conditioned marketplace where you can shop a wide variety of unique gifts, clothes, healthy living products and more. Takes place from 11 am – 3 pm at Armature Works, 1910 Ola Ave. Info: armatureworks.com.

Second Sunday Seminole Heights Sunday Morning Market

Tampa: Discover an array of unusual gifts, clothes, healthy living products and more from popular market vendors. Takes place from 11 am – 3pm at 4500 N Nebraska Ave. Info: tampabaymarkets.com.

Now – September 21 Tampa Bay Rays

Tampa: Score a home run and enjoy a great day at the ball park as the Rays welcome various MLB teams to their home turf. Various game times. Take place at Steinbrenner Field, 1 Steinbrenner Dr. Info: mlb.com.

June 21 Juneteenth – R.O.C. The Block Festival

Tampa: This community block party celebration includes live DJs, artistic dance performances, live music, a kids' zone, food trucks, local vendors, health screenings and more!



Please confirm details with event organizers or venues in case of changes or cancellations.

DAILY

Sunsets at Pier 60 Festival

Clearwater: This fun, nightly sunset celebration features artisans, crafters, street performers, live music and more. Starts two hours before sunset (approximately 5 – 9:30 pm) at Pier 60, 1 Causeway Blvd. Info: 727-449-1036; sunsetpier60.com.

WEEKLY

Every Sunday Ocala Polo

Ocala: Enjoy a picnic or tailgate from food trucks as ponies and riders take to the field in an amazing display of equine speed and agility in one of the world's oldest known sports, including the halftime divot stomp! Kicks off at 6 pm at the Ocala Polo Club, 11008 S Hwy 475. Info and tickets: 352-362-0282 ocalapolo.com.

MONTHLY

Third Thursday Third Thursday Market

Tampa: Enjoy a hip, fun nighttime gourmet food event featuring food trucks, cocktails, live music and more! Takes place from 6 – 10 pm at 1208 E Kennedy Blvd. Info: tampabaymarkets.com.

Brew, Brats & Schnitzel

16th Annual Oktoberfest Tampa



Break out your lederhosen, dirndls and beer steins because when Munich, Germany's famous Oktoberfest celebration wraps up in September — some 16 days and 14 million pints of beer after it began — Tampa Bay's 16th Annual Oktoberfest celebration will just be getting started.

Cited as one of the "Top 5" Oktoberfests in the US, this year's bash kicks off on Friday, October 10 and runs through Sunday, October 12 at Curtis Hixon Park which magically transforms into the city's largest waterfront biergarten for this family and pet-friendly event.

A full authentic Bavarian Food and Beer Hall will serve up pleasing pilsners, hearty hefeweizens, delicious dunkels and the traditional Oktoberfest Märzens plus plenty

of German and Bavarian foods (bratwurst, currywurst, sauerkraut, chicken schnitzel, warm pretzels and other goodies) all available in mass quantities throughout the three day celebration.

But it wouldn't be Oktoberfest with just food and drink.

There will also be plenty of singing and dancing, as well as lots of goofy games like the "Liter Stein Bucket Race," (running an obstacle course without spilling your buckets of beer) "Carry the Wench," a race where you carry your date on your back, "Tug of War," "Keg Stacking" and so much more.

General admission is just \$10 for adults and free for kids. VIP tickets are also available and include a commemorative one liter acrylic stein, complimentary

re-fills, open bar, table-side service, express entry, VIP Tent access and Konig's Feast - a full food plate with all

the fixings.

Takes place on Friday from 4 pm – 11 pm; on Saturday from 11 am – 11 am; and on Sunday from 11 am – 6 pm at Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park, 600 N Ashley Dr, Tampa. For more info go to oktoberfesttampa.com.

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4th of July Celebrations

June 29

Red, White and OSO Blue: Salute to Our Troops

Ocala: This special salute to veterans features a stunning showcase of all-time favorite patriotic marches and musical scores that evoke all the feels of red, white, and blue! Takes place at 3 pm at 500 NE 9th St. Info: reillyartscenter.com.

July 3

Fireworks on the Lake

Sarasota: This annual America Birthday bash includes live music, a raffle, Kids Zone plenty of food trucks, family-friendly activities, and a spectacular fireworks show over the lake at around 9 p.m. Takes place from 5 — 10 pm at Nathan Benderson Park, 5851 Nathan Benderson Circle. Info: nathanbendersonpark.org.

July 3

Fanfares and Fireworks

Gainesville: Enjoy a night of patriotic fun with live, local music from the UF Bandshell, food trucks and a spectacular fireworks display. Takes place from 6 — 10 pm at Flavet Field, Woodlawn Dr. Info: wuft.org.

July 4

St Pete Pier's The Fourth Celebration

St Pete: Celebrate Independence Day with live music and street performers, a family fun zone, food trucks, craft beer garden, and shopping at Uncle Sam's Market. A spectacular fireworks celebration follows at 9 pm on the waterfront. Takes place from 4 — 10 pm at 600 2nd Ave. NE. Info: stpetepier.org.

July 4

Clearwater Celebrates America

Clearwater: Enjoy live music, street performers, all-American food, arts and crafts, games, and a patriotic concert from the BayCare Sound Symphony. Stick around for the largest fireworks show ever at 9:30 pm followed by an immersive silent disco party on the Promenade Pier. Takes place from 5 — 11 pm at 300 Cleveland St. Info: thesoundfla.com.

July 4

Boat Parade & Boom by the Bay

Tampa: This star-spangled holiday features great food, live entertainment, a spectacular water ski show, patriotic boat parade and the Blessing of the Fleet. An explosive

choreographed fireworks show follows at dusk. Takes place from 6 — 9:30 pm at 615 Channelside Dr and at various downtown locations. Info: thetampariverwalk.com.

July 4

Hometown USA

Dunedin: Celebrate America with a patriotic golf cart parade followed by live music, an outdoor movie, games, face painting, and a grand firework show. Takes place from 6 — 9:30 pm at TD Ballpark, 373 Douglas Ave. Info: dunedgov.com.

July 4

Independence Day Celebration

Sarasota: Find the best seat in the house for this annual patriotic Independence Day celebration over beautiful Sarasota Bay. Takes place from 9 — 9:30 pm at Bayfront Park, US 41 and Gulfstream Ave. Info: sarasotaffl.gov.

July 4

Cedar Key Independence Day

Cedar Key: Celebrate your independence with the best fireworks show in Florida! You'll have the best seat in the house — either on land or on water — with the patriotic display launching from a barge between Dock St and Atsena Otie. Fireworks begin at 9:15pm at 188 2nd St. Info: cedarkey.org.

July 4

Picnic in the Park

Tarpon Springs: This star-spangled family celebration includes delicious food, live music, bounce houses, water slides and festive fun for all ages! Takes place 10 am — 1 pm at 100 Library Lane. Info: spongdocks.net.

July 4

The Heights District Fourth of July

Tampa: Enjoy a day of patriotic fun with a live riverfront concert, hot dog eating contest, interactive kids' games, boat parade, and a dazzling fireworks show over the Hillsborough River. Takes place 4-10pm at 1910 Ola Ave. Info: amateurworks.com.

July 4

Patriotic Skies

Ocala: Rejoice in your independence with patriotic live music, kids' games and family activities, as well as food trucks offering savory snacks and sweet treats before a spectacular fireworks display. Takes place 6pm at 800 NE Sanchez Ave. Info: ocalaffl.gov.

What's Up

Takes place from 3 — 9 pm at Raymond James Stadium, 4201 N Dale Mabry Hwy. Info and tickets: roctheblock.com.

June 21

Womyn in Comedy

St Pete: The hilarious Chantal Wayans and special guest Paris Sashay share their sharp wit and bold, fearless voices in a celebration of queer womyn. Showtime: 7pm at the Museum of Fine Arts, 255 Beach Dr NE. Info: stpetepride.org.

June 27 — 29

St Pete Pride Weekend

St Pete: This three-day epic celebration kicks off with a lively Friday night concert featuring high-profile national and local LGBTQ+ performers, musicians and more. On Sa, you can enjoy a rockin' all day festival from 2 — 10 pm, as well as a Trans March at 5:15 and colorful Parade along Bayshore Dr at 6 pm. The weekend culminates with a huge Street Festival on Su which showcases live entertainment, community booths, art and fantastic food. Takes place from noon — 5 pm and spans an entire city block in the Grand Central District between 20th and 31st Streets. Complete deets: 727-342-0084; stpetepride.com.

July 12

Repticon Sarasota 2025

Sarasota: See live reptiles from around the world, enjoy reptile shows, special events and other interactive activities at one of the largest reptile and exotic animal expos in the country. You can even shop for a new family pet among the hundreds of reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates, spiders, and small exotic animals. Lots of great merchandise, too! FYI: Tickets ONLY available online! Takes place from 10 am — 4 pm at the Sahib Shrine Center, 600 N Beneva Rd. Info: 863-268-4273; repticon.com.

July 18 — 19

Jurassic Quest

Tampa: See life-size, true-to-detail dinosaurs, including a 60' long, sky-scraping Spinosaurus, a 80' long Apatosaurus, and the gigantic life size T.rex. Also on display: a one-of-a-kind interactive Baby Dinosaur Show and Raptor Training Experience, Dino Bounce Houses and Bungee Pull and lots more. Takes place on F from Noon — 6 pm; Sa from 9 am — 6 pm; and on Su from 9 am — 5 pm at the Florida State Expo Hall, 4800 US-301. Info and tickets: jurassicquest.com.

July 21

Tampa Bay Ice Cream Festival

St Pete: Chill out on National Ice Cream Day as 25+ local vendors scoop up your favorite flavors and also serve up some unique new renditions. Your vote could determine who takes home the crown in the Best Ice Cream contest. Takes place from 11am — 8 pm at the St Pete Pier, 600 2nd Ave NE. Info: stpetepier.org.

July 25 — 27

METROCON

Tampa: Florida's largest gathering of anime, cosplay and gaming features a video game arcade, and an all-new DREAM/fight Live! human-anime chess match, a well as celebrity appearances, costume contests, lip synch battles, mascot art, a Rave and more! Takes place on F from 10 am — 11 pm; on Sa from 9 am — 11 pm; and on Su from 9 am — 3 pm at 333 S Franklin St. Info: metroconventions.com.

August 1 — 3

Tampa Bay Comic Book Convention

Tampa: Vintage and new comics, toys, cosplay, anime and art take center stage at this lighthearted event that draws thousands of collectors. Get in on celebrity photo ops and autograph sessions, as well as fan-cosplay meet-ups with authors, voice actors, creators and actors. Takes place on F from noon — 10 pm; on Sa from 10am — 10 pm; and on Su from 10 am — 5 pm at 333 S Franklin St. Info: tampabayomicconvention.com.

August 1

Bolts Brew Fest

Tampa: Feel the Thunder with live music, craft brews and cocktails, interactive and oversized games, photo ops, a VIP lounge, and a special appearance by Thunderbug. Takes place at 8 pm at the Amelia Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Info and tickets: 813-301-2500; amaliearena.com.

August 1

VooDoo Signature Chef Progressive Dinner

Tampa: Savor five amazing courses, all handcrafted by five of Tampa's top chefs, and creatively paired with five outstanding wines. Kicks off a full weekend of VooDoo Bash culinary charity celebrations. Takes place from 6 — 10 pm at the Cuban Club,



2010 N 14th St. Info and tickets: 813-998-4852; voodoocheffoundation.com.

August 2

7th Annual VooDoo Bash

Tampa: Join the quest to find Florida's Best Burger handcrafted by local chefs and restaurateurs. Live bands and DJs, raffles, a silent auction and more! Takes place from 3 — 9pm at the Cuban Club, 2010 N 14th St. Info and tickets: 813-998-4852; voodoocheffoundation.com.

August 15 — 17

Monster Jam

Tampa: Feel the thrills as 12,000 lb trucks and world champion drivers tear up the dirt with high-flying action and jaw-dropping stunts, snap a selfie and get autographs in at the Pit Party, or come early for the Trackside Experience. Showtimes: F at 7 pm; on Sa at 1 and 7 pm; and on Su at 1 pm. Takes place at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Info and tickets: 813-301-2500; amaliearena.com.

August 18

Hippie Fest

Tarpon Springs: Get nostalgic with tie-dye and bell bottoms, a car show featuring all makes and models of VW Bugs, hippie costume and hula contests, live music, food, craft beer, and more! Takes place from 2 — 9pm on Dodecanese Blvd. Info: spongdocks.net.

August 30

Gecko Fest

Gulfport: This fun end-of-summer street celebration honors Gulfport's unofficial mascot! Enjoy costume contests, roving magicians, stilt walkers, acrobats, jugglers, a wacky walking parade and Gecko Skateboard Races! Live music, food trucks, libations and more! Takes place from 10 am — 8 pm at 3100 Beach Blvd S. Info: visitgulfportflorida.com.

September 20 — 21

Comic Con

Ocala: See the Jurassic Park replica JEEP and dive into the world of cosplay, comic books and trading card games. Takes place on Sa from 10 am — 6 pm and on Su from 11am — 5 pm at the World Equestrian Center, 1284 NW 87th Court Rd. Info and tickets: ocalacomicon.com.

September 26 — 28

XINSURANCE Clearwater Offshore Nationals

Clearwater: Some of the biggest and fastest offshore powerboat racers on the Gulf compete in this high octane race. Takes place on F from 5:30 — 10 pm; and on Sa from 11 am — 11 pm; and on Su from 11 am — 10 pm at 160 Gulfview Blvd. Info: clearwaternational.com.

October 8

A Ghostly Haunted Trolley Tour

St Pete: Experience the creepy and dark side of the Sunshine City. Hosted by SPIRITS of St Petersburg founder, Dr Brandy Stark, the tour takes you through lesser-known



haunts of downtown and the vastly haunted neighborhoods of Roser Park and the Old Northeast. Absolutely spooktacular! Takes place from 6:30 — 8:30 pm and departs from the St Petersburg Museum of History, 335 2nd Ave NE. Info: 727-894-1052; spmoh.org.

October 10 — 11

American Vintage Markets

Sarasota: Discover a wide variety of the best recycled, up cycled, repurposed and reimagined treasures — architectural salvage, country and primitives, estate and vintage jewelry, glass, china, clothing, antiques and more. Tickets. Takes place from 9 am — 4 pm at Roberts Arena, 3000 Ringling Blvd. Info: 904-377-0084; americanvintagemarkets.com.

What's Up



October 10 – 12
Oktoberfest
Tampa: Pull on the lederhosen for a day of Stein Hoisting, Keg Stacking, Carry the Wench, Corn Hole and more. Cold beer, authentic Bavarian food, treats and live music, too! Takes place on Fr from 4 – 11 pm; on Sa from 11 am – 11 pm; and on Su from 11 am – 6 pm at Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park, 600 N Ashley Dr. Info: oktoberfesttampa.com.

October 17 – 19
Rocktoberfest
Sarasota: Feast on authentic German food including roasted ham hock, sausages, sauerkraut, cheese noodles, hot pretzels, pints of beer and more. German music, dancing and a festival marketplace, too! Takes place on F from 4 – 10 pm; on Sa from 11 am – 10 pm; and on Su from 11 am – 6 pm at 199 Bayfront Dr. Info: destinationdowntownsarasota.com

October 16 – 19
Clearwater Jazz Holiday
Clearwater: Tampa Bay's largest outdoor jazz festival includes live performances by exceptional local and national jazz musicians, as well as great merchandise, food and more! Various show times. Take place at Coachman Park, 300 Cleveland St. Info and tickets: 727-461-5200; clearwaterjazz.com.

October 18
Seahorse Key Light Station Open House
Cedar Key: Experience this pre-Civil War lighthouse, featuring the UF field research lab and historical light station or get back to nature with a hike along the winding dune-side trail. Access the island by boat, shuttle or private craft. Rain date: Oct. 19 Takes place from 9 am – 3 pm on Seahorse Key Island. Info: 800-344-9453; fws.gov.

October 18 – 19
Seafood Festival
Cedar Key: Commemorate the local fishing heritage with a parade, local arts and crafts made from local cedar trees, live local music, shopping, and some of the best seafood from the Nature Coast. Takes place on Sa from 10 am – 5 pm and on Su from 10 am – 4 pm at Second St and

City Beach Front Park. Info: 352-543-5600; cedarkey.org.

October 25
Riverwalk Trick or Treat & Lighted Boat Parade
Tampa: This early evening of trick or treating, live music, food and street performers culminates with an eerie lighted holiday parade of "ghost boats" gliding along the Hillsborough River. Takes place from 4 – 7 pm in downtown Tampa. Boat parade: 6:30 – 9 pm. Info: thetampariverwalk.com

October 26
Taste of Latino Festival
Tampa: Enjoy authentic Latin food, including an empanada smackdown and Top Latino Chef Contest, live Latin music and dance performances, and recognition of Florida Latino & Latina Lderes at this annual family-friendly festival. Takes place from Noon – 6 pm in Centennial Park, Ybor City, 1800 E 8th Ave. Info: tasteoflatino.com.

October 31 – November 2
Pirate Invasion
Cedar Key: Local pirates pillage, plunder and battle to claim historic Cedar Key! Enjoy gun and cannon demos, wenches, sea shanties, traditional grub and grog, costume contests, mermaids and more! Takes place on F from Noon – 7 pm; on Sa from 8am – 6 pm; and on Su from 10 am – 3 pm at 192 2nd St. Info: cedarkeypiratefest.com.



OTHER FLORIDA EVENTS
July 3 – Aug 9
Annie
Fort Myers: Everyone's favorite orphan is back in this classic musical. As part of a publicity campaign for Oliver Warbucks, Annie and her dog Sandy are placed in the lap of luxury. However, Annie's stay turns out to be much more than anyone bargained for as she works her way into everyone's hearts! The only thing standing in her way is the cruel and bitter Miss Hannigan. The popular score includes Hard Knock Life, Easy Street, Little Girls and Tomorrow. Takes place at Broadway Palm Dinner Theater, 1380 Colonial Blvd. Info and tickets: 239-278-4422; BroadwayPalm.com.

August 23 – 24
Annual Coke Zero Sugar 400
Daytona: One of NASCAR's most premier events, this summer classic showcases drivers vying to secure their playoff spots in the final 10-race battle for the NASCAR Cup Series championship. Takes place at the Daytona International Speedway, 1801 W International Speedway Blvd, Daytona Beach. Info: 800-748-7467; DaytonaInternationalSpeedway.com.

August 28 – September 1
Just A Few Friends
Key West Favorite Son Celebration
Key West: This 2nd annual celebration honors Key West's favorite son, Jimmy Buffett, who passed away in 2024. Festivities kick off with an official pre-party "Meet-Up" on Th, August 28. On Friday morning, the City of Key West will proclaim "State of Florida Jimmy Buffett Day," followed by a full day of lively activities and foodie events. Saturday is jam-packed with a Margarita Bar Crawl, tours, lectures, rum tastings, and music events

across the island. On Sunday, you can enjoy the epic Second Line Parade, which culminates with a free music festival at Truman Waterfront Park. Come Monday, the weekend wraps up with even more activities. Info: justafewfriendskeywest.com

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Just next door is the Asia section where you can go nose-to-horn with an Indian Rhino and hang out with a hulking Komodo dragon, laid back sloth bear and clouded leopard.

Love manatees? At the David A Straz, Jr Manatee Hospital, the Zoo's veterinary and animal-care staff treat sick, injured and orphaned manatees before returning them to the wild after rehabilitation. There's also a Stingray Feeding area here which is pretty darn cool.

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were teleported to a village in the Savannah where giraffes, zebras, elephants, rhinos, and other native species meander about.

Want to get even closer? Just hop on the Safari Tram for a behind the scenes ride. FYI: Don't be surprised to see baby elephants frolicking in the mud to stay cool.

One of our favorite sections at ZooTampa is the Primate area where orangutans, chimpanzees and siamangs compete for

attention in all kinds of funny ways.

At the Wallaroo section, kids can interact with the goats and ponies at the Petting Zoo and also visit with Koala bears, emu, and wallaby. There are lots of fun rides here, too, like the Tasmanian Tiger Coaster.

So go have a blast. Between the

animals, the rides, and the splash area, you can spend more than a full day here!

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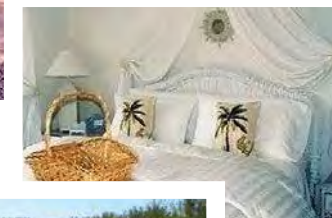
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are simply out of this world.

Our favorites: the 16 oz Rib Eye - well marbled and really flavorful; the Prime Rib - juicy and slow roasted for 12 hours; and the Grilled Lamb Chops - two double cut rib chops with mint demi-glaze.

The seafood dishes here are also terrific and include lots of intriguing options like Pistachio-Crusted Grouper, Seared FiveSpice Tuna and Pan Seared Chilean Sea Bass.

For starters, we recommend the deep fried calamari with remoulade sauce and the lobster bisque — rich, creamy and topped with delicate pieces of lobster which is by far, one of the best you'll find anywhere. (FYI: Check out



one of their great recipes on page 39).

So there you have it - a traditional American Chop House that truly lives up to its name. You can find Bascom's Chop House at 3665 Ulmerton Rd. in Clearwater. Info: 727-573-3363; bascoms.com.

Bon Appétit!

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Tampa At A Glance

So much to see and do!

Tampa Bay – the second largest metro area in Florida – offers a variety of treasures in the communities that surround its beautiful waters. From gleaming high rises and the rich Latin heritage of Tampa, to St. Petersburg’s European-style charm of café-lined streets along the nation’s most beautiful waterfront, and to Clearwater’s white sand beaches, Tampa Bay offers everything under the sun.

A visitor here can enjoy it all within a 45-minute drive from their hotel. Three bridges span Tampa Bay, and the drive yields a spectacular vista of all that is Florida: palm trees, gliding pelicans and dolphins paint a picture of a paradise where summer never ends.

Thirty-five miles of some of the best beaches in the world border the Gulf of Mexico: from Clearwater’s pristine Caladesi Island to south beyond St. Petersburg and the expansive Fort de Soto Beach. Here, fresh grouper is king,

and golden sunsets are the dessert to cap off a perfect day in the sun.

Just minutes away in downtown St. Petersburg, this resort city boomed while the big bands played and is now home to a thriving arts community.

Seven arts districts, dozens of galleries, world-class museums such as the Dali Museum and the Chihuly Collection, and a rising curtain on a host of performing arts rival the best arts cities in the world. And, sandwiched between museums and galleries, is stylish Beach Drive, a European promenade with open-air cafés overlooking beautiful waterfront parks, Mediterranean-tiled towers and the masts of sailboats.

Tampa’s Busch Gardens is not only one of America’s most popular theme parks with heart-palpitating rollercoasters, but it is also home to



one of the largest zoos in the United States.

Downtown

Tampa’s Riverwalk

provides a linear path

past the Tampa Museum of Art, Curtis Hixon Park and the city’s gleaming business district.

And less than a minute away, the Ybor City Historic District, where former cigar factories transformed into restaurants and nightclubs and the smell of Cuban coffee seems to seep from the old hexagon block sidewalks.

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in a one-of-a-kind space along the Tampa Riverwalk, his contemporary take on the age-old tavern concept is a lively dining and entertainment experience. With a relaxed open layout outfitted with large communal tables, it's all about social connection. It's no surprise that the menu here is chef-driven. Sandoval re-energizes comfort food into a robust collection of scratch-made plates that include Beef Barbacoa Nachos; Crispz Fried Chicken Wings; Grilled Flat Iron Steak; Smoky Gouda Mac & Cheese; a Tavern Butcher's Burger made with house-ground Florida raised grass-fed beef; and lots of other handhelds. The friendly space also boasts Florida's first "Top Golf Swing Suite," a very cool virtual sporting experience that is as immersive as the food. *A really fun hang!*

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If you're looking for something heartier, you can always opt for one of the Main Plates which include entrees like Airway Meatloaf, Hull Huli Salmon, and Asian Infused Quinoa Stir-Fry. FYI: Save room for the Chocolate Bourbon Cake!

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dishes include the Grilled Salmon with spinach and feta puff pastry; Lobster A La Vodka Pasta; Wagyu Bolognese; and the slow braised Short Rib.

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CLEARWATER AREA

BASCOM'S CHOP HOUSE
3665 Ulmerton Rd, Clearwater, FL 33762
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The Florida Orchestra and a host of other performing arts also make St Pete a rival for one the world's best cultural cities.

Sandwiched between museums and galleries, is stylish Beach Drive,

a European promenade with open-air cafés overlooking a ribbon of green city parks and the sparkling waters of Tampa Bay.

Downtown, you'll discover great shopping including eclectic home-grown businesses in the Grand Central District.

After dark, the city really hops. A thriving craft beer industry and a 24/7 downtown attracts the largest cluster of bars and entertainment spots in the Tampa Bay area.

Hard to believe that this hip city was once known as just a sleepy retirement destination because it's now a huge draw for all ages and just ranked as Florida's #1 spot for relocation among millennials.



Where classic elegance meets historic charm

The Vinoy Resort and Golf Club stands as a premier destination for travelers and locals, offering elevated experiences and creative programming like the History Tour & High Tea. With six distinctive dining venues, two resort pools, and a holistic spa, it reflects a century of rich social culture. As the celebration of its 100-year anniversary begins in 2025, this milestone becomes an integral part of the vibrant experiences that define The Vinoy.

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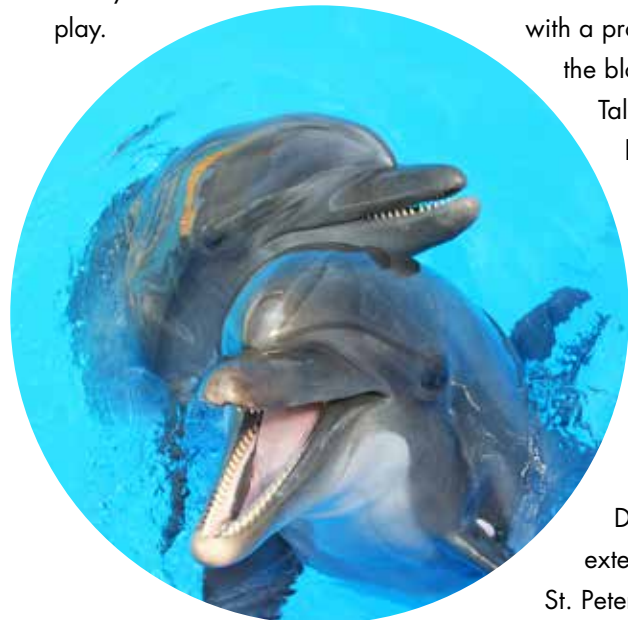


Clearwater

For Everything Under the Sun



From its renowned white sand beaches, amazing marine life and glorious weather, to fabulous dining, shopping, cultural attractions and festivals, Clearwater has it all. Lots of sports and recreational activities also make it a perfect place to stay and play.



So it wasn't surprising when USA Today readers named this popular year-round destination as "Best Beach Town," and "Best Place To Watch A Sunset," and also voted the Clearwater Marine Aquarium as "Best Florida Attraction."

Remember Winter, the dolphin with a prosthetic tail made famous in the blockbuster movie, "Dolphin Tale?" Well, you can see her here at the Marine Aquarium which focuses on rehabilitation and education. And speaking of dolphins, you may be greeted by any number of six-foot tall dolphins - 115 of them in fact, that comprise the Clearwater Dolphins Trail which extends from Tarpon Springs to St. Petersburg.

If shopping's your bag (and even if it's not) head on over to Westfield Countryside Mall. With 180+ retailers, twelve movie theaters, an indoor ice-skating rink and Restaurant Row, it has just about everything you need for a day of fun.

Another "Must-See": the free nightly Sunset Celebration at Pier 60 which includes local artisans, street performers, musicians and terrific live entertainment.

For true world-class entertainment, check out the performance lineup at Ruth Eckerd Hall. Long a mainstay of the Tampa Bay Cultural scene and downtown Clearwater's beautifully restored Capitol Theatre, it hosts some of the hottest acts in the US. So come see for yourself because Clearwater really does have it all!

Good Eats

KATCH BISTRO

Karol Hotel
2675 Umberton Rd, Clearwater, FL 33762
727-273-7850; thekarolhotel.com
M - Th 7 am - 9 pm; F 7 am - 10 pm;
Sa 8 am - 10 pm; Su 8 am - 3 pm
Inventive Gulf-To-Table Cuisine
Local seafood creations headline a terrific lineup of gourmet creations that include elevated appetizers like Creole Shrimp with fennel sausage in chili lime broth; Fried Deviled Eggs with truffle aioli and bacon; and crispy Brussels Sprouts with chili honey sauce and bacon. Sea and Land entrees rock the boat with options like Champagne Grouper; Pesto Gulf Shrimp; Atlantic Seared Salmon; Braised Short Rib; and Hot Honey Half Chicken. *Really lovely!*

GAINESVILLE AREA

VOLCANIC SUSHI + SAKE

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5212 SW 91st Terrace, Gainesville, FL 32608
352-363-6226; volcanicusushisaki.com
Su - Th 11 am - 9 pm; F & Sa 11 am - 10 pm
Gainesville's Iron Chef Winner
Winner of Gainesville's 2018 Iron Chef Competition, owner Nestor Espartero is a master at creating fabulous fusion dishes which reflect his passion for Asian, Latin and French cuisine. The food at his small, unassuming eatery is deliciously fresh, beautifully plated and artistically arranged (the wasabi is sculpted to resemble leaves). Chef Nestor's flavors are often complex, resulting in sensational dishes like the Sweet Salmon Teriyaki, Shaken Beef Tenderloin and Duck Curry. His signature rolls are also off the chart - especially the crunchy Haile Roll with tuna tartare and lotus root drizzled with eel sauce. *Outstanding!*

MARK'S PRIME STEAKHOUSE

201 SE 2nd Ave, Gainesville, Florida 32601
Tu - Th 5 - 9 pm; F & Sa 5 - 10 pm
352-336-0077; marksprimesteakhouse.com
A Top Pick of Wood Fired Prime Steaks
For over two decades, Mark's has been a top destination for prime wood-fired steaks and elegant dining. You can easily make a meal out of the array of homemade

soups, crisp salads, and intriguing appetizers. The list of starters is extensive but Mark's classic Crab Bisque - a smooth, creamy recipe with lots of depth and plenty of lump crab meat; and the Lobster Escargot with six large chunks of lobster tail sautéed in herbed garlic butter - are really superb. Needless to say, steaks and chops take center stage here and include a variety of cuts with master class preparations. Topping the list: the Frenched Prime Bone In Ribeye; exquisite 16 oz Delmonico; and the Twin Grilled Colorado Lamb Chops with rosemary butter. If fresh seafood is more your gig, the Pan Seared Sea Bass, Rock Shrimp & Crab Fettuccine and Wood Grilled North Atlantic Salmon with dill beurre blanc are all the bomb.

CEDAR KEY

BIG DECK BAR & GRILL

331 Dock St., Cedar Key, FL 32625
352-543-9992
Su - Th 11 am - 9 pm;
F & Sa 11 am - 12:30 am;
A Diamond in the Rough

Don't be fooled by the look of this rough hewn open-air hangout. It may not be fancy, and the bar can get a bit rowdy but the food here is damn good. If you like steakers, nothing even comes close to the locally farmed, sweet and juicy Cedar Key Clams.

Needless to say, the seafood here is exceptionally fresh and includes a variety of shrimp, oysters and fish preparations. If you're not a seafood lover, you can bib up for the Smoked Slab of Ribs or Pig Wings slathered in butter, garlic and parsley. Lots of burger options, too, as



well as sandwiches, quesadillas, wraps, and Po' Boys. Heads up: Most everything is served on styrofoam plates with plastic utensils so no need to get dressed up.

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Tu 11 am - 2 pm; W 11 am - 9 pm;
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Southern Cooking At Its Best
Marjorie "Mimi" Hale and her family are the epitome of "Southern Hospitality." In addition to their hip Ivy On The Square restaurant, the Hale clan also owns the landmark Ivy House Restaurant & Catering in Williston. Renowned for her delicious, yet simple meals, Mimi's heart-felt creations come from cherished family recipes. Topping the list of house favorites is Mimi's signature Baked Krispy Chicken, as well as other southern specialties like her Fried Green Tomatoes, Cheese Fritters and BBQ Shrimp & Grits. There's also a wide selection of seafood and steak dishes along with an extensive gluten-free menu. BTW: Be sure to check out the Late Night Tapas & Cocktails on Fr & Sa from 9 - 11 pm and the Williston location at 106 NW Mail St. (352-528-5410).

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Black Compound Butter

From the Award-Winning Bascom's Chop House



Acclaimed Chef Tony Bonanno of the award-winning Bascom's Chophouse and the luxe Karol Hotel in Clearwater, shares his signature recipe

for honey mustard aioli which pairs perfectly with fresh Stone Crab, as well as many other dishes.

INGREDIENTS

2 Lb Unsalted Butter (Room Temperature)
1 Cup Panko Breadcrumbs
1 Tbs Dry Parsley
1 Tbs Black Garlic Seasoning
1 Cup Chopped Black Garlic

PREPARATION:

Whip butter until double in size. Add remaining ingredients and incorporate well. Roll mixture into a cylinder using deli paper. Refrigerate until hardened. Grill your favorite cut of steak to taste and serve with a generous pat of the seasoned butter.

CHEF'S NOTE:

Black garlic is an interesting item that we like to use here at Bascom's Chop House. This one simple ingredient



literally transforms the flavor of an ordinary steak into an umami bomb of subtle savory flavors. Black garlic is an essence just fermented garlic this reduces its heat and strong flavor creating a very earthy rich, savory flavor. We hope you'll enjoy this new

creation here at the restaurant or you can make it at home. FYI: Try using some of the black garlic seasoning on your steak to enhance the flavor before grilling.

Enjoy! Chef Tony Bonanno

You can enjoy many of Chef Tony's other wonderful dishes at Clearwater's award-winning Bascom's Chop House, 3665 Ulmerton Rd (727-573-3363; bascoms.com) and at the KATCH Bistro in the Karol Hotel located just down the road at 2675 Ulmerton Rd (833-928-1437; theKarolHotel.com).

Gainesville

Where Nature and Culture Meet



Home to both “real” gators and the University of Florida’s “Fightin’ Gators,” Gainesville is where nature and culture meet.

Alligators, bison and wild horses freely roam the 22,000 acres of Paynes Prairie State Park, a National Landmark

which has lots of walking trails and platforms that provide fantastic views of the prairie and the 100 - 270 bird species that regularly visit here.

And then there are the museums. The Florida Museum of Natural History hosts fascinating exhibits about Florida and

also features a Butterfly Rainforest with hundreds of free-flying butterflies and birds from around the world.

Just next door is the Harn Museum of Art - one of the country’s largest university owned art museums. The Harn’s impressive collection totals more than 10,000 objects including an extensive collection of Asian Art, as well as modern and contemporary art, photography and more.

For foodies, Gainesville’s vibrant downtown delivers a plethora of excellent local restaurants that range from sushi to steak to everything in between. After dark, lively nightclubs and a professional theater keep things even more interesting.

Historic Cedar Key— A Taste of Old Florida

If you want to visit a piece of “Old Florida,” tell Siri to take you to the tiny enclave of Cedar Key.

Rich in small town flavor, this quaint, old-fashioned vacation town, with its lovely beaches, great fishing and lush natural preserves, is a haven for artists and writers who find inspiration from the unspoiled environment.

Located about 60 miles southwest of Gainesville and three

miles out into the Gulf of Mexico, it’s an island whose out of the way location helps keep it authentic and where time seems to stand still.

This is a place where houses and stores stand like herons perched on stilts above the Gulf and where the police greet you from spiffed up golf carts.

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of green space, dozens of lovely neighborhoods and the Hawkstone Golf and Country Club - an 18 hole Gary Player Signature golf course. At the center of it all is the Haile Village Center, a diverse collection of restaurants, boutiques, spas,



and gift shops, interwoven with gracious homes, tree-lined brick sidewalks and pedestrian-friendly streets. Every Saturday morning, there is a local Farmers' Market in

the Haile Village Center where you can shop for locally grown organic produce, fresh baked goods and a variety of crafts. The market is open from 8:30am until noon and is also a performance venue for local musicians. Throughout the year, the Village is also a hotspot for fun community events and festive holiday celebrations. If you're in the Gainesville area, make sure to put this one on your itinerary. For more info, check out hailevillagecenter.com



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Friday October 17th

SAMPLE MENUS



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At Hotel Zamora
3701 Gulf Blvd St Pete Beach, Fl
727-456-8660, thehotelzamora.com

appetizers

- Crispy Calamari**
hot cherry peppers, pesto aioli, marinara
- Shrimp Al Ajillo**
garlic, parsley, cayenne paprika oil
- Mezze Plate**
hummus, fried chickpeas, tzatziki, naan bread, tabouleh, crudite, marinated Greek olive medley

mains

- Chilean Sea Bass**
tomato feta cous cous, haricot verts, olive tapenade, red pepper sauce
- Steak**
choice of 14 oz ribeye, 8 oz filet or 8 oz sirloin, crispy onion straws and choice of demi, truffle butter, wild mushroom
- Chicken Saltimbocca**
fresh mozzarella & sage stuffed chicken breast wrapped in prosciutto, spinach gnocchi, natural jus
- Grilled Salmon**
spinach & feta puff pastry, asparagus, heirloom beurre blanc

Wagyu Bolognese
short rib & beef blend, parmesan crisp, fried ricotta, rigatoni

Lobster A La Vodka Pasta
steamed tail, shrimp & scallop a la vodka, angel hair, fresh basil



SAMPLE MENUS



KATCH BISTRO
The Karol Hotel
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727-273-7850, Thekarolhotel.com

appetizers

- Prince Edward Island Mussels**
steamed, thai chili coconut milk
- Fried Deviled Eggs**
truffle aioli, bacon
- Crispy Brussels Sprouts**
chili honey sauce, bacon
- from the sea**
- pesto shrimp**
roasted red pepper pesto, garlic, charred tomato, onion, angel hair pasta
- Lobster Mac & Cheese**
tender maine lobster, cheese sauce, cavatappi

Atlantic Seared Salmon
yellow tomato cream sauce, potato gnocchi, baby kale, beech mushroom, fried garlic

Cioppino
fresh crab, clams, mussels, shrimp, white fish, tomato-wine broth, aromatic herbs, garlic

from the land

- Braised Short Rib**
bordelaise, fried onion straws, whipped potato, seasonal vegetables
- Pork Chop**
mustard sauce, collard greens, rice, black eyed peas

Hot Honey Half Chicken
pan jus, collard greens, sweet potato, pecans

8 oz Grilled Filet
cherry bordelaise, whipped potato, seasonal vegetables



SAMPLE MENUS



LONA
Tampa Marriott Water Street
505 Water Street, Tampa, FL 33602
813-221-4900, lonatampa.com

main plates

- Lobster Quesadillas**
butter-poached lobster, flour tortilla, cilantro, chipotle aioli, red onion
- Carne Asada Tacos**
grilled skirt steak, melted oaxaca cheese, white onion, cilantro

Pablo Fajitas
tomato, onions, sweet peppers, crema, guacamole, pico de gallo, flour or corn tortillas

chef's specials

Grilled Steak Tampiqueña
strip steak, refried beans, rajas corn enchilada

Enchiladas Poblanas
chicken, queso fresco, house mole, crema, onion, sesame

Salmon a la Talla
guajillo chili adobo, avocado, coleslaw, corn pico de gallo, adobo mayo, charred lemon



SAMPLE MENUS



ANCHOR AND BRINE
Tampa Marriott Water Street
505 Water Street, Tampa, FL 33602
813-204-6388, anchorandbrine.com

small plates

- Sautéed Mussels**
confit garlic, shallot charred, scallion, smoked cherry tomatoes, sourdough crostini
- Lump Crab Cake**
spicy remoulade, avocado, charred lemon
- Exotic Mushroom Flatbread**
caramelized onions, mushrooms, arugula, garlic crema, truffle oil, balsamic reduction, parmesan, goat cheese
- Fried Calamari**
aji amarillo aioli, pickled chilis, grilled lemon

large plates

- Seared Salmon**
corn puree, heirloom cherry tomatoes, edamame salsa, herb oil, sweet onion cream
- Superfood Bowl**
grilled quinoa, garbanzo beans, faro, kale, carrots, tomato, asparagus, lime cilantro coulis, garbanzo croutons

Pasta Pescatore
calamari, shrimp, mussels, lobster, garlic, linguine, pomodoro

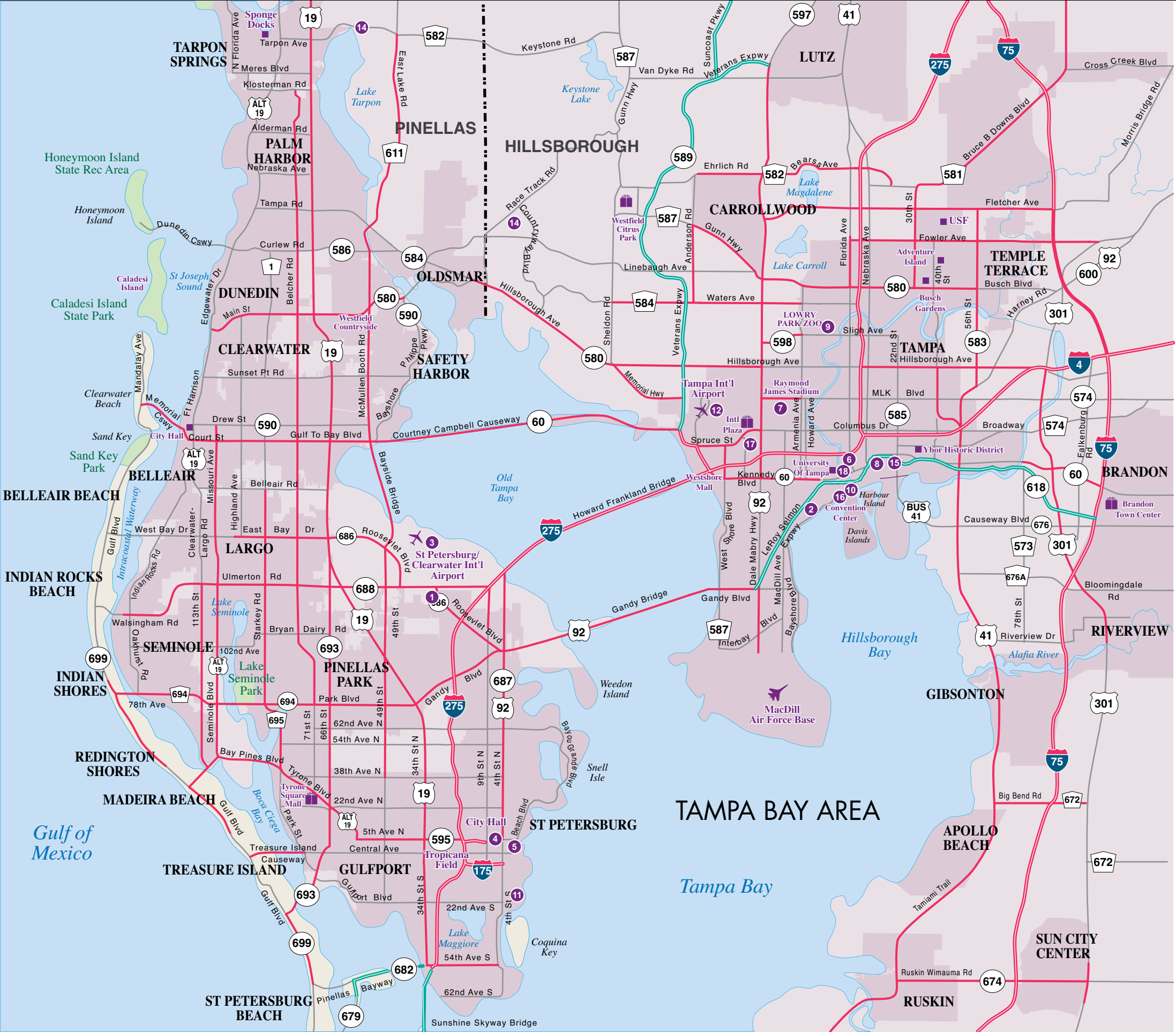
Seared Grouper
coconut curry, spring vegetables, carrots, jasmine rice

Grilled Steak Frites
ny strip steak, roasted garlic butter, herbed fries

Chicken Milanese
panko bread crumbs, arugula, marinated heirloom cherry tomatoes, lemon, shaved parmesan



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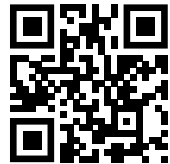


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