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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

Shula's Steak House

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

STRAZ Center

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

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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.



What's Up



Please confirm details with event organizers or venues in case of changes or cancellations. Please follow all mandated local health and safety guidelines, including those set by the event organizer.

ONGOING 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 until two hours after sunset (approx. 5 - 9:30 pm) at Pier 60, 1 Causeway Blvd. Info: 727-449-1036; sunsetpier60.com.

WEEKLY

Every Monday

Grove Street Farmer's Market

Tampa: Start the week with Florida fresh farm eggs, organic fruits and veggies, free-range beef and chicken, cheeses, artisan-crafted foods, gifts and more. Takes place from 4 - 7 pm at 1001 NW 4th St. Info: grovestreefarmersmarket.com.

Every Tuesday

Downtown St Pete Food & Wine Tour

St Pete: This intimate, informative walking tour of Beach Drive introduces you to top art galleries, as well as many exciting waterfront restaurants where you can enjoy fabulous dinner pairings and luscious desserts. Must be 21+. Takes place from 5:30 - 8:30 pm at various locations. Info: tampabayfoodtours.com.

Every Tuesday

Downtown Tampa Food Tour

Tampa: Walk this way for a unique blend of history, cultural Cigar City gems, and terrific food and wine from several amazing restaurants. Takes place from 5:30 - 8:30 pm at Rivergate Tower, 400 N Ashley Dr. Ages 21+. Info: tampabayfoodtours.com.

Every Wednesday

Downtown Clearwater Farmer's Market

Clearwater: Colorful tents and booths overflow with farm fresh produce, delicious cheeses, fresh baked goods, glorious cut flowers, plants and more. Takes place from 9 am - 2 pm on the 500 - 600 blocks of Cleveland St. Info: 727-461-7674; clearwaterfarmersmarket.com.

Every Saturday

Saturday Morning Market

St Pete: Shop fresh and organic produce, meats and cheeses, baked goods, fruits and veggies, clothing, gifts, arts, crafts and more. Takes place from 9 am - 2 pm in the parking lot of Al Lang Stadium, 230 1st St SE. Info: saturdaymorningmarket.com.

Every Saturday

Ybor City Saturday Market

Ybor City: Centered in Tampa's Historic District this is one of the most popular shopping destinations for locally produced items unique to the Tampa Bay Area. Takes place from 9 am - 1 pm (May - Sept) and from 9 am - 3 pm (Oct - April) in Centennial Park, 1901 N 19th St. Info: ybormarket.com.

Every Saturday

Sarasota Farmers Market

Sarasota: Over 80 vendors offer fresh and prepared meats, cheeses, organic veggies, international foods, flowers, unique handcrafted items and more. Takes place from 7 am - 1 pm in a picturesque downtown marketplace at 1 N Lemon Ave. Info: sarasotafarmersmarket.org.

Every Saturday

Saturday Morning Market (Now - May)

St Pete: Shop the largest selection of prepared ethnic foods, along with a big selection of fresh and organic produce, meats and cheeses, flowers, plants, unique gifts. Takes place from 9 am - 2 pm at 230 1st St SE. Info: sunaymorningmarket.com.

Every Saturday & Sunday

Pinellas Farmers and Flea Market

Clearwater: With one side of the park is stacked with a variety of Asian vendors selling fresh produce - typically grown in their own yards - and the other full of folks selling second hand goods, used items and more, it's a real "shopapoolza!" Takes place from 7 am - 2 pm at 13600 Icot Blvd. Info: pinellas-farmers-and-flea-market.ueniweb.com.

Every Saturday & Sunday

Saigon Night Market

Clearwater: This amazing multicultural food fest features authentic dishes from the region's best local chefs, as well as live music, karaoke and more! Takes place on Sa from 5 - 11 pm; and on Su from 4 - 10 pm at 14100 US Hwy 19N. Info: bit.ly/saigonnighmkt.

Every Sunday

Corey Avenue Sunday Market

St Pete Beach: Over 80 vendors showcase local and homemade produce, plants, prepared food, unique artisan gifts, eco-friendly and fair-trade products and more. Takes place from 1 am - 2 pm at Corey Ave and Blind Pass Rd. Info: coreyave.com.

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.

Thursday

Rock the Park

Tampa: This free monthly entertainment series showcases live music from all genres. Showtime:

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6:30 pm at Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park, 600 N Ashley Dr. Info: facebook.com/rockthepark.

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.

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 from 7 – 9 pm at 111 E. University Ave. Info: bodiddleylplaza.com.

First Friday Fresh Fridays

Sarasota: Kick off your weekend with diverse music, food, and culture. Rotating themes and live entertainment. Takes place from 7 – 10 pm at various locations. Info: downtownsarasota.com.

First Friday The Market Elaine

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



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
Sarasota Farmers Market**
Sarasota: With more than 80 vendors, this picturesque downtown marketplace stocks prepared meats, cheeses, organic veggies, international foods, flowers, handcrafts and more! Takes place from 7 am – 1 pm at 1 N Lemon Ave. Info: sarasotafarmersmarket.org.

First & Third Saturday Fresh Market at Wiregrass

Wesley Chapel: Shop fresh, organic produce, unique jewelry, handcrafted gifts and more. Takes place 10 am – 2 pm at 28211 Paseo Dr. Info: tampabaymarkets.com.

Second Saturday The Market Marie

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

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.

First Sunday Hyde Park Essentials Market

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

Second Sunday Seminole Heights Sunday Morning Market

Tampa: Shop a wide variety of unique gifts, clothing, healthy living products and more. Takes place from 11 am – 3pm at 4500 N Nebraska Ave. Info: tampabaymarkets.com.

SPECIAL EVENTS Now – 20

St Pete Pier Pumpkin Patch
St Pete: Stroll through a field of vibrant, plump pumpkins, ready for picking and purchase. Then, snap some special memories amidst the golden haystacks, a rustic truck and scenic pumpkin displays. Takes place on Oct 14 -18 from 5 – 9 pm; on Oct 19 at 11 am – 9 pm; and on Oct 20 from 11 am – 6pm at the St Pete



Pier, 800 2nd Avenue NE. Info: stpetefallfest.com.

**October 19
Gulfcoast Pride**
Sarasota: This celebration of unity and pride features live music, a vendor marketplace, surprise guests, performances and more followed by a spectacular street party Takes place from 3 – 11 pm on the Blvd of the Arts in the Rosemary District downtown. Info: eventeny.com.

**October 19
Water Lantern Festival**
Sarasota: USA Today's #1 festival showcases the launch of thousands of illuminated rice paper lanterns carrying messages of hope, peace, happiness and goodwill. Takes place from 4 – 8 pm at 5851 Nathan Benderson Circle. Tickets and info: waterlanternfestival.com.

**October 19 – 20
St Armands Fall Festival of the Arts**
Sarasota: Local and national artists shine at this outdoor gallery of unique and original works. Takes place from 10 am – 5 pm at 434 St Armands Circle. Info: paragonfestivals.com.

**October 20
Taste of Latino Food Festival**
Tampa: Stretching over three city blocks, this annual event is a cultural tribute to Hispanic heritage Tantalizing Latin food, live music, dancing, vibrant art, Top Chef contests, and more are all on the table. Takes place Noon - 6 pm at 1800 E 8th Ave. Info: tasteoflatino.com.

**October 21 – 22
Seafood Festival**
Cedar Key: A colorful parade, amazing art crafted from local cedar trees, live music, and fresh local seafood commemorates Cedar Key's local fishing heritage. 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: cedarkey.org.

**October 25
Parrots + Palms: The Songs of Buffett & Fins**
St Pete: The ultimate celebration of Jimmy Buffett, Van Morrison and other musical legends powered by The Florida Orchestra with Chelsea Gallo conducting. Showtime: 8 pm at the Mahaffey Theater, 400 1st Ave. S. Info & tickets: floridaorchestra.org.

The Florida Orchestra celebrates Jimmy Buffett

Fins Up, Tampa Bay! There's no better place than The Florida Orchestra for **Parrots + Palms: The Songs of Buffett & Fins** on Oct. 25 at the Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg. It's the ultimate celebration of Jimmy Buffett, Van Morrison and other musical legends. Sing alongside star vocalists to hits like *Come Monday, Fins, Kokomo, Don't Worry, Be Happy, It's Five O'Clock Somewhere* and *Brown-Eyed Girl*. Escape to paradise with the vibes of these magic-filled melodies that raises a glass to the power of the surf and the romance of the islands. TFO Resident Conductor Chelsea Gallo conducts. Other top concerts at The Florida Orchestra:

Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 (Nov. 1-3): A centerpiece celebration of Music Director Michael Francis' 10th season pairs two of the most famous openings in music: Beethoven's *Symphony No. 5* and Richard Strauss' *Also sprach Zarathustra* (Theme from *2001: A Space Odyssey*) – one of the first works Maestro Francis ever conducted with TFO.

Holidays the Florida way: TFO brings two performances of *Elf in Concert* – the full film in HD with live orchestra – on Dec. 7, a **Classical Christmas** of cozy favorites with Michael Francis on Dec. 13 & 14, and the greatest tradition in Tampa Bay, **Holiday Pops** on Dec. 20 – 22 with two matinees. They're a jolly good time for the whole family.

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UPCOMING CONCERTS WITH THE FLORIDA ORCHESTRA



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Come along for the ultimate celebration of Jimmy Buffett, Van Morrison and more. Chelsea Gallo conducts.

Oct 25

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BEETHOVEN'S SYMPHONY NO. 5

Michael Francis conducts, featuring Strauss' *Also sprach Zarathustra*.

Nov 1 - 3



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**Music Director, Michael Francis
Celebrating 10 Years with The Florida Orchestra**

What's Up

October 26

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 – 27

Hyde Park Village Art Fair

Tampa: Stroll historic brick-lined streets and shop an array of life-size sculptures, spectacular paintings, and other original creations from more than 100 exhibitors. Takes place 10 am – 5 pm at 1622 Snow Ave. Info: artfestival.com.

October 27

Halloween on Central

St Pete: This amazing 22-block open street costume crawl boasts a Voodoo Village Marketplace, scavenger hunts, dance and costume contests, scary street performers, a costume parade, and more. Takes place from Noon – 5 pm stretching from 900 – 3100 Central Ave. St. Info: halloweenoncentral.com.

October 27

Haunted Halls Family Concert

St Pete: This spooktacular concert by the award-winning Florida Orchestras includes eerie and thrilling tunes including March of the Goblins, Star Wars, Nightmare Before Christmas and more! Showtime: 2 pm at the Mahaffey Theater, 400 1st Ave. S. Info & tickets: floridaorchestra.org.

November 1 – 3

Pirate Invasion

Cedar Key: Local pirates pillage, plunder and battle it out 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 8 am – 6 pm; and on Su from 10 am – 3 pm at Cedar Cove Beach, 192 2nd St. Info: cedarkeypiratefest.com.

November 2 – 3

Savor St. Pete

St Pete: The Bay Area's longest-running food & wine festival features flavor-packed bites handcrafted by local chefs and paired with fine wines and microbrews. Takes place from 1 – 4 pm at 701 Bayshore Dr NE. Info: savortheburg.com.

November 6

Cyndi Lauper: Girls Just Wanna Have Fun Farewell Tour

Tampa: A Grammy, Emmy and Tony Award-winning songwriter and performing artist, Cyndi Lauper is renowned for her iconic voice, influential punk glamor and infectious live shows. Not to be missed! Showtime: 8 pm at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Info & tickets: amaliearena.com.

November 6 – 10

Moulin Rouge! The Musical

Tampa: Enter a world of splendor and romance, eye-popping excess, glitz, grandeur and glory! Baz Luhrmann's revolutionary film comes to life onstage in this all-new musical mash-up extravaganza. Various showtimes at the Straz Center, 1010 Macinnes Pl. Info & tickets: strazcenter.com.

November 8 – 10

International Chalk Festival: "Floralia Infiorata"

Sarasota: This unique celebration of street art showcases larger-than-life masterpieces by 30+ internationally renowned street artists. There's also photo ops in the 3D Illusion room, a whimsical parade of walking puppets, still

walkers, and more! Takes place from 10am – 7 pm along the 400 – 500 blocks of S Pineapple Ave. Info & tickets: chalkfestival.org.

November 8 – 10

Digital Mural Fest

Sarasota: Projecting digital graffiti, visual artists and coders transform the downtown cityscape into a vibrant canvas of creativity. Takes place from 5:30 – 8 pm in conjunction with the Chalk Festival along the 400 – 500 blocks of S Pineapple Ave. Info & tickets: chalkfestival.org.

November 9 & 17

Pops in the Park

St Pete: A Florida Orchestra tradition for nearly 30 years, this starlight concert features film scores, Broadway hits and symphonic favorites. Showtime: 6:30 pm at Vinoy Park, 701 Bayshore Dr. Info & tickets: floridaorchestra.org.

November 9 – 10

Downtown Festival & Art Show

Gainesville: Experience the largest free celebration of art and creativity as 200+ of the nation's most talented artists set up shop in historic downtown Gainesville. Takes place from 10 am – 5 pm at 111 E University Ave. Info: gainesvilledowntownartfest.net.

November 10 – 17

Living Arts Festival

Sarasota: This week-long celebration of the arts includes live music, visual art exhibitions, cultural pop-ups, walking tours, and more. Takes place at various times/locations. Info: sarasotarising.org.

November 12 – 17

Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical

Tampa: Max the Dog narrates this magical story about Cindy Lou Who and the local townsfolk. Backdropped by magnificent sets inspired by Dr. Seuss' original illustrations, the show includes favorite hits from the original animated special. Various showtimes. Take place at the

Straz Center, 1010 Macinnes Pl. Info & tickets: strazcenter.org.

November 15 – 18

Crystal Classic Int'l Sand Sculpting Festival

Siesta Key: Magnificent sand masterpieces, hand-sculpted by 24 internationally renowned artists are the stars of the show as white sand beaches magically transform into a larger-than-life art gallery. Takes place from 10 am – 5pm on the beach at 948 Beach Road. Info: siestakeycrystalclassic.com.

November 16

Music of the Knights

St Pete: The Florida Orchestra salutes the enduring musical influences of Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, Sir Elton John and Sir Paul McCartney. Enjoy lots of favorite hits including Memory, Don't Cry for Me, Argentina, Phantom of the Opera, Yesterday, and more. Showtimes at 2 and 8 pm at the Mahaffey Theater, 400 1st Ave S. Info & tickets: floridaorchestra.org.

November 16 – 17

Midtown Tampa Craft Festival

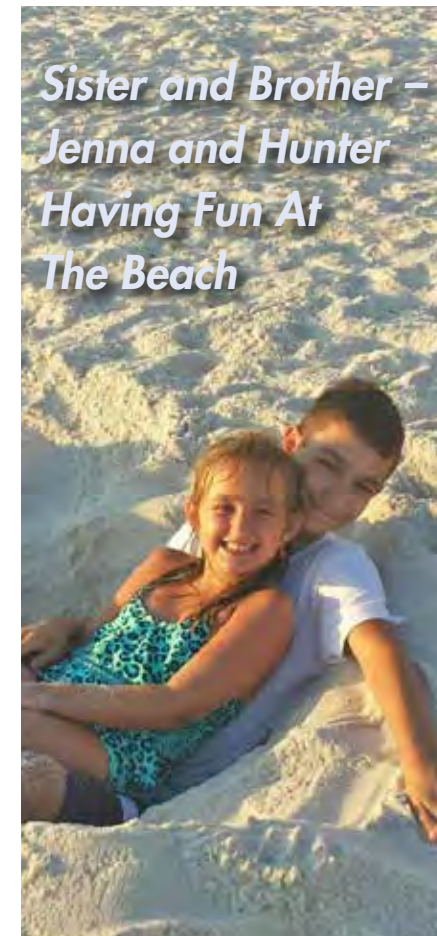
Tampa: This fantastic fall arts festival features countless original works by artists and fine



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What's Up



Lord Huron and Nickel Creek. In addition to venturing into some fresh new sounds, Musgraves also brings out some past favorites. Showtime: 7:30 pm at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Info: amaliearena.com.

November 29 – December 1 Sarasota Seafood & Music Festival

Sarasota: Enjoy the finest seafood, meat and vegan dishes; shop the arts marketplace; and kickback with some great local bands. Takes place on F from 4:30

– 10 pm; on Sa from 11 am – 10 pm; and on Su from 11 am – 6 pm at Sarasota Fairgrounds, 3000 Ringling Blvd. Info: paragonfestivals.com.

crafters displayed in a beautiful outdoor gallery setting. Takes place from 10 am – 5 pm at 4659 Midtown Dr. Info: artfestival.com.

November 16 – 17 Sarasota Fall Fine Art Festival

Sarasota: Shop original art all crated by talented local, regional and national artists in this unique outdoor gallery. Takes place from 10 am – 5 pm at JD Hamel Park, 199 Bayfront Dr. Info: paragonfestivals.com.

November 20 Ybor City 14th Annual Tree Lighting

Ybor City: Welcome the holiday season with live music, photos with Santa & Mrs Claus, and the highly anticipated tree lighting ceremony. Takes place from 6 – 8pm at Centro Ybor on 7th Ave in the Heart of Ybor City. Info: ybor.org.

November 23 – 24 Tampa Bay Holiday Market

St Pete: Shop 100+ local vendors offering everything from home essentials, unique handmade gifts, holiday decor, apparel, and more! Takes place from 10 am – 5 pm at The Coliseum, 535 4th Ave N. Info: tampabay.com.

November 23 – January 2 Illuminated Holiday Displays

St Pete: Four downtown waterfront parks magically transform into a sparkling fairyland of twinkling lights, decorations and giant greeting cards. Festive interactive games at each stop add to the fun. Takes place from Dusk – 10 pm at Vinoy Park, 701 Bayshore Dr NE and stretching all the way to 8 Central Ave. Info: stpeteparksrec.org/holidayevents.

November 29 Kacy Musgraves

Tampa: Grammy Winner, Kacy Musgraves winds up her latest tour with special guests,

December 6 – 7 Balloon Glow and Laser Show

Sarasota: This incredible weekend features hot air balloon rides, a crafters market, live music, kids activities and more. At dusk, the crowd counts down to a stunning synchronized hot air balloon lighting and coordinated glow show. Takes place from 5 – 10 pm at the Sarasota Fairgrounds, 3000 Ringling Blvd. Info: sarasotafair.com.

December 7 Elf in Concert

Tampa: This beloved holiday classic, ELF, is elevated to new heights when it's screened to a live synchronized score performed by The Florida Orchestra. Showtimes 2 pm and 8 pm take at the Straz Center, 1010 N Macinnes Pl. Info: strazcenter.org.

December 7 – 8 Corey Arts & Crafts Show

St Pete Beach: More than 200 talented artists and crafters showcase a variety of handmade wares at this vibrant, open-air festival marketplace. Takes place 10 am – 5pm at 415 Corey Ave. Info: artfestival.com.

December 13 – 14 Classical Christmas

Tampa/St Pete: Conducted by Michael Francis, it evokes a traditional Christmas on the cobbled streets of a snow-covered village. Featuring Master Chorale of Tampa Bay with an audience sing-along and more. Takes place at 8 pm on F, Dec 13 at the Straz Center, 1010 N Machines Pl, Tampa; and at 8 pm on Sa, Dec 14 at The Mahafey Theater, 400 1st St, St Pete. Info & tickets: 727-892-3331; floridaorchestra.org.

December 13 & 17 Pops in the Park

St Pete: Pack a blanket and picnic for free music under the stars! A Florida Orchestra tradition for nearly 30 years, this not-to-be-missed event features award-winning film scores, Broadway hits and symphonic favorites. Showtime:



November 30 – December 1 Shopapalooza

St Pete: This epic shopping extravaganza boasts 350+ local makers and retailers offering unique handcrafted wares and other great finds. Takes place from 10 am – 5 pm at Vinoy Park, 701 Bayshore Drive NE. Info: shopapaloozafestival.com.

November 30 Santa Parade & Holiday Tree Lighting

St Pete: St Pete's spectacular seasonal tradition has all the bells and whistles: Santa Claus, marching bands, festive floats, dazzling waterfront park displays, and the illumination of the giant holiday tree. Holiday parade kicks off at 6:30 pm followed by the tree lighting at North Straub Park, 400 Bayshore Dr NE. Info: stpeteparksrec.org/holidayevents.

December 3 Pentatonix

Tampa: The most innovative a cappella quintets of all time unwraps an evening of popular holiday classics including Hallelujah, God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen, 12 Days of Christmas, and more! Showtime: 7 pm at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Info: amaliearena.com.

December 6 – 7 St Petersburg Seafood & Music Festival

St Pete: Fresh-off-the boat seafood preparation, fine wines, craft cocktails, and terrific live music sets the stage for shopping an array of fabulous arts. Takes place from 11 am – 6 pm at Albert Whitted Park, 480 Bayshore Dr SE. Info: paragonfestivals.com.

Gypsies, Knights And Magicians!

38th Annual Hoggetowne Medieval Faire

Immerse yourself in a world of medieval magic where jugglers, knife throwers and gypsy dancers perform in the street; jousting knights charge across fields on horseback; and spellbinding magicians captivate your imagination.

Welcome to the 38th Annual Hoggetowne Medieval Faire.

For one magical weekend, Depot Park in Gainesville morphs into a bastion of medieval revelry where you can immerse yourself in the rich culture of the Middle Ages.

More than 160 talented artisans journey here from across the country to showcase their traditional medieval wares. Great finds, including one-

of-a-kind jewelry, stone and wood carvings, blacksmithing and weaving, hand-blown glassware, beautiful leather goods and Medieval clothing are just some of the treasures you'll discover in the Marketplace.

You can also engage in traditional Medieval games, shoot arrows, hurl battle axes, venture through a mind boggling maze, get your hair braided, and even look into the future with a mystical fortune teller.



When hunger strikes, just head on over to the Food Court and feast like a king on giant turkey legs, succulent ribs, blooming onions and an assortment of other goodies. You can

experience all of this Medieval magic on

Saturday, January 25 and Sunday, January 26 from 10 am – 6 pm at Depot Park, 874 SE 4th St, Gainesville. Info: 352-393-8536; HoggetowneMedFaire.com.

What's Up

6:30 pm at Vinoy Park, 701 Bayshore Dr. Info & tickets: 727-892-3331; floridaorchestra.org.

December 20 – 22 Holiday Pops

Tampa/St Pete: The world-class musicians of The Florida Orchestra perform all of your classic favorites in this great holiday tradition. It's a jolly good time for the whole family. Takes place at various times and locations. Info & tickets: 727-892-3331; floridaorchestra.org.

December 31 Reliaquest Bowl

Tampa: This exhilarating showdown matches up teams from the SEC and Big Ten in a clash for the championship title! A spectacular halftime show includes more than 1,500 performers, college bands, a massed band performance and all-star dance troupe. Kicks off at Noon at Raymond James Stadium, 4201 N Dale Mabry Hwy. Info: reliaquestbowl.com.

December 31 New Year's Eve at Armature Works

Tampa: Ring in 2025 with outdoor music performances, skyline photo ops, pop-up bars, specialty cocktails, and live DJs. An exhilarating countdown to midnight kicks off an explosive fireworks show. Takes place from 7 pm – 1 am at Armature Works, 1910 N Ola Ave. Info: <https://armatureworks.com>

December 31 NYE on The Pier

St Pete: Outfitted with a huge disco ball and LED light displays, this free dance party includes live music and DJs, games, food trucks, full bar and champagne toasts. The celebration culminates with the largest midnight waterfront fireworks show in the area! Rain or shine. Takes place 8 pm – 12:30 am at the St Pete Pier, 615 2nd Ave NE. Info: stpetepier.com.

January 4 – 5 Corey Ave Arts & Crafts Show

St Pete Beach: More than 200 talented artists and crafters showcase a variety of handmade goods in this vibrant, open-air festival marketplace. Takes place from 10 am – 5 pm at 415 Corey Ave. Info: artfestival.com.

January 4 – 5 Sarasota Seafood & Music Festival

Sarasota: This art and food lover's paradise features a fine arts marketplace, fresh, local seafood cooked onsite by area chefs, tasty

desserts and live music. Takes place on F from 4:30 – 10 pm; on Sa from 11 am – 10 pm; and on Su from 11 am – 6 pm at Sarasota Fairgrounds, 3000 Ringling Blvd. Info: paragonfestivals.com.

January 11 – 12 Sarasota Fine Art Festival

Sarasota: This expansive outdoor gallery showcases spectacular original art, jewelry, glass, wearable art, and more. Takes place from 10am – 5pm at JD Hamel Park, 199 Bayfront Dr. Info: paragonfestivals.com.

January 11 – 12 Beer, Bacon & BBQ Festival

St Pete: Indulge in 100+ savory and salty dishes from your favorite BBQ vendors; enjoy local craft beers and handcrafted cocktails; and kick back to some great live music. Takes place on Sa from Noon – 7 pm; and on Su from 11 am – 5pm at Vinoy Park, 701 Bayshore Dr NE. Info: stpetebaconandbbq.com.

January 14 – 19 The Cher Show

Tampa: This award-winning icon is portrayed in an unabashedly fabulous new musical packed with 35 smash hits, six decades of stardom, two rock-star husbands, multiple awards and enough Tony Award-winning Bob Mackie gowns to cause an NYC sequin shortage! Various showtimes. Takes place at the Straz Center, 1010 Macinnes Pl. Info: strazcenter.org.

January 17 & 19 Dancing in the Street

Tampa: Jeff Tyzik recreates the magic of Motown as he masterfully conducts smash hits from Marvin Gaye, The Four Tops, Martha Reeves, Michael Jackson, Diana Ross and Stevie Wonder. American Idol star Michael Lynche provides the incredible vocals. Takes place at 8 pm on F, Jan 17 with a 2 pm matinee on Su, Jan 19 at the Straz Center, 1010 N Machines Pl. Info & tickets: 727-892-3331; floridaorchestra.org.

January 20 MLK Dream Big Parade

St Pete: This annual tribute to the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr celebrates unity and diversity with colorful floats and lively music from top college marching bands. Takes place from 11 am – 2 pm on 1st Ave S. (E to W) downtown St. Pete. Info: mlkdreambig.com.



January 23 – 26 St Petersburg Power & Sailboat Show

St Pete: The Gulf Coast's largest boat show features the latest models of power boats, motor yachts, sailboats and personal watercraft. You can also shop marine gear, electronics, and maritime art. Takes place on F from 10 am - 6 pm; on Sa from 10 am – 7 pm; and on Su from 10 am – 5 pm at the Mahafey Theater, 400 1st St S. Info & tickets: stpeteboatshow.com.

January 25 Gasparilla Invasion and Pirate Fest

Tampa: A fleet of swashbuckling pirates sail into Tampa Bay to invade downtown and receive the Key to the City. It's a day of revelry, pillaging, live music and entertainment. Takes place from Noon – 7:30 pm at various downtown locations. Info: gasparillapiratefest.com.

January 25 – 26 St Armands Winter Art Festival & Sidewalk Sale

Sarasota: This outdoor gallery showcases life-size sculpture, fine jewelry, original art, decor, handcrafted apparel and more from talented national and local artists. Takes place from 10 am – 5 pm at 1 St Armands Circle. Info: starmandscircleassoc.com.

January 25 – 26 38th Annual Hoggetowne Medieval Faire

Gainesville: For one magical weekend, Depot Park transforms into "Hoggetowne" — a bastion of medieval revelry, where you can immerse yourself in the rich culture of the Middle Ages. Takes place, rain or shine, from 10 am – 6 pm at Depot Park, 874 SE 4th St, Gainesville. Tickets and info: 352-393-8536; HoggetowneMedFaire.com.

January 28 – February 2 Mamma Mia!

Tampa: This heartwarming tale of love, friendship, and self-discovery set on a sun-kissed Greek island is beautifully told through the timeless hits of ABBA. Various showtimes. Takes place at the Straz Center, 1010 Macinnes Pl. Info: strazcenter.com.

February 6 – 17 Florida State Fair

Tampa: Celebrate the best in Florida agriculture, horticulture, crafts, cooking, livestock and 4H. A thrilling midway, tractor pulls, sheep shearing, cow milking contests, equestrian events, and all of your favorite Fair Food makes for a great time! Takes place M – Th from 11 am – 9 pm; and on F - Su from 10 am – 9 pm at Florida State Fairgrounds, 4800 US 301 N. Tickets and Info: floridastatefair.com.

February 8 – 9 St Petersburg Fine Arts Festival

St Pete: More than one hundred Florida and US artisans show off their original works at this unique plein air waterfront art gallery. Rated as one of America's Top 10 Art Shows by USA Today. Takes place from 10 am – 5 pm at S Staub Park, 198 Bayshore Dr NE. Info: paragonfestivals.com.

February 8 – 9

Downtown Sarasota Festival of the Arts
Sarasota: This spectacular art festival includes 200+ award-winning artists who showcase their original works over five city blocks. Takes place from 10 am – 5 pm at 1718 Main St. Info: artfestival.com.

February 16 Festivals of Speed

St Pete: Some of the world's most exotic cars, motorcycles, and watercraft are on display along the sparkling waterfront. Stroll the show, sip on fine wines, savor delicious bites, enjoy live music or smoke a premium blend in the outdoor cigar lounge. Takes place from 11 am – 3 pm at 701 Bayshore Dr NE. Info: festivalofspeed.com.

February 21 – 22 American Vintage Markets

Sarasota: This fun shopping extravaganza boasts a dazzling selection of carefully curated treasures, vintage-inspired home decor, up-cycled goods, collectibles, industrial salvage, furniture and more. Takes place from 9 am – 4 pm at the Sarasota Fairgrounds, 3000 Ringling Blvd. Info: sarasotafair.com.

February 21 – 23 St Petersburg Seafood & Music Festival

St Pete: Gourmet seafood preparations; exquisite wines and craft cocktails; live music and a vibrant arts marketplace makes for a great weekend! Takes place on F from 4 – 10; on Sa from 11 am – 10 pm; and on Su from 11 am – 6 pm at Vinoy Park, 701 Bayshore Dr NE. Info: paragonfestivals.com.

February 22 Fiesta Day

Ybor City: This lively street festival celebrate the rich heritage of Tampa's Latin Quarter. Immerse yourself in the neighborhood's vibrant culture and tradition while you enjoy authentic Latin food and craft beers; live entertainment; and some terrific shopping. Takes place from 11 am – 6 pm along 7th Ave. Info: yborcity.org.

February 28 – March 2 Firestone Grand Prix of St Petersburg

St Pete: World-class racers burn rubber along St Pete's downtown waterfront. Snag driver autographs, tour the Speed Zone and Gasoline Alley and rock out with former Poison frontman Bret Michaels in the 2024 IndyCar season opener! Takes place daily from 8 am – 5 pm. Info: gpstpete.com.





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What's Up

March 1 - 2

Sarasota Festival of the Arts

Sarasota: Discover original work by 70+ Florida and US artists all in a unique outdoor gallery setting just steps away from the dazzling Gulf. Free. Takes place from 10 am - 5 pm. at JD Hamel Park, 199 Bayfront Dr. Info: paragonfestivals.com.

March 14 - 23

Sarasota County Fair

Sarasota: This annual salute to agriculture features 4H livestock judging, sheep shearing and cow milking contests, horticulture displays, midway thrills, racing pigs, magic shows, a petting zoo, and more. Tickets. Takes place on M-Th from 4 - 10 pm; F from 5 - 11 pm; Sa from Noon - 11 pm; and on Su from Noon - 10 pm at the Sarasota Fairgrounds, 3000 Ringling Blvd. Info: sarasotafair.com.

OTHER FLORIDA HAPPENINGS

November 27 - December 31

Key West Holiday Fest

Key West: A merry range of celebrations during Key West's busy holiday season includes the Harbor Walk of Lights, Holiday Historic Inn Tours, a spectacular lighted boat parade, and

lots of good cheer. Other events include the annual hometown holiday parade, festive island lights tours via the Conch Tour Train and Old Town Trolley, seasonal artisan markets, bazaars, and multiple New Year's Eve "drops" that spoof New York City's annual Times Square Ball Drop. Info: keywestholidayfest.com.

January 31 - February 2

Artfest Fort Myers

Historic Downtown Fort Myers: Southwest Florida's Premier Art Festival celebrates its 25th anniversary on the spectacular downtown waterfront and showcases the works of 200 outstanding professional artists from across the country. Opening Night Party kicks things off on F from 6 - 9 pm and includes a special Pops Concert; The weekend-long festival continues on Sa from 10 am - 5 pm and on Su from 10 am - 4 pm at Edwards Dr and Hendry St. Info: ArtFestFortMyers.com.

January 23 - 26

The 63rd Rolex 24 At DAYTONA Weekend

Daytona Beach: From sunrise to sunset and all through the night, witness North America's most prestigious sports car race in this twice-around-the-clock marathon that kicks off the



IMSA WeatherTech Sports Car Championship season. The Rolex 24 also features pre-race grid and garage access, the popular Ferris wheel and fireworks, autograph sessions, live entertainment and displays from the top manufacturers. You'll truly be amazed at the level of fan access you have to the stars and cars, which has welcomed racing legends from across the motorsport's universe since 1962. Takes place at Daytona International Speedway, the "World Center of Racing" at 1801 W International Speedway Blvd. Info: 800-748-7467; daytonainternationalspeedway.com.

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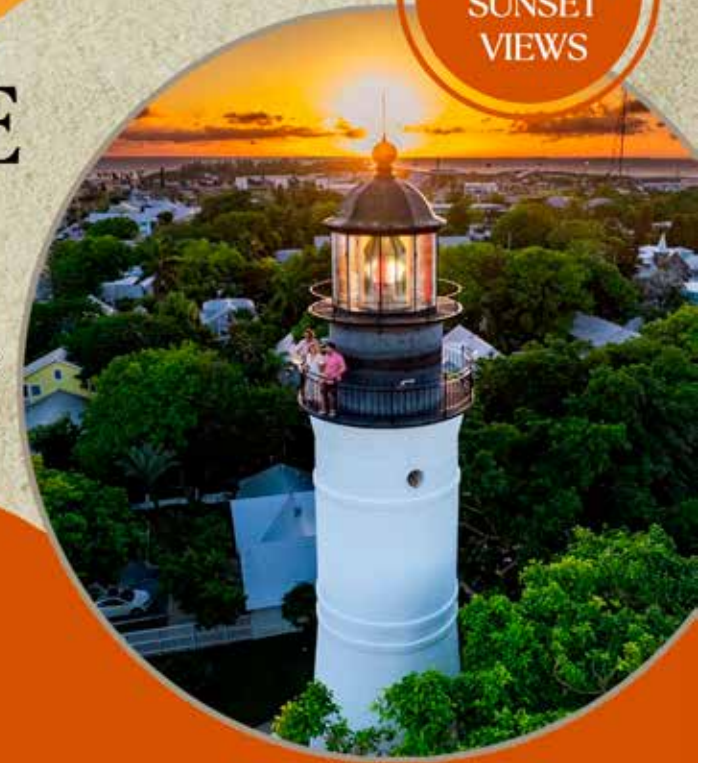
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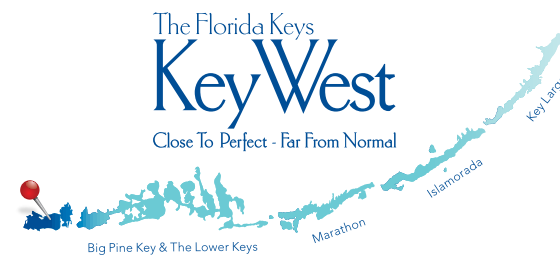
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Featured on the hit television show, Animal Planet, ZooTampa is a lush 65 acre tropical habitat that's home to more than 1,300 exotic animals. Divided into six distinct areas with

Interactive exhibits that literally take you around the world, the zoo also includes lots of fun rides as well as a special Splash Pad area (bring your bathing suits) where you and the kids can cool your jets.

First up is the Manatee Circle anchored by a beautiful Manatee Fountain which is a perfect place for photo ops.

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.

Walk over to the Africa area and you'll feel like you

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!

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.



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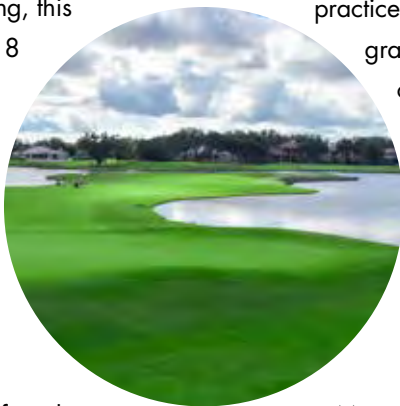


Cited as one of the top three public-access courses in west central Florida, Fox Hollow has the distinction of being one of the last courses designed and built by the legendary Robert Trent Jones, Sr. – one of the most prolific and innovative golf course designers of all time.

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In addition to the putting green, the practice facility consists of a grass driving range with over 25 hitting stations and a chipping green with a practice bunker. Premium rental sets are also available and GPS on all carts.

FYI: Central Florida Magazine says the 18th hole, with its forced carry off the tee and water running the entire length of the

hole on both sides of the fairway, is simply the "Best Par 4 in Florida."

Bottom line: If you love golf, grab your sticks and head over to Fox Hollow. It's an absolute must play when you're in the Tampa area!

Find it at 10050 Robert Trent Jones Parkway in Trinity. Info: 737-376-6333

You can also reserve your tee time online at foxhollowgolfclub.com Fore!

Meet Suzie Fisher:

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Fox Hollow is now one of four official Affiliated US Kids Golf Academies thanks to Suzie Fisher, Fox Hollow's new Director of Instruction.

The US Kids Golf Academy focuses on creating positive family golf experiences for a lifetime.

After spending 12 years at The Golf Club of Oklahoma as Director of Instruction, Fisher moved to Florida to



further her golf teaching career.

Starting this summer, she'll be hosting an in-house PGA Junior league program at the course.

A native of Coffs Harbour, Australia, Fisher has a true passion in helping golfers of all levels and ages and also runs year round Ladies and Men's Clinics, as well as private instruction.

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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.

From the shores of Tampa Bay, discover everything from 21st century cities embracing the future, to spine-tingling rollercoasters, the crack of a Major League Baseball bat and the perfect place to nestle your toes in the sand. We invite you to explore and discover the treasures of Tampa Bay.



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Clearwater

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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!

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What makes Bascom's so special? It's the whole package: refined service, artisan cocktails, a stellar wine list, and a setting that's both gracious and inviting.

Kick off your meal with their

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Bon Appetit!



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Bascom's Signature Creamed Corn

From Clearwater's Award-Winning Bascom's Chop House



Acclaimed Chef Tony Bonanno from the award-winning Bascom's Chophouse in Clearwater also oversees all food and beverages services at the luxe Karol Hotel. Molecular Gastronomy is Tony's specialty and his use of new and exciting methods are creating a big buzz with local foodies. Here's one of Tony's masterful side dishes — perfect for the winter season!

INGREDIENTS

Five Ears of Corn, Shucked
One Cup, Heavy Cream
3 Tbs All Purpose Flour
1 Tsp Chopped Fresh Garlic
One bunch scallions
5 Oz Boursin Herb Cheese
5 Oz Parmesan Cheese
4 Oz Butter
Salt & Pepper to taste

PREPARATION

Remove kernels from corn. In a shallow sauce pot, melt butter and add flour. Cook on low heat for just a few minutes to give it a little nutty flavor. Add cream, garlic salt and pepper. Stir until thick. Add fresh corn kernels, chopped scallions and mix. Place in casserole dish and top with Boursin and Parmesan cheese, bake for approximately 10 minutes at 350.° enjoy!!



You can enjoy many of Chef Tony's other wonderful dishes at Bascom's Chop House, 3665 Ulmerton Road, Clearwater. Reservations: 727-573-3363; bascoms.com.

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Just a half hour from Tampa or Clearwater, St. Petersburg – once known as a retirement destination – was just ranked as Florida’s No.1 spot for relocation among millennials.

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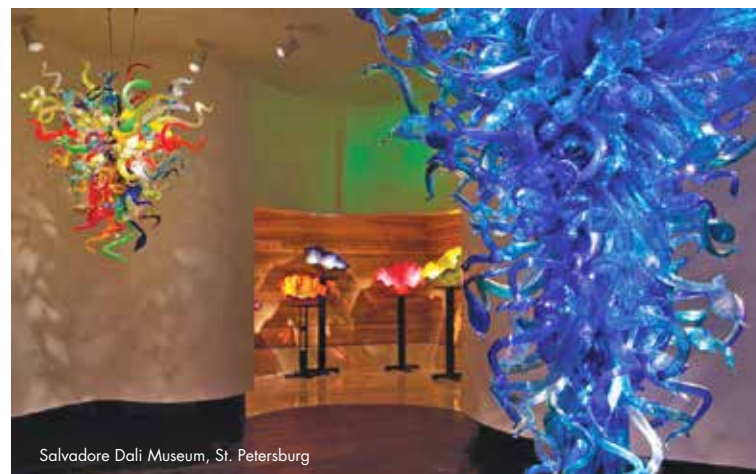
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If you want to visit a piece of "Old Florida," tell Siri to take you to the tiny enclave of Cedar Key.

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.

As one of the nation's top sources of farm-raised clams, it's easy to find tasty clam chowder here along with some of the best "Cracker Cuisine" in Florida.



Good Eats

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. Simply the best.

beautifully plated; and the house-made Key Lime Cake is unique and delicious. Florida brewed beers, and craft distilled spirits, too!

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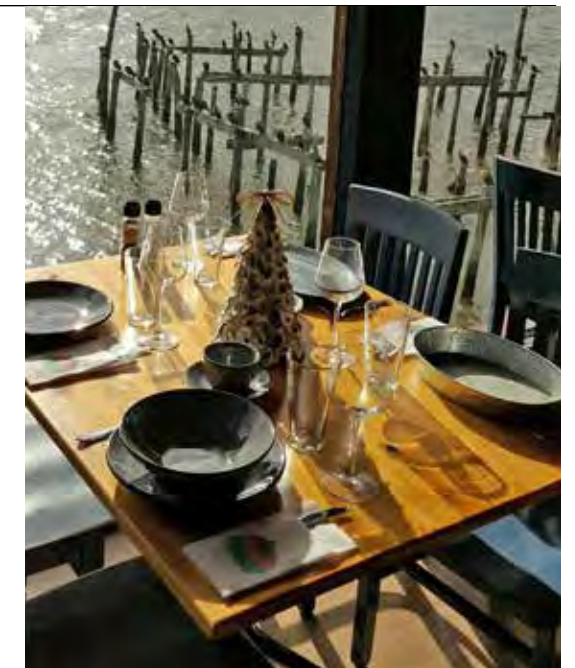
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A Local Take On Southern Seafood
Southern-style dishes inspired by fresh local seafood, seasonal produce and Cedar Key's heritage are the signature of this charming dockside restaurant that boasts spectacular water views from every seat. Executive Chef/Owner, Jordan Keeton sources fresh, local seafood, meats and produce to create old Florida favorites with a thoroughly modern twist. The Shrimp & Anson Mills Grits with andouille sausage is just wonderful; the Fried Green Tomatoes are absolutely delicious and

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Southern Cooking At Its Best
Marjorie "Mimi" Hale and her family are the epitome of "Southern Hospitality." Owner of the hip Ivy On The Square in Ocala and the the landmark Ivy House Restaurant & Catering in Williston, Mimi is renowned for her delicious, yet simple meals, most of which are created from cherished family recipes. Mimi's signature Baked Krispy Chicken tops the list of house favorites which includes other southern specialties like 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. Happy Hour is 2 - 4 - 1 drinks every Weds - Sat from 3 - 7pm as well as Late Night Tapas & Cocktails on Fri & Sat from 9 - 11pm. In Ocala and in Williston at 106 NW Mail St. (352-528-5410).

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EASY CAVIAR PIE RECIPE

This elegant appetizer is so simple to create and your guests will absolutely love it!

Ingredients

- 4 Hard Boiled Eggs - Chopped
- 2 Tbl. Mayonnaise
- 1 Cup Minced Onion
- 6 Oz. Cream Cheese - Softened
- 1/2 Cup Sour Cream
- 4 Small Jars Black Lumpfish Roe
- 2 Lemons - Cut into wedges for garnish
- 3 Parsley Sprigs for garnish

Directions

Grease an 8 inch spring form pan and set aside. Stir together the hard-cooked eggs and mayonnaise. Spread mixture evenly into the bottom of the spring form pan. Sprinkle the minced onion over the top. Stir together cream cheese and sour cream until smooth and then spread over the onion layer. Cover and chill at least 3 hours. To serve, thoroughly drain the jars of lumpfish roe and sprinkle over the top. Run a knife around the edge of the pie, then remove the side of the spring form pan. Garnish with lemon wedges and parsley sprigs. Serve with Carr's Crackers.

SAMPLE MENUS



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appetizers

- Crab Cakes**
with remoulade sauce
- B Garlic Jumbo Shrimp**
sautéed with garlic, herbs, butter & chardonnay
- Escargot En Croute**
Sautéed snails, mushrooms, garlic and herb butter in puff pastry
- Chilled Oysters on the Half Shell**
with cocktail sauce
- Lump Crab Martini**
with house-made remoulade

Black Sesame Tuna
seared rare with wasabi, pickled ginger, Asian dipping sauce

dinner

- 24 OZ B Porterhouse**
Certified Angus Midwestern Grain Fed steer aged, cooked to taste
- 16 OZ Veal Chop**
thick cut milk fed veal
- Chicken Marsala**
pounded cutlets sautéed in homemade marsala wine sauce
- Pan-Seared Atlantic Salmon**
white bean cassoulet, asparagus tips, lemon thyme beurre blanc

Pistachio-Crusted Grouper
rice pilaf, asparagus, citrus cream sauce

Shrimp Scampi Pasta
jumbo shrimp sautéed with garlic, white wine and olive oil



SAMPLE MENUS



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appetizers

- Crispy Shrimp**
poblano tartar, pickled chile, cilantro
- Guacamole**
avocado, lightly fresh squeezed lime, pico de gallo, tortilla chips
- Buffalo Cauliflower**
blue cheese dip, chives

handhelds

Mahi Mahi Sandwich
chipotle aioli, tomato, criollo slaw, brioche, fries

Grilled Chicken Sandwich
seared chicken breast, mole, pepper jam, cilantro aioli, fries

Garrison Cuban Sandwich
swiss cheese, roasted pork loin, ham, black habanero mustard, pickles, fries

Casa Asada Tacos
beer marinated beef, black bean puree, cotta, cilantro, homemade pickled chilis, corn tortilla

Smoked Brisket Grilled Cheese
smoked shredded brisket, fontina, cheddar, pickled chilis, fries

Fish Tacos
adobe grilled maui, marinated cabbage, cilantro, lime tartar sauce, pickled chili, corn tortilla

Beyond Meat Burger
vegan patty, guacamole, tomato, bibb lettuce, vegan bun, fries

Butcher's Burger
Cooked to taste with lettuce, tomato, red onion, bread & butter pickles, special sauce, choice of cheese, fries



SAMPLE MENUS



Volcanic Sushi + Sake

sushi bar

Dragon Roll
shrimp tempura, krab, asparagus topped with avocado, spicy may & eel sauce

Barbara
smoked salmon, cream cheese, scallions topped with tuna, white fish, salmon, yum yum sauce & crunch

appetizers/soups

Melissa Bites
fried sushi rice balls topped with tuna tartare, black tobiko & eel sauce

Son's Special
tuna tartare with onions, cilantro & crunch topped with red & black tobiko

VOLCANIC SUSHI + SAKI
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served with asparagus, spicy mayo & kimchi sauce

Duck Ramen
kanoya ramen noodles, 1/4 duck, napa cabbage, carrots shiitake, mushroom, soft boiled eggs, kamaboko & scallions in soy dashi broth

entrees

Volcanic Beef, Chicken, Salmon or Shrimp
grilled meat over stir-fried mixed veggies drizzled with teriyaki

Duck Curry
1/2 crispy boneless duck with pineapple, tomatoes, bell peppers, onions, bamboo shoots in red curry sauce

Lobster & Shrimp Curry
bamboo shoots, bell peppers, onions, basil leaves & coconut milk

Wok Seared Beef
beef tenderloin, onions, shiitake mushrooms & scallions in brown sauce



SAMPLE MENUS



pickins

Fried Green Tomatoes
served with southwestern sauce

Pimento Cheese Fritters
pimento cheddar with a hint of blue cheese served with peach habanero jam

Southern Grilled Mozzarella
fresh mozzarella melted between buttered bread seasoned with minced garlic and herbs and served with homemade marinara

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supper

Hand-Cut Ribeye
100% Angus Beef grilled to taste topped with sautéed mushrooms

Filet & Scampi
hand-cut 8 oz Angus filet mignon crowned with garlic shrimp scampi

Baked Krispy Chicken
served with homemade mac and cheese, cornbread and fresh sides

Pecan Atlantic Salmon
pan-seared, pecan-encrusted salmon on a bed of tricolor quinoa topped with hazelnut butter sauce and served with sautéed baby spinach

Signature Fried Shrimp
hand-battered and deep fried served with corny cornbread and fresh salad

Barbecue Shrimp & Grits
grilled shrimp in a sweet and tangy BBQ sauce over creamy cheddar cheese grits



Sarasota

America's Happiest Seaside Town

As one of Florida's primary Gulf Coast cities, Sarasota is an eclectic blend of big city culture, great dining and exceptional white-sand beaches including Siesta Key Beach - cited as the #1 Beach in America.

Whether your taste in art leans more toward Ringling Bros. circus memorabilia, seashell creations and sand sculptures to works by Old Masters like Rubens and Poussin, you'll find it all right here.

Home to the Foreign Film Festival, there is plenty of theater in

and around Sarasota too, and if you want to add music to your itinerary, the Sarasota Orchestra, Key Chorale and Sarasota Ballet are just a few of the many groups who have stage performances throughout the season.

Revered as one of the "Best Food

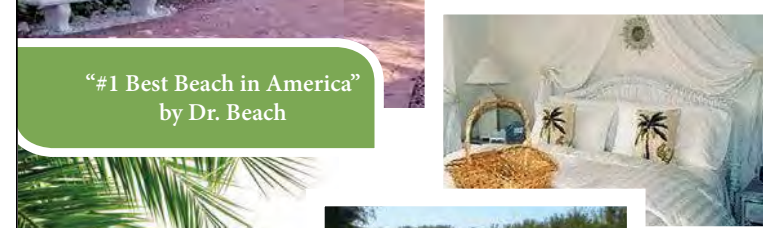


Cities" in the US, there's no shortage of great spots to eat in Sarasota which attracts some of the best culinary talent in the industry.

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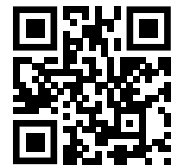


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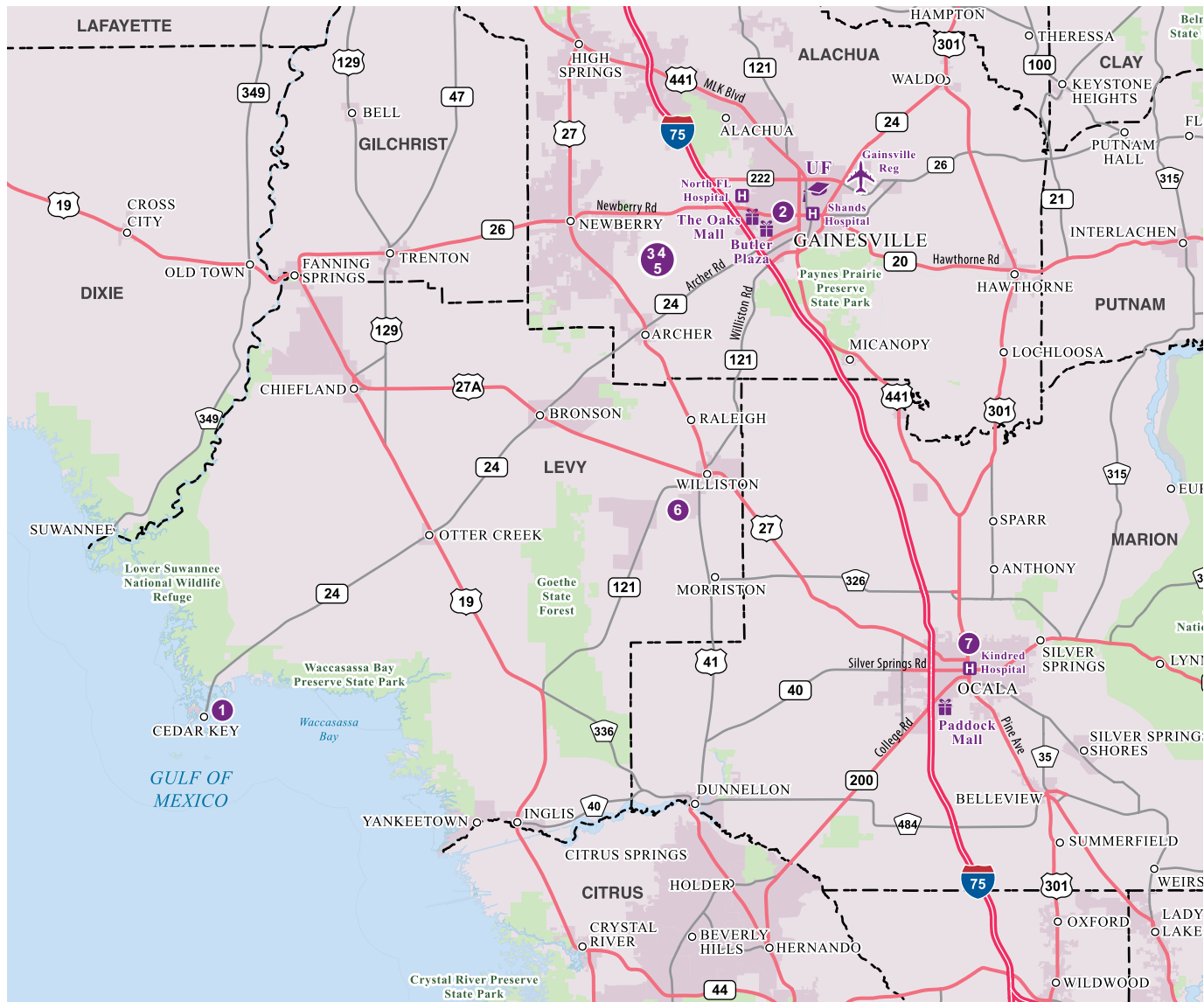
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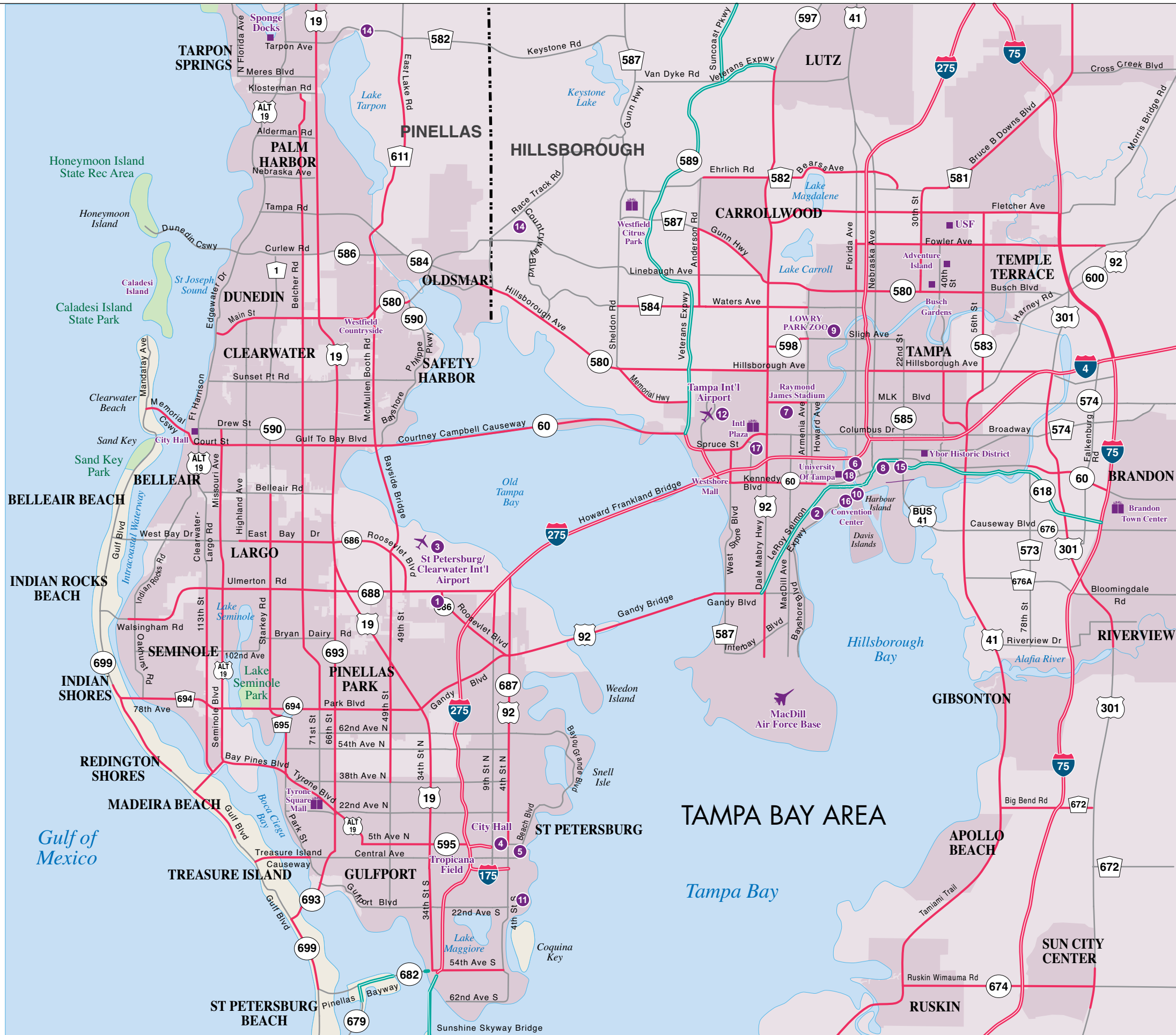
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