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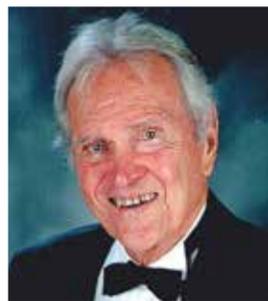
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# Concierge TOP PICKS



## 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 opening in 2020, 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 SHARK ENCOUNTER

The Florida Aquarium

Ok, Ok, so maybe going nose-to-nose with a 600 lb Great White is not your idea of a great day at the beach, especially when it flashes those pearly whites at you. But fear not. At Tampa's Florida Aquarium you can actually swim or dive with sharks as well as with 1600 other colorful fish including sting rays, barracudas, sea turtles and more — all without being a certified SCUBA diver! It's all part of the Aquarium's special "Shark Swim" program — an in-water reef experience that is truly an adventure of a lifetime (must be age 9 or older to participate). The Aquarium's Coral Reef Gallery simulates an actual reef in the Dry Tortugas just off of Key West. While you get up close and personal with the fishes, friends and family can watch from the exhibit pathway. How cool is that! 701 Channelside Dr., Tampa, FL 33602 (813) 273-4000; flaquarium.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. Two locations: Westshore Grand Hotel, 4860 West Kennedy Blvd, Tampa (813-286-4366); Hilton Univeristy of Florida Conference Center, 1714 SW 34th St., Gainesville (305-664-2321). Info: shulas.com.

## BEST WILD HANG

Zoo Tampa at Lowry Park

With more than 1300 resident animals, Zoo Tampa 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! Zoo Tampa 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 SUSHI WITH A VIEW

Jackson's Bistro Bar & Sushi

Amazing sushi, fantastic water views and a large outdoor dining patio/ tiki bar make this happening harbor front spot the perfect place to click your chopsticks and revel in an extensive lineup of fresh sashimi, sushi appetizers and all kinds of signature specialty rolls. Some of our favorites: the Maine Lobster Tempura Roll with eel sauce and spicy mayo along with the Happy Sumo Roll (blue crab, spicy tuna, cream cheese & cucumber topped with eel and tempura chips - yum!). There are plenty of American options, as well, including succulent Point Judith Calamari Rings with sweet chili spicy mayo and some of the biggest and tastiest coconut shrimp on the planet. Find it at 601 S Harbour Island Blvd., Tampa. Info: 813-277-0112; JacksonBistro.com.

## BEST CIGAR EMPORIUM

Davidoff Of Geneva

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; davidofftampa.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 lots of artisans, crafters, street performers, live music and entertainment. Takes place nightly starting two hours before sunset until two hours after sunset at Pier 60, 1 Causeway Blvd. 727-449-1036; sunsetpier60.com.

## Weekly

### Gulfport Fresh Market

*Gulfport:* Every Tuesday, you can shop more than 70 open-air vendors offering locally-grown and organic fruits and veggies, plants, fine arts & crafts, baked goods and more. Free monthly clothing swap on every 2nd Tues. Takes place from 9am - 2pm at 3101 Beach Blvd. Info: gulfporttuesdayfreshmarket.com/. Sweetwater Sunday Farmer's Market Tampa: Go down on the farm and shop for Florida-grown organic vegetables and herbs and fresh fruit from the orchard. Enjoy a picnic lunch, live music and vendors. Takes place every Sun from noon - 4pm at 6942 W Comanche Ave, Tampa. Info: sweetwater-organic.org/sunday-market/.

### Seminole Heights Sunday Morning Market

*Tampa:* Dive into fun from the comfort of home while sipping a cocktail and shopping online

for unique gifts, clothes, healthy living products and more from your favorite market vendors. Info: <https://tinyurl.com/ybga5yqr>; <http://tampabaymarkets.com>.

## Monthly First Thursdays

### Rock the Park

*Tampa:* Enjoy Central FL's best musicians once again live and from one of 20 socially distanced 'pods. Then remember to rock out all month long with curated Spotify playlists. Free admission. Showtime: 7pm at beautiful Hixon Park, 600 N Ashley Dr, Tampa. Info: facebook.com/RockThePark/.

## Third Thursday

### Market Madness: Fresh Market at Wiregrass • Hyde Park Village Market • North Tampa Market

*Tampa:* Dive into fun from the comfort of home while sipping a cocktail and shop-ping online for unique gifts, clothes, healthy living products and more from your favorite market vendors. Info: <https://tinyurl.com/ybga5yqr>; <http://tampabaymarkets.com>.

## First Friday

### First Friday St Pete

*St Pete:* A dancing-in-the-street block party that happens on the first Fri of the month with live music, food and drink vendors, restaurants and more. Takes place from 5:30 - 10pm on Central Ave between 2nd and 3rd St. Info: FirstFridayStPete.com.

## Fourth Friday

### Fourth Friday Tampa

*Tampa:* Enjoy this monthly celebration of the local arts and cultural scene with terrific live

music, food, drinks and special discounts. Takes place from 4 - 10pm at Tampa Riverwalk. Info: fourthfridaytpa.com.

## Second Saturdays

### At Williams Park

*St Pete:* Celebrate the weekend with live music, food trucks, a beer & wine garden and festival marketplace. Takes place from 6 - 10pm at Williams Park, 350 2nd Ave N. Info: secondsaturdays13.com.

## Second Saturday

### Art Walk

*St Pete:* Explore the Sunshine City's vibrant arts scene as galleries and studios over seven arts districts stay open late to introduce featured artists and new exhibits. Takes place from 9am - 9pm. Info: <https://stpeteartsalliance.org/artwalk/>

## First Saturday & Sunday

### Vintage Marche

*St Pete:* On the first Sat & Sun of the month, you can Indulge in retail therapy at St Pete's newest and largest market. Over 30 vendors with classic and funky finds, unexpected treasures, curiosities and more! Takes place on Sat from 9am - 6pm and on Sun from 9am - 5pm at 2200 2nd Ave, N St Pete. Info: Facebook.com/VINTAGEMARCH727.

## Third Sunday

### Indie Flea & Green Market

*Tampa:* On the third Sunday of every month, over 140 artisans, makers and farmers offer a unique selection of jewelry, letterpress, vintage items, leather goods, veggies, succulents, and more. Takes place from 11am - 3pm at Armature Works, 1910 Ola Ave, Tampa. Info: theindieflea.com.

## March 13

### Tampa Bay All Star Craft Beer Festival

*St Pete:* With over 200 amazing craft beer, wine and cocktail options, this incredible annual celebration was voted one of the "Best Beer Festivals" in the country by USA Today. Day Session happens from 1 - 5pm; Night Session from 7:30 - 11:30pm. Takes place at Tropicana Field, 1 Tropicana Dr, St Pete. Info: 727-825-3137; ballparkfestival.com

## Now - April 11

### Van Gogh Alive

*St Pete:* Experience Vincent van Gogh's works in an immersive art installation that opens a new window into the celebrated painter's artistic genius. The exhibition features more than 3,000 Van Gogh images at enormous

scale, viewed through high-definition projectors and synchronized to a powerful classical score. Open Daily from 10am - 9pm at the Dali Museum, One Dali Blvd, St Pete. Info: 727-823-3767; thedali.org.

## March 19

### Wing & Craft Beer Fest

*St. Pete:* Enjoy a perfect pairing of wings any way you can eat 'em washed down with a curated selection of craft beers from local brewers. Other highlights include an artisans market, live music and more! Takes place from 6 - 11pm at the Mahaffey Theater, 400 1st St SE. Info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/616756792357431>.

## March 19

### Atlantic City Boys

*Tampa:* Experience an exciting mix of world-class vocals and interactive comedy featuring rock-and-roll harmonies from the BeeGees, Beach Boys and Drifters, as well as Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. Takes place at 7:30pm at the Italian Club, 1731 E 7th Ave. Info: <https://italian-club.org/events/>.

## March 19 - 21

### Reggae Rise Up 2021

*St. Petersburg:* Feel the rhythm as positive vibes, amazing performers, and some of the world's best Reggae music rock Tampa Bay. Takes place from Noon - 10pm at Vinoy Park, 701 Bay Shore Dr NE, St Pete. Info: reggaeriseup.com.

## March 21

### The Florida Orchestra Percussion

Come feel the hot beats of contemporary composers specially selected for their resonating talents. Takes place at 5 pm at the Mahaffey Theater, 400 1st St S. Info: themahaffey.com.

## March 27

### Bark in the Park

*Tampa:* Have tail-waggin' good time during this family and dog-friendly walk and pet festival featuring costume contests, live music, vendors, food trucks and craft beer. Takes place from 11am - 4pm at Curtis Hixon



Park, 600 N Ashley Dr. Info: barkinthepark/tampa.com.

## April 1 - 25

### Henry V

*Tampa:* Discover a modern

retelling of Shakespeare's

classic tale of how a former playboy

prince now crowned king overcomes personal

doubt to win the Battle of Agincourt and

ultimately the respect of his countrymen. Takes

place at the Staz Center, 1010 MacInnes

Place. Showtimes and Info: strazcenter.org.

## April 3

### Tampa Beer Run

*Tampa:* Celebrate your morning run with a refreshing pint and then jog on to join an amazing after-party featuring live music, food for both you and your dog and of course, more beer. Benefits the Humane Society of Tampa Bay. Takes place from 8am - 2pm at Al Lopez Park, 4180 Himes Ave. Info: <https://tinyurl.com/yb7wuf8h>.

# Live it up at the Downs!

Live Thoroughbred Horse Racing from November 27th through May 3rd:

\*Check calendar for live racing day



Tampa Bay Downs is *the* Gulf Coast destination for fun and excitement. You will enjoy live Thoroughbred horse racing at one of the top-four most popular winter tracks in North America. February 21st marks the date of the track's premier race - the Grade II, \$400,000 Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby. This race has produced two winners of the Kentucky Derby, Street Sense in 2007 and Super Saver in 2010. Admission is FREE on Wednesdays and only \$3.00 on weekends. It's fun for the whole family. We invite you to spend a day at the track and Live it up at the Downs!

11225 Race Track Rd., Tampa, FL 33626 - 813-855-4401 - [www.tampabaydowns.com](http://www.tampabaydowns.com)

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## What's Up

**April 3**

### Look Up! Clearwater Music Festival

*Clearwater:* This annual family fun event inspires you with its message of hope and love. Takes place from 2 - 8pm at Coachman Park, 301 Drew St, Clearwater. Info: 727-282-5004; [lookupclearwater.com](http://lookupclearwater.com).

**April 3 & 4**

### International Foods & Art Festival

*Tampa:* Embark on a gourmand's paradise as local chefs, restaurants and food trucks whip up foods and flavors. Live music and kids' art, too! Takes place on Sat from 10am - 7pm and on Sun from 10am - 4pm at Tampa Riverwalk, Ashley St. Info: 813-451-7936; <https://yourtampamarkets.com/upcoming-events>.

**April 6**

### Taste@the Straz

*Tampa:* Taste incredible food, specialty wines and micro-brews in this all-you-can-eat open bar extravaganza. Live music, unlimited food samplings and more. Takes place at 7pm at the Straz Center, 1010 N MacInnes Pl, Tampa. Info: [strazcenter.org/Best-Of-Tampa-Bay](http://strazcenter.org/Best-Of-Tampa-Bay).

**April 8**

### Whiskey Obsession Festival

*Tampa:* Enjoy an outrageous evening of tastings, a custom whisky-infused dinner buffet, VIP pours and a fabulous grand tasting with hundreds of whiskies and cocktails. Takes place from 6:30 - 9:30pm at Armature Works, 1910 N Ola Ave, Tampa. Info: 941-400-9889; [whiskeyobsessionfestival.com](http://whiskeyobsessionfestival.com).

**April 9**

### Pink Floyd Laser Spectacular

*St. Pete:* Embark on an adventure of the mind as 3D and prism glasses, cutting-edge effects, lasers and hi-def projections set the soundtrack for a breathtaking journey into two of the supergroup's cult classics: Dark Side of the Moon and The Wall. Showtime: 8pm at the Mahaffey Theater, 400 1st St. S. Info: [themahaffey.com](http://themahaffey.com).

**April 9-11**

### The Original Tampa Bay Blues Festival

*St. Pete:* Chase away the blues with Jimmy Vaughan, Sugar Ray & the Bluetones, Kid Ramos and more during three great days of

music by the Bay. Takes place from noon - 10pm at Vinoy Park, 701 Bay Shore Dr. NE, St. Pete. Info: 727-895-6153; [tampabaybluesfest.com](http://tampabaybluesfest.com).

**April 17**

### Shipwrecked Music Festival

*Tampa:* A great way to get the full Gasparilla experience with multiple music stages, a silent disco, live art and heritage exhibits, performers, food trucks, vendors and more. Takes place from 5pm - 1am at a location TBA. Info: <http://alliancenaughtlife.com/>

**April 17-18**

### Lifestyle Music Festival

*Wesley Chapel:* Experience a full weekend of live rock and country music at The Grove. Also on hand: batting cages, axe-throwing, inflatables, interactive games, food trucks, craft beer, vendors and more! Takes place on Sat from 1am - 9pm and on Sun from 11am - 6pm at 6033 Wesley Grove Blvd. Info: [lifestylefestivals.com](http://lifestylefestivals.com)

**April 17 - 18**

### Old Florida Celebration of the Arts

*Cedar Key:* This artsy Old Florida town attracts top talent with its beautiful historic downtown setting and \$18,000 in prize money. Info: 352-543-5400; [cedarkeyartsfestival.com](http://cedarkeyartsfestival.com).

**April 22 - May 2**

### Florida State Fair 2021

*Tampa:* Discover the state's largest celebration of agriculture, crafts, cooking and 4H Best of Show. Also on the docket: midway rides, fried fair food, games and prizes, tractor pulls, sheep shearing, cow milking, equestrian events and more! Gates open 10am at the Florida State Fairgrounds, 4800 US 301 N. Info: [floridastatefair.com](http://floridastatefair.com).

**April 23**

### 1964: The Tribute

*St. Pete:* Experience what Rolling Stone calls "The Best Beatles Tribute on Earth!" Experience that quintessential moment in history when "The Fab Four" first played before a live audience. Showtime: 8pm at the Mahaffey Theater, 400 First St S. Info: [themahaffey.com](http://themahaffey.com).



**April 23 - 25**

### 17th Annual Firestone Grand Prix

*St. Petersburg:* The most respected motorsports events in North America showcases the fastest racing series on the planet along with celebrity athletes, live entertainment and interactive activities. Takes place at 400 1st St in downtown St. Pete. Info: 727-898-4639; [gpstpete.com](http://gpstpete.com).

**April 24**

### Secrets of the Universe Pops Concert

*Gainesville:* Enjoy a spectacular end-of-season musical gathering for the whole family, complete with special guests, surprises, favorite tunes and the annual Walk Through the Orchestra celebration. Showtime: 7:30pm at the University of Florida, 3201 Hull Rd. Info: [performingarts.ufl.edu](http://performingarts.ufl.edu).

**April 24**

### Tampa Bay International Dragon Boat Races

*Tampa:* The pageantry of ancient cultures comes alive as festively decorated drag-on boats race through downtown Tampa. Takes place from 8:30am - 5pm at Mary Help of Christians Center, 6400 Chelsea St, Tampa. Info: [panamdragonboat.com/tampa](http://panamdragonboat.com/tampa).

**April 29-May 3**

### Forks and Corks

*Sarasota:* This community fundraiser supports Gulf Coast sustainability with mouthwatering selections prepared by chefs from the Sarasota-Manatee Originals group. An international cast of winemakers adds some extra cheer. Details and location TBA. Info: [eatlikealocal.com/forksandcorks](http://eatlikealocal.com/forksandcorks).

**April 30 - May 1**

### Tampa Riverfest

*Tampa:* This fun, outdoor celebration along the Riverwalk includes live music, food, interactive games for all ages, wiener dog races, hot air balloons, light displays and more

## Escape to The Florida Orchestra

While many orchestras across the country remain dark, The Florida Orchestra has performed dozens of live concerts since October, with many more on the schedule through May, all following CDC guidelines for health and safety. It's easy to escape to The Florida Orchestra LIVE in the concert hall or LIVE streaming from your couch.

"The Florida Orchestra is doing what once seemed impossible: performing live concerts safely at the Mahaffey Theater," said TFO President & CEO Mark Cantrell. "Months ago, we could not have anticipated just how powerful and moving this season would be. In an uncertain world, this music has anchored us with comfort and hope, and we are proud to bring our community together for the final phase of our reimagined 2020/21 season."

Under the leadership of Music Director Michael Francis, highlights of the premier Tampa Bay Times Masterworks series include **Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto** (April 10- & 11), **Dvorak's New World Symphony** (May 1) and a special concert for these tumultuous times themed **Serenity** (March 13 & 14). Two Masterworks: Soundwaves concerts - a silver lining of splitting the orchestra into smaller ensembles for safety - will feature **Mozart's Horn Concerto** (Feb. 20) and **Mozart's Gran Partita** (March 13 & 14).

Highlights of the Raymond James Pops series include **Broadway Sings** (Feb 13), **Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue performed by Stuart Malina** (May 22 & 23), and **Dan Black & The (TFO) Brass Cats** (Feb. 27), led by TFO Resident Conductor Daniel Black. The morning Coffee series will explore music by Beethoven, Mozart, Prokofiev and more.

Health and safety measures for all concerts include mandatory face masks that cover the nose and mouth, spaced seating in pairs, extensive testing for musicians and frequent sanitizing of equipment and seats. Concerts are shorter with no intermission only at The Duke Energy Center for the Arts/Mahaffey Theater with 25 percent capacity.

#### Free live-streaming concerts

Anyone can watch select concerts via live stream or on demand on any device from anywhere in the country. It's free and easy to register at [FloridaOrchestra.org/livestreams](http://FloridaOrchestra.org/livestreams). So far, about 18,000 screens across the country have tuned in for concerts in the first three months of the season. To support this new service, TFO is encouraging donations so we can continue to offer digital concerts with no barriers during the pandemic and beyond. Upcoming live streams include:

- **Serenity:** Sat, Mar 13, 8 pm
- **Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto:** Sat, Apr 10, 8 pm
- **Dvorak's New World Symphony:** Sat, May 1, 8 pm
- **Beethoven's Emperor Concerto:** Sat, May 29, 8 pm

For more information on the largest professional orchestra in Florida, visit [FloridaOrchestra.org](http://FloridaOrchestra.org).

## Live from your living room



Through music, we can go anywhere. Now you can now watch select Florida Orchestra concerts streamed live from the Mahaffey Theater or on demand. It's free and easy to register at [FloridaOrchestra.org/livestreams](http://FloridaOrchestra.org/livestreams).

#### Here is what's available now through May:

- **Beethoven's Symphony No. 7**
- **Mozart's Symphony No. 40**
- **Ragtime Kings**
- **Tchaikovsky & Vivaldi for Strings**
- **Mendelssohn's Reformation Symphony**
- **Rachmaninoff on Paganini**
- **Beethoven's Symphony No. 4 (Jan 30)**
- **Serenity (Mar 13)**
- **Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto (Apr 10)**
- **Dvorak's New World Symphony (May 1)**
- **Beethoven's Emperor Concerto (May 29)**



Music Director Michael Francis

For tickets to live concerts at the Mahaffey Theater:  
[FloridaOrchestra.org](http://FloridaOrchestra.org)



Music Director  
Michael Francis

# Trip Around the World!

## Zoo Tampa is a Wild Ride

Featured on the hit television show, *Animal Planet*, Zoo Tampa 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 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 spot for photo ops.

Just next door is Asia where you can go nose-to-horn with an Indian Rhino or hang with a 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.

Stroll over to Africa and you'll feel as if you were teleported to a village in the Savannah where all types of exotic species are waiting to greet you. The Safari Tram provides a very cool behind the scenes tour of this area and it's not unusual to see baby elephants frolicking in the mud to stay cool.

One of our favorite sections of the Zoo is the Primate area where orangutans, chimps and siamangs compete for



attention in all kinds of funny ways.

At Wallaroos, 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 and Overland Express.

So go have a blast. Between the animals, the rides, and the splash area, you can spend more than a full day here!

Zoo Tampa 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.

## What's Up

Free admission. Takes place at the Tampa Riverwalk. Info: <https://thetampariverwalk.com/events/riverfest/>.

**May 2**  
**Florida Vegan Gourmet Food Fest**  
Tampa: Enjoy a one-with-nature food festival with cooking demos, a Best of Chefs competition, plant-based cuisine from local vegan chefs, meditation sessions and a vegan marketplace. Takes place from 11am - 4 pm at USF Botanical Gardens, 12210 USF Pine Drive. Info: <https://bit.ly/2M2a11A>.

**May 7**  
**Neil Berg's 112 Years of Broadway**  
Clearwater: Experience the magic of Broadway as stars from *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Les Miserables*, *CATS*, *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *Jekyll & Hyde* light up the stage with songs from their hit shows. Showtimes: 1pm and 7:30 pm at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Rd. Info: [rutherfordhall.com](http://rutherfordhall.com).

**May 8 - 9**  
**Mayfest**  
Tampa: Browse everything from farmhouse collectibles to flea market treasures, including rustic décor, vintage finds, handmade creations from local makers, boutique apparel, jewelry, food trucks, live music and more. Takes place on Sat from 10am - 7pm and on Sun from 10am - 4pm at the Tampa Riverwalk. Info: <https://yourtampamarkets.com/>.

**May 9**  
**One Night of Queen**  
St. Pete: Discover the pomp, power ballads and classic rock of legendary showman Freddie Mercury, authentically recreated by Gary Mullen & The Works. Includes hits "Killer Queen," "We are the Champions," "Bohemian Rhapsody," and more. Showtime: 8pm at the Mahaffey Theater, 400 1st St S. Info: [themahaffey.com](http://themahaffey.com).

**May 22**  
**Tampa Pride**  
Tampa: This highly anticipated all day celebration kicks off at 10:45am with a lively Street Festival at 1450 E 8th Ave followed by a colorful Pride Diversity Parade at 4pm. When the Street Festival and Parade are done, the fun moves to the Cuban Club from 6pm until midnight when headliner Martha Washington rocks the house along with many other local and national entertainers. Takes place in Tampa's historic Ybor City. Info: [tampapride.org](http://tampapride.org).

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## What's Up



### May 29 - 30

#### Sunset 2.0: The Gift Edition

*Tampa:* Add some extra-special sparkle to Memorial Weekend as top EDM artists bring the club scene outdoors with a stadium-style music festival, art installations and favorite vendors. Takes place from 2 - 11pm at 4201 N Dale Mabry Hwy. Info: smftampa.com.

### May 29 - 30

#### Sunset Music Festival

*Tampa:* This electronica concert series showcases some of the biggest names in the EDM world. Takes place from 2pm - Midnight at Raymond James Stadium, 4201 N Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa. Info: smftampa.com.

### June TBD

#### Taste Of Gainesville

*Gainesville:* Signature dishes from North Central Florida's best chefs and restaurants take center stage during this annual benefit for local charities helping children in need. Takes place from 5 - 9pm at ExacTech Arena, Stephen C O'Connell Center, 250 Gale Lemerand Dr, Gainesville. Info: 352-372-5854; tasteofgainesville.com.

### June TBD

#### St Pete Pride Weekend

*St Pete:* This three-day epic celebration kicks off with a lively Friday night Glamstands/SP2 concert followed by a rockin' Street Party on Saturday starting at 2pm and a colorful parade along Bayshore Dr at 7:15pm. The weekend culminates with a huge Street Festival on Sunday. Takes place from 11am - 5pm and spans an entire city block in the Grand Central District. Info: 727-342-0084; stpetepride.com.

### July 4

#### Tampa Red White & Blue Festival

*Tampa:* This festive Independence Day Celebration includes live music, "Best Dressed In All American Colors" contests for adults, kids and pets, a Pie-Eating Contest, DIY Art In The Park, Exhibitors Showcase, a Food Court plus a whole lot more. Takes place from 3 - 8pm at 1120 E Kennedy Blvd. Info: tampagov.net/events/.

### July 4

#### Fireworks Across The Bay

*St. Petersburg:* Celebrate independence Day with live music, kids' activities, food trucks and a bang up fireworks display at 9pm on the waterfront. Free admission. Takes place from 5 - 9pm at Vinoy & North Straub Parks. Info: stpete.org/events.

### July 4

#### Clearwater Celebrates America

*Clearwater:* This big festive 4th celebration includes live music, food, arts and crafts as well as the largest fireworks show in the Tampa Bay area. Free admission. Takes place from 4 - 10pm at Coachman Park, downtown Clearwater. Info: myclearwaterevents.com.

### July 4

#### Fireworks Spectacular over Sarasota Bay

*Sarasota:* Get the best seat in the house for this annual patriotic Independence Day celebration. Viewing is free from downtown Sarasota, Bayfront Park and Island Park. Takes place from dusk to 9pm in Downtown Sarasota. Info: visitsarasota.com/events-festivals.

## OTHER FLORIDA HAPPENINGS

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#### Science On A Sphere

*Fort Myers:* This new exhibit is a room-sized, global display system that uses computers and video projectors to display various earth system scientific data onto a six foot diameter sphere, analogous to a giant animated globe. Fun and educational for the entire family. Takes place at IMAG History & Science Center, 2000 Cranford Ave. Info: 293-243-0043; TheIMAG.org.

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### May 27 - 31

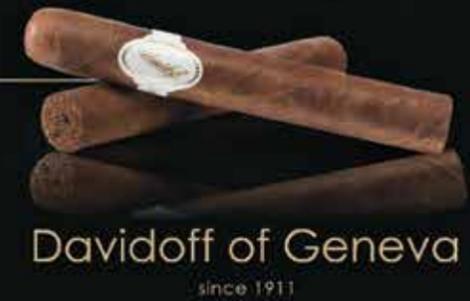
#### Key West Whiskey Fest

*Key West:* This popular food, drink and music festival is one of the most eagerly awaited on Florida Keys' busy social calendar. Featuring top class whiskey and a range of tastings, whiskey walks, workshops, brunches and plenty more. Info: 305-509-9775; keywestwhiskeyfest.com.

### July 1 - 5 8th

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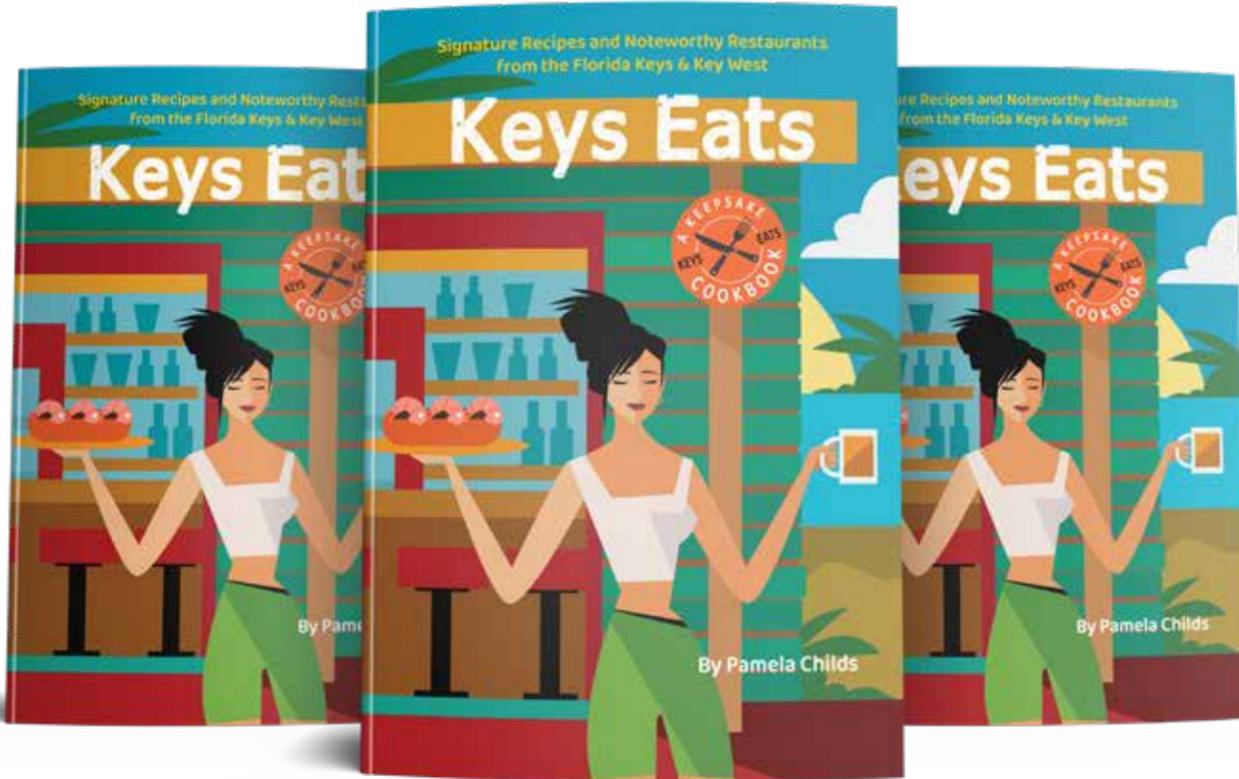
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DESTINATION Florida visitor publications, decided it was time to share a little bit of the Conch Republic with the millions of tourists who visit the Keys annually, as well as those who still dream of coming here someday.

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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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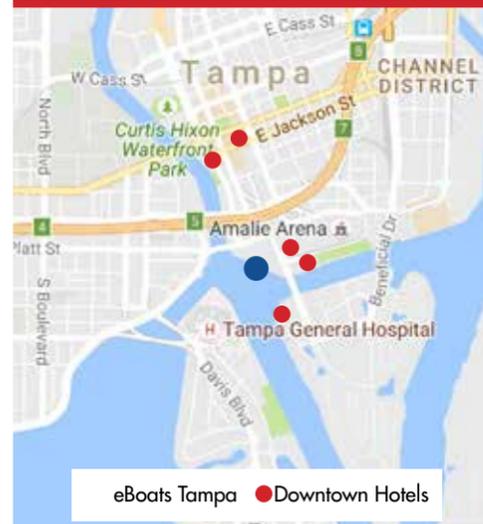
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### THE RINGLING

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Sarasota, FL 34243  
941-359-5700; ringling.org  
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The Ringling Circus may be gone but it is certainly not forgotten. This State Art Museum is home to one of the preeminent art and cultural collections in the US which John Ringling, in the spirit of America's wealthiest Gilded Age, began acquiring in the 1920s. The museum now houses a treasure trove of paintings and art objects as well as a Circus Gallery which showcases performers wardrobes, beautifully carved parade wagons, lithographic circus posters, a cannon which shot fearless performers across the big top and so much more. FYI: Check out the interactive Tibbals Learning Center where you can experience the excitement of a day at the circus.

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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.

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.



# Good Eats

## TAMPA AREA

### ANCHOR AND BRINE

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Tampa, FL 33602  
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Daily 11am - Midnight

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# Hyde Park

Hyde Park Village today is a charming area with locally owned national boutiques and restaurants.



A historic neighborhood and district located within the city limits of Tampa. It includes Bayshore Boulevard, Hyde Park Village

and SoHo.

Hyde Park is located adjacent to the University of Tampa and Downtown. The neighborhood history begins back in the 1880s when railroad financier Henry B. Plant built the first bridge across the Hillsborough River at Lafayette Street (now John F. Kennedy Blvd). The first house was built by James Watrous in

1882.

Growth occurred rapidly and a street car line was put in on Swann Ave and Rome Ave. This is the reason for the wideness of the two streets, while most in the neighborhood are much narrower. The area where Old Hyde Park Village is today was originally called Cork Ave. Dakota Ave., Cork Ave., and Inman Ave. all intersected near where the British pay phone sits today. The only portion left of Cork Ave. today is called Snow Ave. Hyde Park Village today is a charming area with locally-owned and national boutiques and restaurants.

## Good Eats



do today be lifting your fork! There isn't even a word in the dictionary for how good you look. Yeah, there might be one place in town where you can get Grouper that's fresher than this: the ocean. Be true to your stomach: Follow the snacks.

### GAINESVILLE AREA

#### FRESCO PIZZA & PASTA

Haile Village Center  
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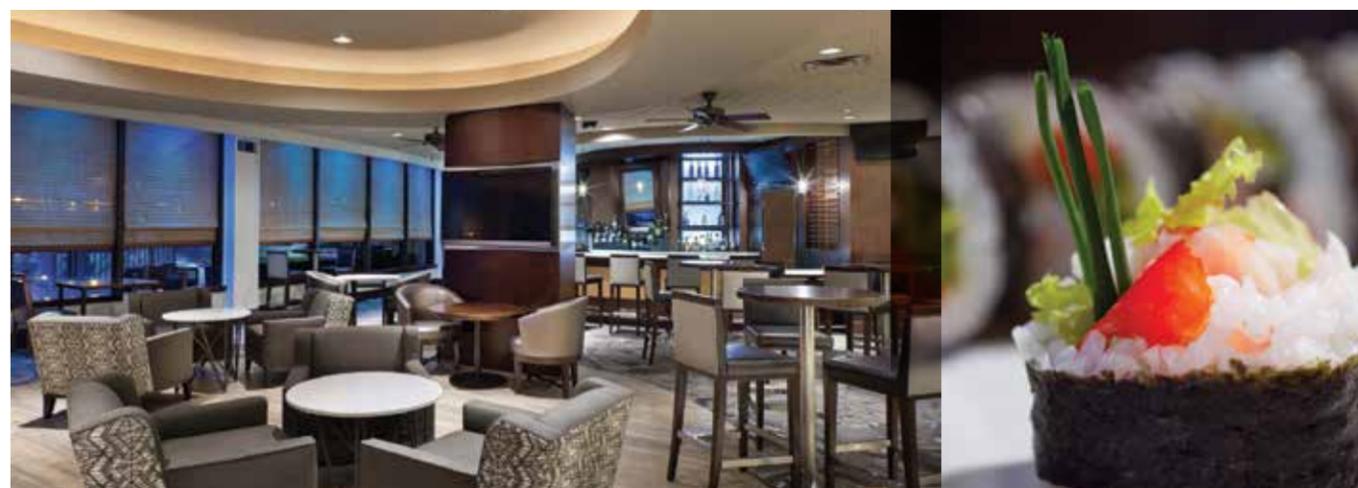
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# Forks & Corks

## Food and Wine Festival



Calling all foodies and fine wine lovers! The Forks & Corks Food and Wine Festival is back, and it's guaranteed to be one event you don't want to miss! Now in its fourteenth year, this scrumptious culinary extravaganza is slated for Thursday, April 29, and runs through Monday, May 3.

Considered to be the SunCoast's premier Food and Wine Festival,

this annual fundraiser supports Gulf Coast sustainability and is the Sarasota-Manatee Originals' brainchild, a coalition of local, independently owned restaurants and culinary innovators. The five-day foodie fest celebrates food that's indigenous to our Gulf-coast lifestyle. It features renowned restaurants like *Ophelia's on the Bay*, *the Bijou Café*, *Michaels on East*, *Tsunami*, *Skob*, The Ritz Carlton's iconic *Jack Dusty*, *Café Gabbiano*,



and many, many more highly acclaimed eateries.

In all, there are upwards of 50 local tastings and over 130 wines to sample, as well as local wine dinners and educational seminars. You can even take a master-class in wine tasting.

Culminating the festivities is the Grand Tasting, where live entertainment backdrops an array of epicurean delights that challenge you to flex your foodie muscles.

The Forks & Corks Festival is one of the best ways to sample food from the top restaurants in town and become a wine aficionado at the same time.

For all the deets, including this year's location and a schedule of events, go to [eatlikealocal.com/forksandcorks](http://eatlikealocal.com/forksandcorks) or ring up 941-365-2800.

*Cheers!*



# Surprising St. Pete

## Your Sunshine City



Recently, the New York Times named St. Petersburg as one of the "52 must see places in the world". Yes, the world!

Touting its museums and rich cultural scene, a thriving craft beer industry, and its ranking as one of America's Top 10 most beautiful cities, St. Petersburg's a must-see stop on any traveler's Tampa Bay itinerary.

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.

As the gateway to the I-4 high-tech corridor, St. Petersburg can hang its hat as a great spot for new business and tech start-ups, a thriving arts climate, one of North America's largest and most beautiful downtown waterfronts and a climate that holds a world record for the most consecutive days of sunshine!

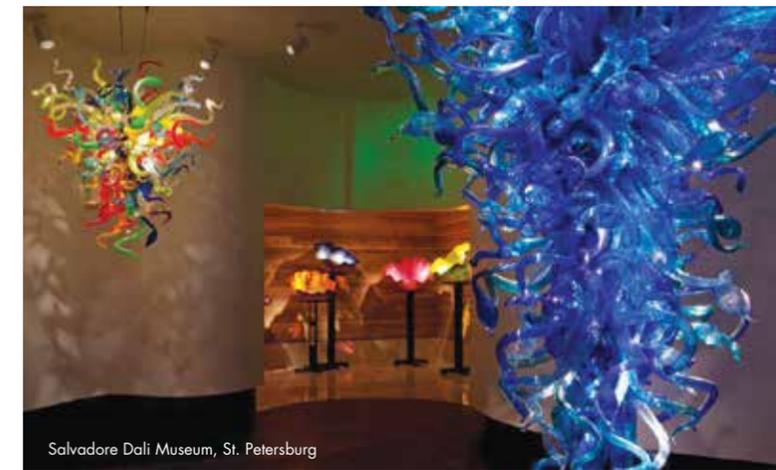
The city hops after dark. A thriving

craft beer industry and a 24/7 downtown attracts the region's largest clusters of bars and entertainment spots in the Tampa Bay area. Along Beach Drive, stylish open air cafes line a European-style promenade overlooking a ribbon of green city parks and the sparkling waters of Tampa Bay. In between, discover great shopping at Sundial or throughout downtown, or the eclectic home-grown businesses in the Grand Central District.

Ranked as America's No.1 Arts Destination, and its No.1 crafts town, the Sunshine City is home to a surprising number of museums, including the world famous Dali Museum, Dale Chihuly's only

permanent collection of his glass art, and an acclaimed Museum of Fine Arts. Add to that a rich performing arts scene, including the home of the Florida Orchestra, and the cultural lover will be captivated by what's on exhibit or on stage.

Don't miss a trip to downtown St.



Salvatore Dali Museum, St. Petersburg

Petersburg, and discover for yourself the warm hospitality that has made the Sunshine City famous.

# Good Eats

## VOLCANIC SUSHI + SAKE

Haile Village Center  
5141 SW 91st Way  
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Open Su - Th 11am - 9pm;  
F & Sa 11am - 10pm  
*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. Simply the best.



## CEDAR KEY

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310 Dock St.  
Cedar Key, FL 32625  
352-543-5070;  
83westcedarkey.com  
Open Su - W 11am - 8pm;  
F - Sa 11am - 10pm;  
Closed Th

*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 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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# Clearwater

For Everything Under the Sun



# Happy Cinco de Mayo!

## Celebrate the Sun with this Tasty Mango Margarita

There's nothing like a tasty margarita to celebrate Cinco de Mayo But not just any margarita. If you want your celebration to be really special, it needs to be a Mango Margarita for the ultimate "Margarita Experience." Here's the recipe for your day of fun in the sun.

### INGREDIENTS

1/4 Medium Mango, chopped  
3 Oz Blanco Tequila  
1 Oz Lime Juice, freshly squeezed  
1 Oz Agave Nectar

1/4 Oz Orange-Flavored Liqueur, like Grand Marnier  
Fresh Mango Cubes for garnish  
Ice

### PREPARATION

In a cocktail shaker, muddle together the chopped mango and ice. Add tequila, lime juice, agave nectar and orange-flavors liqueur. Shake vigorously for approximately 15 seconds. Strain and serve straight up in a chilled glass. Garnish with fresh mango cubes.



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!



# Award-Winning Steakhouse Fare

## Bascom's Chop House

There is nothing quite like sitting down to an extraordinary dinner at an elegant, traditional American Chop House.

And while many restaurants boast about their meats, few deliver the right char and full flavored preparations found at top quality Steak and Chop restaurants.

And that brings us to the award-winning Bascom's Chop House in Clearwater.

True to their name, great steaks and chops are their signature. All the steaks here are Certified Angus Midwestern grain-fed steer wet-aged in-house for a minimum of 28 days. They also offer hand-cut veal, pork and lamb chops that 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 Five Spice 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.

So there you have it - a traditional American Chop House that truly lives up to its name. Bon Appetit!

You can find Bascom's Chop House at 3665 Ulmerton Rd. in Clearwater. Info: 727-573-3363; bascoms.com.



## New Luxury Boutique Hotel Also Dishes Up Fabulous Food!

Clearwater: Pinellas County's first Marriott Tribute Portfolio hotel is now open!

Often referred to as the ornament of Florida's Feather Sound, the opulent 12-story, 123-room Karol Hotel is named in honor of Karol Bullard, the wife of Fred Bullard, whose company, the Bullard Group, developed the property.

Serious foodies can imbibe at the lobby Club Bar & Bistro or head up to the dazzling Vantage Rooftop Bar which offers spectacular views of Tampa Bay.

The award-winning team at Bascom's Chophouse (3665 Ulmerton Rd) along with acclaimed chef Tony Bonanno, are overseeing all food and beverage services which is a sign of fabulous food and fun times.

You can find the Karol Hotel just down the road from Bascom's Chop House, at 2675 Ulmerton Road. Info: 833-928-1437; theKarolHotel.com.



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## Beef Tartare

*From Bascom's Chop House*



Executive Chef Tony Bonanno has a passion for combining flavors and methods from around the world. Molecular Gastronomy is his specialty and his use of new and exciting methods to create award winning food for Bascom's Chop House is creating a big buzz with local foodies. Here's his recipe for Bascom's signature Beef Tartare.

### INGREDIENTS:

- 8 Oz Diced Filet Mignon
- 1 Oz Diced Red Pepper
- 3 Oz Diced Green Apple
- 2 Oz Chopped Capers
- 1 Tsp Sriracha Sauce
- 1 Tbsp Truffle Oil
- 2 Tbsp Mayonnaise
- Kosher Salt to taste
- Fresh Ground Black Pepper to taste



### PREPARATION:

In a small bowl, mix together the diced pieces of filet mignon, red pepper and green apple. Fold in the chopped capers, Sriracha, truffle oil and mayonnaise. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Serve with crisp tomato, cornichons, bitter greens and a fresh farm egg yolk in its shell for a unique presentation. Enjoy!

You can revel in more of Chef Tony's award-winning recipes at Bascom's Chop House, 3665 Ulmerton Rd in Clearwater, right next to the St Pete/Clearwater Airport. Reservations: 727-573-3363; bascoms.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

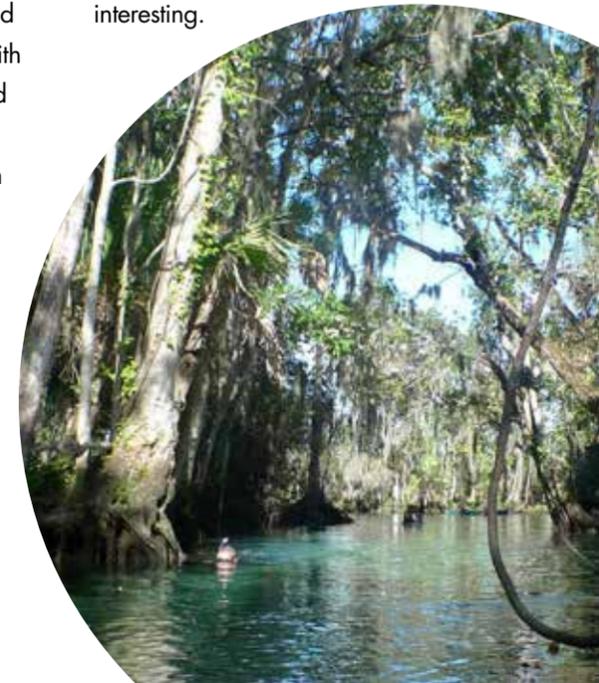
platforms that provide fantastic views of the prairie and the 100 - 270 bird species that regularly visit here.

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.



# Haile Village Center

## Small Town Charm In Gainesville

Trip on down to southwest Gainesville and you'll discover one of the area's most charming communities.

Located just a short five miles from the University of Florida and a few miles from I-75 Exits Archer or Newberry Road, Haile Plantation boasts 17,000 acres of walking and biking trails, swaths of green space, dozens of lovely neighborhoods and the Haile Plantation 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, gift shops and a supermarket interwoven with

gracious homes, tree-lined brick sidewalks and pedestrian-friendly streets

Each Saturday morning, Haile Village hosts a bustling Farmers' Market 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, hit up hvcoa.com.



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### Special Events At Haile Village Center

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# 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.

There's also plenty of fine shopping, as well, including St. Armand's Circle close to the coast and the Mall at University Town Center which has many distinctive retailers not found anywhere else in the area.

# Two Different Vibes Same Terrific Food

Two highly acclaimed restaurants. Two different vibes.

One thing in common: great southern-inspired food and gracious hospitality.

In Williston, you'll feel like you stepped back in time when you settle down for lunch or supper at the original award-winning "Ivy House Restaurant & Catering" which is situated in a charming, turn of the century Victorian home furnished with gorgeous period pieces.

In downtown Ocala, the new "Ivy On The Square," exudes hip, urban sophistication with a lavish dessert bar, massive chandeliered cocktail bar and a posh new boutique just across the street.

In both locations, owner Marjorie "Mimi" Hale, along with her two daughters and granddaughters, set the stage for a gracious southern style meal to remember.

The dishes, many of which are created from cherished family recipes, are simply prepared but absolutely outstanding.

Mimi's signature Baked Krispy Chicken, BBQ Shrimp & Grits and Fried Green Tomatoes are some of the most popular picks on the restaurants' big menus which also include lots of fresh seafood and hand-cut steaks, as well as an extensive selection of gluten-free items.

The portions are always big so be sure to save room for Mimi's decadent desserts which are made daily on premises. FYI: The vanilla-soaked French Bread Pudding with a whisper of bourbon cream sauce is totally outrageous!

You can find Ivy On The Square at 53 S Magnolia in Ocala (352-622-5550) and the original Ivy House Restaurant & Catering at 106 NW Mail St in Williston (352-528-5410).



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# 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. 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.



# Aw Shucks! Oysters Rockefeller

Invented by Jules Alciatore, the second-generation proprietor of Antoine's restaurant in New Orleans, Oysters Rockefeller have become a house specialty in fine restaurants all over the world. The key to this recipe is to use the freshest oysters and herbs available.

### Ingredients

- 24 Large Shucked Oysters on the half shell
- 1 Cup Unsalted Butter, divided
- 1/2 Cup Chopped Flat-Leaf Parsley
- 1/4 Cup Chopped Green Onions
- 1/4 Cup Fennel Bulb, chopped
- 1 Tsp Chopped Fresh Chervil or Tarragon
- 2-3 Chopped Celery Leaves
- 2 Cups Watercress or Baby Spinach Leaves
- 1/3 Cup Fine Dry Breadcrumbs
- 2 Tbs Pernod or other anise-flavored liqueur
- 1/4 Tsp Salt
- 1/4 Tsp Pepper
- 1/8 Tsp Hot Sauce
- 2 Lbs Rock Salt
- 2 Lemon Wedges for Garnish

### PREPARATION

Melt 3 tablespoons butter in a skillet over medium-high heat; add parsley and next 4 ingredients. Sauté 2 to 3 minutes. Add watercress, and cook 2 to 3 minutes or until wilted. Cool. Pulse parsley mixture in food processor with the remaining 13 tablespoons butter, breadcrumbs, and liqueur until smooth, stopping to scrape down sides.



Add salt, pepper, and hot sauce. Fill pie pans or a large baking sheet with 2 pounds rock salt. Dampen salt slightly, and arrange oysters on the beds of salt.

Top each oyster with a spoonful of the parsley mixture.

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### appetizers

- Crab Cakes**  
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- 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



### 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**  
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- Filet & Scampi**  
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- Baked Krispy Chicken**  
served with homemade mac and cheese, cornbread and fresh sides
- Pecan Atlantic Salmon**  
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- Meat & Cheese Board**  
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- Burrata**  
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- Fig & Prosciutto Flatbread**  
saba, kale, camembert

### entrees

- Filet**  
hand-cut fries, truffle aioli, seasonal produce, bordelaise
- Ribeye**  
roasted tomatoes & mushrooms, béarnaise, baby potatoes
- Salmon**  
whipped potato, lump crab, asparagus, hollandaise
- Gulf Grouper**  
balsamic & brown butter, toasted wheat, heirloom tomato
- Scallop**  
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**Chargrilled Chicken**  
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**Falafel**  
white bean puree, tzatziki, feta, quinoa tabbouleh



## SAMPLE MENUS



### sushi

- Yellowfin Tuna Carpaccio**  
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- Red Dragon Roll**  
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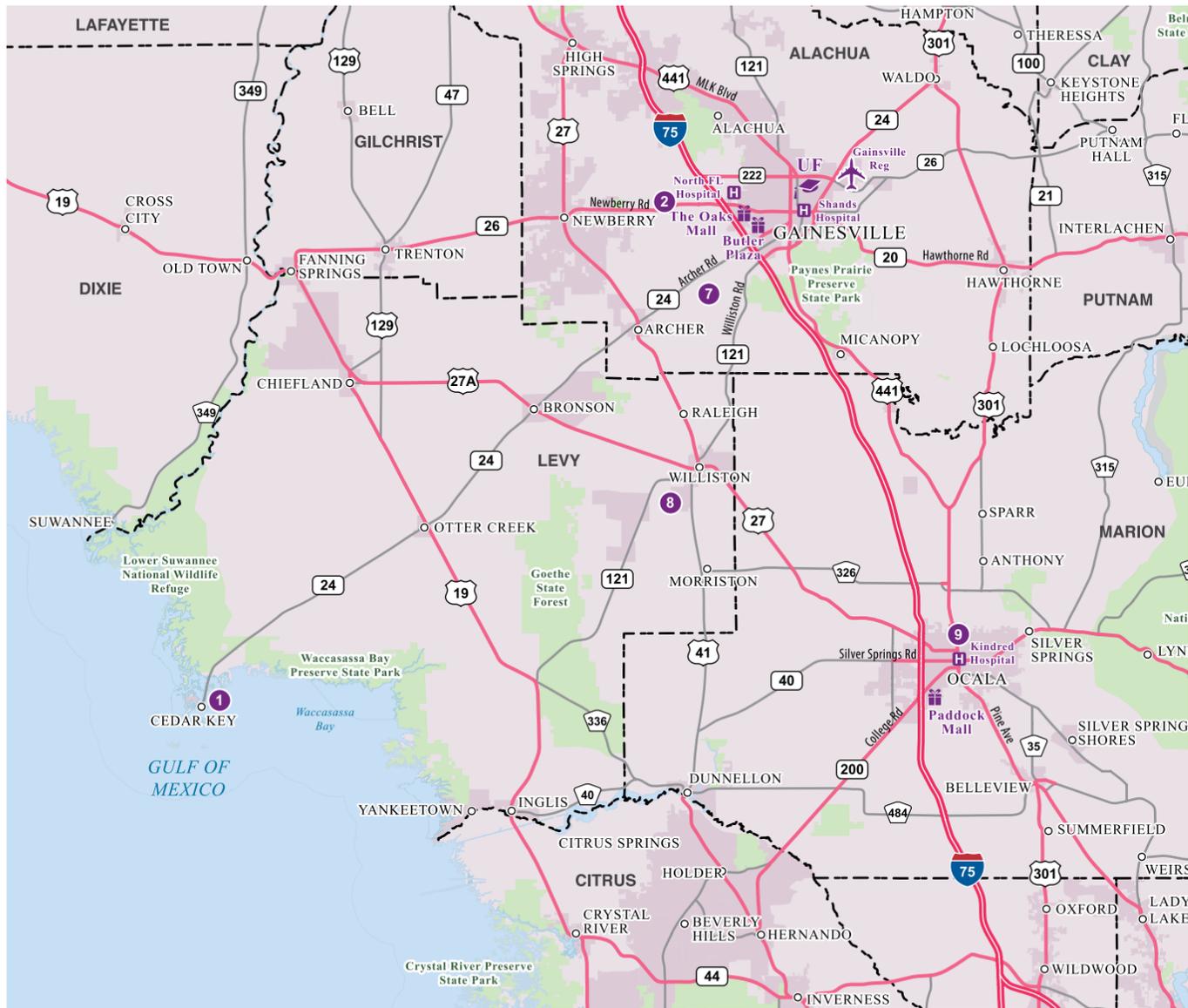


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