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America's Happiest Seaside Town
Sarasota

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ABOUT THE COVER

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



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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 SIGHTSEEING CRUISE eBOATS TAMPA

If you've never yachted around Tampa's waterways, you're really missing the boat — literally. Ok, maybe an eBOAT isn't as big as a yacht, but with a length of 21', these luxury all-electric canopy boats are a total hoot and can comfortably hold up to 10 people. Fortunately, eBOATS are super easy to operate and don't require a Boaters License, so after a few brief instructions, you can just hop onboard and head out for a great sightseeing adventure. It almost feels like you're driving a golf cart on the water and it's such a cool way to explore Tampa's harbor. And get this: because eBOATS don't require a Boaters license, just about anyone 25 or older can operate one. So if you're looking for a fun way to see the Tampa area, grab your Topsiders and climb aboard at 333 South Franklin St, Tampa. Info: 813-767-2245; eBoatsTampa.com

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 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

It doesn't get better than award-winning sushi, and a panoramic view of the sparkling downtown Tampa skyline. The unforgettable waterfront views make Jackson's Bistro the perfect place to click your chopsticks and revel in an extensive lineup of fresh sashimi, signature specialty rolls, and an impressive selection of American dishes. Some of our favorite rolls: the Lobster Tempura Roll (lobster meat, cucumber, sushi rice, tempura fried and served 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!). Other than sushi, our favorite items include Calamari Rings with sweet chili aioli, 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; jacksonsbistro.com

BEST RIB EYE Bascom's Chop House

It's hard not to love everything on Bascom's menu. The seafood which is delivered daily and beautifully prepared, is always top drawer and the center cut prime chops are as good as they get. But it's the glorious, 16 oz bone-in Ribeye that has us hooked. Hand cut from Certified Angus midwestern grain-fed steer, this rich, well marbled steak is served charred outside with an intense, rich steak flavor that's hard to find. If you like great steak, put this one on your bucket list! Find it at 3665 Ulmerton Rd., Clearwater. 727-573-3363; bascoms.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 artisans, crafters, street performers, live music and more. Starts two hours before sunset until two hours after sunset at Pier 60, 1 Causeway Blvd. Info: 727-449-1036; sunsetpier60.com.

Every Tuesday Gulfport Fresh Market

Gulfport: Stock up on local fresh fruits and veggies, shop for plants, crafts, baked goods and more. Open 9am - 3pm on Beach Blvd, Gulfport. FYI: Free clothing swap happens from 9am - 1pm on the second Tuesday of every month.

Every Wednesday Downtown Clearwater Farmer's Market

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

Every Friday & Saturday (August - September) Bier Fest

Tampa: Each weekend, enjoy delicious brews, new recipes and seasonal offerings from fan-favorite breweries and live music in between epic thrill rides at the park. Info: buschgardens.com

Every Saturday Saturday Morning Market

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

Every Saturday Ybor City Saturday Market

Ybor City: Centered in Tampa's Historic District, the market is one of the most popular shopping destinations for locally produced items unique to the Tampa Bay Area. Open 9am - 1pm (May - September) and 9am - 3pm (Oct - April). Info: ybormarket.com.



Every Sunday Clearwater Farmers Market
Clearwater: Bite into Florida fresh with seasonal produce, prepared foods, local artisans, makers and more. Takes place from 9am - 2pm under the memorial Causeway at 4 Drew St. Info: clearwaterfarmersmarket.net.

Every Sunday Corey Avenue Sunday Market
St Pete: Discover local and homemade produce, plants, prepared food, unique handmade and artisan gifts, eco-friendly and fair-trade products. Takes place from 10am - 2pm on Corey Ave between Boca Ciega Ave and Gulf Blvd. Info: tampabaymarkets.com.

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

MONTHLY - First Thursday Rock the Park
Tampa: Celebrate thirteen years of the free live monthly entertainment series show-casing music from all genres. Showtime: 6:30pm at Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park, 600 N Ashley Dr. Info: rockthepark.com.

MONTHLY: Third Thursday Third Thursday Market
Tampa: This hip, fun nighttime gourmet food event features food trucks, cocktails, live music and more! Dog Friendly and free, on site parking. Takes place from 6 - 10pm at 1208 E Kennedy Blvd. Info: tampabaymarkets.com.

MONTHLY: First & Third Saturday Fresh Market At Wiregrass
Tampa: Over 50 vendors offer a variety of local, certified organic, hydroponic and conventional produce, plants, organic garden food/supplies and locally made foods while local artists showcase their creative works and eco-friendly products. Takes place from 10am - 3pm in the heart of the shopping center at 28211 Paseo Dr, Wesley Chapel. Info: 813-994-2242; tampamarkets.com.

The Florida Orchestra's 55th season full of epic masterpieces, movie music and more

When planning a trip to the Tampa Bay area, be sure to make the most of its booming arts and culture scene, including the largest professional orchestra in the state, The Florida Orchestra.

The orchestra recently announced its 2022-23 season full of epic masterpieces, popular movie music and much more. TFO will launch the Hough Family Foundation Masterworks series in October with the powerful drama of **Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana***, conducted by Music Director Michael Francis in venues throughout Tampa Bay.

Big moments in TFO's 55th season include a mini festival of **Rachmaninoff's Second and Third Piano Concertos**; great classics such as **Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 4***, **Beethoven's *Symphony No. 6***, "**Pastoral**," and **Mahler's *Symphony No. 4***; and a once-in-a-lifetime performance of Wagner's *The Ring Without Words*. TFO's premier Raymond James Pops series puts the full force of the orchestra behind a wide range of music, from **Harry Potter vs Star Wars** to **Aretha: Queen of Soul**, **Hollywood Sings**, **Sinatra and Beyond** and **Abbey Road**, featuring the Beatles' iconic album in its entirety.

"We can't think of a more stirring and sensational way to start the season than the extraordinary spectacle that is the iconic *Carmina Burana*," said internationally acclaimed Music Director Michael Francis, who will enter his eighth season with TFO. "There's nothing like the sheer joy of listening together in the concert hall, and this season we'll bring some of the most spellbinding sonic experiences ever."

More Masterworks highlights include **Mahler's *Symphony No. 4*** (Jan. 28 & 29, 2023), the work that has started many a love affair with the composer; **Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring*** (Oct. 21-23), the only orchestra work to spark a riot in its debut in 1913, paired with **Tchaikovsky's sweeping *Swan Lake***; **Mendelssohn's *Elijah*** (May 5-7, 2023), a glorious oratorio that TFO last performed in 2010; and the orchestra's first-ever performance of **Wagner's *The Ring Without Words*** (May 20 & 21, 2023), which condenses the best parts of Wagner's roughly 15-hour Ring cycle into an orchestral tour de force lasting just over an hour.

In February 2023, TFO will perform a mini Rachmaninoff festival to honor the 150th anniversary of the composer's birth and explore his life and music. On back-to-back weekends, world-renowned pianist **Joyce Yang** will return to TFO for **Sergei Rachmaninoff's Second and Third Piano Concertos**.

Throughout the season, TFO will perform a variety of music that reflects the different cultures, backgrounds and influences that make up our community. In November, TFO celebrates the power of women with **Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade*** and **Clara Schumann's *Piano Concerto*** featuring **Alexandra Dariescu**, all led by guest conductor **JoAnn Falletta**, music director of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, a multiple Grammy winner and a pioneer for women in conducting.

TFO starts off 2023 with a slate of American music featuring a rare **Tuba Concerto**, by jazz legend **Wynton Marsalis**. The playful work with a "great sense of humor" features **TFO's Principal Tuba TJ Graf** and is framed by **George Gershwin's *An American in Paris*** and **Duke Ellington's *Black, Brown and Beige Suite*** (Jan. 6-8, 2023).

For more information on The Florida Orchestra, visit FloridaOrchestra.org

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Sister and Brother – Jenna and Hunter Having Fun At The Beach



What's Up

MONTHLY: Second Saturday

Second Saturday Art Walk

St Pete: This "After Hours" arts scene includes more than forty galleries and studios, spanning across five different arts districts, including Duncan McClellan Glass and Morean Arts Center. Free trolleys run throughout the city's art districts to get you around. Takes place in the Waterfront Arts District, Central Arts District and EDGE District from 9am - 9pm. Info: stpeteartsalliance.org.

MONTHLY: First Saturday & Sunday Vintage Marche

St Pete: Explore more than 15,000 feet of hand-picked vintage, repurposed, antique and mid-century modern furnishings, home décor, art, jewelry and more at this unique vendor run market. Takes place on Saturday from 9am - 7pm; and on Sunday from 9am - 5pm at 2200 2nd Ave S. Info: vintagemarche727.com.

MONTHLY: First Sunday

Hyde Park Essentials Market

Tampa: Listen to great live music as you browse more than 100 vendors offering fresh and organic fruits and veggies, locally prepared foods, handcrafted and artisan home décor, and gifts. Takes place from 10am - 3pm inside Hyde Park Village, 742 S Village Circle. Info: tampabaymarkets.com.

MONTHLY: Second Sunday Seminole Heights Sunday Morning Market

Tampa: Shop a wide variety of unique gifts, clothes, healthy living products and more from your favorite market vendors. Takes place from 11am - 3pm at 4500 N Nebraska Ave. Info: tampabaymarkets.com.

MONTHLY: Second Sunday Family Day at the Museum

Sarasota: Bring your friends and family to explore new art and participate in fun activities for the whole family, including live music, storytelling, hands-on art, figure drawing, digital art and more! Free. Takes place from 11am - 5pm at the Sarasota Museum of Art, 1001 S. Tamiami Trail. Info: 941-309-4300; sarasotamuseum.org.



Now Through August 7

Sharks

Sarasota: Come face-to-nose with the world's most amazing predators through large-scale photos and videos by award-winning photographer Brian Skerry. Skerry takes you into the ocean depths to swim alongside tiger sharks, great whites and other sharks, as you learn about their habitat and enemies. Takes place daily from 9:30am - 5pm at MOTE Marina Laboratory & Aquarium, 1600 Ken Thompson Pkwy. Info: 941-388-4411; mote.org.

Now Through August 21

2022 Student Surrealist Art Exhibit

St Pete: Get a glimpse into the future as Florida middle and high school student artists present their creative interpretation of ideas and visions similar to Salvador Dali and other surrealists in this juried exhibition.

Various hours. Takes place at the Salvador Dali Museum, One Dali Blvd. Info: 727-823-3767; thedali.org.

Now Through December 31

Avenue of Art

Sarasota: Explore the artistic side of Sarasota history with a series of street paintings created by local artists, students and children commemorating Sarasota County's centennial.

Located in downtown Sarasota along

S Pineapple Avenue in the Burns Square District. Info: chalkfestival.com.

June 11-August 13

Summer Circus Spectacular

Sarasota: Relive the good old days under the Big Top as some of the finest circus artists from around the world bring thrills and fun for audiences of all ages. Showtimes: Tuesday - Friday at 11am and 2pm; and on Saturday at 11am and 5pm. Takes place at The Historic Asolo Theatre, 5401 Bay Shore Rd. Info: 941-360-7399; ringling.org.

June 19

Juneteenth Cultural Festival & Celebration

Tampa: Enjoy a block party atmosphere with music from top DJs, amazing food trucks, shopping, a food drive, toy drive, Job Fair, free health clinic, and much more. Takes place at the Raymond James Stadium, 4201 N Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa. Info: 609-359-0529; roctheblock.com.

Brew, Brats & Schnitzel

12th Annual Oktoberfest Tampa



Break out your lederhosen, dirndls and beer steins because when Munich, Germany's famous Oktoberfest celebration wraps up in September — some 16 days and 14 million pints of beer after it began — Tampa Bay's 12th Annual Oktoberfest celebration will just be getting started.

Cited as one of the "Top 5" Oktoberfests in the US, this year's bash kicks off on Friday, October 7 and runs through Sunday, October 9 at Curtis Hixon Park which magically transforms into the city's largest waterfront Biergarten for this family and pet-friendly event.

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

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

But it wouldn't be Oktoberfest with just food and drink. There will also be plenty of singing and dancing, as well as lots of goofy games like the "Liter Stein Bucket Race,"

(running an obstacle course without spilling your buckets of beer) "Carry the Wench," a race where you carry your date on your back, "Tug of War," "Keg Stacking" and so much more.

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

table-side service, express entry, VIP Tent access and König's Feast - a full food plate with all the fixings.

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

Prost!





June 25
St Pete Pride Weekend
St Pete: This three-day epic celebration kicks off with a lively Friday night 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 which showcases live entertainment, community booths, art and fantastic food. Takes place from 11am - 5pm and spans an entire city block in the Grand Central District. Info: 727-342-0084; stpetepride.com.

June 26
Rupi Kaur World Tour
Tampa: A poet, artist, performer and published author, Rupi Kaur rose to fame after publishing her first poetry collection, *Milk and Honey*, when she was a 21-year-old college student. Her works touch on love, loss, healing, femininity and migration. Takes place at the Straz Center, 1010 McInnes Pl. Tickets and info: strazcenter.org.

June 29
The Masked Singer Live
Tampa: This roadshow of the popular FOX Network reality television series invites you to guess who is singing inside the costume. The show features surprise celebrity hosts and guests. Takes place at the Straz Center, 1010 McInnes Pl. Tickets and in-fo: strazcenter.org.

July 1
Dude Perfect Tour: That's Happy Summer Tour
Tampa: This sports and comedy group currently holds 21 Guinness World Records and has over 57 million YouTube Subscribers.

They are known for their family friendly brand of entertainment which include stunts, battles, and animated storytelling. Takes place at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Tickets and info: ama-leavearena.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 Cotanchobee Park, 601 Old Water St, Tampa. Info: findfestival.com.

July 4
July 4th Boat Parade & Blessing of the Fleet
Tampa: Celebrate America's Independence Day with a festive parade on the water. Boats will be decked out in red, white and blue and compete for the most patriotic boat in the small/motorboat and large/sailboat competitions. The parade motors along the Hillsborough River in Downtown Tampa, traveling through the Convention base up to the Heights. There will also be will two blessing stations. Fireworks displays will follow at multiple locations. Takes place from 6:30 - 9:30pm. Info: the-tampariverwalk.com



July 4
Fireworks Across the Bay
St Pete: Celebrate independence with live music, kids' games and activities, face painting, food trucks and a free festive fireworks celebration on the waterfront. Takes place from 5 - 9pm with fireworks at 9pm at Vinoy & North Straub Parks, 400 Bayshore Dr NE. Info: stpete.org.

July 4
Clearwater Celebrates America
Clearwater: Celebrate the 4th of July with live music from the Black Honkeys, an all-American menu, arts and crafts, kids' games and the largest fireworks show ever. Takes place from 7 - 10pm at Baycare Ballpark, 601 Old Coachman Rd. Info: ClearwaterCelebratesAmerica.com.

July 13 - August 7
Nonsense: A-MEN
Tampa: When Sister Julia accidentally poisons 52 sisters with her soup, problems unfold. Based on the original "Nonsense" production but more like "Mrs. Doubtfire enters the convent." Takes place at the Straz Center, 1010 McInnes Pl. Tickets and info: strazcenter.org.

July 15 - 17
METROCON
Tampa: Discover Florida's largest gathering of anime, cosplay and gaming under one roof! Explore the video game arcade and human anime chess match along with celebrities, panelists, artists, costume contests, lip synch battles, mascot art and more! Takes place on Friday from 10am - 11:30pm; on Saturday from 10am - 10pm; and on Sunday from 9am - 5:30pm at 333 S. Franklin St. Tickets and info: metroconventions.com.

July 16 - 17
SHARKCON
Tampa: Hear and meet the stars of the Shark World (Nat Geo, Discovery, Animal Planet), scientists, photographers, celebrities from shark movies and more. Tons of shark related activities for kids including specimens, live animals, shark slide, mermaids, scuba, treasure hunt, ocean/shark themed vendors, scuba vendors, and tons more for everyone who loves the ocean. Takes place from 9am - 10pm at the Florida State Fairgrounds, 4800 US Hwy N, Tampa. Info: sharkcon.com.

Hipp Happenings

What's Shaking at Gainesville's Hippodrome Theater

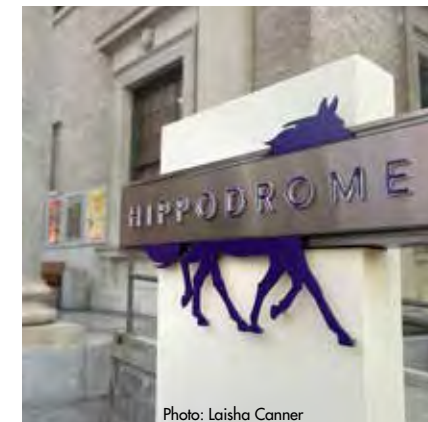


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It's time to challenge the status quo. And lighting the way, is Gainesville's hip Hippodrome Theater.

From its inception in 1972, the Hipp has showcased stories that explore and celebrate the human condition. Now fifty years later, it's celebrating its golden anniversary with *Beyond Limits* - a season that honors the people, real and imagined, who brave their fear and reach for the stars.

The thought provoking 2022/2023 lineup kicks off with *Fahrenheit 451* which plays September 2 - 18. In Ray Bradbury's classic dystopian world, the written word is forbidden and firemen burn books instead of fighting



Photo: Michael A. Eaddy

fire. The story is all the more chilling given what's happening in the world today.

And what would an election year be without a comedy poking fun at..... you guessed it, elections. In *Running Mates*, protagonists Sam, his wife Sophia, and a mystery write-in candidate compete for absolute domination in the mayoral race that turns out to be more about family than politics. Opens on October 14 and plays through October 30.

The Hippodrome's upcoming holiday season is a double header of laughter and tradition. The theater is bringing back the best selling show of last season, *Murder For Two* - but this time with a holiday twist. This 'whodunit,' which plays November 25 - December 23, is the perfect blend of music, mayhem, murder, and mistletoe!

Following on its heels is *A Christmas Carol*, a Hippodrome holiday tradition that continues to make audiences smile as Scrooge learns how to be truly human. The Charles Dickens' classic plays November 26 - December 23.

The Hipp's 2023 season starts off with bang.

The Elaborate Entrance of Chad Deity plays January 27 - February 12. It's a big, brash, brilliantly

written, altogether electric play about smashing stereotypes and wrestling with the American Dream. *Native Gardens* follows on March 10 - 26. The hilarious production tells the story of a fence line disagreement that soon spirals into an all-out war of taste, class, privilege, and entitlement. On April 21 - May 7, the Hip presents *Silent Sky*. Described as "sheer magic," this true story of 19th-century astronomer, Henrietta Leavitt, plays out against a landscape of fierce sisterly love, early feminism, and



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universe-revealing science.

In addition to the playhouse, the Hippodrome is home to Gainesville's only Art - House Cinema that features first run artistic and foreign films, as well as a terrific visual arts gallery which showcases themed works that reflect what's currently happening on stage. For more info about what's going on at Gainesville's cultural epicenter call 352-375-4477 or hit up thehipp.org.

What's Up

July 21 - 24

Disney's 101 Dalmatians, KIDS!

Tampa: Disney's much-loved animated feature comes to life on stage, as our four-legged heroes work to save themselves from the evil intentions of the outrageously villainous Cruella DeVil. Takes place at the Straz Center, 1010 McInnes Pl. Tickets and Info: strazcenter.org.

July 23

Dude R&B Music Experience -Keith Seat Birthday Celebration

Tampa: Known as one of the Godfathers of R&B music, Keith Sweat headlines an incredible lineup of artists including Monica, Tevin Campbell, Tamar Braxton, 112, Ginuwine and Silk. Takes place at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Tickets and info: amaliearena.com.

July 29 - 31

Tampa Comic Convention

Tampa: This annual gathering is the perfect place to let your inner-nerd run wild and free! Comic books, toys, cosplay, art and just a cornucopia of nerdy fun! Takes place on Friday from noon - midnight; on Saturday from 9am - midnight; and on Sunday from 9am - 5pm at the Tampa Convention Center, 333 S Franklin St, Tampa. Info: tampabaycomoccon.com.

August 4 - 6

A.R. Rahman

Tampa: Known for redefining contemporary Indian music, this heralded musician creates an almost spiritual evening of Eastern classical music integrated with electronic sounds, traditional orchestral arrangements and songs performed in Hindi, Tamil and English. Takes place at the Straz Center, 1010 McInnes Pl. Tickets and info: strazcenter.org.

August 5

Fifth Annual Bolt's Brew Fest

Tampa: Hosted by the Tampa Bay Lightening, this annual "BREWhaha" features locally crafted beers, oversized games, ThunderBug and more. Doors open at 8pm. VIP Admission includes unlimited beer samplings, early entry from 6pm to 7pm for an extra hour of sampling without the crowds, access to AMALIE Arena's Ashley VIP Lounge featuring exclusive VIP-only beer and food, and more. Takes place at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Tickets and info: amaliearena.com.

August 12

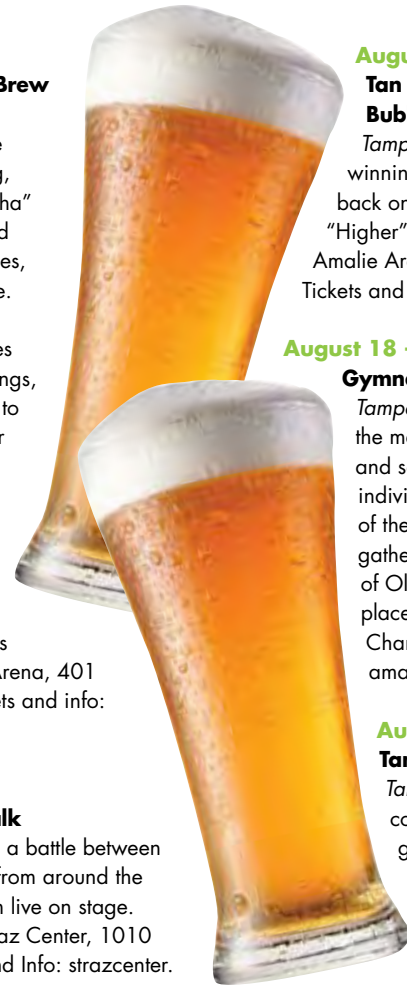
WAR On the Catwalk

Tampa: Get ready for a battle between your favorite queens from around the world as they perform live on stage. Takes place at the Straz Center, 1010 McInnes Pl. Tickets and Info: strazcenter.org.

August 12

Throwback Jam: Freestyle Explosion

Tampa: This amazing concert features Lisa Lisa, Stevie B, The Jets and more reprising the best music from the '80s and '90s. Showtime: 7:30pm at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Tickets and info: amaliearena.com.



August 13

Tan Evening with Michael Bublé

Tampa: The Grammy Award-winning, multi-platinum superstar is back on the road with his brand new "Higher" tour. Showtime: 8pm at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Tickets and info: amaliearena.com.

August 18 - 21

Gymnastics Championships

Tampa: This competition determines the men's and women's junior and senior national champions for individuals and teams. This is one of the nation's largest gymnastics gatherings and includes a number of Olympic competitors. Takes place at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Tickets and info: amaliearena.com.

August 19 - 21

Tampa Home Show

Tampa: Find builders, contractors, kitchens, baths, garden displays, landscapers, security systems and everything else needed for home building and remodeling. The event also features live animal encounters

for kids. Free admission. Takes place at the Tampa Convention Center, 333 S Franklin St. Info: tampahomeshow.com.

August 26

An Evening With Damien Escobar

Tampa: From his sudden rise of the America's Got Talent success, to his equally sudden fall, Damien Escobar emerged as a solo artist with an inspiring tale of making it big, losing it all and discovering his true self along the way. This personal journey weaves his stories and breathtaking music into a concert experience that is part confessional, part motivational and 100% inspirational. Takes place at the Straz Center, 1010 McInnes Pl. Tickets and Info: strazcenter.org.

August 31 - September 25

Avenue Q

Tampa: Described as an adults-only cross between South Park and Sesame Street, this Off-Broadway musical comedy features actors and puppets telling the story of a college graduate living in a shabby and eclectic New York apartment on Avenue Q. On stage at the Straz Center, 1010 McInnes Pl. Tickets and Info: strazcenter.org.

September 2 - 18

Fahrenheit 451

Gainesville: In Ray Bradbury's classic dystopian world, the written word is forbidden, and firemen burn books instead of fighting fire. One man is forced to choose between a regimented existence or risk everything for the right to think. On stage at the Hippodrome Theater, 25 SE 2nd Place, Gainesville. Info and tickets: 352-375-4477; thehipp.org.

September 3

Rod Stewart with Cheap Trick

Tampa: Rod Stewart is joined by fellow Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees Cheap Trick for an unforgettable evening of classics. Takes place at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Tickets and info: amaliearena.com.

September 3

21st Annual Geckofest

Gulfport: Explore the quirkiness of Gulfport during one of the city's most fun events. This year's theme: "Geckos of the Round Table!" - a celebration of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table. Browse great art, listen to live music and check out some terrific street performers. Takes place from 10am - 10pm



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September 10

Lost 80's Live!

Tampa: Was it really that long ago when synthesizers and cotton-candy hair seemed oh-so modern? Not for the "Lost '80s Live!" This 1980s era tour features some of the most recognizable acts from that great decade.

Takes place at the Straz Center, 1010 McInnes Pl. Tickets and info: strazcenter.org.

September 15

Kevin Hart: Reality Check Tour

Tampa: One of the most successful and highest-earning stand-up comedians of our time, Kevin Hart is back after his last sold out world-wide tour. Takes place at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Tickets and info: amaliearena.com.

September 23 - 25

Hooters Clearwater Offshore Nationals

Clearwater: Feel the roar as the biggest and fastest in offshore powerboats slice through Gulf waters before coming ashore for a powerboat parade, driver autographs, block parties, live entertainment, fireworks, food and more. Takes place on Friday from Noon - 10pm; Saturday from 10am - 10pm and on Sunday from Noon - 10pm at Coachman Park, Cleveland Street. Info: clearwatersuperboat.com.

September 24

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September 24

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Tampa: This three time GRAMMY® Award-winning singer, songwriter, rapper, actress, and so much more, has shifted the sound, soul, and spirit of popular music and culture. Don't miss her incredible performance with special guest, LATO. Showtime: 8pm at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Tickets and info: amaliearena.com.

September 26

Karol G: Strip Love Tour

Tampa: Cited as one of the most impressive show of her career, Karol brings to life all the greatest hits of her music repertoire. Showtime: 8pm at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Tickets and info: amaliearena.com.



October 8 - 9

32nd Annual Hyde Park Village Art Fair

Tampa: This two-day event features over 150 juried artists and crafters who show-case their one-of-a-kind works — from jewelry to life-sized sculptures and unique decorative pieces including paintings and knick knacks. Free admission. Takes place from 10am - 5pm in downtown Hyde Park, 1622 W Snow Ave. Info: 561-746-6615; artfestival.com.

October 8 - 10

Oktoberfest Tampa

Tampa: Pull on your lederhosen for a day of stein hoisting, keg stacking, corn hole and more before tapping into cold beer, authentic Bavarian food, treats and live music. Takes place on Friday from 4 - 11 pm; on Saturday from 11am - 11pm and on Sunday from 11am - 6pm at Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park, 600 N Ashley Dr. Info: oktoberfesttampa.com.

October 9

ViVa Tampa Bay Hispanic Heritage Festival

Tampa: Held during Hispanic Heritage Month, this annual festival features live music from an assortment of Hispanic artists, authentic Latin cuisine, energetic dance performances and more. Takes place at Harvey Sr Park, 3402 W. Columbus Dr. Info: vivatampabayfestival.com.

October 11

Shawn Mendes: Wonder - The World Tour

Tampa: Known for selling out shows, this Grammy-nominated multi-platinum singer/songwriter is known for his upbeat, catching, chart-topping pop music. Takes place at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Tickets and info: amaliearena.com.

October 13 - 16

42nd Clearwater Jazz Holiday

Clearwater: Experience the Bay area's largest outdoor jazz fest party featuring live

performances by local and national artists, merchandise, food and more! Various times. Takes place at BayCare Ballpark, 301 Drew St, Info: clearwaterjazz.com.

October 14 - 16

Sarasota Rocktoberfest

Sarasota: Rock into fall with authentic German food — smoked sausages, sauerkraut and hot pretzels along with plenty of pints of beer, German music, dancing and a festival marketplace. Takes place on Friday from 4 - 10pm; on Saturday from 11am - 10pm; and on Sunday from 11am - 6pm. Free admission. Catch all the fun at JD Hamel Park, 199 Bayfront Dr. Info: paragonartevents.com.

October 14 - 30;

Previews October 12 - 13

Fahrenheit 451

Gainesville: In this fast-paced political comedy, hilarity runs in the family and brings new meaning to the phrase "family politics." On stage at the Hippodrome Theater, 25 SE 2nd Place, Gainesville. Info and tickets: 352-375-4477; thehipp.org.

October 15

Jim Gaffigan: The Fun Tour

Tampa: Six-time Grammy®-nominated comedian, actor, writer, producer, Jim Gaffigan, is known around the world for his unique brand of humor, which largely revolves around his observations on life. Takes place at the Straz Center, 1010 McInnes Pl. Tickets and info: strazcenter.org.

October 15 - 16

Cedar Key Seafood Festival Arts & Crafts Show

Cedar Key: Indulge in the Gulf's best seafood, watch a fun hometown parade,



and troll 2nd Street for great arts and crafts exhibitors. Live music by local musicians, too. Free admission. Takes place on Saturday from 10am - 5pm and on Sunday from 10am - 4pm at Cedar Key Park, 188 2nd St, Cedar Key. Info: cedarkey.org.

October 16

Taste of Latino Festival

Tampa: Bite into the sweet, spicy and savory goodness of empanadas, empanadillos, pastelillos and burekas, enjoy live salsa merengue and a "Build the Biggest Empanada in the World" contest. Free admission. Takes place from 12:30pm - 4:30pm at Centro Asturiano, 1913 N. Nebraska Ave in historic Ybor City. Info: TasteOfLatino.com.

October 22

Broadway Ball After Dark

Tampa: Celebrate Broadway, good friends and great times at this special benefit for the Straz Center. The evening features live entertainment, a silent auction, elegant bites and a full open bar. Takes place at the Straz Center, 1010 McInnes Pl. Tickets and info: strazcenter.org.

October 22 - 24

Upper Tampa Bay Oktoberfest

Oldsmar: Roll out the barrels for a festive party that includes German food, drinks, music and dancing, a Carnival Midway plus lots of wacky games. Kicks off on Friday from 5 - 11pm, continues on Saturday from 11am - 11pm and wraps up on Sunday from noon - 6pm. Takes place at Tampa Bay Downs, 11225 Race Track Rd, Westchase. Info: 813-855-4233; oktoberfesttampabay.com.

October 22

11th Annual Tampa Pig Jig

Tampa: Feast on delicious food and refresh with ice-cold beer during this fierce BBQ competition on downtown Tampa's waterfront. The philanthropic event takes place at Julian B Lane Park, 1001 N Blvd, Tampa. Info: 813-251-4336; tampapigjig.com.

October 22

11th Sarasota Water Lantern Festival

Sarasota: Voted #1 Festival by USA Today, this amazing experience showcases the magic of hundreds of lanterns as they dramatically illuminate the night. Takes place from 4 - 9pm at Nathan Benderson Park, 5851 Nathan Benderson Circle, Sarasota. Info: 941-358-7275; waterlanternfestival.com.

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October 22

Sarasota Pride in the Park

Sarasota: This annual bay front celebration of diversity includes Live music, a food truck rally and a vendor expo. Takes place from noon - 5pm at JD Hamel Park, 199 Bayfront Rd, Sarasota. Info: 941-320-9268; sarasotapride.com.

October 26

Greta Van Fleet: Dreams in Gold Tour

Tampa: This acclaimed three brother band has performed across multiple continents, sold over two million albums worldwide, performed on late night television shows, topped the Billboard U.S. Mainstream Rock and Active Rock charts and has also won the Grammy Award for Best Rock Album in 2019. Showtime: 7pm at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Tickets and info: amaliearena.com.

October 27

Iron Maiden: Legacy of the Beast World Tour

Tampa: England's acclaimed heavy metal band returns to Tampa supported by Within Temptation. Takes place at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Tickets and info: amaliearena.com.

October 29

Riverwalk Trick or Treat

Tampa: Children in costume and their families get to "Trick Or Treat" over 50 vendors along the Riverwalk while enjoying all kinds of fun activities along the way. A festive Halloween Lighted Boat Parade follows the goodie grab. Takes place from 4 - 7pm along the Riverwalk from Water Works Park to MacDill Park including Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park at 600 N Ashley Dr. Info: thetampariverwalk.com.

October 29

3rd Annual Halloween Lighted Boat Parade

Tampa: This ghoulish flotilla lights up the Hillsborough River with a fun parade that begins at the Convention Center basin and travels to the Height, ending at Sportsman Wharf. Takes place from 6:30 - 9:30pm. Info: thetampariverwalk.com.

October 31

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Sarasota: Spooky storefronts, wandering spirits and frightening characters set the stage for trick or treating for children of all

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August 28

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October 21 - 30

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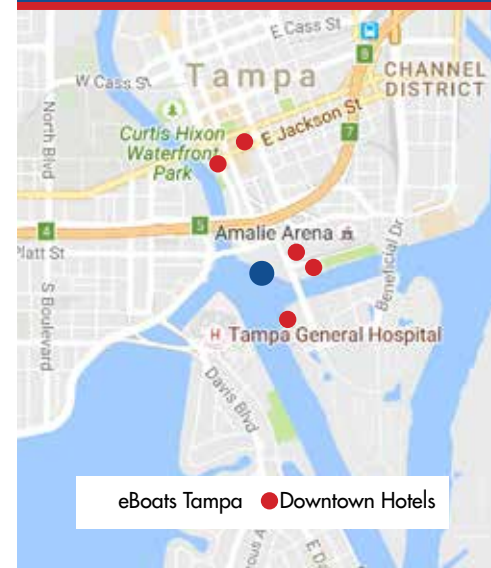
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Trip Around the World!

Zoo Tampa is a Wild Ride

Featured on the hit television show, Secrets of the Zoo on Nat Geo Wild, ZooTampa is a lush 65 acre tropical habitat that's home to more than 1,000 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 sun bear and a binturong family.

Love manatees? At the David A Straz, Jr Manatee Critical Care Center, the Zoo's animal care and medical team 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 Expedition Wild Africa ride 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, lemurs and siamangs compete for attention in all kinds of funny ways.

At Wallaroo, kids can visit koalas, bats, emus, and wallabies.

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!

ZooTampa is open daily from 9:30am - 5pm. Find it at 1101 W Sligh Ave, Tampa, FL 33604. Info: 813-935-8552; zootampa.org.

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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.



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Jackson's Bistro Pork Chops Al Pastor



This wonderful **Pork Chops Al Pastor** recipe from **Executive Chef, George Aviles** at Jackson's Bistro is inspired by tacos and the kind of food that line cooks like to cook for themselves: simple but packing a punch.



Pork Chop Marinade:

(Yield: Enough for 4 - 6 pork chops)
1 Tbs Achiote Paste
1/2 Dry Guajillo Pepper
2 Garlic Cloves
1 Tsp Dry Oregano
1/2 Tsp Ground Cumin
1 Tsp Kosher Salt
1/2 Tsp Ground White Pepper
1.5 oz White Vinegar
1/4 Cup Pineapple Juice
4 Yellow Onion
Add all ingredients to a blender and puree until smooth. Marinate pork chops overnight.

Pineapple Chutney:

(Yield: enough for 4 - 6 pork chops)
1/4 Pineapple
1 Fresco Peppers
3 Red Onion
1/4 Bunch of Cilantro
1 Red Bell Pepper
1/2 oz Lime Juice
1/2 oz Vegetable Oil
1/2 Tsp Kosher Salt
4 Tsp Ground White Pepper
1/2 Tsp Ground Toasted Coriander
2 Tsp Ground Cumin
1/4 Tbs Brown Sugar

Small dice pineapple, peppers, and onions. Chop cilantro and combine all ingredients in a sauce pan, and heat up. Once hot the chutney is ready to serve with the pork chops.

Pork Chop Directions

Place the pork chops on a hot grill and sear on both sides. Finish in an oven until preferred temperature. Remove from oven and allow chops to rest for a few minutes. Serve with the chutney on the side.



You can find the award-winning Jackson's Bistro • Bar • Sushi at 601 S Harbour Island Blvd, Tampa. Info: 813-277-0112; jacksonsbistro.com.

Tampa's Very Own "Cigar City"

Historic Ybor City



Did you know that when you're in Tampa you can make a side trip to Cuba without needing a passport?

Conveniently located just northeast of downtown Tampa, Ybor City (pronounced EE-BOR), is home to a genuine piece of Cuban territory – José Martí Park. The park at the corner of 8th Avenue and 13th Street is actually owned by the people of Cuba. For nearly six decades, it was the only piece of Cuban-owned land in the United States until 2015 when the Cuban Embassy opened in Washington, DC.

The park's namesake, José Martí, was a poet, journalist, and firebrand who led the island's revolution against Spanish rule in the 1880s and 1890s.

Martí lived in exile for many years as he fought for his homeland's freedom. During that time, he often visited Tampa Bay, where thousands of Cuban cigar rollers and Spanish factory owners like Vicente Martínez Ybor – the neighborhood's founder, provided essential moral and financial support to Martí and his cause.

Now considered the Cigar Capital of the World, Ybor City is the only neighborhood on Florida's West Coast that is designated as a National Historic Landmark District. Its main commercial thoroughfare, 7th Avenue, has also been recognized



as one of the "10 Great Streets in America."

Today, a walk down 7th Avenue is truly a walk through the history. In the 1880s, Ybor City was a melting pot of immigrants from Spain, Cuba, Germany and Italy and home to some of the world's most famous cigar factories that were the main economic source for the city. At one point, Ybor boasted 200 factories that produced more than 500 million cigars a year, earning the community the nickname "Cigar City."

Since then, many of the factory warehouses have been converted into business lofts, restaurants, shops and more. Ybor City has now evolved into Tampa's Latin Quarter, offering a full menu of arts, culture, nightclubs and entertainment. Through it all, Cuban torcedores still make hand-rolled cigars in shops along Seventh Avenue as they have since those early days.

If you plan to be in the Tampa area any time soon, be sure to visit historic Ybor and take in the sights, smells and culture of this fascinating area. To find out more, go to YborChityOnline.com.

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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.



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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!

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.

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TUNA TARTAR

Sometimes simplicity is the best recipe and so it goes with this beautiful, full flavored dish made with fresh off the boat "sushi" grade tuna.

INGREDIENTS

(Yields One Serving)
4 oz Grade "A" Tuna - small dice
1 oz Soy

1 oz Sesame Oil
2 oz Toasted Pine Nuts
1 oz Crystallized Ginger
Togorashi Spice
Upland Cress pressed with white Verjus*
Vanilla Lychee Puree

PREPARATION

Gently mix first five ingredients and plate. Garnish with Upland Cress (may also substitute with watercress). Spoon plate with puddles of Lychee Puree and sprinkle with Togorashi. Enjoy!

*Verjus is the pressed juice of unripened grapes and has a gentler flavor than vinegar. Available by the bottle in gourmet food stores or directly from producers.



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.

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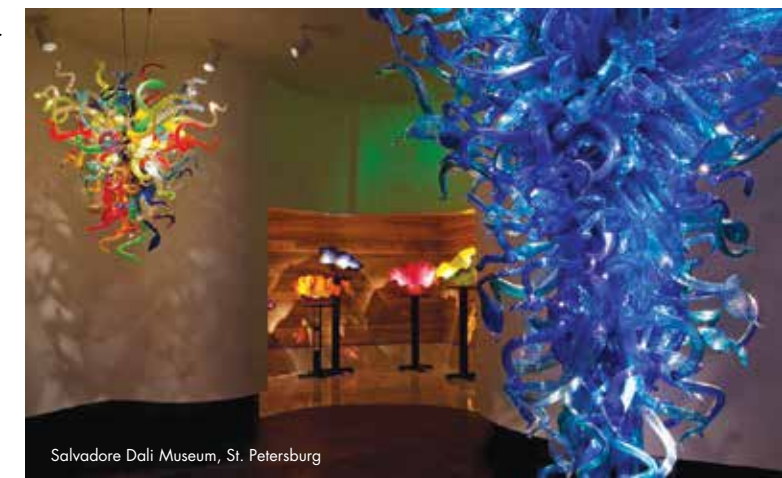
craft beer industry and a 24/7 downtown attracts the region's largest clusters of bars and entertainment spots in the Tampa Bay area. Along Beach Drive, stylish open air cafes line a European-style promenade overlooking a ribbon of green city parks and the sparkling waters of Tampa Bay. In

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.

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.



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Winner of Gainesville’s 2017, 2018 and 2019 Iron Chef Competition, owner Nestor Espartero is a master at creating fabulous Fusion dishes which are deliciously fresh, beautifully plated and artistically arranged. Find it at 5141 SW 91st Way, Gainesville. 352-363-6226; volcanicusushisake.com



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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.

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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SAMPLE MENUS



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

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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



sushi

Poke Bowl

tuna & salmon poke, sushi rice, avocado, cucumber, carrots, seaweed salad & calamari salad

Lobster Tempura Roll

lobster, cucumber, fried tempura with spicy mayo & eel sauce

Crazy Salmon Roll

spicy salmon, avocado topped with ikura, green onion, spicy mayo & eel sauce

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appetizers

Coconut Shrimp

butterflied shrimp lightly fried with sweet chili aioli & whole grain orange mustard sauce

Sweet Chili Calamari

with sweet chili aioli & topped with crumbled peanuts

Tomato & Burrata

With fresh basil, extra virgin olive oil & aged balsamic vinegar reduction

dinner

Tenderloin Steak Sandwich

grilled tenderloin, caramelized onions, havarti cheese, arugula & garlic on a warm french baguette

14 oz Ribeye

heavily marbled with full rich flavor

12 oz Bone In Pork Chop

premium center cut, grilled to order with a side of apricot chutney

Macadamia Crusted Swordfish

thick cut, pan fried with mashed potatoes, sauteed baby spinach & a key lime burre blanc sauce



SAMPLE MENUS



sushi bar

Dragon Roll

shrimp tempura, crab, 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

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Two Gainesville Locations:

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Hunters Crossing 5200 NW 43rd St; 352-727-7777

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



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

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Black Sesame Tuna

seared rare with wasabi, pickled ginger, Asian dipping sauce

dinner

24 OZ B Porterhouse

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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



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.



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.

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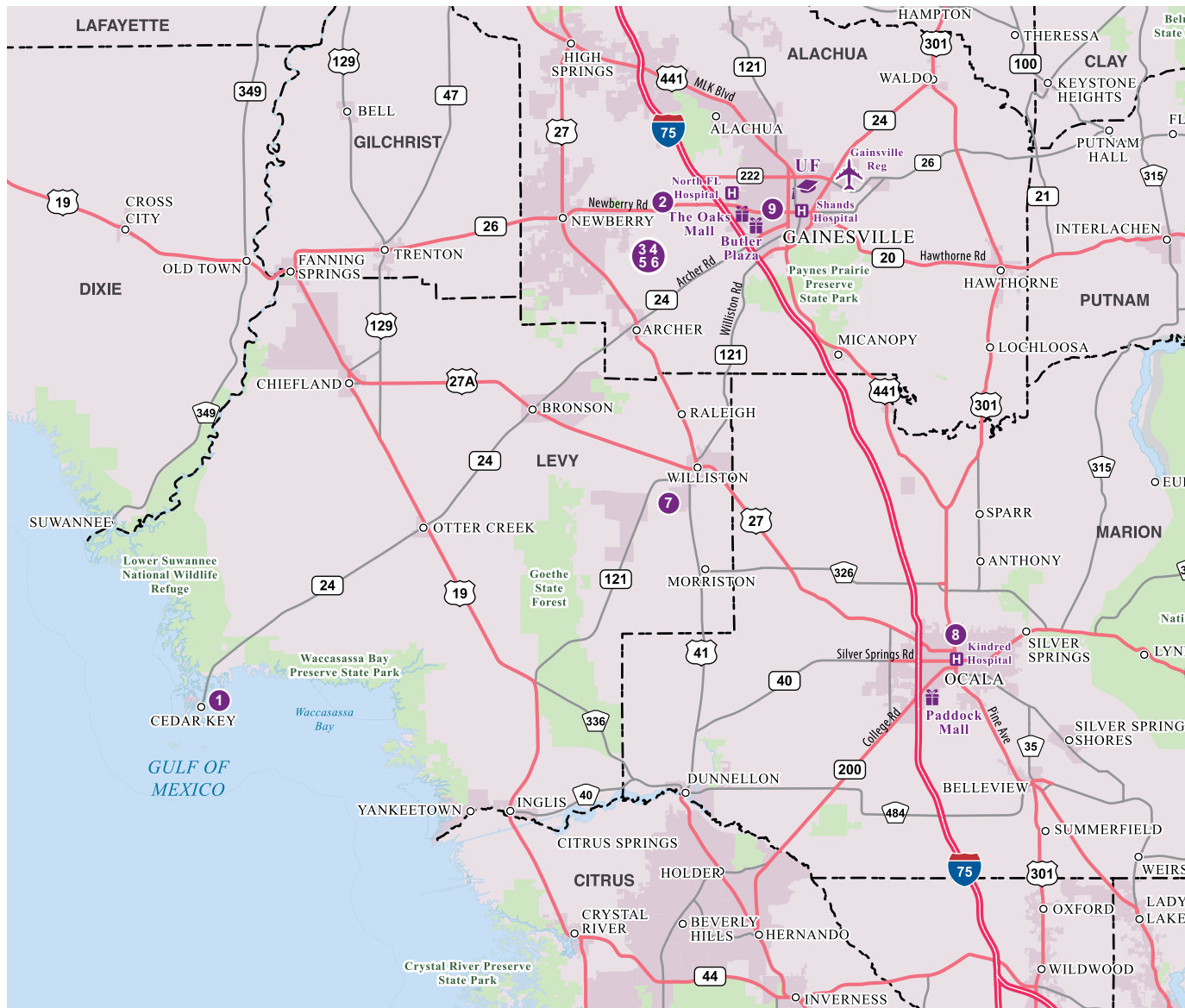
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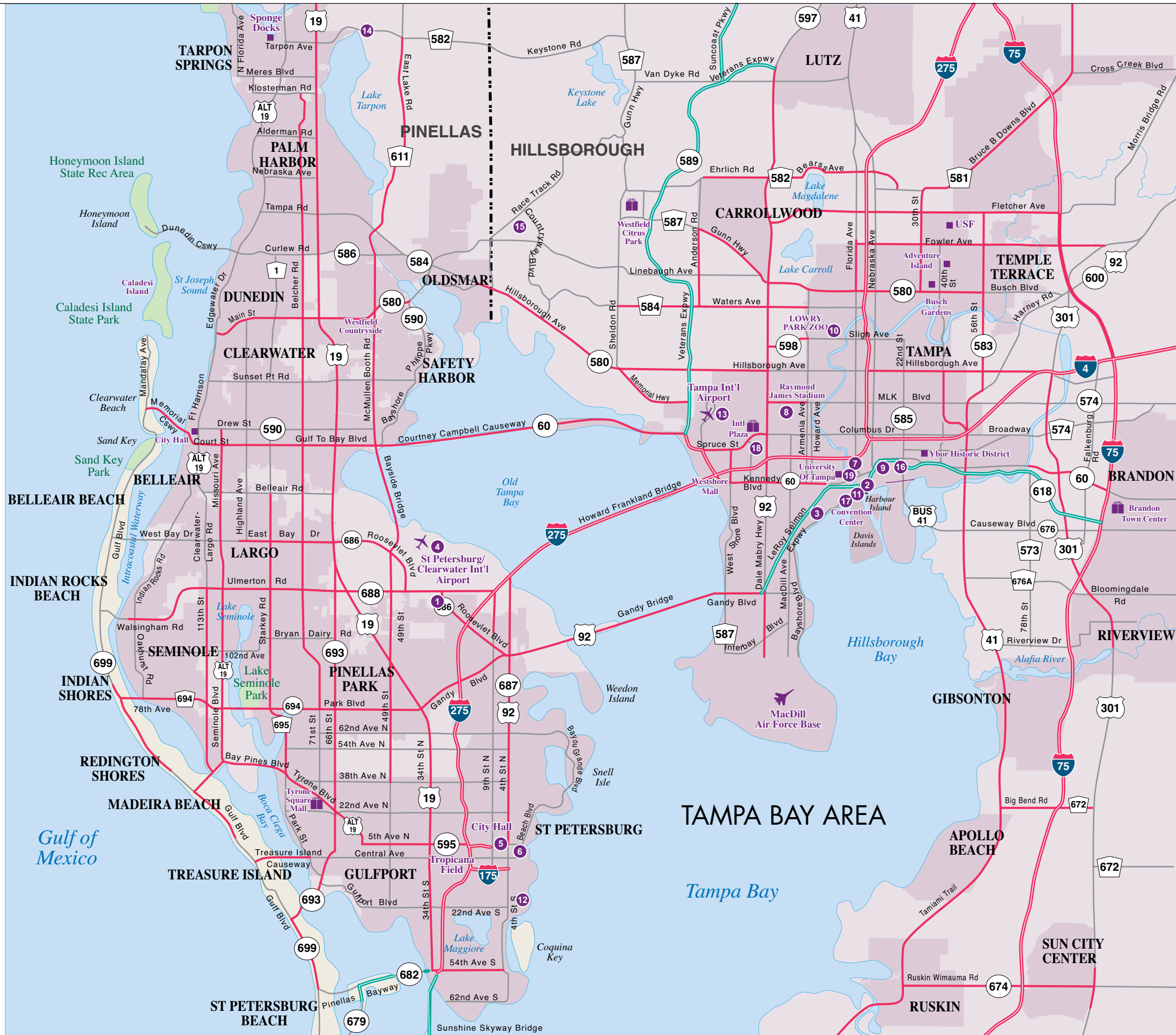


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