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With more than 1,300 resident animals, ZooTampa is famous for having one of the most beautiful, tropical zoological settings in the world. There are lots of fun rides here, too, like the Tasmanian Tiger Coaster and Expedition Wild Africa Safari. Between the animals, the rides, and the splash area, you can spend more than a full day here. Read more about it on page 15 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 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 FAST ACTION EATS The Veranda

You are going to be totally wowed by *The Veranda*, Tampa Bay Downs's new laid back viewing lounge. The Downs pulls out all the stops with an expansive appetizer bar and private bar. Located on the second floor of the racetrack's Clubhouse, this open-air, covered hang is directly across from the Winner's Circle and offers spectacular views of some of the country's most exciting Thoroughbred racing. Grab a seat, grab a bite and get a ringside view of all the action. Find it at Tampa Bay Downs, 11225 Race Track Rd, Tampa. Reservations and info: 813-855-4401; tampabaydowns.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 ZooTampa at Lowry Park

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



BEST OF BROADWAY STRAZ Center

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



BEST 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 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.



A Wild Ride!

ZooTampa Trips You Around the World

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

attention in all kinds of funny ways.

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

So go have a blast. Between the



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

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What's Up



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

ONGOING Daily

Sunsets at Pier 60 Festival

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

WEEKLY

Every Monday

Grove Street Farmer's Market

Tampa: Start the week with Florida fresh farm eggs, organic fruits and veggies, free-range beef and chicken, honey, cow and goat's milk, cheeses, organic coffee and artisan-crafted foods and gifts. Takes place from 4 - 7pm at 1001 NW 4th St. Info: grovestreetfarmersmarket.com.

Every Tuesday

Downtown St Pete Food & Wine Tour

St Pete: Bring your appetite and camera for an intimate, informative walking tour of Beach Drive. You'll visit top art galleries as well as up to five exciting waterfront restaurants where you can enjoy fabulous dinner pairings and luscious desserts. Must

be 21+. Takes place from 5:30 - 8:30pm at various locations. Info: tampabayfoodtours.com.

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 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). Takes place in Centennial Park, 1901 N 19th St. Info: ybormarket.com.

Every Saturday

Williams Park Summer Market (Through Sept. 28)

St Pete: Shop under the oak trees for fresh and organic produce, meats and cheeses, flowers, plants, unique gifts, terrific live entertainment and more. Takes place from 9am - 1pm. Takes place at 350 2nd Ave N. Info: saturdaymorningmarket.com.

Every Saturday & Sunday

Pinellas Farmers and Flea Market

Clearwater: Discover locally grown fresh and tropical fruit, veggies and prepared foods alongside a collector's paradise of fine arts and crafts, antiques, jewelry, tools and garage sale items. Takes place from 7am - 2pm at 13600 Icot Blvd. Info: pinellas-farmers-and-flea-market.ueniweb.com.

Every Saturday & Sunday

Saigon Night Market

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

Every Sunday

Corey Avenue Sunday Market

St Pete Beach: Over 80 vendors showcase local and homemade produce, plants, prepared food, unique artisan gifts, eco-friendly and fair-trade products and more. Live music and dog friendly, too! Takes place from 10am - 2pm at Corey Ave and Blind Pass Rd. Info: coreyave.com.



What's Up

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.

First Thursday Rock the Park

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

Third Thursday Third Thursday Market

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

Third Thursday Sip and Shop

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

First Friday Free Fridays Concert Series

Gainesville: Chill out to the sounds of local and regional musicians performing classic

Rock, Reggae, R&B, Soul, SKA, Funk, Blues and more. Takes place under the stars from 7 - 9pm at 111 E. University Ave. Info: bodiddleypiazza.com.

First Friday Fresh Fridays

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

First Friday The Market Elaine

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

Last Friday Artwalk Gainesville

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



First Saturday Sarasota Farmers Market

Sarasota: This picturesque downtown marketplace showcases more than 80 vendors offering fresh and prepared meats, cheeses, organic veggies, flowers, coffee, cigars and unique handcrafted items. Great live entertainment, international foods and more! Takes place from 7am - 1pm at 1 N Lemon Ave. Info: sarasotafarmersmarket.org.



First & Third Saturday Fresh Market at Wiregrass

Wesley Chapel: Shop fresh, organic produce, plants, unique handcrafted gifts and jewelry from local artisans, all backdropped by a variety of live music. Takes place 10am - 2pm at 28211 Paseo Drive. Info: tampabaymarkets.com.

Second Saturday The Market Marie

Clearwater: Shop 'til you drop from more than 65 local small business owners offering delicious food, art, clothing, jewelry, candles and soaps, pet treats, home goods and so much more. Takes place from 10 am - 2pm at 710 Court St. Info: themarketmarie.com.

Second Saturday Second Saturday Art Walk

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

Third Saturday Indie Faire Maker's Market

Gulfport: Discover local, handmade arts and crafts, jewelry, pottery, locally sourced botanicals and mores at this expansive downtown arts market. Along the way, you can also enjoy great live music and street performers. Takes place from 5 - 9pm on Beach Blvd S between 28th Ave S and Shore Blvd. Info: visitgulfportflorida.com.

First Sunday Hyde Park Essentials Market

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

Mix the beach with Brahms at The Florida Orchestra

The beach is always better with a little Brahms and Beethoven. The Florida Orchestra has announced its new 2024-25 season celebrating 10 years of Music Director Michael Francis, featuring epic masterpieces alongside a wide variety of popular, film, jazz music and more. Now is the time to include a world-class concert with the largest professional orchestra in Florida, based in Tampa Bay.

The Masterworks series will emphasize great concertos of the Romantic Period including *Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1* with renowned soloist Olga Kern, *Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto* and *Grieg's Piano Concerto*, alongside epic masterpieces including *Beethoven's Symphony No. 5* and *Mahler's Symphony No. 3*.

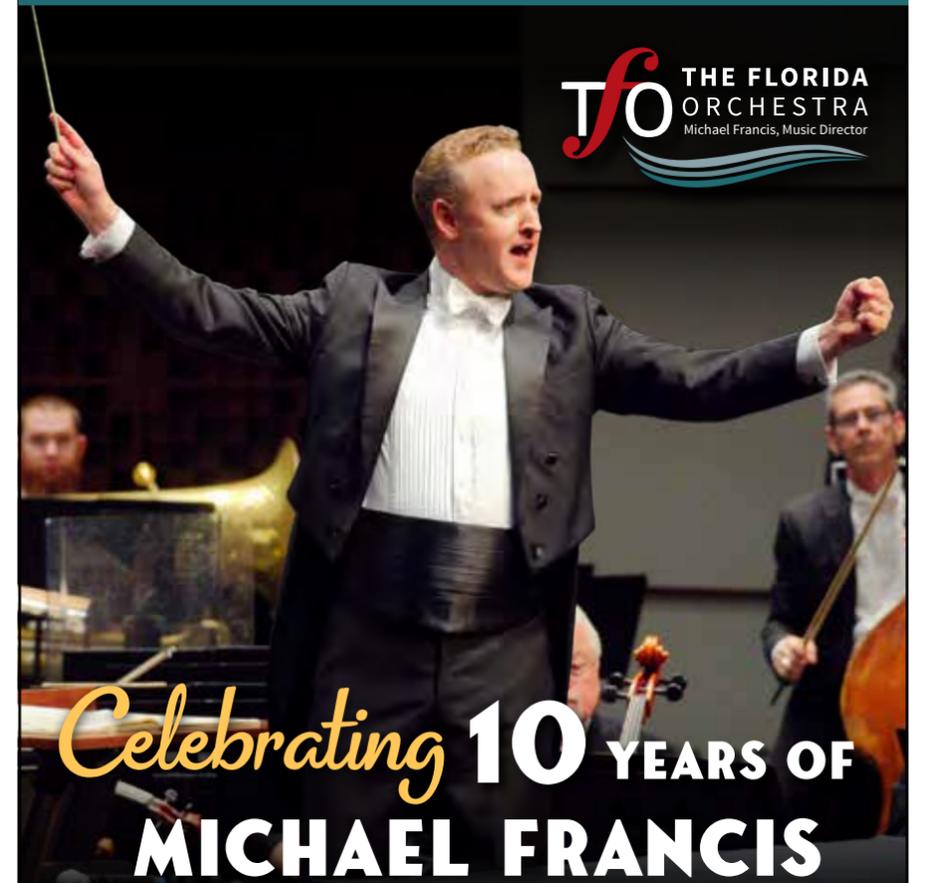
More big Masterworks moments include *Vivaldi's The Four Seasons*, led by Concertmaster Jeffrey Multer, *Rachmaninoff's Symphony No. 3*, *Brahms' Symphony No. 2*, *Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet* and *Mussorgsky/Ravel's Pictures at an Exhibition*.

The season is filled with new discoveries for TFO audiences. A big hit in the 2023-24 season, *The Percussion Collective* returns to perform *Garth Neustadter's Seaborne*, a stunning 30-minute concerto for six percussionists, orchestra and film. The powerful collaboration of Emmy Award-winning composer Neustadter and water lensman Kjell van Sice honors the beauty and importance of our oceans.

For the first time, TFO is going country in the Raymond James Pops series. It opens with *Country Hits: Songs from Nashville*, a tribute to icons such as Dolly Parton and Garth Brooks. In the special Pops concert *Pretty Woman to Hunger Games*, famed film composer *James Newton Howard* himself will conduct some of his most captivating scores.

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What's Up



July 3 - 7

Bert Kreischer

St Pete: One of the country's top grossing stand-up comics takes to the stage for this special Netflix taping of his "Tops Off World" Tour. Various showtimes. Take place at The Mahaffey, 400 1st St S. Info: themahaffey.com.

July 4

St Pete Pier's The Fourth Celebration

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

July 4

Clearwater Celebrates America

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

July 4

Boat Parade & Boom by the Bay

Tampa: This star-spangled holiday features great food, live entertainment, a spectacular water ski show, patriotic boat parade and the Blessing of the Fleet. An explosive choreographed fireworks show follows at dusk. Takes place from 6 - 9:30pm at 615 Channelside Dr and at various downtown locations. Info: thetampariverwalk.com.

July 4

Hometown USA

Dunedin: Celebrate America with a patriotic golf cart parade followed by live music from the Modern Measures band, an outdoor screening of Little Rascals, games, face painting, and a grand firework show. Takes place from 6 - 9:30pm at 373 Douglas Ave. Info: dunedgov.com.

July 4

Independence Day Celebration

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

July 4

Cedar Key Independence Day

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

July 5 - 7

METROCON

Tampa: Florida's largest gathering of anime, cosplay and gaming features a video game arcade, and an all-new DREAM/fight Live! human-anime chess match, a well as celebrity appearances, costume contests, lip synch

battles, mascot art, an all-ages Rave and more! Takes place on F from 11am - 11:30pm; on Sa from 10am - 11pm; and on Su from 10am - 5pm at 333 S Franklin St. Info: metroconventions.com.

July 6

20 Years of Tears

Clearwater: This not-to-be-missed Emo event features some of the biggest names of the MySpace generation and is designed to give you the energy to sing and scream together like it's 2004. Takes place from 5:30 - 10pm at Ruth Eckard Hall, 255 Drew St. Info: rutheckerdhall.com.

July 6

Independence Cup

Ocala: Enjoy a star-spangled demonstration of amazing equine strength, agility and communication between horse and rider as teams compete for the crown during this annual holiday polo match! Takes place at 6pm at the Ocala Polo Club, 11008 S Hwy 475. Info: ocalapolo.com.

July 12

Scenes on the Green

Clearwater: Bring a blanket or low-lying lawn chairs for this special outdoor screening of Captain America. Takes place at 8pm at Coachman Park, 300 Cleveland St. Info: myclearwater.com.

July 13

Orange Festival

Dunedin: Specialty drinks honoring the fruit of the day will be served at this old-fashioned celebration that also features local bands, a craft brew-off, silent auction, kid's fun zone, delicious food, live music and dancing after dark. Takes place from 10am - 9pm at 51 Main St. Info: dunedgov.com.

July 13 - 14

Sponge Docks Art & Craft Festival

Tarpon Springs: Shop the finest in handmade arts and crafts, soaps, unique gifts and more all displayed just steps away from the best Greek restaurants, markets and bakeries in the country. Takes place on Sa from 10am - 7pm



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

July 21

Tampa Bay Ice Cream Festival

St Pete: In celebration of National Ice Cream Day, over 25 local vendors will be scooping up your favorite flavors and also serving up some unique new renditions. Your vote could determine who takes home the crown in the Best Ice Cream contest. Takes place from 11am - 8pm at 600 2nd Ave NE. Info: stpetepier.org.



July 23 - 25

Tampa Bay Comic Book Convention

Tampa: Vintage and new comics, toys, cosplay, anime and art take center stage at this lighthearted event that draws thousands of collectors. Experience celebrity photo ops and autograph sessions as well as fan-cosplay meet-ups with authors, voice actors, creators and actors, including Chandler Riggs, Dave Foley, Priscilla Presley, Jennifer Morrison and more. Takes place on F from noon - 10pm; on Sa from 10am - 10pm; and on Su from 10am - 5pm at 333 S Franklin St. Info: tampabaycomicconvntion.com.

July 27

Sad Summer Fest

Clearwater: This sun-filled music extravaganza showcases festival founders Mayday Parade and The Maine, along with special guests The Wonder Years, We the Kings, Real Friends, Knuckle Puck, Hot Milk, Daisy Grenade, and Diva Bleach. Takes place from 2 - 10pm at Ruth Eckard Hall, 255 Drew St. Info: rutheckerdhall.com.

August 3

6th Annual VooDoo Bash

Tampa: Join the quest to find Florida's Best Burger handcrafted by local chefs and restaurateurs. Live bands and DJs, raffles, a silent auction and more make for a fun day. Takes place from 3 - 9pm at the Cuban Club, 2010 N Avenida Republica de Cuba. Info: bit.ly/3WsEWp8.

August 3

The Stateside Cup

Tampa: The thrill of English Premier Soccer comes Stateside when the 2023 UEFA Europe Conference League champs West Ham United crosses the Atlantic to take on Crystal Palace FC in the chase for the inaugural Stateside Cup. Kicks off at 7pm at Raymond James Stadium, 4201 N Dale Mabry Hwy. Info: raymondjamesstadium.com.

August 6

Christopher Cross

Clearwater: "Ride Like the Wind" for a night of favorite hits featuring the Grammy® Award winning rocker's signature vocals. Takes place 8pm at Ruth Eckard Hall, 405 Cleveland St. Info: rutheckerdhall.com.

August 9

Bolts Brew Fest

Tampa: Feel the Thunder with live music, craft brew sampling, photo ops, interactive and oversized games, a VIP lounge, and a special appearance by Thunderbug. Takes place at 8pm at the Amaliearena, 401 Channelside Dr. Info: amaliearena.com.

August 11

Illuminate Clearwater Beach

Clearwater: Discover holistic wellness and good vibes with aura photography, crystals, essential oils, jewelry, gift items, tarot and psychic readings, free workshops, and much more! Guests under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Takes place from 10am - 5pm at 1160 Gulf Blvd. Info: illuminatefestivals.com.



August 16 - 18

Indoor Pickleball Showcase

Gainesville: Get a ringside seat at one of the fastest growing sports in America featuring men's and women's singles, doubles and mixed doubles tournaments. Various times. Takes place in the air conditioned comfort of the Alachua County Sports & Events Center, 4870 Celebration Point. Info: 352-338-9300; gainesvillesportscommision.com.

August 17

Maren Morris

St Pete: This hit-filled night showcases one of today's top female voices. You'll enjoy chart toppers like Circles Around This Town, My Church, 80's Mercedes, and The Bones, along with songs from Maren's new EP The Bridge. Showtime: at 8pm at the Mahaffey, 400 1st St S. Info: themahaffey.com.

August 23

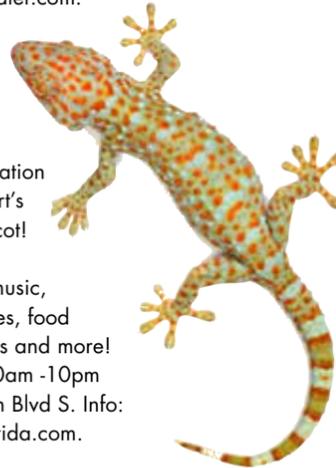
Scenes on the Green

Clearwater: Bring a blanket or low-lying lawn chairs for this special outdoor screening of Air Bud. Takes place at 8pm at Coachman Park, 300 Cleveland St. Info: myclearwater.com.

August 31

Gecko Fest

Gulfport: This fun end-of-summer celebration honors Gulfport's unofficial mascot! Enjoy costume contests, live music, dancing, games, food trucks, libations and more! Takes place 10am - 10pm at 3101 Beach Blvd S. Info: visitgulfportflorida.com.



September 20

Scenes on the Green

Clearwater: Bring a blanket or low-lying lawn chairs for this special outdoor screening of A Million Miles Away. Takes place at 8pm at Coachman Park, 300 Cleveland St. Info: myclearwater.com.

September 21 - 22

Comic Con

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

What's Up



September 21 - 22

St Armands Craft Festival

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

September 26

Melissa Etheridge & Jewel

Clearwater: This extraordinary night of music under the stars features favorite hits from two of music's greatest female icons. Showtime: 6:30pm at Ruth Eckard Hall, 255 Drew St. Info: ruth Eckard Hall.com.

September 27 - 29

NINSURANCE Clearwater Offshore Nationals

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

September 28

ViVa Tampa Bay Hispanic Heritage Festival

Tampa: Enjoy a day of live music from an assortment of Hispanic artists, authentic Latin cuisine, energetic Latin dance performances, local celebrities, community leaders and more. Takes place from 11 am - 6pm at 600 N Ashley Dr. Info: vivatampabayfestival.com.



September 28 - 29

Sponge Docks Craft Festival

Tarpon Springs: Shop original paintings, handmade jewelry, ceramics, photography unique gifts and more. Takes place on Sa from 10am - 7pm and on Su from 10am - 5pm along the famous Sponge Docks, 735 Dodecanese Blvd. Info: artfestival.com.

September 29

Piertoberfest

St Pete: Don your favorite dirndl for a day of authentic German beer, frankfurters, brats, potato salad, pretzels and more. Live music, a Stein Hoisting contest and other outrageous Bavarian games make for a fun day. Takes place from Noon - 8pm on the pier at 615 2nd Ave NE. Info: piertoberfest.com.

October 4 - 5

Odyssey Music Festival

St Pete: Cutting-edge Emo masters, dance and live visual artists, vendors rave the senses in an eclectic arts event space. Takes place on F and Sa from 3pm - Midnight at 2606 Fairfield Ave. Info: omf20xx.com.

October 5 - 6

Downtown Sarasota Craft Festival

Sarasota: Creativity abounds at this stunning showcase of sculptures, paintings, jewelry, photography, and ceramics by US artists and fine crafters in the heart of downtown. Takes place from 10am - 5pm at 1718 Main St. Info: artfestival.com.

October 5 - 6

Fall Festival & Pumpkin Patch

St Pete: Live, entertainment, kids' games, rides, photo booths, and food vendors kick off the fall season at the area's only waterfront pumpkin patch (open Oct 5 - 13 at various times)! Takes place from 11am - 7pm at 615 2nd Ave NE. Info: stpetefallfest.com.

October 9, 16, 23 & 30

Ghostly Haunted Trolley Tour

St Pete: St Petersburg founder, Dr Brandy Stark, introduces you to the dark and creepy side of the Sunshine City on this journey through many downtown haunts. Takes place at 6:30 at 335 2nd Avenue NE. Info: spmoh.com.

October 11

America

St Pete: Celebrate this super group's 54 years of timeless magic including signature hits like A Horse with No Name, Ventura Highway, Sister Golden Hair, and dozens more. Takes place 7pm at the Mahaffey, 400 1st St. S. Info: themahaffey.com.



October 11 - 13

Oktoberfest

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

October 11 - 20

SHINE Mural Festival

St Pete: See how fifteen stunning new large-scale murals transformed the city's landscape and enjoy special community events featuring the work of local, regional, national and international artists. Various times/locations. Info: stpeteartsalliance.org.

October 12 - 13

Downtown Dunedin Craft Festival

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

October 13 - 15

Rocktoberfest

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

October 17 - 20

Clearwater Jazz Holiday

Clearwater: Tampa Bay's largest outdoor jazz festival includes live performances by exceptional local and national jazz musicians, as well as great merchandise,

food and more! Various show times. Take place at 255 Drew St. Info: clearwaterjazz.com.

October 21 - 22

Seafood Festival

Cedar Key: Commemorate the local fishing heritage with a parade, local arts and crafts made from local cedar trees, live local music, shopping, and some of the best seafood from the Nature Coast. Takes place on Sa from 10am - 5pm and on Su from 10am - 4pm at Second St and City Beach Front Park. Info: cedarkey.org.



performers culminates with an eerie lighted holiday parade of "ghost boats" gliding along the Hillsborough River. Takes place from 4 - 7 pm in downtown Tampa. Boat parade: 6:30 - 9pm. Info: thetampariverwalk.com

November 1 - 3

Pirate Invasion

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

November 9 - 10

Downtown Festival & Art Show

Gainesville: Experience the largest free celebration of art and creativity as 200+ of the nation's most talented artists set up shop in historic downtown Gainesville. Takes

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place from 10am - 5pm at 111 E. University Ave. Info: gainesvilledowntownartfest.net.

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Key West: Enjoy five days of fun Key Lime culinary events for every taste. The long limey holiday weekend includes a full menu of activities, including a Key Lime Sip & Stroll, Key Lime Pie Hop, a gravity-defying Key Lime Pie Drop from the top of the Key West Lighthouse, and the World Famous Key Lime Pie Eating Championship. It's one tasty, lip-smacking 5-day fest! Complete event schedule at keylimefestival.com.



August 23 - 24

Annual Coke Zero Sugar 400

Daytona: One of NASCAR's most anticipated events brings together NASCAR racing under the lights at the world's only motorsports stadium, with pageantry and patriotism to make for an unforgettable July 4th weekend. This fan-favorite event includes some of

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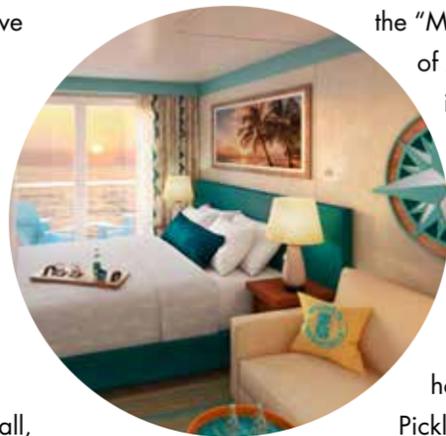


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For additional news, updates, and exclusive access to preview incentives on the Margaritaville at Sea Islander, visit and book now at MargaritavilleAtSea.com.

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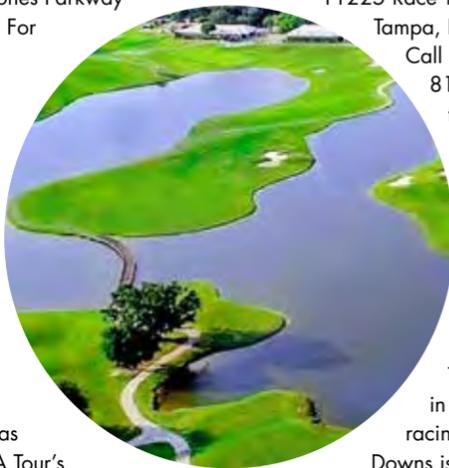
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Tampa At A Glance

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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Today, Ybor City is home to just a handful of cigar makers, but it remains a popular destination for cigar aficionados. And that brings us to tobacco farmer and entrepreneur, Jeff Borysiewicz.

Founder of Orlando's prestigious Corona Cigar Company, Jeff Borysiewicz, chose Tampa's Ybor City neighborhood as home to his fourth world-renown cigar bar. Corona Cigar Company can be found in Orlando, Lake Mary/Heathrow, Tampa, and the newest location opened late last year in Sarasota.

Borysiewicz's Corona Cigar Company is now recognized as the global leader in luxury cigar experiences and its ultra-premium cigar lounges and bars are simply off the charts.

You'll find the best selection of the rarest and finest premium cigars available anywhere in the world, including limited editions from famous international cigar makers that are exclusive to Corona Cigar Co. And get this: if you're really a serious cigar connoisseur, Corona Cigar



has one of the largest collections of extremely rare vintage, pre-embargo, pre-Castro Cuban cigars.

The Tampa location boasts over 5,000 square feet of humidified space, private lockers, multiple lounges both indoor and out, and an elegant full-service bar showcasing the most extensive collection of whiskies and small batch bourbons in Tampa.

All in all, there are over 600 spirits on hand including rare pours like Johnnie Walker King George V blended Scotch whisky and The Macallan 62-year-old single malt Scotch. With one of the largest selections of small-batch bourbon, the bar also serves several craft cocktails made with Corona's Single Barrel picks that are the perfect pairing for a cigar, as well as tequila, rum, wine, and beer.

The real stars of the show are Corona Cigar's exceptional hand-

crafted cigars and limited editions. Kick back with a Davidoff Corona Cigar Tampa Exclusive, FSG by Drew Estate, J.C. Newman The American, Army of Angel's, Corona Dominican and Nicaraguan Anniversary, or savor special featured cigars from renowned brands like Padron, Montecristo, Arturo Fuente, Romeo y Julieta, and more.

The stores also feature a big assortment of luxury cigar accessories including humidors, lighters, cutters and more.

You can find the newest Corona Cigar Co. in Sarasota at 22 N Lemon Ave (941-240-9711); as well as in Tampa at 4142 W Boy Scout Blvd (813-513-75600); in Orlando at 127 Orange Ave (407-404-5344) and at 7792 W Sand Lake (407-248-1212); and also in Lake Mary/Heathrow at 1130 TownPark Ave in Colonial TownPark (407-333-3453).

For more info on any one of Jeff Borysiewicz's smoking hot cigar emporiums, hit up coronacigar.com.



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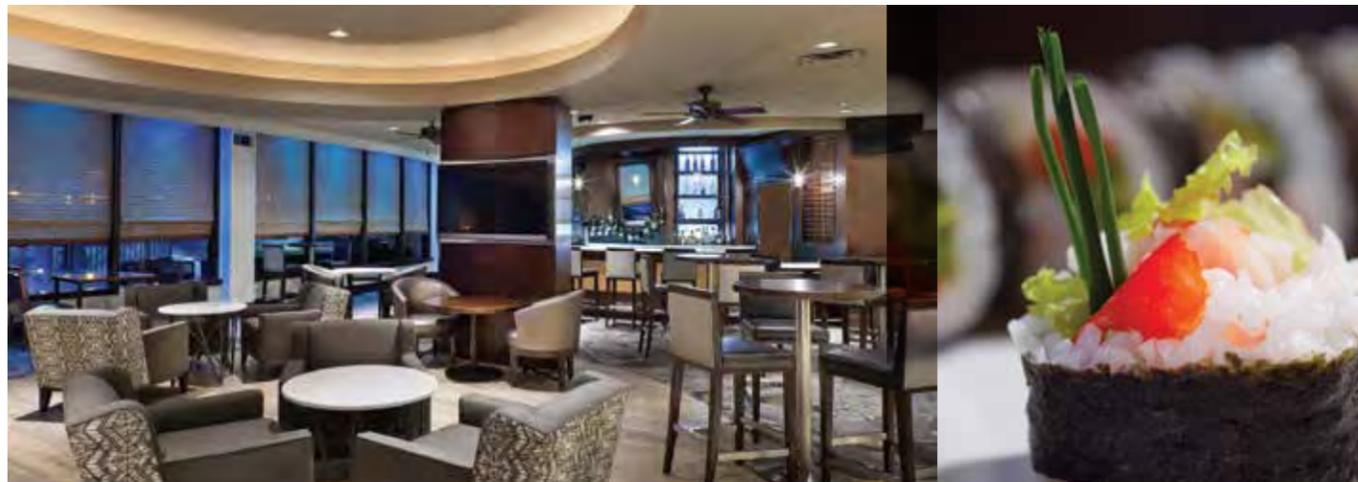


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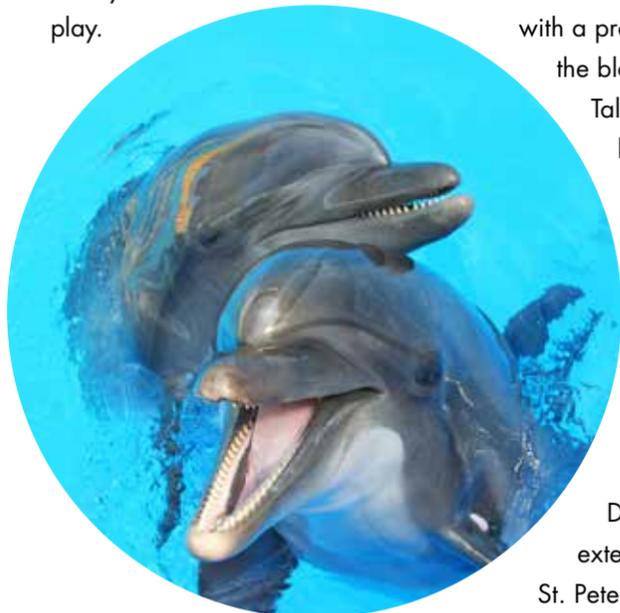
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From its renowned white sand beaches, amazing marine life and glorious weather, to fabulous dining, shopping, cultural attractions and festivals, Clearwater has it all. Lots of sports and recreational activities also make it a perfect place to stay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

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

Bon Appetit!



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Watermelon Tuna Appetizer

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



Acclaimed Chef Tony Bonanno from the award-winning Bascom's Chophouse in Clearwater also oversees all food and beverages services at the luxe Karol Hotel. Molecular Gastronomy is Tony's specialty and his use of new and exciting methods are creating a big buzz with local foodies. Here's one of our favorite summer recipes for Tony's signature Watermelon Tuna appetizer.

INGREDIENTS

4 oz Fresh Tuna
1/2 Cucumber, diced
6 Basil Leaves, chopped
1/4 Cup Cajun Spice
4 Watermelon pieces cut into 2" squares
1/2 Oz Balsamic Glaze
2 Oz Feta cheese

PREPARATION

Rub the tuna with cajun spice and set aside. Pre-heat medium frying pan until it begins to smoke. Place tuna in pan and sear for 10 to 15 seconds on every side (cooking oil is optional). Once seared rare, remove tuna from pan, slice and set aside. Arrange the watermelon squares and slices of tuna on a plate. Add diced cucumber, chopped basil and feta cheese. Sprinkle a little more spice on top and finish with the balsamic glaze.

Enjoy

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

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!

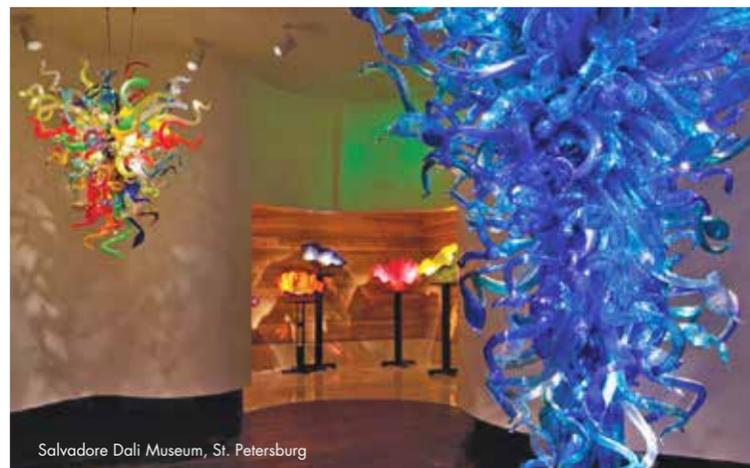
The city hops after dark. A thriving

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.



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

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



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



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A taste of "Old Florida"

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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.



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the Sweet Salmon Teriyaki, Shaken Beef Tenderloin and Duck Curry. His signature rolls are also off the chart - especially the crunchy Haile Roll with tuna tartare and lotus root drizzled with eel sauce. Simply the best.

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

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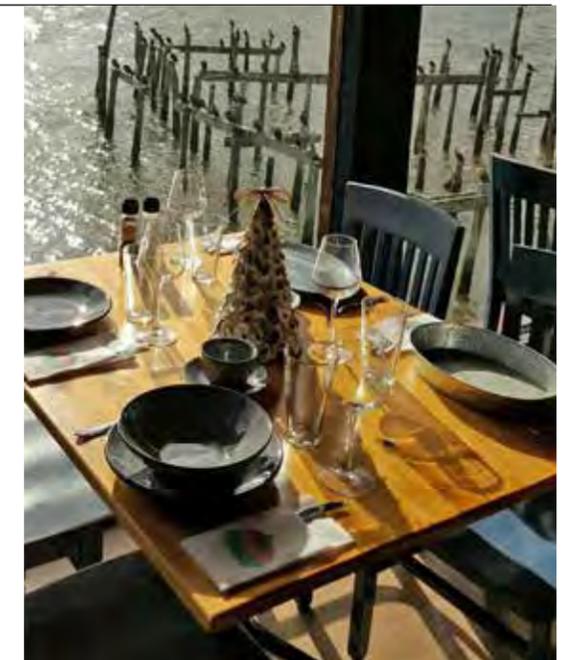
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Fritters and BBQ Shrimp & Grits. There's also a wide selection of seafood and steak dishes along with an extensive gluten-free menu. Happy Hour is 2-4-1 drinks every Weds - Sat from 3 - 7pm as well as Late Night Tapas & Cocktails on Fri & Sat from 9 - 11pm. In Ocala and in Williston at 106 NW Mail St. (352-528-5410).

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Chilled Watermelon Soup

A cool soup for a hot summer day! Watermelon is a lycopene star — just one cup has nearly seven milligrams of the cancer fighter. Riesling adds a refreshing crispness. For an extra kick, serve with a side of Tabasco or Cholula hot sauce.

Ingredients:

(Yield: Six Servings)
6 Cups Watermelon, peeled and cubed
1/3 Cup Fresh Lime Juice
1 Tbs, Chopped Fresh Mint
2 Tbs Honey
2 Jalapeno Peppers, halved, seeded, chopped
1/3 Cup Riesling Wine
1 Tsp Chopped Ginger

Preparation

Reserve six cubes of melon. Set aside. Combine remaining melon, lime juice, mint, honey, jalapeno pepper, wine, and ginger in a blender and process until mixture is smooth. Cover and chill for 4 hours. Serve in chilled bowls and garnish with watermelon cube and sprig of mint



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appetizers

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

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

dinner

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

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

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



SAMPLE MENUS



pickins

- Fried Green Tomatoes**
served with southwestern sauce
- Pimento Cheese Fritters**
pimento cheddar with a hint of blue cheese served with peach habanero jam
- Southern Grilled Mozzarella**
fresh mozzarella melted between buttered bread seasoned with minced garlic and herbs and served with homemade marinara

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supper

- Hand-Cut Ribeye**
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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**
pan-seared, pecan-encrusted salmon on a bed of tricolor quinoa topped with hazelnut butter sauce and served with sautéed baby spinach

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

Barbecue Shrimp & Grits
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appetizers

- Crispy Shrimp**
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- Guacamole**
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- Buffalo Cauliflower**
blue cheese dip, chives
- handhelds**
- Mahi Mahi Sandwich**
chipotle aioli, tomato, criollo slaw, brioche, fries

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

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

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

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

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

Beyond Meat Burger
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Butcher's Burger
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appetizers

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- Moroccan Lamb Meatballs**
tomato jam, minted cucumber relish, yogurt
- Crispy Soft Shell Crab**
tasso ham, sweet corn ragout
- Milk Braised Veal**
pappardelle, popcorn-harissa
- Milk Crispy Cauliflower**
smoked jalapeño sauce

salads & spreads

- Salted Roasted Baby Beets**
pomegranate molasses, minted yogurt
- Braised Pear**
seasonal greens, spanish bleu cheese, candied pecans
- Mezze Platter**
zesty feta, hummus, mahamara, pita

composed dishes

- Crispy Red Snapper**
white beans, smoked jalapeño, saffron tomato broth, chorizo
- Braised Shortrib**
celery root puree, wild mushrooms

Marinated Hanger Steak
bomba pilaf, churri

Magret Duck Breast
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Brined & Roasted Chicken
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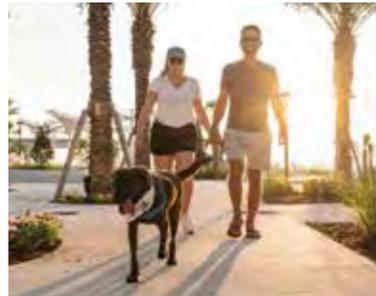
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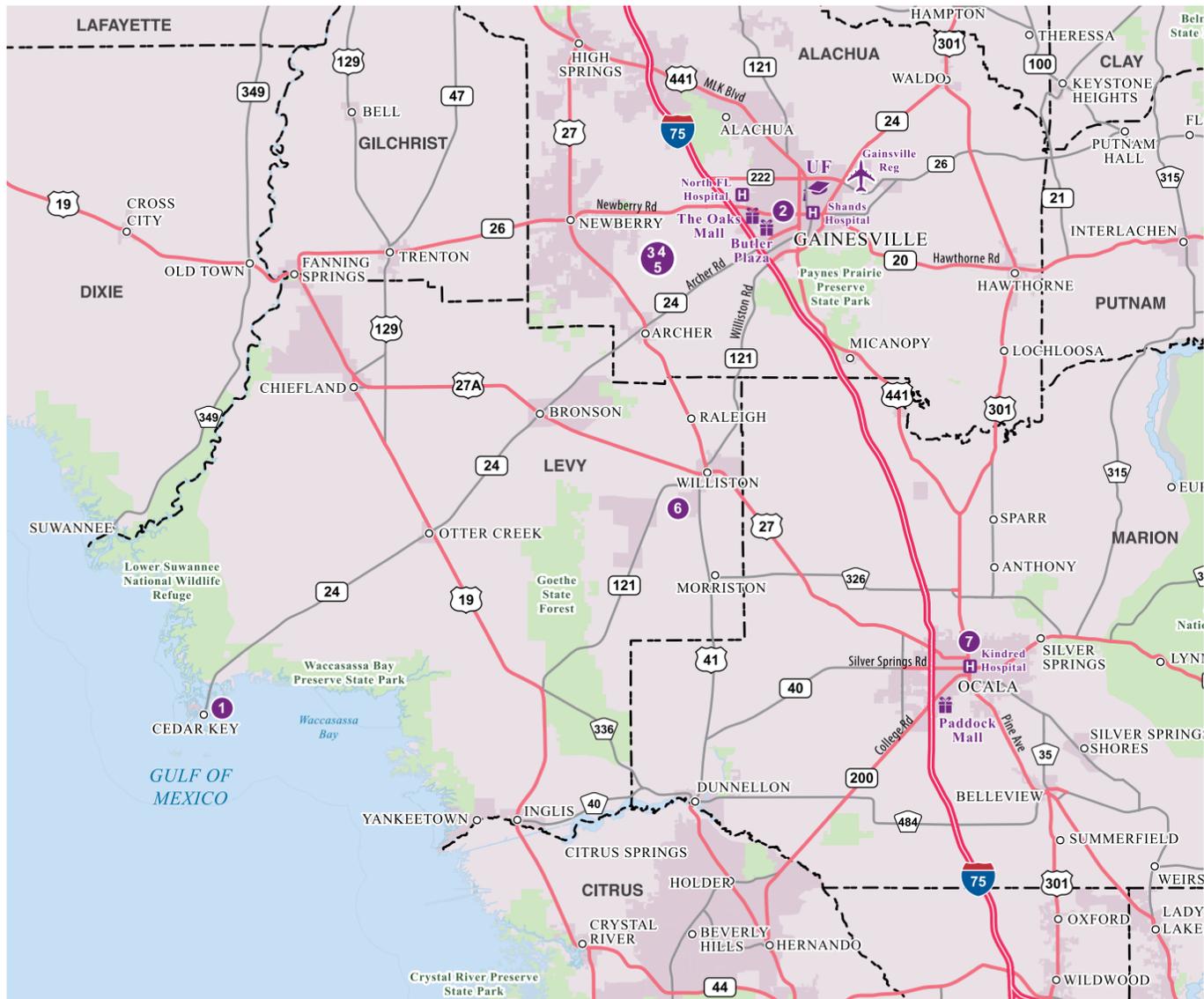


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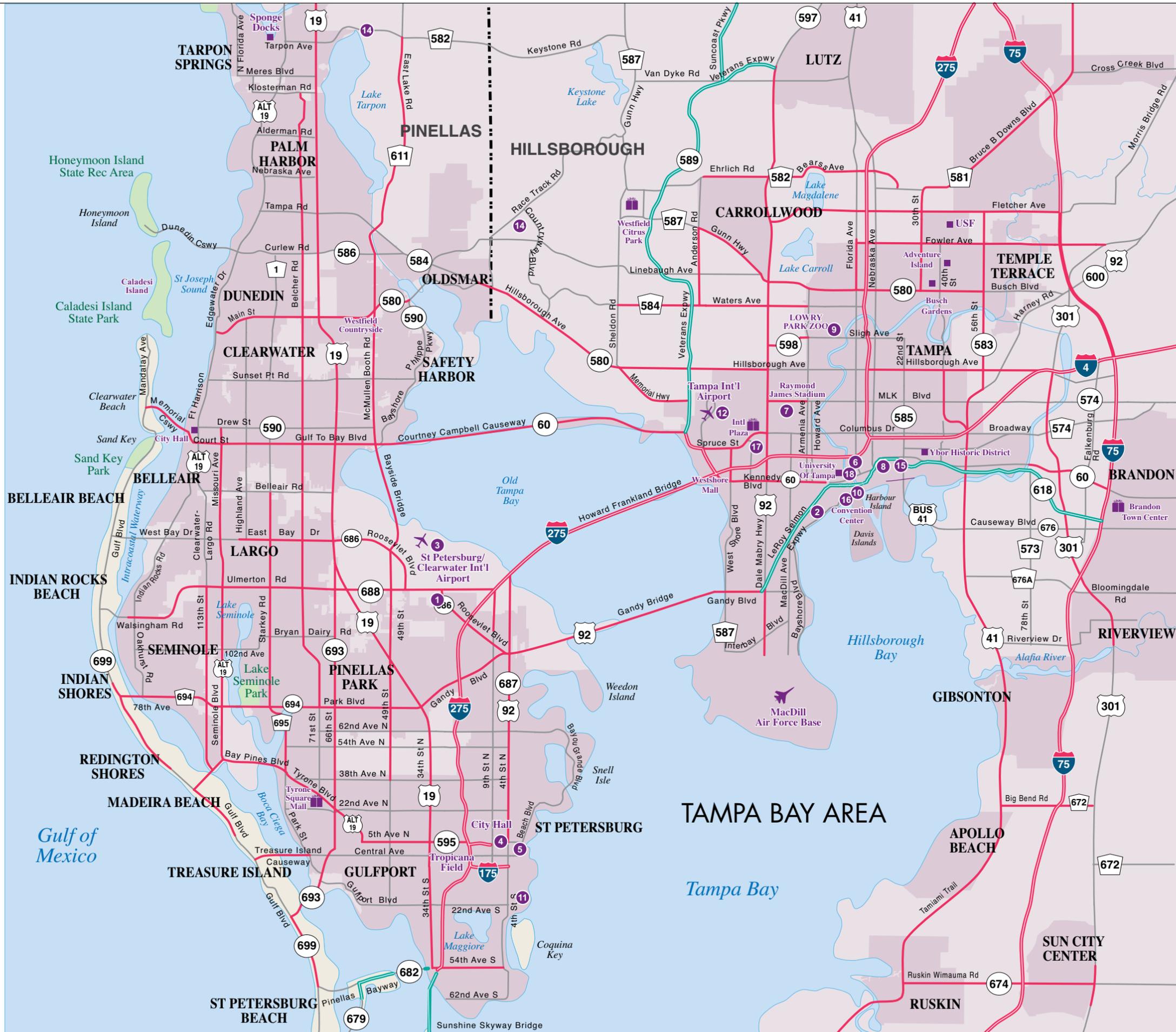
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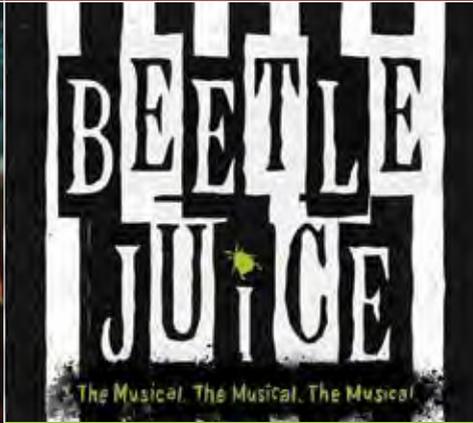


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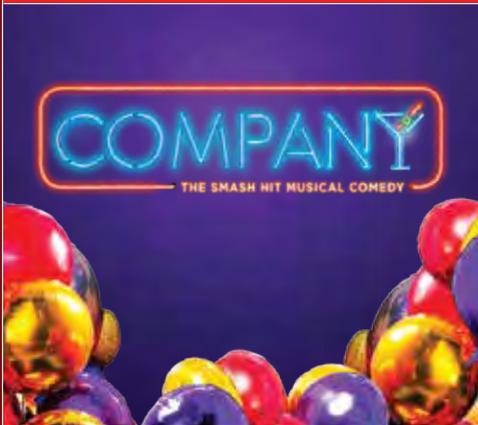
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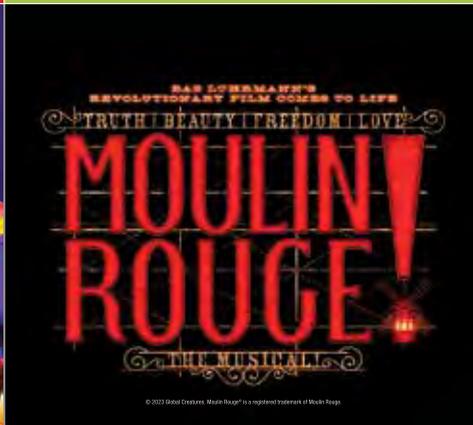
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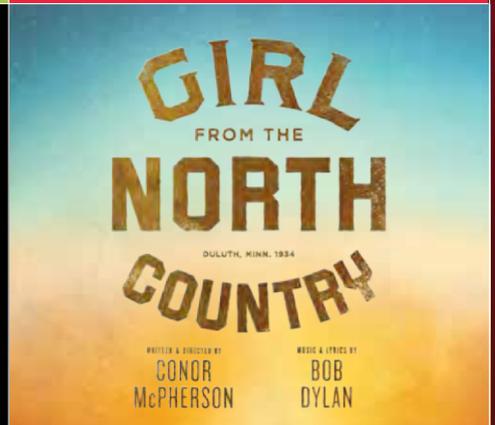
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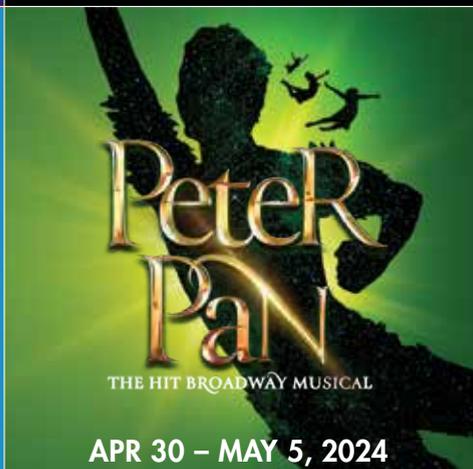
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