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Destination Tampa Founder, Mark L. Wodlinger played Left End for the Florida Gators from 1940-42 and at the age of 96 years old, was believed to have been the oldest living former UF football player before his recent passing on July 17. Please see who's who in the world to learn more about this wonderful great gentleman!!

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BEST SOUTHERN COOKING Ivy On The Square

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BEST SHARK ENCOUNTER The Florida Aquarium

Ok, Ok, so maybe going nose-to-nose with a 600 lb Great White is not your idea of a great day at the beach, especially when it flashes those pearly whites at you. But fear not. At Tampa's Florida Aquarium you can actually swim or dive with sharks as well as with 1600 other colorful fish including sting rays, barracudas, sea turtles and more — all without being a certified SCUBA diver! It's all part of the Aquarium's special "Shark Swim" program — an in-water reef experience that is truly an adventure of a lifetime (must be age 9 or older to participate). The Aquarium's Coral Reef Gallery simulates an actual reef in the Dry Tortugas just off of Key West. While you get up close and personal with the fishes, friends and family can watch from the exhibit pathway. How cool is that!

BEST ATTRACTIONS DEAL

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With the Tampa Bay City Pass, you can save a whopping 53% off combined admission to Busch Gardens Tampa Bay along with four additional attractions in the Tampa Bay area including The Florida Aquarium, Lowry Park Zoo, Clearwater Marina Aquarium (home to Winter, star of the popular Dolphin Tale movies) and your choice of either the Museum Of Science and Industry (MOSI) or the Chihuly Collection. City Pass Booklets are valid for nine consecutive days beginning with the first day of use. Such a deal! Find it at citypass.com/tampa.

BEST CLASSIC BURGER

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BEST SUSHI WITH A VIEW

Jackson's Bistro Bar & Sushi

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

BEST CIGAR EMPORIUM

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



BEST FAMILY ITALIAN

Maggianos Family Italian

Big portions of terrific scratch-made Italian classics, along with authentic Italian recipes with an American twist, dominate a huge menu that also features "light" versions of perennial favorites like Chicken Piccata, Veal Marsala, Chicken Francese and Veal Parmesan. With the "Bruschetta Bar," you can sample an array of unique toppings from Canadian Smoked Bacon, Toasted Pear and Tomato to Spiced Shrimp and Italian Beef for just \$2 - \$3 per piece. But the best deal on the menu is "Marco's Meal For Two," a three course classic pasta dinner which also includes an added bonus: two additional classic pastas to take home ad no additional charge. Mama Mia! Find it at 203 Westshore Plaza in Tampa. Info: 813-288-9000; maggianos.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.

What's Up



Daily
Sunsets at Pier 60 Festival
Clearwater: This fun, nightly sunset celebration features all kinds of artisans, crafters, street performers, live music and entertainment. Takes place nightly starting two hours before sunset until two hours after sunset at Pier 60, 1 Causeway Blvd., Clearwater. Info: 727-449-1036; sunsetpier60.com.

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

Monthly
Fourth Friday
Tampa: Enjoy this monthly celebration of the local arts and cultural scene with terrific live music, food, drinks and special discounts. Takes place from 4 - 10pm at Tampa Riverwalk. Info: fourthfridaytpa.com.

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

Monthly
Second Saturday Art Walk
St. Petersburg: St. Pete's "After Hours" Arts

Happening includes over forty galleries and studios who stay open late including Duncan McClellan Glass and Morean Arts Center. Takes place in the Waterfront Arts District, Central Arts District and EDGE District from 5 - 9pm on the 2nd Sat of the month. For a list and map of galleries, go to stpeteartsalliance.org.

October 19 - 21
Upper Tampa Bay Oktoberfest
Oldsmar: Roll out the barrels for a festive party that includes German food, drinks, music and dancing plus lots of wacky games. Kicks off on Fri from 5 - 11pm, continues on Sat from 11am - 11pm and wraps up on Sun from noon to 6pm. Takes place at Tampa Bay Downs, 11225 Race Track Rd, Westchase. Info: visitstpeteclearwater.com.

October 20 - 21
Pops in the Park
St. Petersburg/Tampa: Enjoy a relaxing evening of popular film scores, Broadway hits and more during The Florida Orchestra's annual free music festival under the stars. Pre-concert festivities at 4pm, performance at 7pm. Free admission. Takes place in St. Pete on Oct 20 at Vinoy Park, 701 Bay Shore Dr NE and in Tampa on Oct 21 at River Park Tower, 401 E Bird St. Info: floridaorchestra.org.



October 27 & 28 43rd Annual International Folk Fair
St Petersburg: This cultural extravaganza includes exhibits, festival marketplace, ethnic foods, dancing and international music. Takes place on Sat from 10 am - 8pm and on Sun from 10am - 6 pm at Vinoy Park, 701 Bay Shore Dr NE, St. Pete. Info: 727-552-1896; SPIFFS.org

November 4
Straz Live! In The Park
Tampa Bay: This new annual family-friendly mash-up kicks off the Straz Center's new season with an afternoon picnic, concert in the park and block party featuring live entertainment of popular Broadway tunes, favorite opera arias and surprise guests. Food trucks on site. Takes place from 2 - 6pm at Curtis Hixon Park, 600 N Ashley Dr, Tampa. Info: 813-229-7827; strazcenter.org.

November 17 - 18
Craft Art 2018
St. Petersburg: Enjoy artist demos, food trucks, make-n-take, craft brews and more as some of the nation's best craft artists showcase their work. Takes place on Sat from 10am - 5pm and on Sun from 10am - 4pm in St Pete's downtown Arts District along Central Avenue's 400 - 700 blocks. Info: floridacraftart.org.

November 17 & 24
Shopapalooza
St. Petersburg: Get special discounts, prizes and surprises from over 130 local shops, art galleries, restaurants, artists, food trucks and community organizations. Bargains from 10am - Sunset at South Straub Park, 198 Bayshore Dr, St. Pete. Free admission. Info: 727-893-7335; shopapaloozafestival.com.

November 24
Tree Lighting Ceremony
St. Petersburg: Kick off the holidays during this festive tree lighting ceremony with live entertainment. Takes place from 5 - 7pm in North Straub Park, 400 Bayshore Dr, NE, St Pete. Info: 727-893-7441; stpeteparksrec.org.

Gypsies, Knights And Magicians!

33rd Annual Hoggetowne Medieval Faire

Immerse yourself in a world of medieval magic where jugglers, knife throwers and gypsy dancers perform in the street, jousting knights charge across fields on horseback and spellbinding magicians captivate your imagination during the 33rd Annual Hoggetowne Medieval Faire.

For two consecutive weekends, on Saturday, January 26 and Sunday, January 27, as well as on Friday, February 1 through Sunday, February 3, the Alachua County Fairgrounds in Gainesville morphs into a virtual "Medieval Marketplace."

More than 160 talented artisans journey to the Faire from across the country to showcase their medieval wares including one-of-a-kind jewelry, stone and wood carvings, blacksmithing and weaving,

hand-blown glassware, beautiful leather goods and clothing.

You can also engage in traditional medieval games, shoot arrows, hurl battle axes, navigate your way through a winding maze and even look into the future with a mystical fortune teller.

If you get hungry after all of this action, just head on over to the Food Court where you can feast like a king on giant turkey legs, succulent ribs, blooming onions and an assortment of other goodies.



You can experience all of this medieval magic on Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 6pm and on "Discount Friday" February 1 from 9:30am - 3pm when General Admission tickets are reduced and larger discounts are available to school groups who register in advance

at HoggetowneFaire.com.

Find the Hoggetown Medieval Faire at the Alachua County Fairgrounds in Gainesville, 3100 NE 39th Avenue. Info: 352-334-ARTS.

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What's Up



November 24 & 25

Seaboard Seafood Festival

St. Petersburg: Feast on a fabulous stone crab and shrimp boil backdropped by live music, craft beer, games and more. Takes place from 11am - 4 pm. Location: TBD. Info: 813-251-0500; seaboardseafoodfestival.com.

November 30

St. Pete Wine Experience

St. Petersburg: Sample over 100 varietals of wine and champagnes from around the world and nibble on gourmet hors d'oeuvres during this premier wine tasting event. Takes place from 6:30 - 9:30pm on the terrace level of the St Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr, St Pete. Info: stbeachfestivals.com.

December 1 - 2

Downtown Festival & Art Show

Gainesville: North Florida's art scene swings into high gear when historic downtown Gainesville transforms into a celebration of art and creativity replete with live music, performing arts and a fabulous array of food. Takes place from 10am - 5pm. Info: 352-393-8536; gainesvilledowntownartfest.org.

December 1 - 2

24th Annual Corey Area Craft Festival

St Pete Beach: Over 100 of the nation's most talented artisans showcase a collection of hand-made contemporary American crafts including jewelry, pottery, ceramics, photography, painting, clothing and more. Takes place from 10am - 5pm at 595 Corey Ave, St Pete. Free admission. Info: artfestival.com.

December 2

Snowfest

St. Petersburg: An estimated sixty-five tons of snow take center stage at this annual holiday celebration that includes toboggan slides, an art tent, karaoke, moonwalks, "glice" ice skating and more. Revel in the magic from 10:30am - 3pm at North Straub Park, 400 Bayshore Rd, NE, St Pete. Info: 727-893-7441; stpeteparksrec.org.

December 9

Old Northeast Candlelight Tour of Homes

St. Petersburg: Welcome the holidays with a seasonal stroll through one of St. Pete's oldest neighborhoods. Festive decorations show off the distinctive historic architectural flavor. Takes place from 3 - 8pm in St Pete's Historic Old Northeast neighborhood. Info: honna.org

December 14 - 16

The Florida Orchestra: Holiday Pops

Tampa/St Pete/Clearwater: Enjoy pure holiday magic that you can't buy at the mall, featuring the velvet voice of American Idol star and St Pete native Michael Lynche. Showtime 8pm on Fri, Dec 14 at Tampa's Straz Center; Showtime 2pm and 8pm on Sat Dec 15 at St Pete's Mahaffey Theater; Showtime 2pm and 7:30pm on



Sun, Dec 16 at Clearwater's Ruth Eckerd Hall. Tickets and info: 727-892-3331; floridaorchestra.org.

December 4 - 9

Hello, Dolly!

Tampa: Tony Award-winning Broadway legend, Betty Buckley stars in this universally acclaimed smash hit. Showtime 8pm at the Straz Center, 1010 N.W.C. MacInnes Place, Tampa. Tickets and info: 813-229-7827; strazcenter.org.

December 22

Illuminated Boat Parade

St. Petersburg: Enjoy live music, food and more as a flotilla of twinkling boats glides along St. Pete's waterfront. Takes place from 5 - 7pm on St Pete's downtown waterfront. Info: stpeteboatparade.org/

December 22 - 23

Next Generation Ballet's Nutcracker

Tampa: This glittering, star-studded production includes principal dancers from powerhouse companies like the New York City Ballet, Miami Ballet and American Ballet Theatre. Showtime: Sat, Dec. 22 at 2pm and 7pm; Sun, Dec 23 at 1pm and 6pm. Takes place at the Straz Center, 1010 N.W.C. MacInnes Place, Tampa. Tickets and info: 813-229-7827; strazcenter.org.

December 26 & 27

Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker

St. Petersburg: Delight in Tchaikovsky's magical holiday tale brought to life by world-class Russian dancers, playful puppets and dazzling holiday costumes. Takes place on Dec 26 at 7 pm; and on Dec 27 at 3 and 7 pm at the Mahaffey Theater, 400 1st St. S. Info: themahaffey.com

December 31

New Year's Eve Parade

Tampa: This festive New Year's parade includes elaborate floats, over twenty marching bands, a Pep Rally and a special "Battle Of The Bands." parade starts at 5:30pm and runs along 7th Ave. Info: outbackbowl.com.



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A Great Ol Gator Goes Home

Football season is in full swing and our local Florida Gators have fielded a team every season since 1906, with the exception of 1943.

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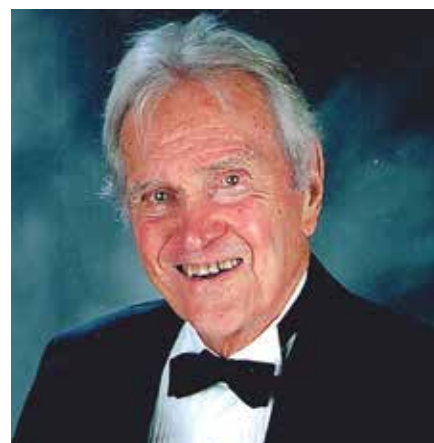
And that brings us to our Founder, Mark L. Wodlinger, who graduated from the University Of Florida while serving in the Naval Air Corp in WW II. The Greatest Generation.

At the time of his sudden recent passing this summer he and his wife were attending meetings with partners. Mark was 96, sharp as a tack and the oldest living former UF football player. He played Left End for

the Gators from 1940-42 and although he never pursued a professional football career after graduating, he still brought his passion for the game and the University of Florida to everything he did.

Before launching DESTINATION Tampa with his loving wife, Marilyn of 25 years, Mark's involvement and influence in both the television and radio industry is legendary, and he enjoyed a distinguished career in broadcast media that spanned several decades. Mark was a visionary and a man for all seasons who lived life to its fullest.

But most importantly, Mark will be remembered as a friend to all, and a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Mark will be dearly and forever missed by all who were lucky



enough to know him.

As Ronald Regan once said in his role as a star All American football player:

"Sometime when the team is up against it, and the breaks are beating the boys, tell them to go out there with all they've got and win just one for the Gipper."

Will do, Dear Old Friend, will do.

Deck the halls and everything else.



Here in Key West, we've been known to get into the spirit of things. The annual Key West Holiday fest is no exception. While you'll find plenty of lights and trimmings on display, you'll also discover an endless variety of family festivities along the way. From the Holiday Historic Inn Tour to the Key West Bight Before Christmas to the Schooner Wharf Bar Lighted Boat Parade, come experience a holiday that's far from the norm.



keywestholidayfest.com

Tampa Bay's hidden gem: The Florida Orchestra

By Kelly Smith

One of the perks of visiting the Tampa Bay area is The Florida Orchestra, the premier and largest professional orchestra in the state. The vibrant orchestra, under the leadership of charming Music Director Michael Francis, offers a wide variety of high caliber concerts – from Gershwin to Queen to Disney – at affordable prices at three venues in Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater. Here are highlights:

The Music of Queen (Oct. 19 at Mahaffey in St. Pete) From Bohemian Rhapsody to Another One Bites the Dust, epic riffs blend with soaring strings – exactly how Queen's greatest hits should be performed. Brent Havens conducts the orchestra and a full rock band, with fan favorite Brody Dolyniuk on vocals.

Disney in Concert: Tale as Old as Time (Nov. 2-4 with Saturday matinee): Be TFO's guest for a magical journey into Disney, with music from Frozen, Beauty and the Beast, Cinderella, The Little Mermaid, Tangled, The Lion King and many more. Enhanced with high-resolution film sequences. Stuart Malina conducts. Come dressed as your favorite Disney character.

A Child of Our Time (Nov. 9-11) For the first time, TFO performs Tippett's powerful call for unity written decades ago, featuring The Master Chorale of Tampa Bay. Also: Selections from Gershwin's Porgy and Bess. Michael Francis conducts. This concert commemorates the 80th anniversary of Kristallnacht in partnership with The Florida Holocaust Museum. Free tickets for kids and teens for all Tampa Bay Times Masterworks concerts (in advance).

Holiday Pops (Dec. 14-16): Pure holiday magic you can't find at the mall, featuring the velvet voice of American Idol star and St. Pete native Michael Lynche along with a gospel choir. A perfect gift for the whole family, with two matinees. Jeff Tyzik conducts.

Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue (Jan. 4-6): A jazzy wail. A sweet sigh. Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue comes to life with Cuban jazz pianist Aldo López-Gavilán. Also: Still's jazz-inspired Symphony No. 1, "Afro-American," and Dvorak's Symphony No. 7. Thomas Wilkins conducts. Free tickets for kids and teens in advance.

The Music of Tom Petty (Jan. 25): Born in Gainesville, the late Tom Petty grew into an American legend. TFO pays tribute to one of Florida's own with songs like Free Fallin', Mary Jane's Last Dance, American Girl and many more. Brent Havens conducts the orchestra and a full rock band, with Tony Vincent on vocals.

The Planets (Feb. 15-17): The Planets align with NASA images on the big screen for the 100th anniversary of Holst's supersonic trip through the galaxy. Also: Debussy's Nocturnes. Featuring The Master Chorale of Tampa Bay; Michael Francis conducts. Free tickets for kids and teens in advance.

The Florida Orchestra: Performs regularly at the Straz Center in Tampa, Mahaffey in St. Petersburg and Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater. The orchestra offers affordably priced tickets to a variety of concerts, though prices vary depending on demand. See floridaorchestra.org or call 727.892.3337 and 1.800.662.7286.

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Raymond James Pops

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Fri, Nov 2, 8 pm, Straz Center
Sat, Nov 3, 2 pm & 8 pm,
Mahaffey Theater - Matinee
Sun, Nov 4, 7:30 pm, Ruth Eckerd Hall

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Tampa Bay Times Masterworks

A Child of Our Time

Nov 9 - 11

With The Master Chorale of Tampa Bay



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December 31

Light Up Tampa Bay & Aqua Eve

Tampa Bay: Tampa "Lights Up" with entertainment, a midnight fireworks display and ball drop over the downtown waterfront during this annual New Year's Eve bash. Takes place at The Florida Aquarium, 701 Channelside Dr, Tampa. Info and tickets: 813-273-4000; flaquarium.org.

December 31

First Night St. Petersburg

St. Petersburg: This 25th annual celebration rings in the New Year with music, lights, dance, fire, bubbles, fireworks and more. Starts at 4pm throughout downtown with fireworks at 8pm and midnight. Info: 727-823-8906; firstnightstpete.com.

December 31

Swingin' the New Year

St. Petersburg: Swing into 2019 with live music, dancing, a vintage fashion photo shoot, midnight countdown, balloon drop and midnight champagne toast. Takes place from 9pm - 1am at the Historic Coliseum, 535 4th Ave. N., St. Pete. Info: stpete.org/coliseum; newyearswing.com



January 15 - 20

Les Miserables

Tampa: Direct from an acclaimed two-and-a-half-year return to Broadway, this breathtaking new production has left both audiences and critics awestruck. Showtime

8pm at the Straz Center, 1010 N.W.C. MacInnes Place, Tampa. Tickets and info: 813-229-7827; strazcenter.org.

January 26 - 27 & February 1 - 3

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Gainesville: For two consecutive weekends, the Alachua County Fairgrounds transforms into "Hoggetowne" — a medieval marketplace where you can immerse yourself in the rich culture of the Middle Ages. Open Sat and Sun from 10am - 6pm and from 9:30am - 3pm on "Discount Friday," Feb 1 when General Admission tickets are reduced. Find it at 3100 NE 39th Ave. in Gainesville. Info: HoggetowneFaire.com.

January 29 - February 3

A Bronx Tale

Tampa: Broadway's hit crowd-pleaser is bursting with high-energy dance numbers and original doo-wop tunes from the songwriter of Beauty and the Beast. Showtime 8pm at the Straz Center, 1010 N.W.C. MacInnes Place, Tampa. Tickets and info: 813-229-7827; strazcenter.org.

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January 23 - 27

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Key West: Celebrate the local culinary arts community and enjoy lots of lively events all over the island including a Welcome Beach Party, Wine Dinners, Shrimp Boil, Wine and Food Seminars, Bad Ass Brunches, "Duval Uncorked," Neighborhood Wine Strolls, Grand Tasting and much more. Info: 305-292-1622; keywestfoodandwinefestival.com.



February 2 - 3

ArtFest Ft. Myers

Fort Myers: ArtFest kicks off with a Fri Night Opening Party on Feb 1 from 6 - 10pm featuring over 65 festival artists. On Sat and Sun you can enjoy the works of 200 outstanding national artists, as well as

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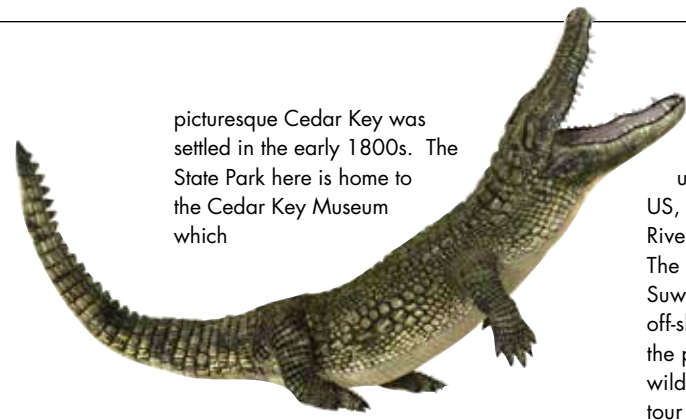
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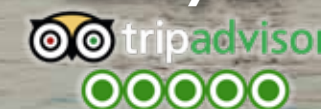
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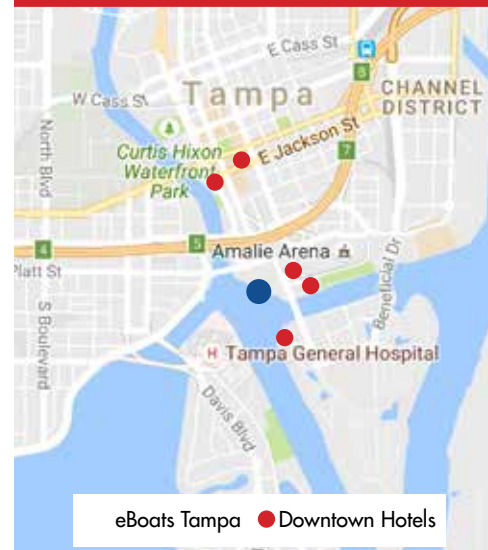
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Tampa At A Glance

So much to see and do!

Tampa – the second largest metro area in Florida – is just a short 30 minute drive to some of the world’s best beaches and a hub of activity with lots of interesting things to see and do.

The city’s rich Latin heritage, historic architecture and beautiful waterways

theater and not-to-be-missed attractions.

Downtown Tampa’s gorgeous Riverwalk takes you on a beautiful stroll past the Tampa Museum of Art, Curtis Hixon Park and the



late-night dancing.

Nearby Hyde Park, an upscale shopping and dining district, hums

with specialty boutiques and national shops, as well as a number of excellent restaurants and lively bars.

Tampa’s many museums including the Museum of Art and Glazer Children’s museum are an adventure unto themselves and the area’s world renowned theme parks provide plenty of rides, shows and attractions to fill up a whole weekend.

Whatever your age, whatever your taste, this is one city that has it all.

Created in the late 1800s around the Cuba cigar-rolling industry, the former cigar factories have

now morphed into trendy restaurants and nightclubs rocking the old red brick buildings with lively music, cocktails and

backdrop a thriving downtown punctuated by restored turn-of-the-century buildings, hip bars, innovative restaurants, world-class



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Hyde Park

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

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

Hyde Park is located adjacent to the University of Tampa and Downtown. The neighborhood history begins back in the 1880s when railroad financier Henry B. Plant built the first bridge across the Hillsborough River at Lafayette Street (now John F. Kennedy Blvd). The first house was built by James Watrous in 1882.

Growth occurred rapidly and a street car line was put in on Swann Ave and

Rome Ave. This is the reason for the wideness of the two streets, while most in the neighborhood are much narrower. The area where Old Hyde Park Village is today was originally called Cork Ave.

Dakota Ave., Cork Ave., and Inman Ave. all intersected near where the British pay phone sits today. The only portion left of Cork



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

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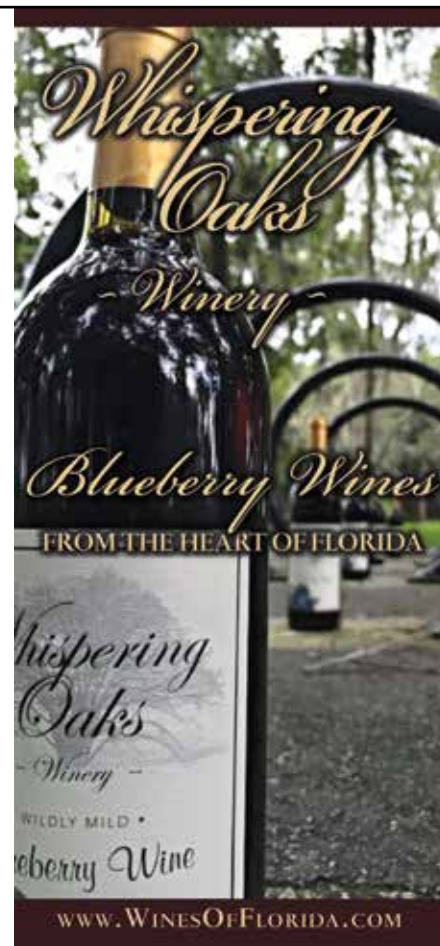
On weekends from noon to 5pm, you can sample flights of the various blueberry vino in the winery's rustic tasting room. Free 20 minute tours take place every hour on the hour.

The winery also has a full commercial kitchen and is well renowned for the week-end steak night dinners where you can feast on wood fire grilled Porterhouse and Ribeye Steaks or fresh Salmon Filets accompanied by some tasty side dishes and terrific live music.

Whispering Oaks Winery

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Find Whispering Oaks Winery at 10934 N. County Rd 475 in Oxford, Florida. For more info or to make your next event a "Vineyard Event," call 352-748-0449 or go winesofflorida.com.



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Gainesville's Iron Chef Winner
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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



Salvadore Dali Museum, St. Petersburg

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.

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Clearwater

For Everything Under the Sun

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

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

Remember Winter, the dolphin with a prosthetic tail made famous in the blockbuster movie, "Dolphin Tale?" Well, you can see her here at the Marine

Aquarium which focuses on rehabilitation and education. And speaking of dolphins, you may be greeted by any number of six-foot tall dolphins - 115 of them in fact, that comprise the Clearwater Dolphins Trail which extends from Tarpon Springs to St. Petersburg.

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

Another "Must-See": the free nightly Sunset Celebration at Pier 60 which



includes local artisans, street performers, musicians and terrific live entertainment.

For true world-class entertainment, check out the performance lineup at Ruth Eckerd Hall. Long a mainstay of the Tampa Bay Cultural scene and downtown Clearwater's beautifully restored Capitol Theatre, it hosts some of the hottest acts in the US.

So come see for yourself because Clearwater really does have it all!

Pack Your Bags! New Lux Hotel On The Horizon

There is a new luxury boutique hotel on the horizon in Pinellas County. Just this week local business leader and hotelier Fred B. Bullard announced plans to construct a brand new \$25,000,000.00 luxe hotel with 122 rooms at Ulmerton Rd. in the space formerly occupied by The Venue in the Feather Sound area.

The contemporary Spanish style hotel will be full service with ample meeting and conference space as well as separate full service restaurant and lounge/bar. This opulent new hotel will be the only one of its kind in the area offering a level of grandeur not experienced by locals, tourists and business travelers alike. We are all looking forward to the completion of this property as it raises the bar for all Tampa Bay area hotels.



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Creamed Spinach Au Gratin

From Bascom's Chop House

Sometimes there is perfection in simplicity, and that's true at Bascom's Chop House when they pair your favorite Filet Mignon with their signature Creamed Spinach Au Gratin.

INGREDIENTS:

(Yields 4 Servings)

2 lb Fresh Spinach (mature crinkly leaves, not flat baby leaves), stems removed

1/2 Cup Whole Milk

1/2 Cup Heavy Cream

2 Large Cloves Garlic, peeled and minced

1 Tbs Unsalted Butter

1 Tbs plus 1 Tsp All-Purpose Flour

1/3 Cup Freshly Grated

Parmigiano-Reggiano

Crumbled Danish Blue Cheese

Shredded Cheddar Cheese

Freshly Grated Nutmeg

Kosher Salt

Freshly Ground Black Pepper

PREPARATION:

Wash the spinach thoroughly using 2 or 3 changes of water, but don't dry the leaves. Set a 6- to 8-quart Dutch oven over medium-high heat and add half of the wet spinach. Season with



1/4 tsp salt, cover and steam, tossing frequently, until wilted, 3 to 4 minutes. Transfer to a colander in the sink and repeat with the remaining spinach.

Using a folded dish towel, press down on the spinach to remove as much water as possible. Transfer the spinach to a cutting board, blot again and chop very coarsely.

Put the milk, cream and minced garlic into a 1-quart saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium heat; then immediately remove from stove and transfer to a measuring cup with 1/2 tsp salt, a few grinds of pepper, and a big pinch of nutmeg.

Wipe out the saucepan. Melt the butter in the pan over medium-low heat. Add the flour and cook, whisking constantly, until pale and smooth, about one minute.

Whisk in the cream mixture in a slow, steady stream. Increase the heat to medium and simmer the sauce, whisking constantly, until it thickens and reduces slightly, about 2 minutes.

Add the spinach and stir to combine. Add the Parmigiano and mix well. Continue to stir constantly until the spinach is hot, one to two minutes. Season with more salt and pepper and serve with broiled cheese crust of Danish Blue and Cheddar Cheese.

You can enjoy this and many more award-winning recipes at Bascom's Chop House, 3665 Ulmerton Rd in Clearwater. Reservations: 727-573-3363; bascoms.com.

Gainesville

Where Nature and Culture Meet

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

Alligators, bison and wild horses freely roam the 22,000 acres of Paynes Prairie State Park, a National Landmark which has lots of walking trails and platforms that provide fantastic views of the prairie and the 100 - 270 bird species that regularly visit here.

And then there are the museums. The Florida Museum of Natural History hosts fascinating exhibits about Florida and also features a Butterfly Rainforest with hundreds of free-flying butterflies and birds from around the world.

Just next door is the Harn Museum of



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

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

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Haile Village Center

Small Town Charm In Gainesville

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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.



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 serrano, mint, chimichurri

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 maine lobster, saffron, tomato, chorizo, 3 daughter's key lime cider reduction

Burrata and Avocado Toast
 french baguette, smoked prosciutto, honey balsamic drizzle

entrees

Conejo Castellano
 confit half rabbit, white bean cassoulet, brandied apricot, soppressata, wild mushrooms, tomatoes, onions, pine nuts

Linguine Bottarga
 lobster butter poached argentinian shrimp, shaved bottarga

Pistachio Crusted Salmon
 spicy tomato jam, arugula paste, duck fat fingerling potatoes

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dessert

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appetizers

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dinner
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appetizers

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 tossed with sweet chili peanut sauce

Jumbo Lump Blue Crab Cake
 topped with citrus Ke Lime beurre blanc butter sauce

Flatbread Filet Mignon
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dinner

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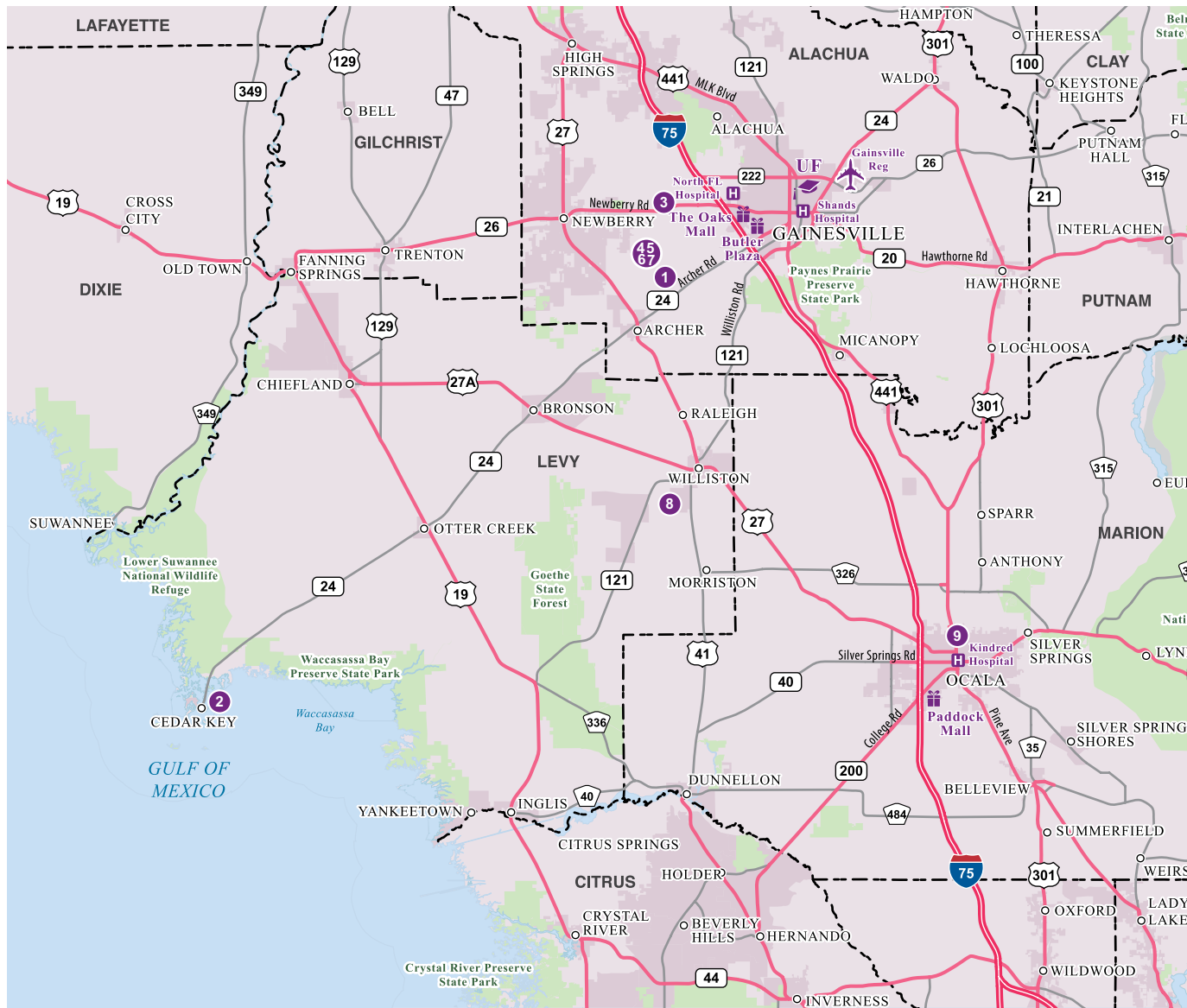


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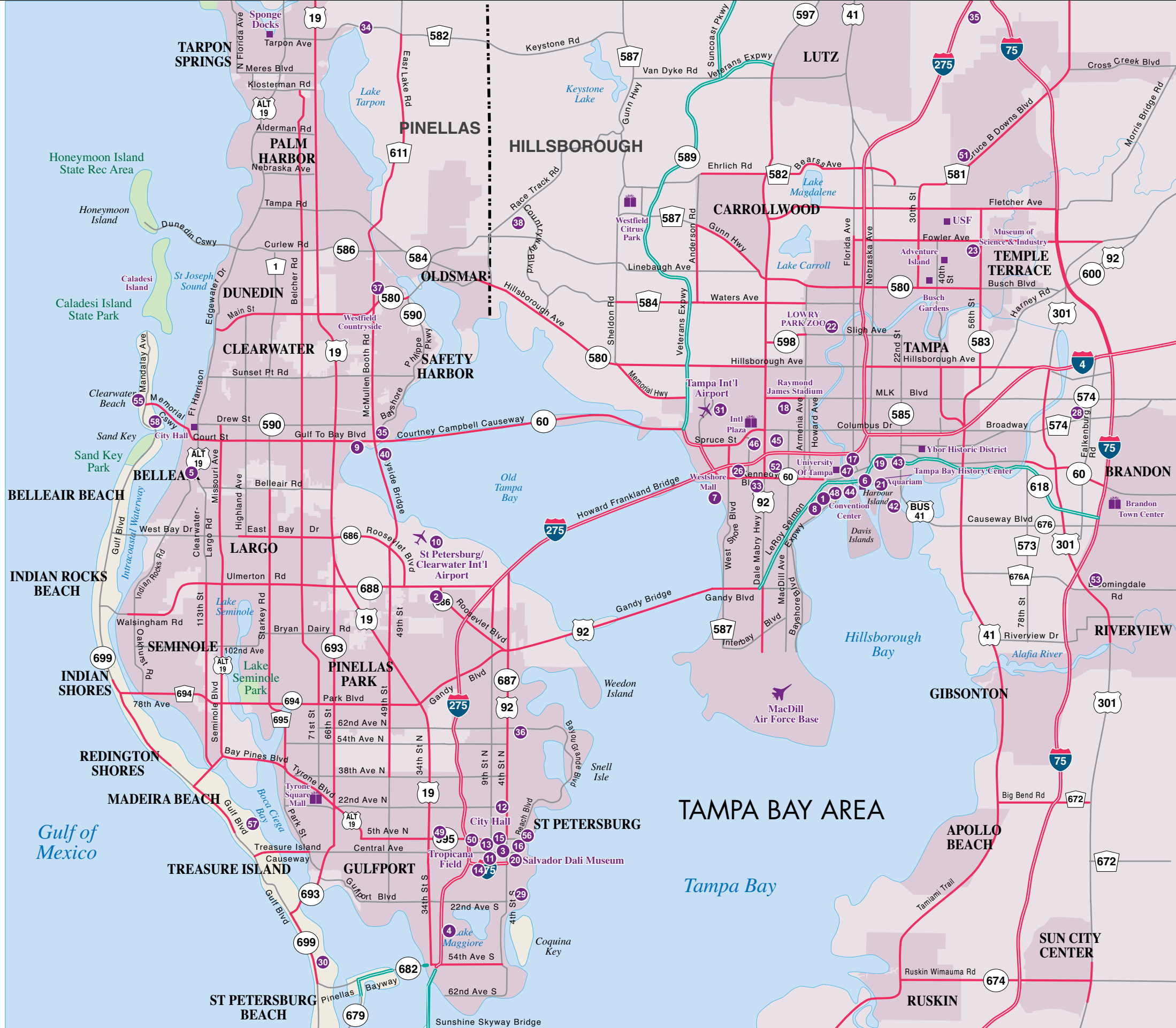


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