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Concierge TOP PICKS



BEST RESORT FOR AGES 2 - 12 Legoland

If there's anything that makes you long to be a kid again, it's this totally awesome 150-acre interactive theme park specifically designed for kids 2-12 years old. With more than 50 unique rides, 10 theme zones and all kinds of really cool attractions, it is the absolute bomb! Lots of special events here, too. FYI: The water ride, "Quest For Chi" is an absolute blast! Find it at 1 Legoland Way in Winter Haven. 877-350-5346; legoland.com/Florida Legoland Properties - Legoland Hotel, Legoland Beach Retreat and opening in 2020, Pirate Island Hotel.

BEST SOUTHERN COOKING Ivy On The Square

Southern food is synonymous with comfort food so it's not surprising that great Southern recipes, passed down from one generation to the next, are cherished and protected. And that brings us to Marjorie "Mimi" Hale - the matriarch of the award-winning "Ivy House Restaurant & Catering" in Williston as well as the new, hip "Ivy On The Square" in downtown Ocala. Two restaurants, two different vibes but both share the same authentic Southern specialties created from Mimi's cherished family recipes. You'll find perennial favorites like homemade Pimento Cheese, Fried Green Tomatoes, Shrimp & Grits and

Mimi's signature Baked Krispy Chicken. Everything here is outrageously good! In Ocala at 53 S Magnolia (352-622-5550); and in Williston at 106 NW Mail St (352-528-5410). ivyhousefl.com.

BEST SIGHTSEEING CRUISE eBOATS TAMPA

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

BEST CLASSIC BURGER Shula's Steak House

If you love Don Shula's famous steaks, you'll really flip over his fresh, juicy char grilled burgers. The legendary NFL Coach raises the bar with a big beefy patty that is always made fresh from his own signature blend of Premium Black Angus Chuck, Short Rib and brisket, perfectly seasoned and served with lettuce, tomatoe, pickle and your choice of cheese on a brioche style bun. Once you've tackled one of these bad boys, you'll never suffer another "Mac-Attack" again. At the Hilton Univeristy of Florida Conference Center, 1714 SW 34th St., Gainesville (305-664-2321). Info: shulas.com.

BEST WILD HANG Zoo Tampa at Lowry Park

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



BEST OF BROADWAY STRAZ Center

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



BEST SUSHI WITH A VIEW Jackson's Bistro Bar & Sushi

It doesn't get better than award-winning sushi, and a panoramic view of the sparkling downtown Tampa skyline. The unforgettable waterfront views make Jackson's Bistro the perfect place to click your chopsticks and revel in an extensive lineup of fresh sashimi, signature specialty rolls, and an impressive selection of American dishes. Some of our favorite rolls: the Lobster Tempura Roll (lobster meat, cucumber, sushi rice, tempura fried and served with eel sauce and spicy mayo) along with the Happy Sumo Roll (blue crab, spicy tuna, cream cheese & cucumber topped with eel and tempura chips – yum!). Other than sushi, our favorite items include Calamari Rings with sweet chili aioli, and some of the biggest and tastiest coconut shrimp on the planet. Find it at 601 S. Harbour Island Blvd., Tampa. Info: 813-277-0112; jacksonsbistro.com

BEST RIB EYE Bascom's Chop House

It's hard not to love everything on Bascom's menu. The seafood which is delivered daily and beautifully prepared, is always top drawer and the center cut prime chops are as good as they get. But it's the glorious, 16 oz bone-in Ribeye that has us hooked. Hand cut from Certified Angus midwestern grain-fed steer, this rich, well marbled steak is served charred outside with an intense, rich steak flavor that's hard to find. If you like great steak, put this one on your bucket list! Find it at 3665 Ulmerton Rd., Clearwater. 727-573-3363; bascoms.com.

BEST CIGAR EMPORIUM Davidoff Of Geneva

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



BEST FRENCH RESTAURANT La Cuisine

Located in historic downtown Ocala, this charming French restaurant is like taking a trip to Paris without having to pack. Owners Patrice and Elodie Perron source super fresh, high quality ingredients for their sensational European creations. Specialities include Organic Half Roast Chicken with fresh herbs, black truffle and black truffle au jus; Pan-Seared Sea Scallops with celery root au poivre and a cognac cream sauce; and Herb & Dijon Mustard Crusted Rack of Lamb with demi glace sauce. Save room for dessert because the sweet endings here are the "piece de resistance!" Find it at 48 SW 1st Ave in Ocala. 352-433-2570; lacuisineocala.com.

What's Up



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

ONGOING Daily

Sunsets at Pier 60 Festival

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

Every Tuesday

Gulfport Fresh Market

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

Every Wednesday

Downtown Clearwater Farmer's Market

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

Every 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 Sunday

Clearwater Farmers Market

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

Every Sunday

Corey Avenue Sunday Market

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

MONTHLY: Second Wednesday

Heights Night Market

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



MONTHLY: Third Thursday

Third Thursday Market

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

MONTHLY: First & Third Saturday

Fresh Market At Wiregrass

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

MONTHLY: Second Saturday

Second Saturday Art Walk

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

MONTHLY: First Saturday & Sunday

Vintage Marche

St Pete: Explore more than 15,000 feet of hand-picked vintage, repurposed, antique and mid-century modern furnishings, home décor, art, jewelry and more at this unique vendor run market. Takes place on Sat from 9am - 7pm; and on Sun from 9am - 5pm at 2200 2nd Ave S. Info: vintagegarage727.com.

MONTHLY: First Sunday

Hyde Park Essentials Market

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

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

February 10 - 22
Florida State Fair
Tampa: Over 500,000 people visit this annual event which includes exhibits, shows, competitions, music, rides and more. Open daily at 10am at the Florida State Fairgrounds, 4800 US Hwy, 301 N, Tampa. Info: FloridaStateFair.com.

February 15 - 20
The Prom
Tampa: This heralded new musical comedy is about big Broadway stars on a mission to change the world and end up discovering the love that unites them all. Takes place at the Straz Center, 1010 N Macinnes Place. Info: 813-229-7827; strazcenter.org.

February 13 - 27
8th Annual St Petersburg Fine Arts Festival
St Pete: This outdoor fine arts festival presents original handmade artwork by America's top fine artisans and crafters. Takes place on Sat from 10am - 5pm and on Sun from 11am - 5pm at South Straub Park, 198 Bayshore Dr, St Pete. Info: paragonartevents.com.

February 18 - 19
New Works Festival
Gainesville: Get a backstage peek at up and coming playwrights during two nights of special staged readings. Each performance showcases 5 winning playwrights. Showtime: 8pm at the Hippodrome Theater, 25 SE 2nd Place, Gainesville. Info: 352-375-4477; thehipp.org.

February 19
Beer, Bourbon & BBQ Festival
Tampa: This traveling festival features over 60 beers, 40 bourbons, great BBQ, Tasting Seminars, tons of vendors, cool exhibits and great live music. Takes place from 2pm - 6pm at Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park, 600 N Ashley Dr, Tampa. Info: 800-830-3976; beerandbourbon.com.

February 19 - April 3
Bay Area Renaissance Festival
Tampa: Journey back in time to a sixteenth century village with over 100 merchants, live armored jousting, 12 stages of amazing entertainment and more. Open every Sat and Sun and on "Festival Friday," April 1, from 10am - 8pm at the Museum of Science & Industry (MOSI) 11315 N 46th St, Tampa. Info: 248-834-5552; bayarearenfest.com.

February 19 - 20
Sarasota Festival of the Arts
Sarasota: Covering more than five city blocks with over 200 national and regional artists, this annual art festival ranks among the top art festivals in the nation and is one of the biggest of the year! Takes place from 10am - 5pm at 1718 Main St. Info: 561-746-6615; artfestival.com.



February 23 - 27
St Petersburg Jazz Festival
St Pete: Various venues around town set the stage for top jazz musicians including the O Som Do Jazz, James Suggs/Austin Vickrey Sextet, Radio Jazz Head, the Helios Jazz Orchestra, the Chris Dingma Trio, and more. Main stages at the Palladium Theater and Palladium Theater Side Door located at 253 5th Ave N, St Pete. Info: 727-822-3590; stpjetazzfest.com.

February 25 - 27
Firestone Grand Prix
St Pete: The most respected motorsports event in North America stages the fastest racing series on the planet with celebrity athletes, live entertainment and interactive activities. Takes place at 400 1st St in downtown St Pete. Info: 727-898-4639; gpstpete.com.

February 26
Ben Platt: The Reverie Tour
Tampa: Special guest Jake Wesley Rogers joins Ben Platt performing extraordinary new singles as "Happy To Be Sad" and "Imagine." Showtime: 8pm at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr, Tampa. Info: 813-301-2500; amaliearena.com.

February 26
75th Fiesta Day
Ybor City: Explore Ybor's City's diverse heritage with authentic ethnic food from Latin America, Italy, Germany and Jewish cultures, arts and crafts, live music and live

Soak in the sun and the music with The Florida Orchestra

As we head into spring, it's easy to mix a little culture into your travel plans. The Florida Orchestra is making waves in Tampa Bay with a wide variety of music that fits your lifestyle and inspires your life. It's worth a trip to the concert hall for these world-class performances:

Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1 (Feb. 19 & 20): Maestro Michael Francis conducts one of the most famous pieces of all time, featuring Conrad Tao in his TFO debut. Then TFO performs the complete version of Stravinsky's *The Firebird*. Young people 5-18 get in free with Classical Kids tickets to this and all concerts in the Tampa Bay Times Masterworks series.

Music of Star Wars (Feb. 25-27) The power of *The Force* is in the music. Take a journey through the most popular and critically acclaimed themes from every film in the saga, composed by the Jedi master of movie music, John Williams. Enrico Lopez-Yañez conducts, in the Raymond James Pops series.

The Music of Def Leppard (March 18): The Florida Orchestra amps up the *Hysteria* with a full rock band and vocalist for the greatest hits of the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame band. This ultimate night of classic rock features *Love Bites*, *Pour Some Sugar on Me*, *Photograph*, *Hysteria* and many more. A Windborne production. Brent Havens, conducts, with MiG Ayesa, vocalist.

Time for Three (March 26 & 27) Be there for the world premiere of string trio *Time for Three* performing *Contact*, by Pulitzer Prize winner Kevin Puts. Leonard Bernstein's *Symphonic Dances* from *West Side Story* is paired with Gabriela Lena Frank's *Three Latin-American Dances*. Daniel Black conducts.

Milos Plays Concierto de Aranjuez (April 1-3): Called "classical music's guitar hero," superstar Milos joins TFO for Joaquin Rodrigo's *Concierto de Aranjuez* and more. Also, Rodion Shchedrin's lively *Carmen Suite* (after Bizet), like you've never heard it before. Michael Francis conducts, in the Tampa Bay Times Masterworks series.

Broadway Pops: Masters of the Musical Theater (April 8-10): Join Wicked star Dee Roscioli, Scarlett Strallen (*Mary Poppins* on Broadway) and Hugh Panaro (*Phantom/Sweeney Todd*) to celebrate giants from the Broadway world. Featuring hits such as *Don't Cry for Me Argentina*, *Memory*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *Send in the Clowns*, *I Got Rhythm* and many more. Daniel Black conducts, in the Raymond James Pops series.

Mozart's Requiem (May 13-15): Reconnect, reflect and be inspired. For Mozart's monumental Requiem, Maestro Michael Francis adds specially curated music to create a full evening of peace and serenity, featuring The Master Chorale of Tampa Bay.

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Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5 (May 21-22): In the season finale, Maestro Michael Francis leads Tchaikovsky's powerful Symphony No. 5 and Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 3, an ultra-virtuosic showpiece in the hands of brilliant pianist Benjamin Grosvenor. Ahmed Al Abaca's *Ode to Liberty* opens the program. Tampa Bay Times Masterworks series.

Get details and tickets at FloridaOrchestra.org

UPCOMING SPRING CONCERTS



Music of Star Wars
Feb 25 - 27

The Paul Simon Songbook
Mar 13

America's Wonders
Mar 19

Time for Three
Mar 26 & 27

Miloš Plays Concierto de Aranjuez
Apr 1 - 3

Broadway Pops
Apr 8 - 10

Superhero Soundtracks
Apr 29 - May 1

Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5
May 21 & 22

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entertainment. Free. Takes place from 11am - 6pm along 7th Ave in Ybor City. Info: 813-248-3712; ybor.org.

February 26 Music of Star Wars

St Pete: The Florida Orchestra takes you on a journey of the most popular and critically acclaimed themes from every film in the Star Wars saga, all composed by Jedi master of movie music, John Williams. Two performances: 3pm and 8pm at The Mahaffey Theater, 400 First St S. Info and tickets: 727-300-2000; themahaffey.com.

February 26 - 27 St Petersburg Fine Art Festival

St Pete: Discover original stunning works by 100+ artisans from Florida and the US. Free admission. Takes place from 10am - 5pm at South Straub Park, 198 Bayshore Dr NE. Info: 941-487-8061; paragonartevents.com.

February 26 - 27 Sarasota Winter Craft Show

Sarasota: Shop a diverse palette of original, handmade works by artisans, crafters and vendors from across Florida. Free admission. Takes place from 10am-5pm at JD Hamel Park, 199 Bayfront Dr, Sarasota. Info: 941-487-8061; paragon-events.com.

February 26 - 27 Clearwater Sea-Blues Festival

Clearwater: One of Clearwater's most beloved signature events with seafood, live blues and libations on the waterfront. Takes place on Sat from noon - 10pm and on Sun from noon - 9pm at Coachman Park, 301 Drew St. Info: 727-562-4700; ClearwaterSeablues.com.

February 26 - 27

Gasparilla Music Festival

Tampa: Over forty bands perform everything from Rock to R&B across four stages with top national headliners. The festival also showcases Tampa Bay's best local musicians and offers street food from Tampa's favorite restaurants. Takes place from 1-11:30pm at Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park, 600 N Ashley Dr, Tampa. Info: tixr.com.

February 28

The Eagles: Hotel California 2022 Tour

Tampa: Hear 'Hotel California,' played from beginning to end, accompanied by an orchestra and choir as well as an additional set of the band's greatest hits. Showtime: 8pm at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr, Tampa. Info: 813-301-2500; amaliearena.com.

March 3 - 13

Florida Strawberry Festival

Plant City: This tasty annual event showcases ripe, luscious strawberries from local berry farmers; livestock and agricultural exhibits; fine arts & crafts; and live bands. Takes place from 10am - 10pm at 303 N Lemon St, Plant City. Info: 813-754-1996; strawberryfestival.com.

March 4 - 6

Sarasota Blues & BBQ Festival

Sarasota: Enjoy great food, live music by local and regional musicians, an arts & crafts market, and lots of fine products! Free admission. Takes place on Fri from 4-10pm at Roberts Arena, 3000 Ringling Blvd, Sarasota. Info: 941-487-8061; paragonevents.com.

March 4 - 6

Tampa Bay Boat Show

Tampa: Browse all makes and models of boats, including top-of-the-line luxury, speed, power and fishing boats, personal watercraft and more. Free admission. Takes place on Fri from 10am-5pm; Sat from 10am - 6pm; and on Sun from 10am - 5pm at the Florida State Fairgrounds, 4800 US 301. Info: floridaestatefair.com.

March 5

Eric Church: The Gather Again Tour

Tampa: Reigning CMA Entertainer of the Year and current ACM Entertainer of the Year nominee, Eric Church adopts an in-the-round set up for the first time in his career, with the stage at the center of the arena floor. Showtime: 8pm at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr, Tampa. Info: 813-301-2500; amaliearena.com.

March 5

Andre Rieu with Johann Strauss Orchestra

Tampa: The "Maestro of the Masses," returns with his 70-piece Johann Strauss Orchestra, the largest private orchestra in the world, along with the Platin Tenors and many international soloists for a fun, romantic evening. Showtime: 8pm at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr, Tampa. Info: 813-301-2500; amaliearena.com.

March 5 - 6

Gasparilla Festival of the Arts

Tampa: See works by national artists backdropped by great live entertainment and lots of kids' art activities. Takes place on Sat from 9am - 6pm; and on Sun from 10am - 5pm at Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park, Tampa. Info: 813-876-1747; gasparillaarts.com.

March 5 - 6

Sarasota Fine Arts Festival

Sarasota: This wonderful outdoor gallery showcases original, handmade works by artisans from across America. Free admission. Takes place from 10am - 5pm at JD Hamel Park, 199 Bayfront Dr, Sarasota. Info: 941-487-8061; paragon-events.com.

March 5 - 13

Tampa Bay Beer Week

St Pete & Tampa: Toast a week of craft beer with workshops, bottle releases, beer tastings, street food, live entertainment and more! Various times and locations. Info: tampabaybeerweek.com.

March 6

JoJo Siwa: D.R.E.A.M. The Tour

Tampa: Nickelodeon star, YouTube sensation and 2019's hottest breakthrough pop artist, JoJo Siwa, brings her wildly popular concert to Tampa. Showtime: 7pm at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr, Tampa. Info: 813-301-2500; amaliearena.com.



March 10 - 13

Firestone Grand Prix

St Pete: Downtown St Pete transforms into an IndyCar racetrack for a few adrenaline-pumping days. Watch drivers race at speeds in excess of 170 mph on a 14-turn course through the streets of downtown. Info: gstpete.com.

March 11

Tampa Bay Taco & Margarita Festival

Tampa: Indulge in an outrageous amount of margaritas and tacos, activities and entertainment, including live wrestling from Mission Pro Wrestling and a live performance by pop singer Ryan Cabera. Takes place from Noon - 7pm at Raymond James Stadium, 4201 N Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa. Info & tickets: tampasportsauthority.com.

March 11 - 27

Living on Love

Gainesville: When world-renowned soprano Raquel De Angelis' husband Vito, the larger-than-life maestro, becomes enamored with the lovely young lady hired to ghostwrite his largely fictional autobiography, sparks fly, silverware is thrown, and romance blossoms in the most unexpected ways. Previews: March 9



- 10. Takes place at the Hippodrome Theater, 25 SE 2nd Place, Gainesville. Info: 352-375-4477; thehipp.org.

March 12

Pride Music & Art Festival

Tampa: Celebrate a day of diversity that includes artwork by local artists, raffles and a silent auction, as well as music from the Tampa Bay Symphonic Winds and Lumina Youth Choir. Takes place from 5 - 9pm at the HCC Ybor City Performing Arts, 1411 E 11th Ave. Info: tampapride.org.

March 23 - April 3

Frozen

Tampa: This Tony®-nominated Best Musical boasts sensational special effects, stunning sets, costuming and powerhouse performances plus an expanded score including 12 new songs! Catch it at the Straz Center, 1010 NWC Macinnes Place, Tampa. Tickets and info: 813-229-7827; strazcenter.org.

March 24 - 27

Disney On Ice: Let's Celebrate

Tampa: This epic production features an international team of award-winning figure skaters, high-energy choreography, and a breathtaking set. Showtime: 7pm at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr, Tampa. Info: 813-301-2500; amaliearena.com.

March 25 - 27

Gasparilla Music Festival

Tampa: "Feel Good Music" is at the heart of this annual festival that also includes terrific food from some of the region's top restaurants. Takes place on Sat from 11:30am - 11pm and on Sun from 11:30am - 9pm at Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park, 600 N Ashley Dr, Tampa. Info: 813-708-8423; gasparillamusic.com.

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March 25 - 27

St Petersburg Shrimp & Music Festival

St Pete: Feast on shrimp, seafood, meats and vegetarian dishes against a backdrop of live music, an artisan marketplace and more. Free. Takes place on Fri from 4-10 pm; Sat from 11 am - 10 pm; and on Sun from 11 am - 6 pm at Williams Park, 350 2nd Ave N. Info: paragonartevents.com.

March 26

Tampa Pride Street Festival and Parade

Tampa: Celebrate diversity with an artisans market, a community health & wellness fair and live music. Don't miss the 4 pm parade through Ybor City featuring Mr and Miss Tampa Pride before the annual Pride at Night concert. Free. Takes place from 11 am - 11 pm at the Cuban Club Courtyard, 2010 Republica de Cuba, Ybor City. Info: 813-248-2954; tamapride.org.

March 26

Hogtown Craft Beer Festival

Gainesville: Enjoy some amazing local and regional small batch brews, food and craft beer pairings, educational seminars, home brewing demos, and more during this annual event that celebrates a passion for all things craft beer. Takes place from 1 - 5 pm at Alachua County Fairgrounds, 3100 NE 39th Ave in Gainesville. Info: hogtownbeerfest.com.

March 26 - 27

Hyde Park Village Art Fair

Tampa: Life-sized sculptures, original paintings, dazzling jewelry, and upscale shopping take center stage at this annual open-air arts event. Takes place from 10 am - 5 pm in downtown Hyde Park, 1622 W Snow Ave, Tampa. Info: 561-746-6615; artfestival.com.

March 26 - 27

Tampa Bay AirFest

Tampa: Tour military aircraft, talk to pilots, enjoy lots of fun activities and flight performances including a special air show by the US Navy Blue Angels. Info: tampabayairfest.com.

April 2

Dunedin Highland Games

St Pete: With pipe bands, traditional dancing, athletics and sheepdog herding competitions, you'll feel like you've landed in Scotland for the day. Takes place from 7 am - 8 pm at Highlander Park, 1920 Pinehurst Rd, Dunedin. Info: dunedinhighlandgames.com.

April 3

Taste of South Tampa

Tampa: Delve into unlimited food samples, sip tasty beverages and enjoy some great live entertainment. BTW: Don't forget to cast your vote for "The Best of South Tampa" Awards. Takes place from 1 - 4 pm at Tampa Garden Club, 2629 Bayshore Blvd, Tampa. Info: 813-637-0156; TasteOfSouthTampa.com.

April 3

National Cuban Art & Food Festival

Tampa: Bite into the "official sandwich of Tampa Bay," handcrafted by Florida Cuban sandwich artisans, enjoy live entertainment, Cuban art, culture and the world's biggest Cuban sandwich contest. Takes place from 11 am - 6 pm at HCC-Ybor Campus, 1320 E. Palm Ave, Tampa. Info: 813-319-5850; TheCubanDandwichFestival.com.

April 5

John Mayer: Sob Rock Tour

Tampa: The Grammy Award-winning artist, celebrated songwriter and iconic guitar player hits the stage in support of his eighth studio album, Sob Rock. Showtime: 7 pm at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr, Tampa. Info: 813-301-2500; amaliearena.com.

April 7

New Edition: The Culture Tour With Charlie Wilson

Tampa: This chart topping, award-winning group remains one of the most influential R&B groups of

the last 30 years and has catapulted the solo careers of Bobby Brown, Johnny Gill, Ralph Tresvant and Bell Biv DeVoe. Showtime: 8 pm at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr, Tampa. Info: 813-301-2500; amaliearena.com.

April 8 - 10

Tampa Bay Blues Festival

St Pete: Cited as one of the world's finest Blues music events, this annual jam opens with a rockin' Kick Off Party on April 7 at 8 pm headlined by Ronnie Earl & the Broadcasters at the historic Palladium Theater. The weekend-long event continues with an impressive lineup of world-class musicians at the Vinoy Waterfront Park, 701 Bayshore Dr. NE, St Pete. Info: 727-895-6153; tampabaybluesfest.com.

April 8 - 24

Pier 60 Sugar Sand Festival

Clearwater: World-acclaimed sand artists transform 1,000 tons of Clearwater Beach's famous white sand into magical sculptures. The festival also includes sand sculpting clinics, live music, fireworks and kids' play zones. Takes place from 10 am - 10 pm at Pier Dr 60, Clearwater. Info: 727-871-8060; sugarsandfestival.com.

April 9

Justin Bieber: Justice World Tour

Tampa: Bieber Fever returns to Tampa in a tour to support his eighth studio album, Justice, which debuted at #1 on the Billboard Hot 100. Takes place at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr, Tampa. Info: 813-301-2500; amaliearena.com.

April 9

Taste At the Straz

Tampa: This signature fundraising event for arts education programs is an all-you-can-eat food and drink extravaganza featuring Tampa's top restaurants. Open bars, wine, liquor and craft beer tastings, as well as five live bands makes for a wild night. Doors open at 7 pm at the Straz Center's Morsani Hall, 1010 NWC Macinnes Place, Tampa. Tickets and info: 813-229-7827; strazcenter.org.

April 9 - 10

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thenceforward, and forever free."

Unfortunately Lincoln's Proclamation didn't instantly free any enslaved people.

It wasn't until after the Civil War ended that freedmen in Texas organized the first annual celebration of "Jubilee Day" on June 19. In the ensuing decades, Juneteenth commemorations featured music, barbecues, prayer services and other activities. As Black people migrated from Texas to other parts of the country, so did the Juneteenth tradition.

You, too, can celebrate "Black



Independence Day" on Saturday, June 18 right here in Tampa during the Juneteenth Cultural Festival & Celebration. The family friendly festival takes place at the Raymond James Stadium, 4201 N Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa. Info: 609-359-0529; roctheblock.com.

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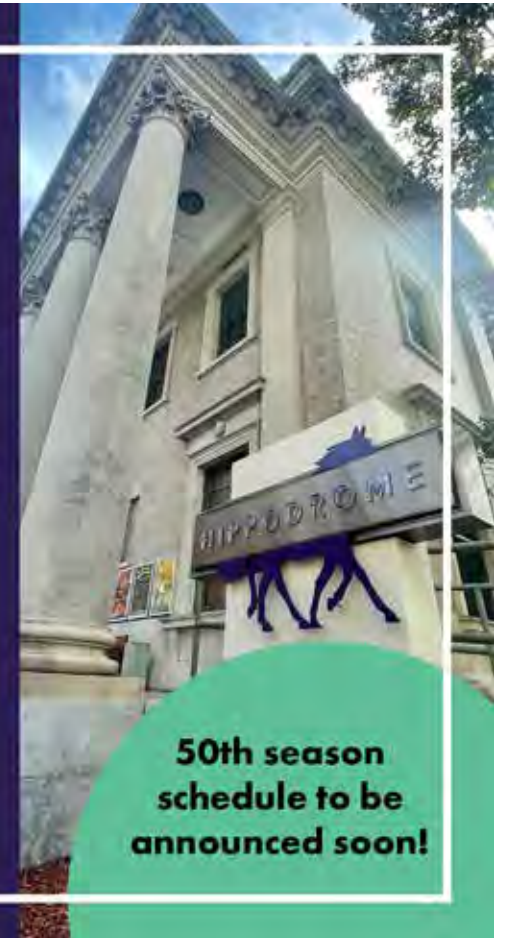


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April 22

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Tampa: Legendary rockers Godsmack headlines an event that is sure to go down in history. Also performing: Three Days Grace plus Black Veil Brides, Motionless in White, Ice Nine Kills and Wage War. Free admission. Showtime 5:30pm on the plaza at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr, Tampa. Info: 813-301-2500; amaliearena.com.

April 22 - 24

Tampa Bay Seafood & Music Festival

Tampa: Savor delectable delicacies from the deep accompanied by visual art, live music, and a festival marketplace. Takes place on Fri from 4 - 10pm; on Sat from 11am - 10pm; and on Sun from 11am - 6pm at Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park, 600 N Ashley Dr, Tampa. Info: 941-487-806; paragonartevents.com.



April 23 - 24

Festa Italiana

Tampa: This annual Italian food and cultural festival honors Italian culture and heritage with fine cuisine from over 35 of Tampa's top restaurants. Enjoy a variety of premier wines and spirits, world renowned performers and an array of activities. Info: 813-248-3316; festaitalianatampa.com.

April 24

Maxwell: The Night Tour

Tampa: Three-time GRAMMY® Award-winning and multiplatinum artist, Maxwell, featuring Anthony Hamilton and Joe, performs works

from his new soon to be released album, blacksummers'NIGHT. Showtime 8pm at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr, Tampa. Info: 813-301-2500; amaliearena.com.

April 24

Elton John: Yellow Brick Road Farewell Tour

Tampa: Superstar, Elton John takes you on a magical journey through his career and performs some of his most beloved songs from his legendary catalogue. Show-time 8pm at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr, Tampa. Info: 813-301-2500; amaliearena.com.

April 26 - May 1

My Fair Lady

Tampa: From Lincoln Center Theater comes "a sumptuous new production of the most perfect musical of all time." Catch it at the Straz Center, 1010 NWC Macinnes Place, Tampa. Tickets and info: 813-229-7827; strazcenter.org.

April 29 - May 15

The Revolutionists

Gainesville: Four beautiful, badass women lose their heads in this irreverent, girl-powered comedy set during the French Revolution's Reign of Terror. It's a sassy, hold-on-to-your-seats theatrical adventure about violence and legacy, art and activism, feminism and terrorism, and how we actually go about changing the world. Previews April 27 - 28. Takes place at the Hippodrome Theater, 25 SE 2nd Place, Gainesville. Info: 352-375-4477; thehipp.org.

April 30 - May 1

Caribbean Carnival

Tampa: Chill to island music, revel in authentic Caribbean food and get down with an array of family activities, kids' games and a colorful tropical parade. Takes place from Noon - 10 pm at Perry Harvey Sr Park, 1000 E. Harrison St. Info: 813-445-9010; tampabaycaribbeanfestival.com.



May 4 - 8

The Band's Visit

Tampa: This joyous smash-hit Broadway musical is set in a town that's way off the beaten path. When a band of lost musicians arrive, the town comes to life in unexpected and tantalizing ways. Catch it at the Straz Center, 1010 NWC Macinnes Place, Tampa. Tickets and info: 813-229-7827; strazcenter.org.

May 6 - 7

Riverfest

Tampa: This free annual event spans the entire length of the Riverwalk and features lots of activities and events showcasing Tampa's cultural institutions, local musicians and restaurants. The festival includes Taste of Riverwalk on Friday night and TacoFest on Saturday. There is also a full concert series of local bands on the main stage. Takes place on Friday from 4 - 10pm and on Sat from 10am - 10pm on the waterfront at Curtis Hixon Park, 702 N Ashley Dr, Tampa. Info: 813-221-1539; thetampariverwalk.com.

May 6 - 8

Sarasota Cinco de Mayo Festival

Sarasota: Celebrate all things Mexican with a diverse menu of traditional dishes, tasty libations and live music by local and regional performers. Free admission. Takes place on Fri from 4 - 10pm; Sat from 11am - 10pm and on Sun from 11am - 6pm at Roberts Arena, 3000 Ringling Blvd, Sarasota. Info: 941-487-8061; seafoodfestivals.com.

May 7

Save A Slice of Food Fest

Tampa: What originally began as a Pie Festival for Pizza related restaurants, has morphed into an all day festival that includes Pie Eating Contests, art, live music, vendors and more. Takes place from 2 - 9pm at 10509 N Nebraska Ave, Tampa. Info: 813-817-1361; speakupentertainment.org.

May 8 - 9

Mayfest

Tampa: Browse everything from farmhouse collectibles to flea market treasures, including rustic décor, vintage finds, local handmade creations, boutique apparel, and jewelry. Takes place on Sat from 10am - 7pm; and on Sun from 10am - 4pm at Tampa Riverwalk, 200 N Ashley Dr. Info: 813-451-7936; yourtampamarkets.com.

May 17 - 22

Pretty Woman: The Musical

Tampa: After an incredible run on Broadway, one of Hollywood's most beloved stories of all time is now on tour. Catch it at the Straz Center,

and the festival is now recognized as one of the top Small Town Art Fairs in the country. Takes place on Sat from 10am - 5pm and on Sun from 10am - 4pm. Info: 352-543-5400; CedarKeyArtsFestival.com.

April 9 - 10

Sarasota Spring Craft Show

Sarasota: Artisans and crafters from across Florida and throughout America set a landscape of artistic creations in a variety of mediums. Free admission. Takes place from 10am - 5pm at JD Hamel Park, 199 Bayfront Dr, Sarasota. Info: 941-487-8061; paragonevents.com.

April 12

Chris Tomlin & United

Tampa: Multi-platinum selling and multi-award-winning artists Chris Tomlin and UNITED both headline what is expected to be the biggest Christian music concert of the year. Showtime: 7pm at Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr, Tampa. Info: 813-301-2500; amaliearena.com.

April 12

Bon Jovi 2022 Tour

Tampa: The consummate rock and roll band remains one of the most prolific and sought-after tour tickets in live music today. Showtime: 8pm at Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr, Tampa. Info: 813-301-2500; amaliearena.com.

April 16 - 17

Mainsail Art Festival

St Pete: Ranked as one of the top 25 art festivals in the country, this annual event showcases more than 250 waterfront artist "studios," accompanied by live music, kids' arts

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May 20 - 22

St Armand's Seafood & Music Festival

Sarasota: Feast on the "Catch of the Day," enjoy great live music, and shop local and regional artisans. Takes place on Fri from 4 - 10pm; on Sat from 11am - 10pm and on Sun from 11am - 6pm at 431 St Armands Circle. Info: 941-487-8061; seafoodfestivals.com.

May 20 - 22

Sarasota Shrimp & Music Festival

Sarasota: A fun weekend full of great food, an arts and crafts marketplace and some of the region's top musical talents. Free admission. Takes place on Fri from 4-10pm; Sat from 11am - 10pm and on Sun from 11am - 6pm at JD Hamel Park, 199 Bayfront Dr, Sarasota. Info: 941-487-8061; seafoodfestivals.com.

May 28 - 29

St Armand's Fine Art Festival

Sarasota: Shop an outdoor gallery of original, handmade works and meet exhibiting artists. Live music, onsite pet adoptions, great food and more! Takes place from 10am-5pm at St. Armand's Circle Park, Sarasota. Info: 941-487-8061; paragonartevents.com.

May 28 - 29

Sunset Music Festival

Tampa: This electronica concert series attracts some of the biggest names in the EDM world alongside a wide variety of performers, art installations and your favorite vendors. Takes place from 2pm - Midnight at Raymond James Stadium, 4201 N Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa. Info: 813-350-6500; smftampa.com.

June TBD

St Pete Pride Weekend

St Pete: This three-day epic celebration kicks off with a lively Friday night concert followed by a rockin' Street Party on Saturday starting at 2pm and a colorful pa-rade along Bayshore Dr at 7:15pm. The weekend culminates with a huge Street Festival on Sunday which showcases live entertainment, community booths, art and fantastic food. Takes place from 11am - 5pm and spans an entire city block in the Grand Central District. Info: 727-342-0084; stpetepride.com.

June 18

Juneteenth Cultural Festival & Celebration

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

June TBD

Taste Of Gainesville

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

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March 4 - 13

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April 15 - 24

Annual Conch Republic Independence Celebration

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May 1

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Ok, I'm not going to lie to you. Ever since I saw the movie classic JAWS, I've been a bit reticent about going out on any kind of boat. So imagine my trepidation when my friends invited me along for a cruise around Tampa's waterways.

I wasn't sure just what kind of boat we would be "yachting" on until we headed downtown to the Convention Center docks to find an entire fleet of rental "eBOATS."

Ok, maybe an eBOAT is not as big as a yacht, but with a length of 21 feet, these luxury all-electric canopy boats can hold up to 10 people so there was plenty of room for our group. Fortunately, eBOATS are super easy to operate and don't require a Boaters License, so after a few brief instructions, we just hopped onboard with our cooler and headed out for our great adventure.

And guess what? It was an absolute blast!



Turned out that renting one of these charming boats was a great way to explore Tampa's harbor. I was amazed at how different things looked from the water. It gave me a whole different perspective of a place that I thought I knew so well. We got to see some of the largest and most beautiful houses in town before heading up-river to explore the bridges, parks, and landmarks that line its banks. Along the way, we stopped at a fun waterfront restaurant for a quick bite. But the highlight of our afternoon adventure was cruising through the harbor with a pod of dolphins frolicking in our wake.

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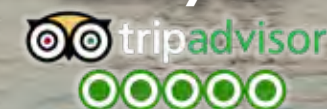
So grab your Topsiders and head down to the docks. eBOATS Tampa is open daily from 10am - 10pm. Find them right in front of the Tampa Convention Center, 333 S Franklin St. Info: 813-767-2245; eboatstampa.com.



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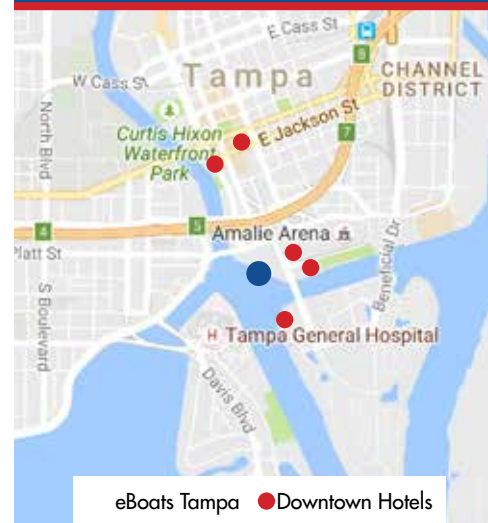
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Tampa At A Glance

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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You'll find only the best cigars and libations at this smoking hot cigar emporium. Boasting over 5,000 square feet of humidified space, private lockers, multiple lounges both indoor and out, and an elegant full service bar, Davidoff of Geneva is also renowned for the most extensive collection of whiskies and small batch bourbons in Tampa.



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You can find Davidoff Of Geneva right in the center of Tampa at the Metwest International Shopping Center, 4142 W Boy Scout Blvd in Tampa. Info: 813-513-7560; davidofftampa.com

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

Ave and Rome Ave. This is the reason for the wideness of the two streets, while most in the neighborhood are much narrower. The area where Old Hyde Park Village is today was originally called Cork Ave. Dakota Ave., Cork Ave., and Inman Ave. all intersected near where the British pay phone sits today.



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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

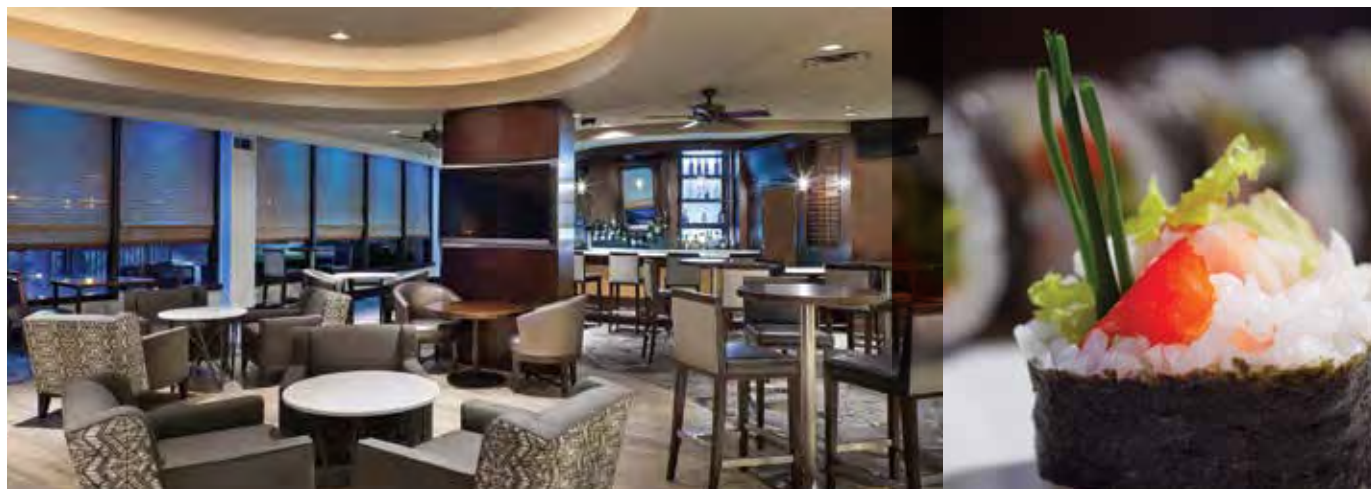
permanent collection of his glass art, and an acclaimed Museum of Fine Arts. Add to that a rich performing arts scene, including the home of the Florida Orchestra, and the cultural lover will be captivated by what's on exhibit or on stage.

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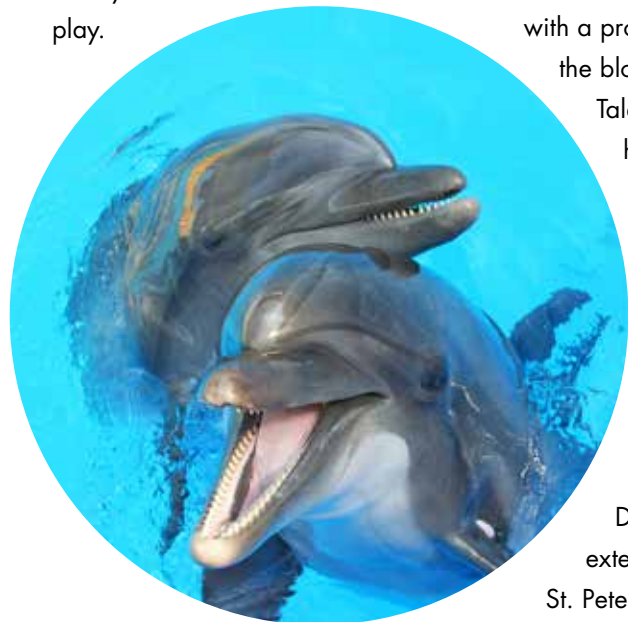
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From its renowned white sand beaches, amazing marine life and glorious weather, to fabulous dining, shopping, cultural attractions and festivals, Clearwater has it all. Lots of sports and recreational activities also make it a perfect place to stay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

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

Our favorites: the 16 oz Rib Eye - well marbled and really flavorful; the Prime Rib - juicy and slow roasted for 12 hours; and the Grilled



Lamb Chops - two double cut rib chops with mint demi-glaze.



The seafood dishes here are also terrific and include lots of intriguing options like Pistachio-Crusted Grouper, Seared Five Spice Tuna and Pan Seared Chilean Sea Bass.

For starters, we recommend the deep fried calamari with

remoulade sauce and the lobster bisque - rich, creamy and topped with delicate pieces of lobster which is by far, one of the best you'll find anywhere.

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

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



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MAPLE GLAZED PORK CHOP



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. Tony has a passion for combining flavors and methods from around the world. Molecular Gastronomy is his specialty and his use of new and exciting methods are creating a big buzz with local foodies. Here's one of his signature recipes for Maple Glazed Pork Chops.



INGREDIENTS *(Yields One Serving)*

- 1 Pork Chop
- 2 Sweet Potatoes
- 4 Baby Carrots
- 6 Red Grapes, sliced in half
- 1 Shallot
- ½ Cup Maple Syrup
- Salt and pepper
- ½ Cup Heavy Cream
- ¼ Lb Butter

PREPARATION

Peel potatoes and boil until soft. Drain and transfer to a mixing bowl. Set aside. Season pork chop with salt and pepper to taste and grill to taste while basting with the maple syrup. Transfer to a plate and allow to rest. Grill the carrots and shallot. Slowly add the cream and melted butter to the sweet potatoes while mixing with a masher. Add salt and pepper to taste. Place mashed potato on plate followed by the grilled pork chop, grilled carrots and shallot. Top with sliced grapes top and drizzle with maple syrup.

Serious foodies can imbibe in Chef Tony's Maple-Glazed Pork Chops, as well as many other tasty dishes, at the Club Bar & Bistro in the Karol Hotel, located just down the road from Bascom's Chop House, at 2675 Ulmerton Road. Info: 833-928-1437; theKarolHotel.com.

Gainesville

Where Nature and Culture Meet



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

Alligators, bison and wild horses freely roam the 22,000 acres of Paynes Prairie State Park, a National Landmark which has lots of walking trails and



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

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

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

For foodies, Gainesville’s vibrant downtown delivers a plethora of

excellent local restaurants that range from sushi to steak to everything in between. After dark, lively nightclubs and a professional theater keep things even more interesting.



Haile Village Center

Small Town Charm In Gainesville

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

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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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Whether your taste in art leans

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

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

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

Revered as one of



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

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



Cedar Key

A taste of "Old Florida"

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

Rich in small town flavor, this quaint, old-fashioned vacation town, with its lovely beaches, great fishing and lush natural preserves, is a haven for artists and writers who find inspiration from the unspoiled environment.

Located about 60 miles southwest of Gainesville and

three miles out into the Gulf of Mexico, it's an island whose out of the way location helps keep it authentic and where time seems to stand still.

This is a place where houses and stores stand like herons perched on stilts above the Gulf and where the police greet you from spiffed up golf carts. As one of the nation's top sources of farm-raised clams, it's easy to find tasty clam chowder here along with some of the best "Cracker Cuisine" in Florida.




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first steps

Spring Rolls

philly cheesesteak or southwest chicken

Crispy Brussels Sprouts

with balsamic vinaigrette dip

Chicken Nachos

with salsa, guac, sour cream

specialty burgers

New Yorker

grilled visalia onion, mushrooms, swiss, lettuce, tomato

Colorado

topped with onion rings, smoked gouda, bbq sauce, lettuce, tomato

Buffalo

basted with hot sauce, topped with bleu cheese crumbles, coleslaw

back home favorites

BBQ Combo Platter

ribs, pulled pork, chicken breast, coleslaw, fries

Baked Shrimp Savannah

gulf shrimp baked with garlic butter, cheeses, breadcrumbs

Grilled Meatloaf

with fresh tomato sauce

dinners

Traditional Pot Roast

potatoes, onions, carrots, celery, gravy

Blackened Mahi

topped with tropical salsa

Charlestown Street Chicken

grilled breast, white mushrooms, onion, pasta, sherry cream sauce



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Poke Bowl

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

Lobster Tempura Roll

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

Crazy Salmon Roll

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

appetizers

Coconut Shrimp

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

Sweet Chili Calamari

with sweet chili aioli & topped with crumbled peanuts

Tomato & Burrata

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

dinner

Tenderloin Steak Sandwich

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

14 oz Ribeye

heavily marbled with full rich flavor

12 oz Bone In Pork Chop

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

Macadamia Crusted Swordfish

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



SAMPLE MENUS



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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



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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

supper

Hand-Cut Ribeye

100% Angus Beef grilled to taste topped with sautéed mushrooms

Filet & Scampi

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

Baked Krispy Chicken

served with homemade mac and cheese, cornbread and fresh sides

Pecan Atlantic Salmon

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

Signature Fried Shrimp

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

Barbecue Shrimp & Grits

grilled shrimp in a sweet and tangy BBQ sauce over creamy cheddar cheese grits



Bring a Big Appetite!

Tampa Bay Seafood & Music Festival

Tampa: Do you love seafood and great music?

If your answer is a resounding "Yes!" then mark your calendar for the Tampa Bay Seafood & Music Fest coming to Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park on Friday, April 22 though Sunday, April 24.

For three succulent days, the downtown Tampa riverfront will smell like a hot summer day in New England with a delectable fusion of fresh seafood cooked right on site, backdropped with terrific live music, eye-popping visual entertainment and a lively festival marketplace.

This is your chance to chow down on local mahi-mahi, stone crabs, shrimp and grouper, as well as all kinds of other sustainable fish from around Tampa Bay area. Landlubbers and vegans, have no fear: there will be plenty options of you, too, along with lots of cocktails, beer, wine and non-alcohol libations.

Topping this foodie fest will be



back-to-back live performances by some of Florida's top musical talents including *the Sarasota Steel Pan Band* (Caribbean), *CeCe Teneal & Soul Commotion* (blues, rock, soul), *Black Honkeys* (rock, soul), *the Caribbean Chillers* (Jimmy Buffet Tribute

Band), *Billy Rice Band* (country rock), *Unlimited Devotion* (Grateful Dead inspired), *the U.S. Stones* (Rolling Stones Tribute Band) and lots of other regional favorites.

If all the great food and jammin' musical performances weren't enough, you can also shop a fun marketplace of fine art, crafts, gourmet food items and specialty products.

Imagine all of this for just five

bucks in advance or \$7 at the door (children under 12 admitted free).

FYI: If you're looking for a real over-the-top experience, go for the VIP ticket which is available online for \$130 and includes a raw bar and an open bar with premium drinks.

It also includes admission to the private tent with optimum views of the concerts.

The Tampa Bay Seafood & Music

Festival takes place on Friday from 4 - 10pm; on Saturday from 11am - 10pm; and on Sunday from 11am - 6pm at Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park, 600 N Ashley Dr, Tampa.

For a complete performance schedule, advance tickets and other info, hit up paragonartevents.com.

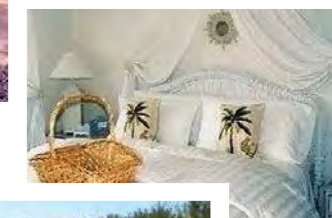



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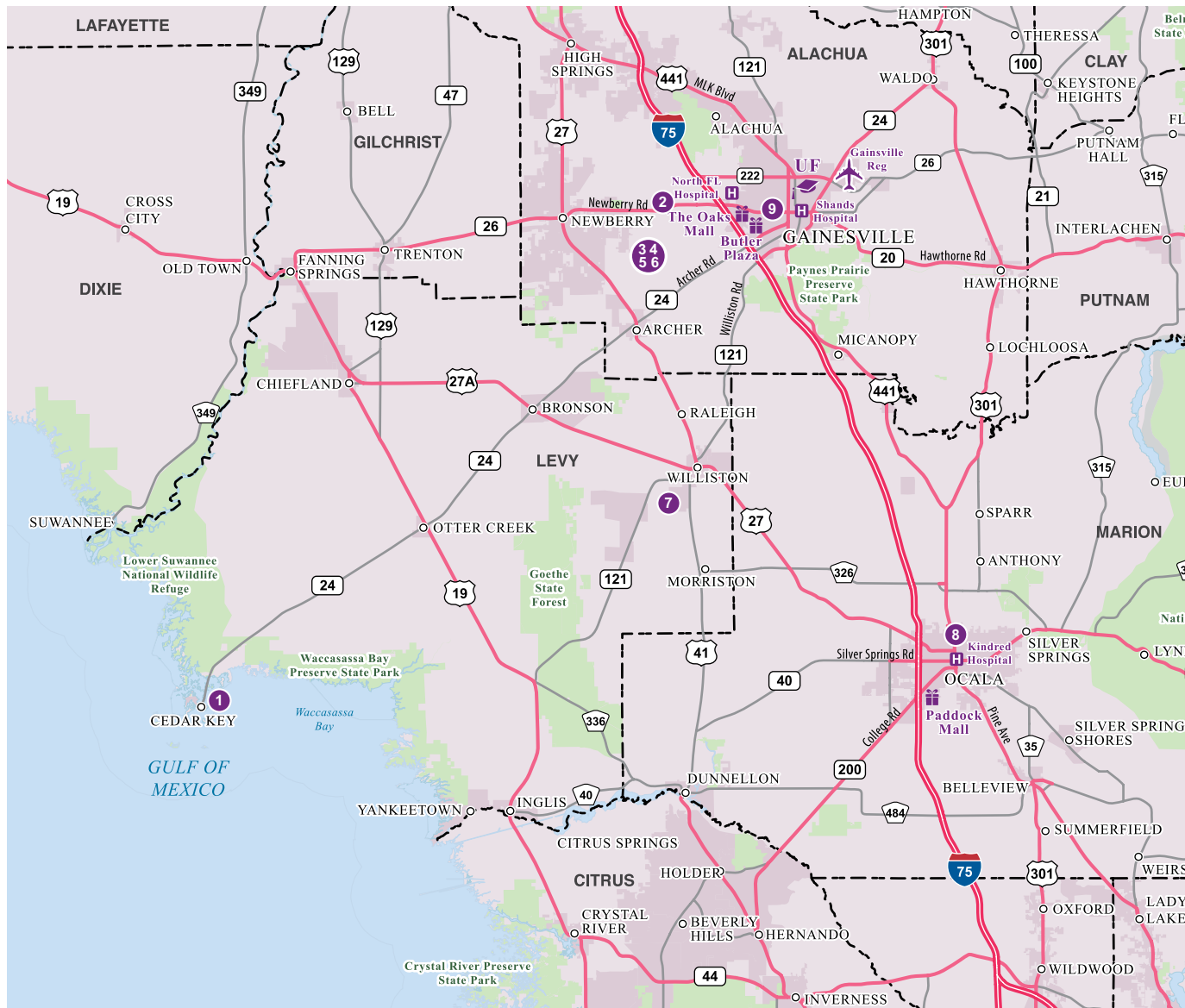


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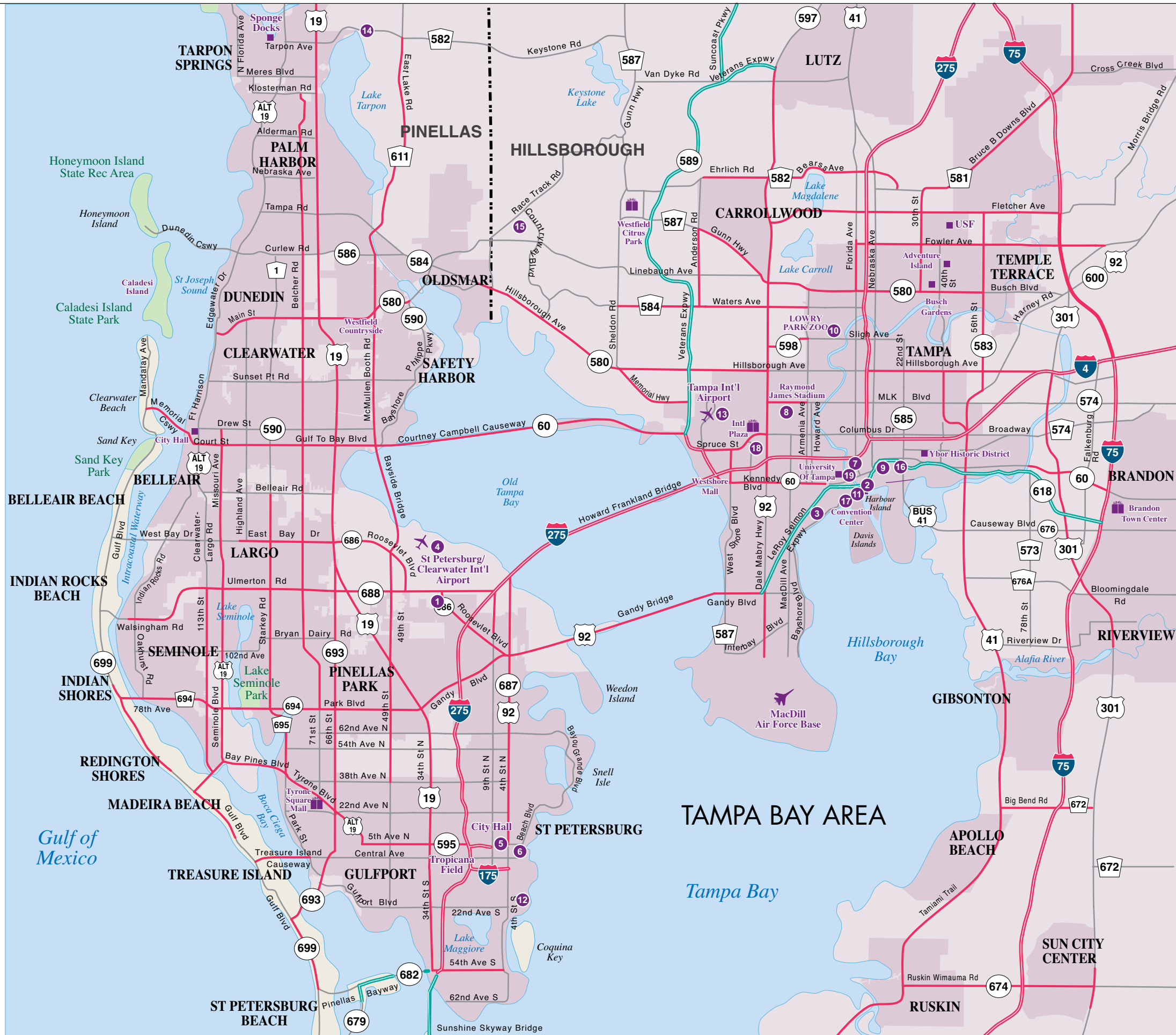


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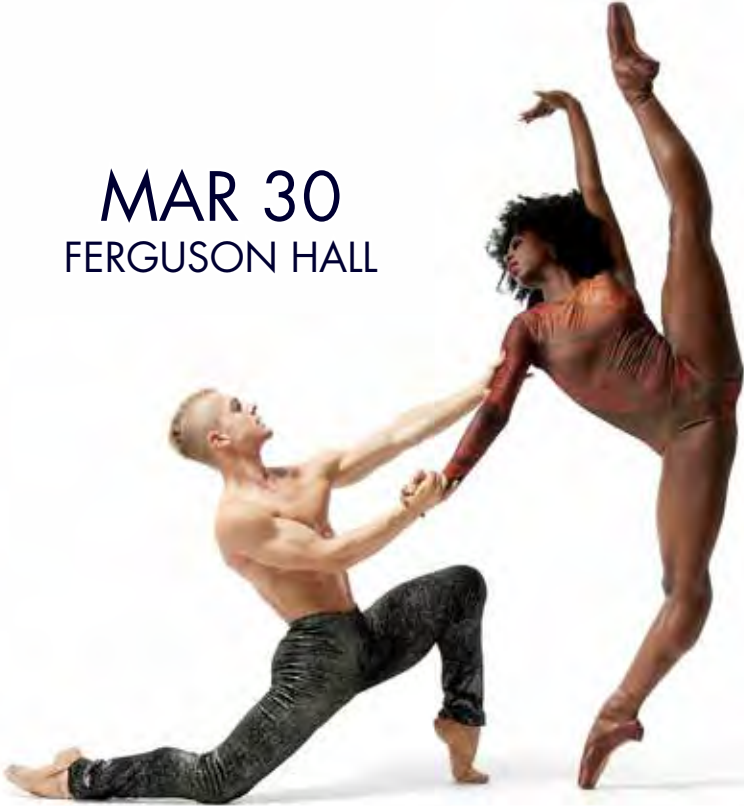
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