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ABOUT THE COVER

With more than 1,300 resident animals, Zoo Tampa is famous for having one of the most beautiful, tropical zoological settings in the world. There are lots of fun rides here, too, like the Tasmanian Tiger Coaster and Overland Express. Between the animals, the rides, and the splash area, you can spend more than a full day here. Read more about it on page 15 and be sure to visit it at 1101 W Sligh Ave, Tampa, FL 33604. Info: 813-935-8552; zootampa.org.



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BEST RESORT FOR AGES 2 -12 Legoland

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

BEST SOUTHERN COOKING Ivy On The Square

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

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

BEST HANDS-ON MUSEUM Museum Of Science & Technology (MOSI)

You are going to be totally wowed by the fascinating ever-evolving MOSI which includes a ton of hands-on exhibits and activities for all ages. Kids, in particular, will revel in the brand new interactive state-of-the-art technology exhibit where they can actually touch the future. Other highlights: a Roller Coaster Simulator, 3-D Printing Exhibit, ropes course and zip line, Hurricane Simulator, an amazing IMAX movie dome theater, Butterfly Garden and lots more. Be sure to check out the "Kids In Charge" building which is the largest children's science center in the country. Find it at 4801 E Fowler Ave., Tampa. Info: 813-987-6000; mosi.org.

BEST CLASSIC BURGER Shula's Steak House

If you love Don Shula's famous steaks, you'll really flip over his fresh, juicy char grilled burgers. The legendary NFL Coach raises the bar with a big beefy patty that is always made fresh from his own signature blend of Premium Black Angus Chuck, Short Rib and brisket, perfectly seasoned and served with lettuce, tomatoe, pickle and your choice of cheese on a brioche style bun. Once you've tackled one of these bad boys, you'll never suffer another "Mac-Attack" again. 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 Corona Cigar Tampa

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; coronacigar.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; sunsetsatpier60.com.

WEEKLY Every Monday

Grove Street Farmer's Market

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

WEEKLY Every Tuesday

Gulfport Fresh Market

Gulfport: Shop more than 70 open-air vendors offering locally-grown and organic fruits and veggies, plants, fine arts & crafts, baked goods and more. Free clothing swap 2nd Tues. monthly. Takes place from 9am - 2pm at 3101 Beach Blvd. Info: visitgulfportflorida.com

WEEKLY

Every Friday & Saturday Archer's Farmer's Market

Gulfport: Bring home seasonal freshness with locally-grown vegetables, eggs, meats, cheeses and prepared foods, unique handmade gifts and much more in the picturesque setting of the Archer Railway Museum. Free. Takes place from 3-7pm at 16994 SW 134th Ave. Info: archerhistoricalsociety.org

WEEKLY

Every Friday & Saturday (August 12 - September 5) Bier Fest

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

WEEKLY

Every Saturday Williams Park Summer Market

St Pete: Your favorite Saturday market moves to Williams Park for the summer shopping season! Shop under the oak trees for fresh and organic produce, meats and cheeses, flowers, plants, unique gifts, live entertainment and more. Through September 30. Takes place from 9 am-1 pm at 350 2nd Ave N. Info: saturdaymorningmarket.com

WEEKLY

Every Saturday Ybor City Saturday Market

Ybor City: Centered in Tampa's Historic District, this weekly market is one of the most

popular shopping destinations for locally produced items unique to the Tampa Bay Area. Open 9am - 1pm (May - Sept) and 9am - 3pm (Oct - April) at 1901 N 19th St. Info: ybormarket.com.

WEEKLY

Every Saturday & Sunday Pinellas Farmers and Flea Market

Clearwater: Find a wide range of locally-grown fresh and tropical fruit, vegetables, and a variety of other foods as well as household products, antiques, jewelry, tools and garage sale items from the flea market. Takes place from 7am-2pm at 13600 Icot Blvd. Info: <https://tinyurl.com/yxyyfuja>

WEEKLY

Every Saturday Sarasota Farmers Market

Sarasota: Shop more than 80 vendors offering fresh and prepared meats, cheeses, organic veggies, flowers, coffee, cigars and unique handcrafted items in this fun downtown marketplace. Live music and entertainment, international foods and more! Free. Takes place from 7am -1pm at 1 N Lemon Ave. Info: sarasotafarmersmarket.org.

WEEKLY

Every Saturday Downtown Market

Ocala: Bring the family and pets to shop a variety of vendors and local farmers featuring produce, goat and dairy products, meats, honey, seafood, soaps and so much more. Takes place from 9am - 2pm on SE 3rd St and SE 3rd Ave. Info: ocaladowntownmarket.com.

WEEKLY

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.

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MONTHLY First Thursday Rock the Park

Tampa: Celebrate thirteen years of the free live monthly entertainment series showcasing music from all genres. Showtime: 6:30pm at Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park, 600 N Ashley Dr. Info: facebook.com/RockThePark.

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 Friday Fresh Fridays

Sarasota: Discover a hip way to kick off the weekend and celebrate a different section of downtown Sarasota with diverse music, food, and culture. Each month features a new theme, live entertainment and a way to celebrate the weekend! Takes place from 8 - 11pm at various locations. Info: did-sarasota.com.

MONTHLY First Friday Music On Main

Sarasota: Enjoy a free concert series and block party featuring live music, food vendors, beer trucks, sponsor booths, and kids' games and activities. Proceeds from each event benefit different local non-profit organizations. Takes place from 6-9pm at 8100 Lakewood Main St. Info: lakewoodranch.com.

MONTHLY Last Friday Artwalk Gainesville

Gainesville: Take a free, self-guided tour of exciting visual art, live music, performances and cultural events at a collection of art galleries, studios, breweries and other performance venues. Takes place from 7-10 pm at various locations. Info: artwalkgainesville.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. You can also shop a variety of local artists who showcase their creative works and eco-friendly products. Takes place from 10am - 2pm in the heart of the shopping center at 28211 Paseo Dr, Wesley Chapel. Info: 813-994-2242; tampamarkets.com.

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 Sun from 9 am - 5pm at 2906 34th St. S. Info: vintagemarche727.com.

MONTHLY First Sunday Hyde Park Essentials Market

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

MONTHLY Every Other Sunday Artisan Sunday Market

St. Pete: Take a Sunday stroll through this unique arts marketplace featuring works by local artists and glass artisans, live artist demonstrations and more. Free. Takes place from noon-6pm at 1901 Central Ave. Info: imaginemuseum.com.

MONTHLY Second Sunday Second Sundays at SAM

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

June 15 - 25 Tampa Bay Restaurant Week

Tampa Bay: Revisit your favorite restaurants or find a new dining experience during the most delicious time of year! Choose from multiple-course price fixe lunch and dinner offerings from fine dining to casual all over Tampa Bay. Exclusive drink specials, too. Takes place at various locations. Info: tampabayrestaurantweek.com.

June 17 Juneteenth R.O.C. The Block Festival

Tampa: Enjoy a block party atmosphere with music from top DJs, amazing food trucks, shopping, a food drive and toy drive, Job Fair, free health clinic, and lots more for the entire community! Takes place from 3 - 9pm at 4201 N Dale Mabry Hwy. Info: 609-359-0529; roctheblock.com.



The Florida Orchestra celebrates America and beyond

Get the full Florida experience with an uplifting concert by the state's largest professional orchestra. The Florida Orchestra has announced its new 2023-24 season celebrating America's great music and beyond, and now is the time to include a world-class concert in your plans.

Inspired by the 100th anniversary of Gershwin's groundbreaking *Rhapsody in Blue*, Music Director Michael Francis is featuring a wide range of American composers from Aaron Copland to Wynton Marsalis alongside global masterpieces from Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Mozart, Dvorak and more. In September, he launches the premier Hough Family Foundation Masterworks series with a bang: *Holst's The Planets* paired with the thrilling *Percussion Collective*.

Big moments in the Masterworks series include Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* (Feb. 17 & 18, 2024), Copland's *Appalachian Spring* (Oct. 21 & 22), Dvorak's *New World Symphony* (April 12-14, 2024), based on American spirituals while Dvorak lived in the United States; Beethoven's heroic *Eroica Symphony* (April 5-7, 2024); Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 6* (Jan. 19 & 20, 2024) and Elgar's *Enigma Variations* (May 17-19, 2024). The series wraps up with Mahler's epic *Symphony No. 2, "Resurrection"* (May 25 & 26, 2024), which features the Master Choral of Tampa Bay.

For the first time, all 13 Masterworks concerts will include a surprise, unlisted "mystery piece" personally chosen by Maestro Francis. "We've put a lot of thought into each short piece, which will enhance the concert in an unexpected and memorable way and reveal something new. They will make you smile," Francis said.

In the Raymond James Pops series, the circus meets the symphony in *Cirque Dances with Troupe Vertigo* (Oct. 7 & 8), in addition to *Twist & Shout* (March 1, 2024), a tribute to 60 years of The Beatles in America; a supersonic *Sci-Fi Spectacular* (Jan. 13 & 14, 2024) of stellar hits from TV and movies, such as *Avatar*, *The Mandalorian*, *Star Wars* and more; and the very merry tradition of *Holiday Pops* (Dec. 15-17).

Single tickets to all concerts go on sale to the general public July 31 at FloridaOrchestra.org.

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What's Up



June 23 Pride Friday Night Concert

St Pete: Kick off this colorful weekend with iconic Broadway and Disney legend Idina Menzel (Elsa from "Frozen"), best known for her Oscar-winning theme "Let It Go," alongside some of the region's top LGBTQ+ artists during one of the area's biggest displays of diversity. Takes place at 6pm at 200 1st Ave N. Info: 727-342-0084; stpetepride.org

June 24 Pride Parade, TransMarch & Festival

St Pete: Celebrate 21 years of diversity with the largest Pride festival to date! Enjoy colorful floats, beads, live bands, DJs, vendors, food and beverage stations, pop-up nightclubs and more in a safe, accessible place. Festival: 2 pm; Parade: 4 pm; After Party: 7 - 10 pm. Takes place in North Straub & Vinoy Parks, 400 & 701 Bayshore Dr NE. Info: 727-342-0084; stpetepride.org

June 25 Grand Central Street Fair

St Pete: Join your neighbors of all ages and celebrate the 'Pride in Grand Central,' featuring block after block of live music and entertainment, interactive carnival games, vendors, community partners, food and more! Takes place from Noon-5pm in the Grand Central District, 2000-2800 Central Ave. Info: 727-342-0084; stpetepride.org.

June 28 Cheap Trick

Clearwater: Rock the grand opening of Coachman Park with a FREE concert from this legendary rock band! Sit back and soak up the memories with Clearwater native

Robin Zander, Rick Nielsen and the band performing their classic tunes, including "I Want You to Want Me," "California Man," "Dream Police," "Surrender" and more. Free 4-ticket limit. Showtime: 7pm at 255 Drew St. Info: thesoundfla.com.

June 30 Alicia - Keys to the Summer Tour

Tampa: Alicia's new summer tour brings the GRAMMY Award-winning global superstar back to North America for an all new, completely reimagined and redesigned concert experience and set list. The tour features Keys, for the first time ever, in a 360-degree, "in the round" production setup which enables you to experience her live performance in an entirely new and exhilarating way. Showtime: 8pm at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Tickets and info: 813-301-2500; amaliearena.com.

July 1 Seahorse Key Lighthouse Open House

Cedar Key: Discover the peaceful beauty, history and natural environment of Seahorse Key and the pre-Civil War lighthouse which is open to the public only four times a year. Access the island by tour boat, shuttle or private craft. Takes place from 9am - 3pm on Seahorse Key Island. Info: cedarkey.org.

July 4 Tampa Red White & OSO Blue: Salute to Our Troops

Tampa: Celebrate our nation's 247th birthday with a stunning showcase of your all-time favorite music that resounds with the colors of red, white, and blue. Immerse yourself in patriotic marches and film music, and pay a heartfelt tribute to our brave troops. Festivities kick off at 3pm at 500 NE 9th St. Info: reillyartscenter.com.

July 4 July 4th Boat Parade & Boom By the Bay

Tampa: Ring in the holiday with a patriotic boat parade and blessing of the fleet followed by live entertainment, a water ski show, vendors, food and an explosive, choreographed fireworks show at dusk. Takes place from 6-9:30pm at Sparkman Wharf and various downtown locations. Info: thetampariverwalk.com

July 4 St. Pete Pier's The Fourth Celebration

St Pete: Celebrate independence with live music, kids' games and activities, face painting, food trucks and a free festive fireworks celebration on the waterfront. Takes place from 5-10 pm at 600 2nd Ave. NE. Fireworks at 9 pm, weather permitting. Info: stpetepier.org.

July 4 Clearwater Celebrates America

Clearwater: Celebrate the 4th of July with live music, an all-American menu, arts and crafts, kids' games and more followed by Clearwater's largest fireworks show ever featuring live, patriotic music from The Florida Orchestra. Make sure to stick around for a silent disco party that's guaranteed to keep the celebration going all night long! Free TFO concert from 10am-11pm; fireworks at 7pm. Takes place at 300 Cleveland St. Info: thesoundfla.com.

July 4th Sarasota Fireworks

Sarasota: Find the best seat in the house for this annual patriotic Independence Day celebration over beautiful Sarasota Bay. Best viewing locations in downtown Sarasota include Bayfront Park, US 41 & Gulfstream Ave and 655 N Tamiami Trail. Takes place from 9 - 9:30pm at 1 Marina Plaza. Info: sarasotafll.gov.



July 8 Orange Fest

Dunedin: This annual celebration of citrus includes all things orange, live music, a craft brew contest, pin up girl contest, and craft vendors, as well as food and drinks honoring the fruit of the day. Takes place from 11am - 10pm at 420 Main St. Info: dunedgov.com.

July 8 - 9 Sponge Docks Art and Craft Festival

Tarpon Springs: More than 90 artists and crafters from the US set up for a weekend of art with a huge selection of jewelry, ceramics, photography, paintings and more. You can also shop the unique Dock boutiques for specialty home decor before enjoying a taste of the islands from Tarpon's signature Greek restaurants. Takes place on Sa from 10am - 7pm; and on Su from 10am - 5pm at 735 Dodecanese Blvd. Info: artfestival.com.

July 14 - 16 METROCON

Tampa: Discover Florida's largest gathering of anime, cosplay and gaming under one roof! Explore the video game arcade and human anime chess match along with

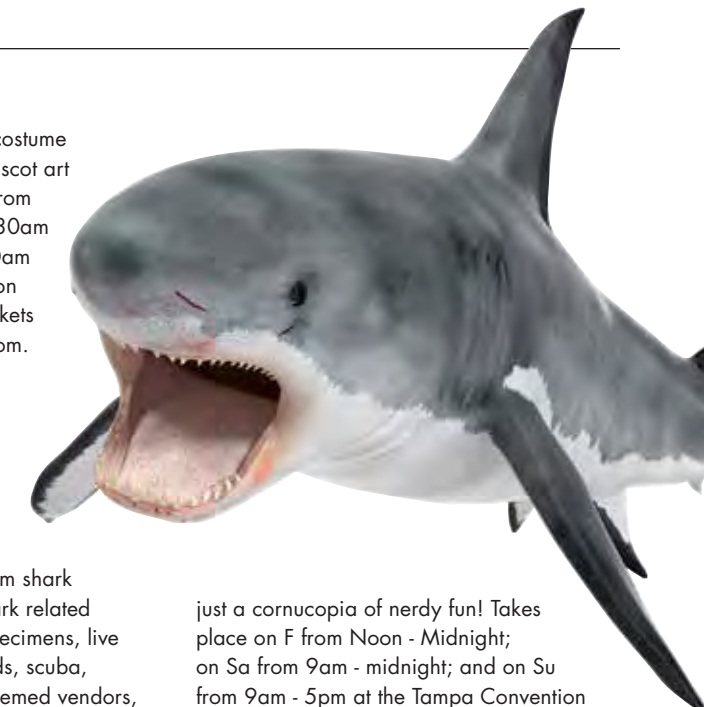
celebrities, panelists, artists, costume contests, lip synch battles, mascot art and more! Takes place on F from Noon - 8pm; on Sa from 10:30am - 7pm; and on Su from 10:30am - 5pm at the Tampa Convention Center, 333 S Franklin St. Tickets and info: metroconventions.com.

July 15 - 16 SHARKCON 2023

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

July 28 - 30 Tampa Comic Convention

Tampa: Let your inner-nerd run wild and free! Comic books, toys, cosplay, art and



just a cornucopia of nerdy fun! Takes place on F from Noon - Midnight; on Sa from 9am - midnight; and on Su from 9am - 5pm at the Tampa Convention Center, 333 S Franklin St, Tampa. Info: tampabaycomicconvention.com.

July 29 Odyssey Music Festival

St Pete: Explore an odyssey of unforgettable sounds from cutting-edge electronic musicians, dance and live visual artists, vendors and more. Featured artists include

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Sidney Charles, Mayan Collective, Mr Carmack, the Keane Brothers and other greats. Takes place from 2 - 10pm at 701 Bayshore Dr. Info: omf20xx.com.

August 4 - 6 Indoor Pickleball Showcase

Gainesville: Get an up-close view of one of the fastest growing sports in America featuring men's and women's singles, doubles and mixed doubles tournament in the comfort of a brand-new indoor facility. Times TBA. Takes place at 4870 Celebration Point. Info: gainesvillesportscommission.com.

August 5 - 6 Tampa Home Show

Tampa: Find builders, contractors, kitchens, baths, garden displays, landscapers, security systems and everything else needed for home building and remodeling. The event also features live animal encounters for kids. Takes place at the Tampa Convention Center, 333 S Franklin St. Info: tampahomeshow.com.

August 11 Sixth Annual Bolt's Brew Fest

Tampa: Hosted by the Tampa Bay Lightning, this annual "BREWhaha" features locally crafted beers, oversized games, ThunderBug and more. VIP Admission includes unlimited beer samplings, early entry from 6pm to 7pm, access to AMALIE Arena's Ashley VIP Lounge featuring exclusive VIP-only beer and food, and more. Doors open at 8pm for general admission at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Tickets and info: amaliearena.com.

August 26 Lionel Richie & Earth Wind & Fire

Tampa: "Sing a Song All Night Long" brings Four-time Grammy award winner, Lionel Richie, and the best-selling music artists of all time, Earth, Wind & Fire, together on the same stage. It's one blockbuster show you won't want to miss. Showtime: 7:30pm at Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Tickets and info: 813-301-2500; amaliearena.com.

September 2 Sneaker Con

Tampa: The world's premier sneaker showcases some of the most sought-after footwear in the game. Takes place from Noon - 7pm at the Tampa Bay Convention Center, 333 S Franklin St. Info: 813-274-8511; Sneaker Con.com

September 2 23rd Annual GeckoFest

Gulfport: Join in the largest end-of-summer family-friendly celebration honoring Gulfport's unofficial mascot with costume contests, live music, dancing, games, food trucks, beer and wine and more! Free admission & parking. 10am - 10pm. Takes place at 3101 Beach Blvd. S. Info: visitgulfportflorida.com.

September 7 Madonna

Tampa: Madonna's Celebration Tour is a global trek honoring her four decades of culture-changing hits. The 40-song set list promises an unforgettable night of marathon music. Showtime: 8:30pm at Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Tickets and info: 813-301-2500; amaliearena.com.

September 8 - October 1 POTUS: or, Behind Every Great Dumbass Are Seven Women Trying to Keep Him Alive

Gainesville: This powerful production showcases the strength, perseverance, and empowerment of seven brilliant, foul-mouthed women trying to save the world. On stage at the Hippodrome Theater, 25 SE 2nd Place, Gainesville. Info and tickets: 352-375-4477; thehipp.org.

September 15 - 17 '90s Con

Tampa: Enjoy a star-studded trip to the nostalgic '90s, featuring your favorite celebrities, musicians and iconic TV and movie memorabilia, attend show panels, meet your favorite stars and more. Takes place on F from 4-8pm; on Sa from 10am - 6pm; and on Su from 10am - 5pm. at 333 S. Franklin St. Info: thats4entertainment.com.

September 22 - 24 Clearwater Offshore Nationals

Clearwater: Feel the roar as the biggest and fastest in offshore powerboats slice through Gulf waters before coming ashore for a powerboat parade, driver autographs, block parties, live entertainment, reworks, food and more. Takes place on F from 5:30-9pm; Sa from 11am - 9pm and on Su from 11am - 9pm at 160 Gulfview Blvd. Info: clearwaterinternationals.com.

September 29 Piertoberfest

St Pete: Pull on your lederhosen or don your favorite dirndl for a day of authentic German beer, frankfurters, brats, potato salad, pretzels and more from local food trucks. Enjoy live music or test your might in the stein hoisting competition and other outrageous Bavarian games. Takes place from Noon - 8pm at 615 2nd Ave NE. Info: piertoberfest.com.



Trip Around the World!

Zoo Tampa is a Wild Ride

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

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

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

Just next door is the Asia section where you can go nose-to-horn with an Indian Rhino and

hang out with a hulking Komodo dragon, laid back sloth bear and clouded leopard.

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

Walk over to the Africa

area and you'll feel like you were teleported to a village in the Savannah where giraffes, zebras, elephants, rhinos, and other native species meander about.

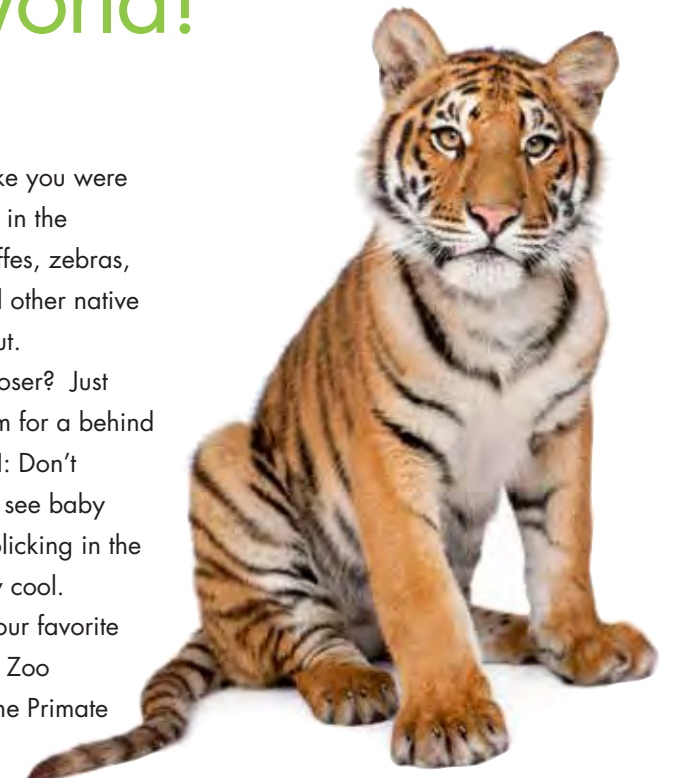
Want to get even closer? Just hop on the Safari Tram for a behind the scenes ride. FYI: Don't

be surprised to see baby elephants frolicking in the mud to stay cool.

One of our favorite sections at Zoo Tampa is the Primate area where

orangutans, chimpanzees and siamangs compete for attention in all kinds of funny ways.

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



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

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



What's Up



September 30 Ocala: Legends of the Fort

Ocala: Step back in time with pioneer games and food before embarking on a guided lantern tour to meet the legends of Fort King's past. Arrive 30 minutes before your tour time. Takes place from 6 - 10 at 3925 E Fort King St. Info: 352-368-3355.

October 3 - November 26 The Choir of Man

Tampa: It's a party. It's a concert. It's the best pub lock-in you've ever been to. Featuring pop, classic rock, folk, Broadway and pub tunes, this riotously enjoyable show pays homage to that gathering place we all love so much: your local pub. With a real working bar on stage, come ready to drink in the action. Takes place at the Straz Center, 1010 N. MacInnes Pl. Tickets and Info: 813-229-7827; strazcenter.org.

October 7 40th Anniversary Benefit Concert featuring Chicago

Clearwater: Celebrate the 1983 opening of the OG Clearwater Hooters with a night of hits from the legendary band as a special thank you to customers and the City of Clearwater for 40 years of support. Proceeds benefit the Moffitt Cancer Center and Morton



Plant Mease Hospital. Showtime: 7pm at 255 Drew St. Info: thesoundoffla.com.

October 7 - 8 33rd Annual Hyde Park Village Art Fair

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

October 7 - 8 Fall Festival & Pumpkin Patch

St Pete: Celebrate the beginning of fall with live, family friendly entertainment, kids' games and rides, photo booths, food vendors and the area's only waterfront pumpkin patch (Oct 7-15 at various times). Takes place from 11am - 7pm at 615 2nd Ave NE. Info: stpetefallfest.com.

October 8 ViVa Tampa Bay Hispanic Heritage Festival

Tampa: Held during Hispanic Heritage Month, this annual festival features live music from an assortment of Hispanic artists, authentic Latin cuisine, energetic dance performances and more. Takes place at Harvey Perry Sr Park, 900 E Scott St. Info: 813-274-8211; vivatampabayfestival.com.

October 11 Aerosmith & The Black Crowes

Tampa: : Legendary rock band, Aerosmith goes on the road with a "Peace Out" Farewell Tour that celebrates the band's 50

years of shaking things up. Joining them are The Black Crowes who have sold more than 30 million albums and are among the "100 Greatest Artists of Hard Rock." Showtime: 7pm at Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Tickets and info: 813-301-2500; amaliearena.com.

October 13 - 15 Oktoberfest Tampa

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

October 9 - 22 44th Clearwater Jazz Holiday

Clearwater: Experience the Bay area's largest outdoor jazz fest party featuring live performances by local and national artists, merchandise, food and more! Various times. Takes place at Coachman Park, 301 Drew St. Info: 727-461-5200; clearwaterjazz.com.

October 13 - 15 Oktoberfest

Tampa: Dust off your steins and pull on the lederhosen for a day of stein hoisting, keg stacking, Carry the Wench, corn hole and more. In between you can tap into cold beer, feast on authentic Bavarian food, and get down with some great live music. Takes place on F from 4-11 pm; on Sa from 11am-11pm; and on Su 11am-6pm. Takes place at 600 N Ashley Dr. Info: oktoberfesttampa.com.

October 13 - 15 Upper Tampa Bay Oktoberfest

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

October 13 - 15 Rocktoberfest

Sarasota: Rock into fall with authentic German food — smoked sausages, sauerkraut and hot pretzels along with plenty

of pints of beer, German music, dancing and a festival marketplace. Takes place on F from 4 - 9pm; on Sa from 11am - 8pm; and on Su from 11am - 6pm at JD Hamel Park, 199 Bayfront Dr. Info: paragonartevents.com.

October 13-22 SHINE Mural Festival

St Pete: Explore the city's cultural side with vibrant images created by local, regional, national and international artists while discovering virtual and interactive art, youth and adult mural painting and more. Various times/locations. Info: shineonstpete.com.

October 15 Taste of Latino Festival

Tampa: Bite into the sweet, spicy and savory goodness of empanadas, empanadillos, pastelillos and burekas, enjoy live salsa merengue and a "Build the Biggest Empanada in the World" contest. Takes place from 11am - 5pm at 1800 E 8th Ave. in historic Ybor City. Info: tasteoflatino.com

October 21 Broadway Ball After Dark

Tampa: Celebrate Broadway, good friends and great times at this special benefit for the

Straz Center. This year's Ball celebrates the hit Broadway musical, MOULIN ROUGE! and features live entertainment, a silent auction, elegant bites and a full open bar. Takes place at the Straz Center, 1010 N. MacInnes Pl. Tickets and info: strazcenter.org.

October 21 12th Annual Tampa Pig Jig

Tampa: Feast on delicious food and refresh with ice-cold beer during this fierce BBQ competition on downtown Tampa's waterfront. Headlining the event is Brad Paisley with additional performances by Riley Green, The Head and the Heart, Shovels & Rope and Amanda Shires. The philanthropic event takes place from 1 - 10pm at Julian B Lane Park, 1001 N Blvd, Tampa. Info: tampapigjig.com.

October 21
12th Sarasota Water Lantern Festival
Sarasota: Voted #1 Festival by USA Today, this amazing experience showcases the magic of hundreds of lanterns as they dramatically illuminate the night. Takes place from 4 - 9pm at Nathan Benderson Park, 5851 Nathan Benderson Circle, Sarasota. Info: waterlanternfestival.com.

October 21 - 22
53rd Annual Cedar Key Seafood Festival Arts & Crafts Show
Cedar Key: Indulge in the Gulf's best seafood, watch a fun hometown parade, and troll 2nd Street for great arts and crafts exhibitors. Live music by local musicians, too. Takes place on Sa from 10am - 5pm and on Su from 10am - 5pm at Cedar Key Park, 188 2nd St, Cedar Key. Info: cedarkey.org



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What's Up

October 21 - 22

Tarpon Springs Sponge Docks Art & Craft Festival

Tarpon Springs: Head to the docks where more than 90 national artists and crafters display original jewelry, ceramics, photography and paintings. You can also shop nearby boutiques before savoring a taste of the islands from Tarpon's signature Greek chefs. Takes place on Sa from 10am - 7pm; and on Su from 10am - 5pm. Takes place at 735 Dodecanese Blvd. Info: artfestival.com.

October 21 - 22

Seafood Festival

Cedar Key: Celebrate the area's fishing heritage with a parade and two days of arts and crafts, live local music, shopping, family fun and delicious melt-in-your-mouth seafood prepared by local chefs. Takes place from 10am - 5pm at Second St. and City Beach Front Park. Info: cedarkey.org.

October 24 - 29

Beetlejuice

Tampa: Based on Tim Burton's dearly beloved film, this hilarious musical tells the story of Lydia Deetz, a strange and unusual teenager whose whole life changes when she meets a recently deceased couple and a demon with a thing for stripes. Takes place at the Straz Center, 1010 McInnes Pl. Tickets and Info: 813-229-7827; strazcenter.org.

October 27 - 29

FEST

Gainesville: Dive into the depths of the underground music scene with more than 350 artists (including GNV's own Less Than Jake) performing on four stages and more than 18 venues. Also on hand: comedy acts, no-holds-barred wrestling with celebrities from the WWE, and a flea market! Various times and locations. Info: thefestfl.com.

October 28

Riverwalk Trick or Treat

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

October 31

Celebrating David Bowie

St. Pete: Explore the depths of David Bowie during this special interpretation of his greatest hits, emphasizing the Ziggy Stardust era,



Berlin trilogy records and Trent Reznor-infused years, by Bauhaus' Peter Murphy, King Crimson's Adrian Belew and more. Showtime: 8pm at 400 1st St. S. Info: themahaffey.com

October 31

Fright Night

Sarasota: Spooky storefronts, wandering spirits and frightening characters set the stage for trick or treating for children of all ages. "Scare" you there! Takes place from 6 - 8:30pm. at 431 St Armands Circle. Info: starmandscircleassoc.com.

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Ongoing

Downtown Art Walk

Fort Myers: On the first Friday of every month, the Historic River District in downtown Fort Myers lights up ARTistically with local and regional artists selling and displaying their one-of-a-kind works amidst lots of great dining and shopping. Free admission. Takes place from 6 - 10 pm. At 2247 First St. Info: 239-313-5129; FortMyersRiverDistrictAlliance.com.

August 26

2023 Coke Zero Sugar 400

Daytona Beach: Be a part of one of the most anticipated races of the season as the stars and cars of the NASCAR Cup Series battle for victory. This 160-lap, 400-mile race provides one last opportunity for drivers to qualify for the NASCAR playoffs. With playoff spots on the line, the stakes are high for drivers and racing action is extremely intense throughout the entire eld. Takes place at Daytona International Speedway, 1801 W International Blvd, Daytona Beach. Info: 1-800-PITSHOP; daytonainternationalspeedway.com

October 20 - 29

Key West Fantasy Fest 2023: Uniforms & Unicorns

Key West: This outrageous 10-day costuming and masking celebration showcases flamboyant masquerade competitions, including one for pets, a Headdress Ball, exuberant promenades, street fairs, and a grand parade that stars marching groups, island-style bands, and lavish oafs. Complete schedule of events at Fantasyfest.com.

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Historic Ybor City



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

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

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

1890s. Martí lived in exile for many years as he fought for his homeland's freedom. During that time, he often visited Tampa Bay, where thousands of Cuban cigar rollers and Spanish factory owners like Vicente Martínez Ybor – the neighborhood's founder, provided essential moral and financial support to Martí and his cause.



Now considered the Cigar Capital of the World, Ybor City is the only neighborhood on Florida's West Coast that is designated as a National Historic Landmark District. Its main commercial thoroughfare, 7th Avenue, has also been recognized as one of the "10 Great Streets in America."

Today, a walk down 7th Avenue is truly a walk through the history. In

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

Since then, many of the factory warehouses have been converted into business lofts, restaurants, shops and more. Ybor City has now evolved into Tampa's Latin Quarter, offering a full menu of arts, culture, nightclubs and entertainment. Through it all, Cuban torcedores still make hand-rolled cigars in shops along Seventh Avenue as they have since those early days. If you plan to be in the Tampa area any time soon, be sure to visit historic Ybor and take in the sights, smells and culture of this fascinating area. To find out more, go to YborCityOnline.com.

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Full Steam Ahead! Port Tampa Bay Takes You Places

Port Tampa Bay is offering a new tool to help cruise guests make the most of their time in Tampa Bay before and after their cruise. The Port Tampa Bay Cruise App is a web-based platform that directs guests toward points of interest in the area. The app locates restaurants, shops, breweries, and entertainment within walking distance of the port's three cruise terminals.

Guests can set a timer based on how long they wish to explore and map out a personalized route. The app directs visitors to points of interest near historic Ybor, and the Riverwalk, among other stops. The app also assists guests with cruise parking and does not require a download for use. You can view it at <http://tour.porttb.com>

Cruising from Port Tampa Bay has truly become an experience in-and-of itself. Cruise guests love to take advantage of the attractions, dining, and shopping that are just steps away from the port's three cruise terminals. Additionally, the Tampa Bay region is popular theme parks (including Busch Gardens in Tampa) and award-winning beaches with crystal-clear

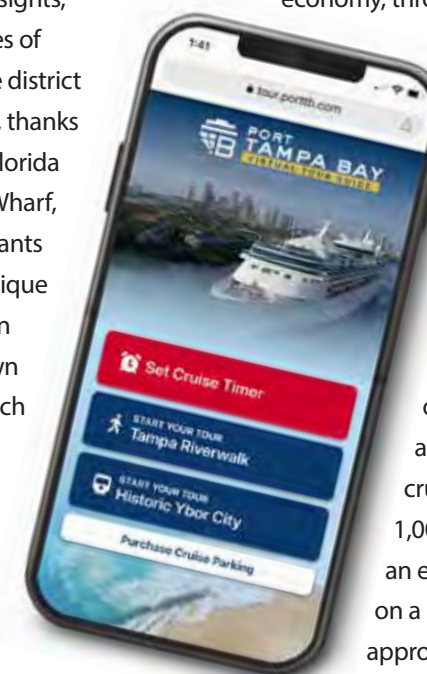
waters in the cities of Clearwater and St. Pete Beach. In addition, guests are just steps from the sights, sounds and experiences of Downtown Tampa. The district is a destination in itself, thanks to attractions like the Florida Aquarium, Sparkman Wharf, new shops and restaurants on Water Street, the unique Ybor City (Tampa's Latin Quarter) and Downtown Tampa's Riverwalk, which has spectacular views and is close to eateries and nightlife.

During the 2022-23 season, Port Tampa Bay homeported six vessels from four cruise lines including Carnival Cruise Line, Royal Caribbean International, Celebrity Cruises, and Norwegian Cruise Line. The port's cruise partners sail to a variety of locations in the Western Caribbean and offer 4, 5, 7, 10, 11 and 14-day cruise itineraries. This year, Tampa Bay welcomed more than an estimated 1.2 million cruise guests on

260 individual sailings. These visitors pour money into the region's local economy, through hotel stays, and visiting restaurants, shops, and other area attractions. According to a study by Business Research & Economic Advisors on cruise tourism, a 2,500-passenger cruise vessel with a 1,000-person crew has an economic impact on a homeport of approximately \$330,000 per call. A broader study of the total economic impact

of Port Tampa Bay's cruise business shows the port's cruise business brings an annual economic impact of approximately \$627.8 million. The cruise industry accounts for nearly 20 percent of the port's revenue.

In addition to the port's new cruise app, Port Tampa Bay's cruise page has a new feature available to assist visitors and guests who travel through our port. The newly released 'Cruise Destinations' page allows individuals to see the various destinations that our cruise partners travel to from Port Tampa Bay. The interactive map allows visitors to the page to filter destinations by the cruise line and prompts individuals to a booking page from the cruise line's official site. You can view the new tool here: <https://www.porttb.com/cruise-destinations-map>



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Founder of Orlando's prestigious Corona Cigar Co, Borysiewicz, chose Tampa's Ybor City neighborhood to open the world's largest cigar bar and lounge. Since then, Borysiewicz has further expanded his luxe concept to include other locations in Tampa, Orlando, and Lake Mary and as well as another one coming soon to Sarasota.

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

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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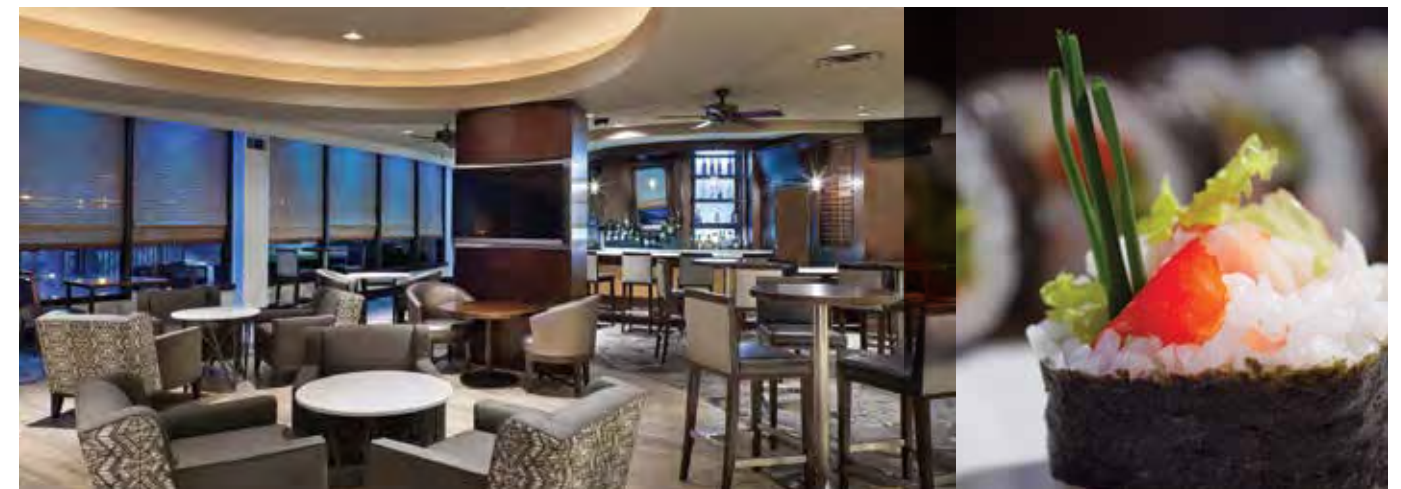


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So it wasn't surprising when USA Today readers named this popular year-round destination as "Best Beach Town," and "Best Place To Watch A Sunset," and also voted the Clearwater Marine Aquarium as "Best Florida Attraction."

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!



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Bascom's Pineapple Rum Cake



Acclaimed Chef Tony Bonanno from the award-winning Bascom's Chophouse in Clearwater also oversees all food and beverages services at the luxe Karol Hotel. Molecular Gastronomy is Tony's specialty and his use of new and exciting methods are creating a big buzz with local foodies. Here's his signature recipe for Pineapple Rum Cake - a refreshing finish for the warm weather!

INGREDIENTS

- 1 Cup Crushed Pineapple
- 1 Cup Dirty Cherries
- 1 Cup Pineapple Juice
- 1 Cup Dark Rum
- 1 Cup Melted Unsalted Butter
- 1 Cup Granulated Sugar
- 4 Fresh Whole Eggs
- 2 Tsp Vanilla Extract
- 3 Cup All-Purpose Flour
- 3 Tsp Baking Powder
- 1 Cup Whole Milk

PREPARATION

Gather 10 cast irons and spray with pan spray. Add crushed pineapple to the bottoms just enough to cover and put a cherry in the center of each one. Add together the butter, sugar and vanilla in a large bowl. Using a whisk attachment, mix together on medium speed until



all ingredients are thoroughly combined (approximately 4 - 5 minutes). Once incorporated, turn mixer to low and add eggs one at a time until well blended and then add the salt. While the mixer is still on low, add the flour and milk a little at a time finishing both at the same time.

In a separate container, mix the pineapple juice and rum together and then pour a small amount in each of the cake pans already pressed with pineapple. Pour in the batter and fill to about 3/4 of the way leaving room for cake to rise. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 and voila, you have yourself a perfect treat!

You can enjoy more exciting signature dishes like this one at Bascom's Chop House at 3665 Ulmerton Rd in Clearwater. Reservations: 727-573-3363; bascoms.com.

New Luxury Boutique Hotel Also Dishes Up Fabulous Food!

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

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

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

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

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Just a half hour from Tampa or Clearwater, St. Petersburg – once known as a retirement destination – was just ranked as Florida’s No.1 spot for relocation among millennials.

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The city hops after dark. A thriving

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

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

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

Don’t miss a trip to downtown St.



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Making A Splash in St Pete

Oaks On 4th Rides the Wave

From the owners of the award-winning Bascom’s Chop House in Clearwater, comes Oaks On 4th in St Petersburg – a refined, rustic eatery that’s garnering high fives from local foodies and critics, alike.

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Gainesville's Iron Chef Winner
Winner of Gainesville's 2017, 2018 and 2019 Iron Chef Competition, owner Nestor Espartero is a master at creating fabulous Fusion dishes which reflect his passion for Asian, Latin and French cuisine. The food at his small, unassuming eatery is deliciously fresh, beautifully plated and artistically arranged (the wasabi is sculpted to resemble leaves). Chef Nestor's flavors are often complex resulting in sensational dishes like the Sweet Salmon Teriyaki, Shaken Beef Tenderloin and Duck Curry. His signature rolls are also off the chart - especially the crunchy Haile Roll with tuna tartare and lotus root drizzled with eel sauce. Simply the best.

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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Small Town Charm In Gainesville

Haile Village Center

Check out SW Gainesville and you'll discover one of the area's most charming communities. Located just a short five miles from the University of Florida and a few miles from I-75 Exits Archer or Newberry Road, Haile Plantation boasts 17,000 acres of walking and biking trails, swaths of green space, dozens of lovely neighborhoods and the Hawkstone Golf and Country Club - an 18 hole Gary Player Signature golf course. At the center of it all is the Haile Village Center, a diverse collection of restaurants, boutiques, spas, and gift shops, interwoven with gracious homes, tree-lined brick sidewalks and pedestrian-friendly



streets. Every Saturday morning, there is a local Farmers' Market in the Haile Village Center where you can shop for locally grown organic produce, fresh baked goods and a variety of crafts. The market is open from 8:30am until noon and is also a performance

venue for local musicians. Throughout the year, the Village is also a hotspot for fun community events and festive holiday celebrations. If you're in the Gainesville area, make sure to put this one on your itinerary. For more info, check out hailevillagecenter.com

Eat. Shop. Play.

Gainesville's Haile Village Center

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nibbles & starters

Chef's Cheese Board
house selection of four European style cheeses served with assorted accompaniments and grilled bread.

PEI Mussels
roasted garlic & shallots crushed red pepper, chardonnay, olive oil, leeks, carrots, saffron broth, grilled bread

Steak Tartare
prime beef, green apple, pepper, fried capers, truffle, sriacha, pickled vegetables, egg yolk handhelds

handhelds

Buttermilk Chicken
fried chicken, hot honey, jalapeño apple slaw, chipotle aioli, buttery potato roll

Smashed Cheeseburger
house pimento cheese, caramelized onions, tomato jam, crispy fried pickles, lettuce

entrees

Seafood Risotto
mussels, shrimp, clams, arborio rice, lemon butter cream, chopped tomato, green onion, truffle essence, grilled bread

Half Chicken
sous vide, crispy fried, smokey hot honey, grilled heirloom carrots, rice pilaf, pan sauce gravy

Creekstone Farms Ribeye
coffee crusted, bleu cheese potato gratin, glazed mushrooms, sherry pepper cream.



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



SAMPLE MENUS



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appetizers

Crispy Shrimp
poblano tartar, pickled chile, cilantro

Guacamole
avocado, lightly fresh squeezed lime, pico de gallo, tortilla chips

Buffalo Cauliflower
blue cheese dip, chives

handhelds

Mahi Mahi Sandwich
chipotle aioli, tomato, criollo slaw, brioche, fries

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

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

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

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

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

Beyond Meat Burger
vegan patty, guacamole, tomato, bibb lettuce, vegan bun, fries

Butcher's Burger
Cooked to taste with lettuce, tomato, red onion, bread & butter pickles, special sauce, choice of cheese, fries



SAMPLE MENUS



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appetizers

Grilled Octopus
charred fresno pepper salsa, honey, orange vinaigrette, seaweed kim chi

Moroccan Lamb Meatballs
tomato jam, minted cucumber relish, yogurt

Crispy Soft Shell Crab
tasso ham, sweet corn ragout

Milk Braised Veal
pappardelle, popcorn-harissa

Milk Crispy Cauliflower
smoked jalapeño sauce

salads & spreads

Salted Roasted Baby Beets
pomegranate molasses, minted yogurt

Braised Pear
seasonal greens, spanish bleu cheese, candied pecans

Mezze Platter
zesty feta, hummus, mahamara, pita

composed dishes

Crispy Red Snapper
white beans, smoked jalapeño, saffron tomato broth, chorizo

Braised Shortrib
celery root puree, wild mushrooms

Marinated Hanger Steak
bomba pilaf, churri

Magret Duck Breast
parsnip silk, pickled mushrooms, grape must

Brined & Roasted Chicken
couscous, tomato jam, manchego



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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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.

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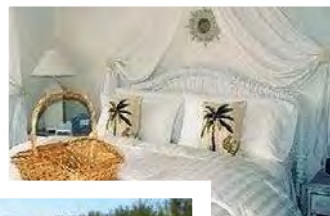
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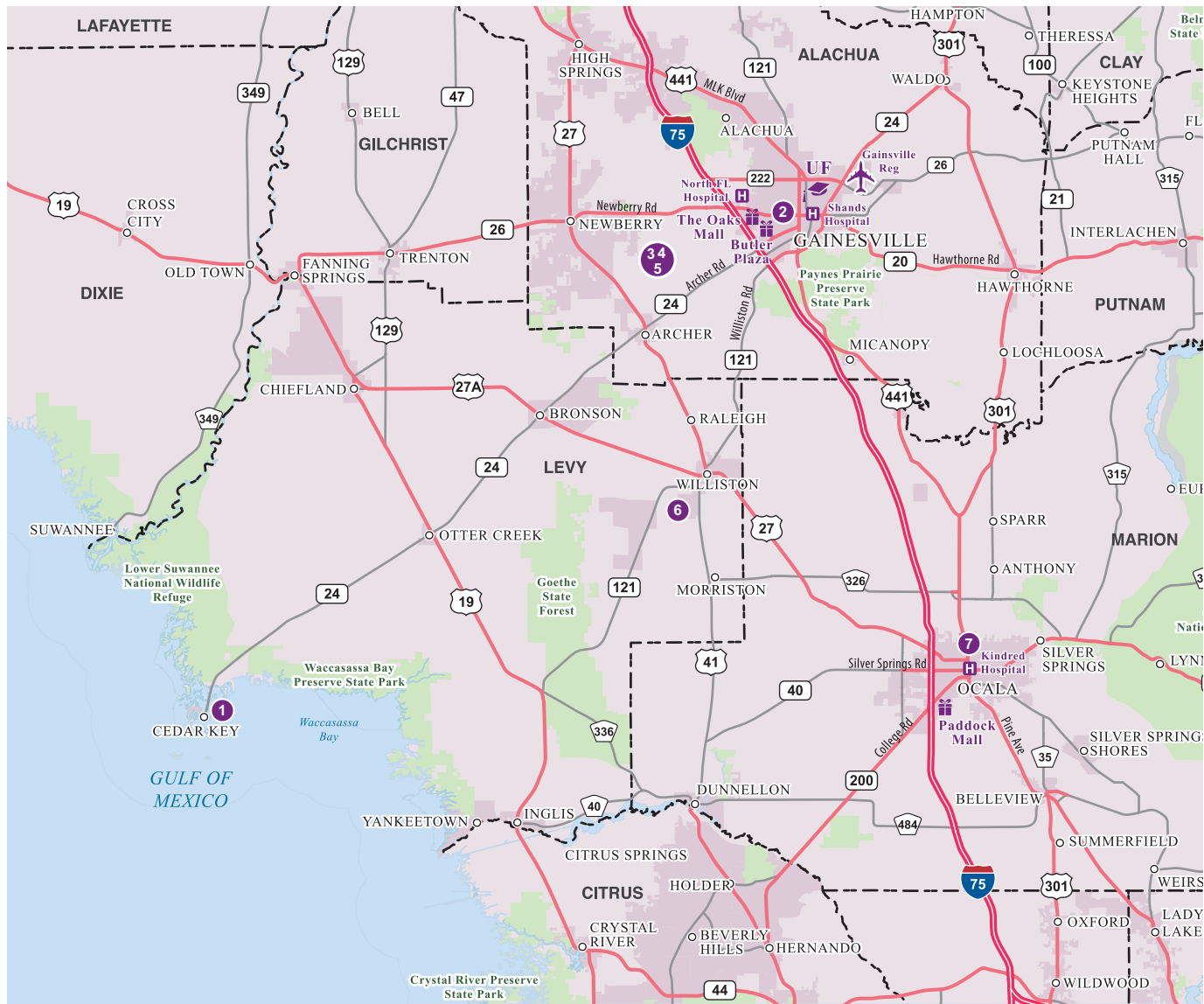
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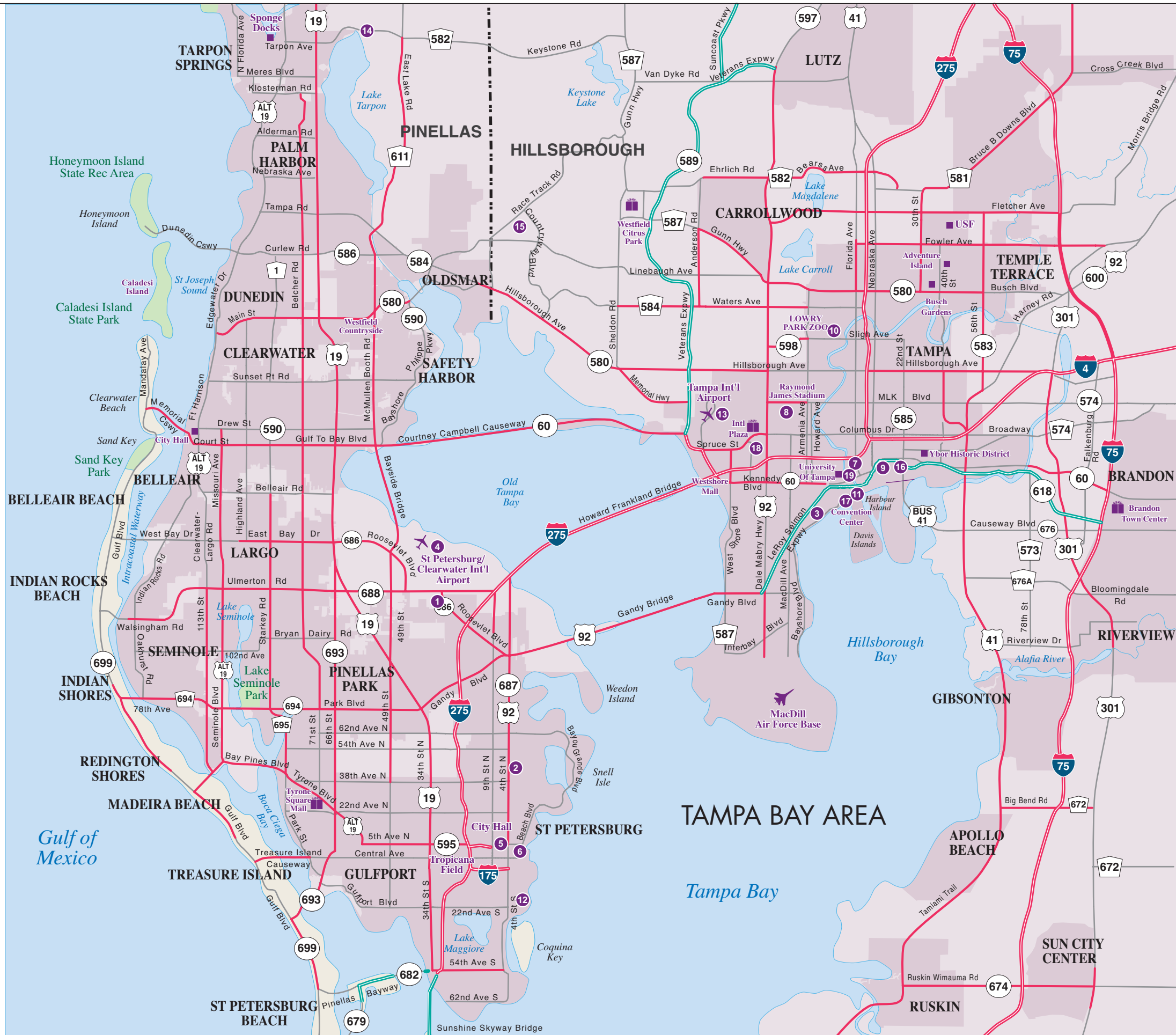
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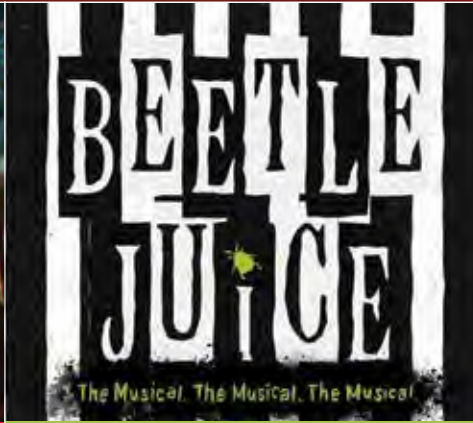


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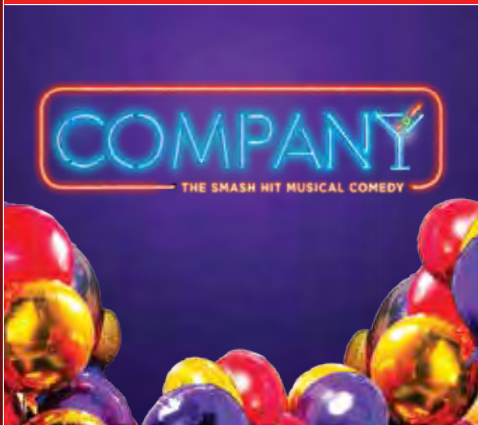
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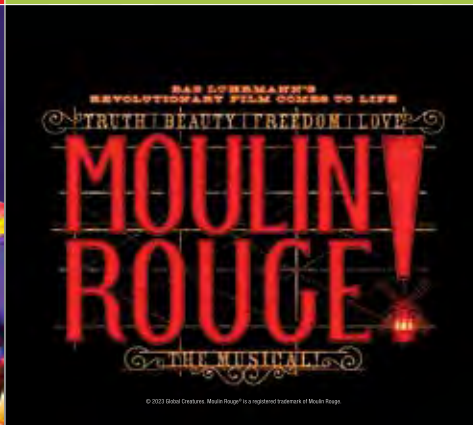
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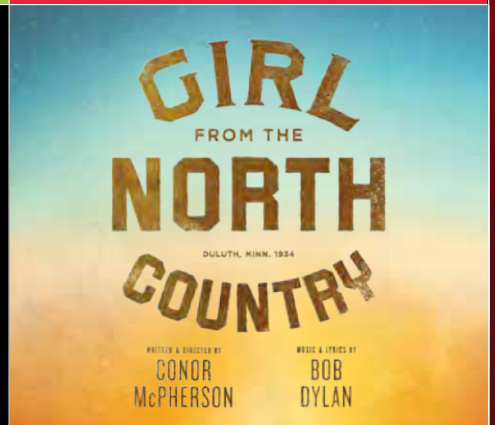
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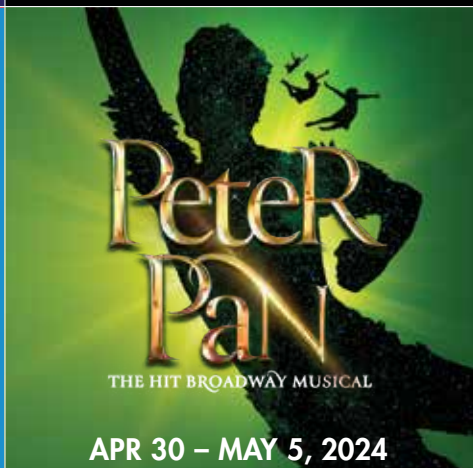
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