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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 PUPPY HUGS

Southeastern Guide Dogs
Need a good hug? Then head on down to Southeastern Guide Dogs, an outstanding organization that trains puppies on a 33 acre campus to prepare them for their future lives as trained guide dogs. To help socialize these precious puppies, you are invited to come visit for lots of free puppy hugs. FYI: Reservations a must! Find it at 4210 77th St, East in Palmetto - just over St Pete's Skyway Bridge. Info: 941-729-5665; guidedogs.org.

BEST MEXICAN FOOD

Lona

If you appreciate great Mexican food, listen up: Internationally acclaimed Chefs, Richard Sandoval and Pablo Salas hit the ball out of the park. Their collaborative and contemporary approach to traditional dishes showcases a fusion of regional Mexican cuisines with an inventive array of bold and authentic flavors. From delectable street food favorites, to refined dishes inspired by ancient recipes, Sandoval's and Salas' masterful creations celebrate the diversity and complexity of Mexican gastronomy. Not to be missed! Find their cool digs at the Tampa Marriott Water Street, 505 Water St. Info: 813-221-4900 lonatampa.com

BEST WILD HANG

ZooTampa at Lowry Park

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



BEST CONCERTS

Benchmark International Arena

Often cited as "The Live Music Capital of the World," Tampa is also home to one of the most amazing concert venues in the country. From Rock and Pop, to Country and EDM, this high-energy music venue makes every concert a totally immersive experience. The top-tier productions are insanely good with mind-shattering acoustics and electric vibes. The Arena, which also underwent a massive makeover and name change, also boasts a "Concert Club" where a VIP ticket nets you access to an exclusive lounge with premium cocktails and indulgent gourmet food. A great way to kick things up a notch! Located at 401 Channelside Dr, Tampa. Info: 813-301-6500; benchmarkintarena.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 VIEW OF TAMPA

Ballast Point Park & Fishing Pier

Located a little more than 4 miles from downtown Tampa along Bayshore Blvd, this wonderful park with its historic wooden fishing pier jutting out of Tampa Bay, offers unparalleled views of the downtown skyline. It's also known for the Taste Of Boston restaurant which is one of the few places in the Bay area that serves up classic New England fare including fried Ipswich clams and steamers.

BEST RIB EYE

Bascom's Chop House

It's impossible not to fall in love with everything on Bascom's menu. The seafood, delivered daily and expertly prepared, is always top-notch. The center-cut prime chops? Simply the best. But let's talk about the showstopper: the glorious 16 oz bone-in Ribeye. Hand-cut from Certified Angus Midwestern grain-fed steer, this steak is a masterpiece. It's rich, well-marbled, and served perfectly charred on the outside with an intense, unforgettable flavor. If you're a steak lover, this Ribeye needs to be on your bucket list! Find it at 3665 Ulmerton Rd., Clearwater. 727-573-3363; bascoms.com.

BEST ART HOUSE CINEMA

Hippodrome Theater

Regaled as Gainesville's "Cultural Centerpiece," this beautifully restored historic landmark once served a US Post Office. Today, it's a fun hub for an eclectic lineup of live theater; independent, foreign and classic films; cutting edge art exhibits by local and regional artists; classes and special events.

The spacious multi-purpose, state-of-the-art performance hall is a hip hang year-round and is always a fun jam. Find it at 25 SW 2nd Pl in Gainesville. Info: 352-375-4477; thehipp.orgresistance! Find it at 48 SW 1st Ave in Ocala. 352-433-2570; lacuisineocala.com.





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CRUISE PORT TAMPA BAY

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Art + Cultural Happenings

Please confirm details with event organizers or venues in case of changes or cancellations.

WEEKLY

Every Tuesday

Downtown St Pete Food & Wine Tour

St Pete: Bring your appetite and camera for an intimate, informative walking tour of Beach Drive. You'll visit several top art galleries, as well as up to five exciting waterfront restaurants where you can enjoy fabulous dinner pairings and luscious desserts. Must be 21+. Takes place from 5:30 – 8:30 pm at various locations. Info: tampabayfoodtours.com.

Every Thursday (Now – December 31)

Cigar City: Bringing Industry to Tampa

Tampa: This short, 20-minute tour explores Tampa's historic cigar industry, where skilled artisans crafted hand-rolled cigars in bustling factories, shaping the city's cultural identity and earning it the nickname "Cigar City." Takes place at 2 pm at the Tampa Bay History Center, 801 Water St. Info: 813-228-0097; tampabayhistorycenter.org.

Every Weekend (Now – March 29)

Spring Weekend Renaissance Festival

Dade City: Here's your chance to travel back in time to a magical 16th Century European village. The festival features live entertainment and performances on 15 stages, including musicians, magicians, clowns, jugglers, acrobats, and live armored jousting. Takes place every weekend, run or shine, from 10 am – 6 pm at 12838 Auton Rd. Info: bayarearenfest.com.



Every Sunday

Corey Avenue Sunday Market

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

MONTHLY

Second Wednesday

Heights Night Market

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

Select Thursdays

Art After Dark

St Pete: Enjoy special after-hours admission to unique exhibitions, thought-provoking lectures, film screenings, and engaging docent tours. FYI: Be sure to stop by the gift shop for a memento or a enjoy bite at Café Clementine. Takes place from 5 – 8 pm at the Museum of Fine Arts, 255 Beach Dr NE. Info & tickets: 727-896-2667; mfastpete.org.

Second Thursday

Happy Hour with the Historian

Tampa: Enjoy a fun evening of wine, words and wisdom as local experts cover topics ranging from trailblazing female pilots and St Pete's haunted past, to artistic astronauts and bridge disasters. Kicks off at 6:30 pm at the St Petersburg Museum of History, 335 2nd Ave NE. Info: 27-894-1052; historystpete.org.

First Friday (October – May)

Art Walk

Ocala: Browse over 30 artist displays, enjoy live music, street performers and family arts activities in the historic downtown district, as well as extended

shopping hours by local merchants. Takes place from 6 – 9 pm at 50 S Magnolia Ave. Info: 352-629-2489; ocalafl.gov.

First Saturday

Free Museum Day

Ocala: Browse museum masterpieces, enjoy special exhibitions, visiting artists and performers, get creative in the Artspace and enjoy a selfie or two in the sculpture garden. Takes place from 10 am – 5 pm at the

Appleton Museum, 4333 E Silver Springs Blvd. Info: appletonmuseum.com.



First Saturday & Sunday

Vintage Marche

St Pete: Explore more than 15,000' 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 Sa from 9 am – 6 pm and on Su from 9 am – 5 pm at 2906 34th St S. Info: vintagemarsche727.com.

Second Saturday

Second Saturday Art Walk

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

Second Sunday

Second Sunday Market & Art Walk

Tampa: Beat the heat at this air-conditioned marketplace where you can shop a wide variety of unique gifts, clothes, healthy living products and more. Takes place from 11 am – 3 pm at Armature Works, 1910 Ola Ave. Info: armatureworks.com.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Daily (Now – April 19)

EXHIBITION: Embracing Our Differences

Sarasota: Experience one of the country's most celebrated outdoor art exhibits featuring stunning artwork and inspirational quotations from artists, writers and students around the globe reflecting their interpretations of inclusivity, kindness and respect. Takes place from 7 am – 11 pm at Bayfront Park, 5 Bayfront Dr. Info: embracingourdifferences.org.

Daily (Now – May 17)

EXHIBITION: The Sport of Kings and Queens

Tampa: In celebration of Tampa Bay Downs' centennial, this limited time exhibit explores the impact of Florida's thoroughbred industry and Ocala's rise as the "Horse Capital of the World." The exhibit also includes the backstories of the sport's legends – horses, jockeys, trainers, and iconic races. Takes place daily from 10 am – 5 pm at the Tampa Bay History Center, 801 Old Water St. Info: 813-228-0097; tampabayhistorycenter.org.

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February 21 – 22

2nd Annual Clearwater Craft Festival

Clearwater: Talented artisans from across the US showcase their unique handcrafted wares. You can also shop the Green Market for plants and exotic flora, orchids, handmade soaps, gourmet spices and kettle corn. Takes place from 10 am – 5 pm at Coachman Park, 300 Cleveland St. Info: artfestival.com.

February 25 – March 1

38th Annual Sarasota Festival of the Arts

Sarasota: This spectacular art festival includes 200+ regional and national award-winning artists who showcase their original works over five city blocks. The top-rated festival includes life-size sculptures, spectacular paintings, one-of-a-kind jewels, photography, ceramics and more. Takes place from 10 am – 5 pm at 1718 Main St. Info: artfestival.com.

February 27 – 28

American Vintage Markets

Sarasota: This fun shopping extravaganza boasts a dazzling selection of carefully curated treasures, vintage-inspired home decor, up-cycled goods, collectibles, industrial salvage, furniture and more. Takes place from 9 am



– 4 pm in Roberts Arena at the Sarasota Fairgrounds, 3000 Ringling Blvd. Info: americanvintagemarkets.com.

February 28 – March 1

Gasparilla Festival of the Arts

Tampa: Downtown Tampa transforms into an outdoor gallery displaying paintings, sculptures, photography, and more. This nationally recognized festival features over 250 artists competing for prestigious awards and recognition. You can also immerse yourself in live performances and enjoy tasty bites from local vendors. Takes place on Sa from 9 am – 6 pm; and on Su from 10 am – 5 pm at Julian B Lane Riverfront Park. Info: 813-876-1747; gasparillaarts.com.

February 28 – March 1

Sarasota Festival of the Arts

Sarasota: Showcasing 70 artisans, this annual "outdoor art gallery" includes a spectacular collection of paintings, sculptures, jewelry, photography, glass, ceramics, fiber and wearable art, mixed-media, metalwork, graphics, woodworking, and more. Takes place from 10 am – 5 pm at JD Hamel Park, Bayfront Dr. Info: 941-487-8061; paragonfestivals.com.



February 28 – March 1

Wesley Chapel Craft Festival

Wesley Chapel: Talented artisans from across the US showcase their unique handcrafted wares. You can also shop the Green Market for plants and exotic flora, orchids, handmade soaps, gourmet spices and kettle corn. Takes place from 10 am – 5 pm at the Shops at Wiregrass, 28211 Paseo Dr. Info: artfestival.com.

March 7

Le Marché Marketplace

Sarasota: This Parisian-inspired outdoor marketplace features a curated selection of unique gifts, artisanal goods, handcrafted jewelry, art, clothing, home décor, festive treats, live music pop-ups and more. With charming booths and an inviting vibe, you'll feel like you're strolling through an authentic European market! Takes place from 10 am – 4 pm at Selby Five Points Park, 100 Central Blvd. Info: destinationdowntownsarasota.com.

March 7 – April 12

EXHIBITION: Embracing Our Differences

St Pete: Experience one of the country's most celebrated outdoor art exhibits featuring stunning artwork and inspirational quotations from artists, writers and students around the globe reflecting their interpretations of inclusivity, kindness and respect. Takes place from 7 am – 11 pm at Poynter Park, 3rd St S and 9th Ave S. Info: 727-893-7441; embracingourdifferences.org.

March 7 – 8

Lakewood Ranch Fine Art Show

Lakewood Ranch: This stunning outdoor gallery offers a unique selection of fine art in a variety of mediums all masterfully handcrafted by artisans across the US and Florida and ready for that special place at home. Takes place from 10 am – 5 pm at 8100 Lakewood Main St. Info: paragonfestivals.com.

March 8 – 9

Tarpon Springs Fine Arts Festival on the Bayou

Tarpon Springs: Regaled as one of the nation's top-rated juried art shows, this 51st edition showcases a diverse range of high-quality artwork. Takes place from 10 am – 5 pm at Craig Park, 100 Library Ln. Info: 727-937-6109; tarponsspringfineartsfestival.com

Art & Cultural Happenings

March 13

In Caravaggio's Light

St Pete: Step into the shadows for a 21+ evening of Baroque art, music, fashion, and flavors. The festive night includes light bites, cocktails, Caravaggio-inspired art moments, and sommelier-led wine tastings set to a classically modern after-hours soundscape. Takes place from 7 – 10 pm at the Museum of Fine Arts, 255 Beach Dr. Info & tickets: 727-896-2667/mfastpete.org.

March 14 – 15

51st Annual Tarpon Springs Fine Art Festival

Tarpon Springs: Fine artists from across the US showcase their stunning works in an annual art event that never disappoints. You can also shop unique handcrafted items as well as the Green Market for plants and exotic flora, orchids, handmade soaps, gourmet spices and kettle corn. Takes place from 10 am – 5 pm at Corey Park, 100 Beekman Lane. Info: artfestival.com.

March 14 – 15

Sarasota Fine Art & Crafts Fair

Sarasota: Explore a stunning collection of life-size sculptures, breathtaking paintings, handcrafted jewelry, mesmerizing photography, and one-of-a-kind ceramics – all created by some of the country's most talented artists and crafters. Takes place from 10 am – 5 pm at 1718 Main St. Info: artfestival.com.

March 21 – 22

33rd Annual Hyde Park Village Art Fair

Tampa: Stroll the historic brick-lined streets lined with 100+ open-air galleries packed with stunning life-size sculptures, paintings, jewelry, photography, fine crafts and more. Takes place 10 am – 5 pm in Hyde Park Village at 1622 W Snow Ave. Info: artfestival.com.



March 21 – 22

Sarasota Fine Art Show

Sarasota: This juried boutique exhibition features one-of-a-kind, limited editions and original works from over 75 artists. You'll also find a good selection of local handmade furniture, home décor and more. Takes place on Sa from 10 am – 5 pm and on Su from 10 am – 4 pm outside the Sarasota Art Museum, 5500 S Tamiami Trail. Info: hotworks.org.



March 27 – April 12

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 on Su – Th from 10 am – 9 pm; on F – Sa from 10 am – 9 pm; and on Su from 10 am – 9 pm at Pier Dr 60, 1 Causeway Blvd. Info: 727-871-8060; sugarsandfestival.com.

March 28 – 29

Mainsail Art Festival

St Pete: Ranked as one of the country's Top 25 Art Festivals, this annual event includes more than 250 juried fine art and crafters backdropped by a Performing Arts Stage with great live music. Lots of kids' arts and crafts, too, as well as great food and more! Takes place on Sa from 9 am – 6 pm and on Su from 10 am – 5 pm at Vinoy Park, 701 Bay Shore Dr NE. Info: mainsailart.org.

April 4 – 5

Corey Ave Craft Festival

St Pete Beach: This open-air festival is the perfect place to find that special something. You'll find a great selection of fine and handcrafted pottery, jewelry and paintings, as well as unusual home decor and a plethora of exotic plants, handmade soaps, candles, dips, gourmet sauces and

more. Takes place from 10 am – 4 pm at 415 Corey Ave. Info: artfestival.com.

April 11

Old Jamboree at the James

St Pete: Grab your dance partner, dust off your cowboy boots, and get your kicks on Route 66. This fun evening includes gourmet food, live music, libations, a luxury auction, and country western fun to support museum programs. Takes place from 6 – 10:30 pm at The James Museum, 150 Central Ave. Info & tickets: 727-892-4200; thejamesmuseum.org.

April 11

Tampa Oddities & Art Market

Tampa: Over 100 talented local artists and creators take center stage at this eclectic indoor marketplace. You can shop a wide variety of oddities, crystals & gems, handcrafted art, unique gifts, taxidermy, fossils, jewelry, and so much more. Explore the mystical with psychics and tarot readers, indulge in delicious bites from food vendors, and enjoy a truly immersive, weird-in-the-best-way experience. Takes place from 11 am – 6 pm at the Florida State Fairgrounds, 4800 N US Hwy. Info & tickets: 813-621-7221; floridastatefair.com.

April 11 – 12

Old Florida Celebration of the Arts

St Pete: Immerse yourself in true Old Florida charm during this 60-year-old fine arts exhibition. For one day only, over 100 artists and crafters set up shop along Cedar Key's historic tree-lined streets for what has been heralded as one of the nation's top Small-Town Art Fairs. Takes place from 10 am – 5 pm at 457 2nd St. Info: cedarkeyartsfestival.com.

April 13 – 18

7th Annual Gulfport Plein Air Festival

Gulfport: This immersive and interactive art experience showcases artists as they capture the charm and vibrancy of Gulfport in real time. The festival culminates on April 18th with the Exhibition & Collector's Sale which takes place from 4 – 6 pm at the Gulfport Welcome Center, 5317 Gulfport Blvd. Info 727-222-3252; chamberofcommerce.com.

April 18 – 19

Sponge Docks Spring Craft Festival

Tarpon Springs: Explore the finest in handmade arts and crafts, soaps, jewelry and unique gifts by local artists and crafters along the famous Sponge Docks and just steps away from some



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April 18 – 19 2nd Annual Clearwater Craft Festival

Clearwater: Stroll the shorefront where 125+ vendors offer handmade jewelry, pottery, paintings, photography, clothing, and more. You can also browse seasonal plants, orchids, soaps, and spices in the adjacent green marketplace. Takes place from 10 am – 5 pm at Coachman Park, 300 Cleveland St. Info: artfestival.com.

April 19 2nd Annual Citrus Gala

Dunedin: Celebrate history, community and culture during this lively evening of live music, dancing, delicious, citrus-themed food and drinks, silent auctions, awards and more. Takes place from 5 – 8 pm at the Dunedin Museum, 148 Marina Plaza. Info & tickets: 727-736-1176; dunedinmuseum.org.

April 20 – 21 5th Annual Floridaia Fest

Sarasota: Explore a wild collection of Old Florida memorabilia including postcards, coasters, signs and ads, vintage artwork, knick-knacks, sticker, decals and more. Takes place on F from 2 – 6 pm and on Sa from 9 am – 3 pm at the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, 801 N Damiani Tr. Info: floridaattractionshistory.com.

April 25 Downtown Dunedin Craft Festival

Dunedin: Discover a world of handcrafted wonders including ceramics, functional pottery, and one-of-a-kind jewelry from some of the country's finest crafters. You can also shop the Green Market for a farm-fresh selection of local produce, artisanal foods, plants, flowers and more. Takes place from 10 am – 5 pm at 217 Main St. Info: 561-746-6615; artfestival.com.

May 2 – 3 6th Downtown Sarasota Spring Craft Fair

Sarasota: Get a taste of spring with unique, handmade creations from talented artists and crafters. Enjoy live music, strolling performers, great food and much more during this fun and

fabulous festival. Takes place from 10 am – 5 pm at Five Points Park, 1 Central Ave in the heart of Sarasota's vibrant downtown. Info: artfestival.com.

May 9 – 10 Wesley Chapel Craft Festival



Wesley Chapel: Talented artisans from across the US showcase their unique handcrafted wares. You can also shop the Green Market for plants and exotic flora, orchids, handmade soaps, gourmet spices and kettle corn. Takes place from 10 am – 5 pm at the Shops at Wiregrass, 28211 Paseo Dr. Info: artfestival.com.

May 23 – 24 St Armands 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 10 am – 5 pm at St Armands Circle Park, 434 Armands Circle. Info: 941-487-8061; paragonartevents.com.

June 6 – 7 Corey Avenue Art & Craft Festival

St Pete Beach: This open-air festival showcases fine and handcrafted pottery, jewelry and paintings, exotic plants, handmade soaps, candles, dips, gourmet sauces and more. Live music, too! Takes place from 10 am – 5 pm at 363 Corey Ave. Info: 727-322-5217; silkpromotions.com.

June 6 – 7 St Armands Circle Craft Festival

Sarasota: Creativity abounds when 175+ artists showcase their exquisite paintings, jewelry, ceramics, pottery and more. If you get hungry, just pop into one of the nearby gourmet restaurants for a relaxing bite. Takes place from 10 am – 4 pm at 1 St Armands Circle. Info: artfestival.com.

July 11 – 12 Sponge Docks Art & Craft Festival

Tarpon Springs: Shop the finest in handmade arts and crafts, soaps, unique gifts and more all displayed just steps away from the best Greek restaurants, markets and bakeries in the country. Takes place on Sa from 10 am – 7 pm and on Su from 10 am – 5 pm at the famous Sponge Docks, 735 Dodecanese Blvd. Info: artfestival.com.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

February 14 The Envelope Please

Tampa: Get awards-season ready as the world-class musicians of The Florida Orchestra honor past and present Oscar nominees and winners of Best Picture and Best Score. The concert includes selections from *Black Panther*, *E.T.*, *Titanic*, *Lord of the Rings*, *The Godfather* and more. Showtimes: 2 pm and 7 pm at The Mahaffey Theater, 400 First St. Info & tickets: 727-892-3331; floridaorchestra.org.

February 21 Fantasia and Anthony Hamilton

Tampa: Renowned for her dynamic gospel-rooted voice, Grammy Award winner, Fantasia, performs her unique "rock soul" style in concert with the highly acclaimed Anthony Hamilton, and his rugged yet graceful R&B. Showtime: 8 pm at Benchmark International Arena 401 Channelside Dr. Info & tickets: 813-301-6500; benchmarkintarena.com.

February 28 – March 1 14th Annual Music on the Bay

Tampa: Set against the sparkling waters of Tampa Bay, this one-of-a-kind, adults-only festival celebrates the best in Trop Rock music. Top musicians create a laid-back, beachy vibe perfect for dancing barefoot in the sand. Takes place at Whiskey Joe's Barefoot Beach, 7720 W Courtney Campbell Causeway. Info: musiconthebay.com.

February 28 – March 1 Clearwater Sea Blues Festival

Clearwater: This year's highly anticipated festival boasts an electrifying line-up with a dynamic fusion of soul-stirring Blues. Backdropped by Clearwater's stunning sea views, the weekend of non-stop music features legendary blues icons Blues Revolution and the dynamic duo Harmony Blues & The Waves, as well as other renowned Blues artists from around the globe. Single-Day Passes, Weekend Passes and VIP Packages available. Takes place at Coachman Park, 255 Drew St. Info & tickets: MyClearwater.com/SeaBlues.



March 12 – 15 Reggae Rise Up 2026

St Pete: Feel the rhythm as positive vibes, amazing performers, and some of the world's best Reggae music rock Tampa Bay. Takes place from 11 am – 10 pm at Vinoy Park, 701 Bay Shore Dr NE. Info: reggaeriseup.com.



March 5 – 8 Disney On Ice: Mickey's Search Party

Tampa: Mickey Mouse & friends take you on an action-packed adventure with high-flying acrobatics, stunning skating, and interactive moments. The show blends cutting-edge effects, with Disney's timeless charm in a celebration of imagination, friendship, and the magic of live performance – on ice. Various times. Takes place at Benchmark International Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Info & tickets: 813-301-2500; benchmarkintarean.com.

March 9 – 14 Sarasota Jazz Festival

Sarasota: Get down with six days of high energy performances from some of the biggest names in Jazz. Main Stage acts include the *Terrell Stafford Quartet*, *John Pizzarelli Trio*, *Sammy Figueroa*, the *Arturo Sandoval Band*, and *Michael Ross & The SRQ All Star Band*, as well as the *Florida All-State High School Jazz Band*. The festival also showcases a Jazz Cabaret and Jazz Trolley Pub Crawl benefiting the Jazz Club of Sarasota. Main Stage Concerts kick off at 7 pm at the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium, 801 N Tamiami Tr. Info & tickets: 941-263-6283; sarasotajazzfestival.com.

March 20 98 ROCKFEST: Three Days Grace

Clearwater: Three Days Grace headlines this annual shindig and welcomes back original lead singer *Adam Gonthier* after a decade-long break. Also performing: *Prevail*, *Sleep Theory*, *The Funeral Portrait*, and *The Pretty Wild*. Showtime 5 pm at The BayCare Sound at Coachman Park, 255 Drew St. Info & tickets: 727-791-7400; rutheckardhall.com.

March 24 – April 4 Alicia Keys' Hell's Kitchen

Tampa: Based on the book by Pulitzer Prize finalist *Kristoffer Diaz*, and backdropped by the music of Alicia Keys, this over-the-top production has been hailed as a New York Times "Critic's Pick" that is, "thrilling from beginning to end and a rare must-see!" Various times. Takes place at Carol Morsani Hall, 1010 N Macinnes Pl. Info & tickets: 813-229-7827; strazcenter.org.

March 27 – 29 Reggae & Food Festival

Sarasota: Creative and talented musicians from both the local and regional circuit take to the stage for an unforgettable outdoor concert. Topping it off is a big variety of great food from local restaurants and a marketplace of fine art and crafts. Takes place on F from 4 – 10 pm; on Sa from 11 am – 10 pm; and on Su from 11 am – 6 pm at the Sarasota Fairgrounds, 3000 Ringling Blvd. Info: 813-621-7821; fairgroundsamphitheatre.com.

April 1 – 5 Moulin Rouge! The Musical

Clearwater: Baz Luhrmann's revolutionary film comes to life onstage, in this Tony-Award Winning musical mash-up extravaganza. The production transports you into a world of splendor and romance, of eye-popping

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excess, of glitz, grandeur, and glory. Various times. Takes place at Ruth Eckard Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Rd. Info & tickets: 727-791-7400; rutheckardhall.com.

April 8

Billy Strings Live In Concert

Tampa: The biggest name in Bluegrass, Grammy Award winner, Billy Strings brings his blazing guitar work, jam-band style and improvisational spirit to Tampa for this incredible one night stand. Showtime: 7:30 pm at Benchmark International Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Info & tickets: 813-301-2500; benchmarkintlarean.com.

April 10 - 12

The Original Tampa Bay Blues Festival

St Pete: Cited as one of the world's finest Blues music events, this annual jam promises a fantastic weekend of Blues and Root music featuring *Taj Mahal, Los Lobos, Tommy Castro, Jimmy Vaughan, and Samantha Fish*, as well as many other big names. Concerts run until 10 pm each night and begin at 11:30 am on F and Sa, and then again on Su starting at 1 pm. Takes place at Vinoy Waterfront Park, 701 Bayshore Dr, NE. Info at 727-895-6153; TampaBayBluesFest.com.

April 10 - 11

Sarasota Orchestra Outdoor Pops: Parrots & Palms

Sarasota: This symphonic evening of musical magic celebrates the vibe, the breeze, and the legendary tropical songs of Jimmy Buffett, Bob Marley, The Beach Boys, and more. Takes place from 7:30 - 9:30 pm at Orioles' Ed Smith Stadium, 2700 12 St. Info & tickets: 941-953-3434; sarasotaorchestra.org.

April 11

Tigers Jaw

Tampa: This ever-evolving indie rock act, moves between pop-punk to emo to create their

emotive, jangling music. The immersive concert combines innovation, entertainment, and community spirit in perfect harmony. Showtime: 7 pm at the Orpheum Theater, 14802 N Nebraska Ave in Ybor City. Info & tickets: 813-248-9500; theorpheum.com.

April 14 - 15

Mrs Doubtfire - The Musical

Sarasota: Based on the beloved film, this heart-warming, laugh-out-loud comedy tells the hysterical and heartfelt story of an out-of-work actor who will do anything for his kids. Showtime: 7 pm on Tu and at 1 pm on W at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Center, 777 North Tamiami Tr. Info & tickets: 941-263-6799; vanwezel.org.

April 17 - 18

Breakaway Music Festival

Tampa: This notorious community-oriented festival returns with a music celebration that features top-tier, globally recognized talent. Headliners include *Cloonee, Dom Dolla, KETTAMA, and Tiësto*, as well as a lineup of several Tampa-area artists. Takes place from 4 pm - Midnight at Raymond James Stadium, 4201 N Dale Mabry Hwy. Info & tickets: breakawayfestival.com.

April 24 - 26

The Thorn

Tampa: Witnessed live by more than one million people over 25 years, this epic story of Jesus Christ is a totally immersive show with music, drama, aerial acts, movement arts, modern dance and special effects. Showtime: 7 pm in Carol Morsani Hall at the Straz Center, 1010



N Macinnes Pl. Info & tickets: 813-229-7827; strazcenter.org.

April 25 - 26

Tampa Bay Black Heritage Music Fest

Tampa: Get ready for two powerful days of live performances from nationally recognized and legendary artists across jazz, R&B, soul, and gospel. Beyond the stage, you can indulge in lots of good eats, shop Black-owned businesses, and enjoy family-friendly activities that celebrate heritage and creativity. Takes place from Noon - 10 pm at Curtis Hixon Park, 600 N Ashley Dr. Info & tickets: 941-685-1783; tampablackheritage.org.

April 28 - May 3

Stereophonic

Tampa: The most Tony Award-nominated Play of all time transports back to 1976 where an up-and-coming rock band suddenly finds itself on the cusp of superstardom. Various times. Takes place at Carol Morsani Hall, 1010 N Macinnes Pl. Info & tickets: 813-229-7827; strazcenter.org.

May 12 - 16

Six The Musical

Tampa: From Tudor Queens to Pop Icons, the SIX wives of Henry VIII remix 500 years of historical heartbreak into a euphoric musical celebration of 21st century girl power! Showtime: 7 pm in Carol Morsani Hall at thenStraz Center, 1010 N Macinnes Pl. Info & tickets: 813-229-7827; strazcenter.org.

May 16

Pitbull: I'm Back Tour

Tampa: Global music sensation, Pitbull brings his signature high-energy party experience back to the stage for an unforgettable night of music, dance and good vibes. Special guest: Lil Jon. Showtime: 8 pm at the Florida State Fairgrounds, 4800 US Hwy 301 N. Info & tickets: 813-621-7821; fairgroundsamphitheatre.com

May 22 - 24

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 3 pm - Midnight at Raymond James Stadium, 4201 N Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa. Info: 813-350-6500; smftampa.com.



Live Blues at its Best!

The Original Tampa Bay Blues Festival



Some of the biggest names in Blues music hit the stage for *The Original Tampa Bay Blues Festival* coming to St Pete's Vinoy Park on Friday, April 10 through Sunday, April 12.

With acres of plush grass and palm trees, Vinoy Park is the ideal tropical setting for what is considered to be one of the world's finest Blues music events.



Now celebrating its 30th year, this annual jam promises a fantastic weekend of top talent and draws thousands of Blues enthusiasts from all over the globe.

The three day "Blow Out" kicks off on Thursday, April 9 at 7:30 pm with a rockin' Opening Party at St Pete's historic Palladium

Theater (253 Fifth Ave North). Headlined by the high energy, award-winning *GA-20 Blues Band*, and acclaimed singer, *Jackie Venson*, it's the perfect night to meet up with other Blues lovers, pick up some cool swag, and jump start your weekend of fabulous Blues!

This year's stellar roster includes *Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Taj Mahal and The Phantom Blues Band, Jimmie Vaughan, Tab Benoit, Los Lobos, Samantha Fish, Charlie Musselwhite with GA-20, Tommy Castro, Jackie Venson, Nikki Hill, Vanessa Collier, Toronzo Cannon, Darrell Nulisch, Jontavious Willis, and Yates McKendree.*

With state-of-the-art sound and lighting, and a spectacular waterfront setting, it's immersive

Blues at its best.

In addition to the great music, you can also kick back

with an array of fresh seafood, smoked BBQ, authentic Cuban food, and other culinary offerings; imbibe in your favorite adult beverage; and shop dozens of vendors

for unique local arts and crafts.

Concerts run until 10 pm each night and begin at 11:30 am on Friday and Saturday, and then again on Sunday starting at 1 pm.

The Original Tampa Bay Blues Festival takes place at Vinoy Waterfront Park, 701 Bayshore Dr, NE in downtown St Petersburg. Info & tickets at 727-895-6153; TampaBayBluesFest.com.



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May 26 – 31

The Notebook

Tampa: Based on the best-selling novel that inspired the iconic film, this heart felt stage production, which is “full of butterfly-inducing highs and beautiful songs,” is a deeply moving portrait of the enduring power of love. Various times. Takes place in Carol Morsani Hall at the Straz Center, 1010 N Macinnes Pl. Info & tickets: 813-229-7827; strazcenter.org.

June 9 – 14
Beetlejuice

Tampa: Based on Tim Burton’s dearly beloved film, this hilarious musical tells the story of a strange and unusual teenager whose whole life changes when she meets a recently deceased couple and a demon with a thing for stripes. Various times in Carol Morsani Hall at The Straz Center, 1010 N Macinnes Pl. Info & tickets: 813-229-7827; strazcenter.org.

June 11 – 28

Come From Away

Tampa: Set in the days after 9/11, this Tony Award-winning musical follows the surprising friendships and heartfelt moments that unfold when 7,000 stranded passengers are welcomed into the small town of Gander, Newfoundland. Showtime: 7:30 pm in the Shimberg Playhouse at The Straz Center, 201 W Tyler St. Info & tickets: 813-229-7827; strazcenter.org

June 26

Vince Gill 50 Years of Home Tour

Sarasota: Vince Gill’s solo tour marks 50 years since he left Oklahoma to pursue his music career. The road show celebrates that big anniversary, as well as the current musical project he’s working on. Showtime: 8 pm at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Center, 777 North Tamiami Tr. Info & tickets: 941-263-6799; vanwezel.org.

July 3 – 5

Marlon Wayans

Tampa: You never know who will pull up when Marlon Wayans takes to the stage with his stand-up comedy act. Various times. Take place at the Funny Bones Comedy Club, 1600 E 8th Ave. Info & tickets: 813-864-4000; funnybone.com.

July 9

Matt Pryor

Tampa: Acclaimed singer-songwriter, Matt Pryor is known for his heartfelt lyrics. His compelling live performance includes authentic storytelling and captivating melodies that will always stay with you. Showtime: 8 pm at the New World Music Hall, 810 E Skagway Ave. Info & tickets: 813-304-0460; newworldtampa.com

July 15 – August 9
American Idiot

Tampa: Based on the Grammy Award-winning, multi-platinum album, this two-time Tony Award-winning hit musical is a high-concept, high-octane, rock opera. The show explores disillusionment, consumerism, and the manipulation of the media and government through the eyes of a trio of friends who struggle to find meaning in a world they barely recognize. Various times. Takes place on Th – Su in the Jaeb Theater, at The Straz Center, 1010 N Macinnes Pl. Info & tickets: 813-229-7827; strazcenter.org.

July 17

Megan Moroney Cloud 9 Tour

Tampa: Celebrated for her unique blend of storytelling and emotion, multi-platinum country superstar, Megan Moroney, electrifies the stage with an edgy performance that will have you dancing in your seat. Showtime: 7 pm at Benchmark International Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Info & tickets: 813-301-2500; benchmarkintlarena.com.

July 22

Lionel Richie and Earth Wind & Fire Sing A Song All Night Long

Tampa: International superstar, Lionel Richie and legendary musical powerhouse, *Earth, Wind & Fire* hook up for a mind-blowing concert experience. Showtime: 7:30 pm at Benchmark International Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Info & tickets: 813-301-2500; benchmarkintlarena.com.

August 1

Dude Perfect Squad Games Tour

Tampa: The next evolution in Dude Perfect’s live experience combines over-the-top sports action, comedy, and family-friendly fun in a format built

to bring the Dude Perfect universe to life. By transforming the arena floor into a battle zone surrounded by fans on all sides, the Squad Games Tour delivers a fully immersive live experience that brings you closer to the action than ever before. Showtime: 6 pm at Benchmark International Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Info & tickets: 813-301-2500; benchmarkintlarena.com.

August 15

Mötley Crüe Return of the Carnival of Sins Tour

Tampa: Rock out with a night full of heavy-hit 1980s and 90s rock energy. Special guests: Tesla and Extreme. Showtime: 6:30 pm at the Florida State Fairgrounds, 4800 US Hwy 301 N. Info & tickets: 813-621-7821; fairgroundsamphitheatre.com

August 18 – 28

Penelope

Tampa: More than just a stage production, this creatively crafted experience is a celebration of imagination and innovation. The interactive production goes way beyond the ordinary, combining elements of surprise, delight, and pure entertainment. Showtime: 7 pm in the Shimberg Playhouse at The Straz Center, 201 W Tyler St. Info & tickets: 813-229-7827; strazcenter.org.

August 28 – 29

Rock the Country

Ocala: Two days of non-stop live music from some of the biggest names in the industry honor the spirit of America. Headliners include *Brooks & Dunn, Blake Shelton, Lauren Alaina, Shenandoah, McCoy Moore, Ludacris, Mark Chesnut, Fox N’ Dead* and other greats. In between sets, you can kick back with some hot DJs. Great food, beer, fan swag and more. Various times. Takes place at Florida Horse Park, 11008 S Hwy 475. Info & tickets: rockthecountry.com.



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Now – February 16
Florida State Fair

Tampa: This year’s popular annual event celebrates America’s 250th Anniversary with special red, white and blue surprises around every corner. Enjoy tons of special exhibits, agricultural shows, competitions, music, rides and more. Takes place daily from 11 am – 9 pm at the Florida State Fairgrounds, 4800 N US Hwy 3010 Info: 813-621-7821; floridastatefair.com.

Now – March 29 (Weekends)
Bay Area Renaissance Festival

Dade City: Immerse yourself the ambiance of a 16th century European village with strolling musicians, magicians and jugglers, live jousting, handicrafts from the artisan marketplace, and food fit for a king! Takes place on Sa & Su from 10 am – 6 pm at 12838 Auton Rd. Info & tickets: bayarearenfest.com.

February 15
Festivals of Speed

St Pete: The world’s most exotic cars, motorcycles, and watercraft find prime parking on St Pete’s sparkling waterfront. Take in the show while you sip and savor fine wines and delicious bites, enjoy live music, or just relax with a premium blend in the outdoor cigar lounge. Takes place from 11 am – 3 pm at 701 Bayshore Dr NE. Info & tickets: festivalsofspeed.com.

February 21
Tasty Tampa Bay

Clearwater: Over 100 vendors and food trucks come together to serve up the best bites from

around the Bay. Highlights include a “Best Bites” Competition; Cookie Eating Contest; Spicy Pizza Eating Contest and lots more. Takes place from 11 am – 6 pm at Coachman Park, 300 Cleveland St. Info & tickets: 813-99-3600; saucyqueen.com.

February 20 – 22
St Petersburg Seafood & Music Festival

St Pete: Gourmet seafood preparations; exquisite wines and craft cocktails; live music and a vibrant arts marketplace make for a great weekend. Takes place on F from 4 – 10; on Sa from 11 am – 10 pm; and on Su from 11

am – 6 pm at Vinoy Park, 701 Bayshore Dr NE. Info: 941-487-8061; paragonfestivals.com.

February 21
Fiesta Day

Ybor City: This lively, annual street festival celebrates the vibrant culture and traditions of Tampa’s Latin Quarter. Enjoy authentic food and craft beers, live entertainment, arts & crafts, specialty gifts, and more. Takes place from 11 am – 6 pm along 7th Ave. Info: 813-248-3712; ybor.org.

February 21
Get Rescued Animal Rescue Festival

Gulfport: This special adoption event introduces you to all kinds of sweet critters – from dogs, cats and kittens, to birds, skunks and other furry friends. Local animal rescue groups will be on hand as well as pet-friendly vendors. You can also enjoy animal training demos, a wiener dog derby, art & crafts, and much more! Takes place from 10 am – 5 pm at 3000 Beach Blvd S. Info: 727-322-5217; visitgulfportflorida.com.

February 21 – 22
Art & Seafood On The Waterfront

Safety Harbor: Showcasing the area’s best seafood, this signature annual happening includes a Celebrity Chef Seafood Showcase, crafts and fine art from over 50 national artists, interactive art activities, a full music stage, entertainment for all ages, and even a special Kids Zone. Takes place on Sa from 11 am – 7 pm and on Su from Noon – 6 pm on the waterfront, 110 Veterans Memorial Ln. Info: 727-726-2890; safteyharborchamber.com.

February 26 – March 8
Florida Strawberry Festival

Plant City: This “Berrylicious” springtime tradi-

tion features shortcake eating contests, livestock exhibits, midway rides, and an aerospace kiddie korral. Live entertainment includes music by Jimmy Stir & His Orchestra, The Oak Ridge Boys, Alabama, Jo Dee Messina, Jamey Johnson, and other big name acts. Takes place from 10 am – 10 pm at 303 Berry Fest Place. Info: 813-719-6680; flstrawberryfestival.com.

February 27 – March 1
Firestone Grand Prix of St Petersburg

St Pete: World-class racers burn rubber along the downtown waterfront this 2026 IndyCar season opener! Snag driver autographs, tour the Speed Zone and Gasoline Alley, experience interactive driving games, browse exhibits, and more! Takes place daily from 8 am – 5 pm in downtown St Pete. Info & tickets: 727-898-4639; gpstpete.com.

February 28
Taco Fest

Tampa: Head South of the Border for hand-crafted, authentic and flavorful fusion tacos crafted by 30+ local vendors. Enjoy spicy sides, refreshing, savory margaritas, live music and multi-cultural entertainment for the whole family, including your dog! Takes place from 10 am – 6 pm at Al Lopez Park, 4810 N Himes Ave. Info: 813tacofest.com.

February 28 – March 1
Garlic Fest

Wellington: Heads up garlic lovers: do not miss the “Best Stinking Festival” of the year where you can feast on all kinds of unique garlic-inspired dishes. Who could turn their nose up at garlic crab cakes, garlic pizza, garlic bomb burgers, garlic conch fritters or even garlic ice cream? And that’s just the beginning! Takes place on Sa from 11 am – 9 pm and on Su from 11 am – 6 pm at the Village of Wellington Town Center & Amphitheater, 1200 Forest Hill Blvd. Info: garlicfest.com.



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February 28 – March 1

St Pete Comic Con

St Pete: Immerse yourself in comics, anime, pop culture, makeup/SFX, and more during this unique 5th Year Anniversary Celebration. It's also a great opportunity for you to mingle with comic artists, voice actors, and iconic toy designers, as well as a big roster of Florida's top cosplayers! Takes place on Sa from 10 am – 11 pm and on Su from 11 am – 5 pm at the St Pete Clearwater, Marriot Hotel, 12600 Roosevelt Blvd, N. Info & tickets: floridacomicon.com.

March 6

Tampa Bay Boat Show

Tampa: Boating enthusiasts, first-time buyers, and seasoned sailors alike can explore the latest boats, accessories, and water sports gear – all in one place. Shop for your dream boat, learn about the latest marine technology, or simply soak up the nautical atmosphere. Takes place daily from 10 am – 5 pm at various indoor and outdoor venues at Florida State Fairgrounds, 4800 N US Hwy 30. Info: 813-621-7821; floridastatefair.com.

March 6

Nelson Gypsy Fair

Richmond: This nationwide traveling festival has been on the road for over 45 years. The family-oriented day includes everything from handmade crafts and metal working, to carnival rides, special attractions and good eats. Great live entertainment, too! Takes place from 11 am – 7 pm at Richmond A & P Grounds, 358 Lower Queen St. Info: Gypsyfairnz.com.

March 6 – 8

Eat, Drink, Shop At The Bay

Sarasota: Get ready to indulge in delicious food, and tasty libations while you browse

through unique items from local artists and crafters. Open on F from 4 – 6 pm; on Sa from 10 am – 5 pm; and on Su from 10 am – 4 pm. Takes place at JD Hamel Park, 199 Bayfront Dr. Info: 614-307-0356; mypromotions.com.

March 6 – May 10 (Weekends)

Busch Gardens Food, Wine & Garden Festival

Tampa: Sip & savor your way through flavorful eats and mouthwatering treats all back-dropped by live concert performances every weekend. Takes place from Noon – Close every F, Sa & Su at Busch Gardens, 10165 N McKinley Dr. Info & tickets: 813-987-5000 buschgardens.com.

March 7 – 14

Tampa Bay Beer Week

St Pete & Tampa: Toast a week of craft beer with over 70 Florida craft breweries offering more than 200 different beer samples. You can also enjoy special workshops, bottle releases beer tastings, a Brewers Ball and several Homebrew Competitions. Topping it all off is a great selection of street food, live entertainment and more! Various locations. Info: tampabaybeerweek.com.

March 8

20th Annual Taste of South Tampa

Tampa: This much anticipated outdoor festival includes delicious food samples from top area restaurants, live entertainment, a beer garden, and the opportunity to win prizes. Takes place, rain or shine, from 1 – 4 pm at the Tampa Garden Club, 2629 Bayshore Blvd. Info & tickets: 813-637-0156; tasteofsouthtampa.com.

March 13 – 22

Sarasota County Fair

Sarasota: The excitement of a new Fair Midway with awe-inspiring rides, fabulous fair food, livestock exhibits and a full line-up of live entertainment returns to Sarasota! Various times. Takes place at the Sarasota Fairgrounds, 300 Ringling Blvd. Info: 941-365-0818; sarasotafair.com.

March 14

River O'Green Fest

Tampa: Don your green for this citywide St Patrick's celebration that includes parades, live music, dancing, Irish food, green beer, cabbage tossing & hurling contests, and more. FYI: Don't

be surprised when even the Hillsborough River turns a brilliant shade of green! Takes place from 11 am – 6 pm at 600 N Ashley Dr. Info: 813-221-6838; tampasdowntown.com.

March 14

Safety Harbor Craft Beer Festival

Richmond: Unlimited pours from over thirty craft breweries and home brewers will have you foaming at the mouth during this special brewski happening. In between sips, you can enjoy delicious bites, live tunes, games, and shop an array of unique vendors – all backdropped by a beautiful waterfront view. Takes place from 2 – 5 pm at Safety Harbor, 105 Veterans Memorial Ln. Info: safetyharborcbf.com.

March 18 – 22

5th Annual Tampa Cigar Week

Tampa: Smoke with cigar brand owners, sip with liquor brands creators, and party alongside lounge owners in the heart of Cigar city. This year's Cigar Week lineup includes exclusive events like the Family of the Leaf Beach BBQ; the Shades of the Leaf Party; and the perennial crowd favorite Comedy Show. The weeklong celebration culminates with a 5th Year Anniversary Gala, featuring Chef Amadeus of the Food Network, as well as farm-fresh cuisine from the Black Farmers of America. Takes place from Noon – 6 pm at JC Newman Cigar Factory, 2701 N 16th St. Info & tickets: 813-248-2124; tampacigarweek.com.

March 20 – 22

St Petersburg Bayfest

St Pete: This exciting new festival promises to be a jam-packed weekend filled with delicious seafood, live music, and a marketplace of arts, crafts, and specialty products. Takes place on F from 4 – 10 pm; on Sa from 11 am – 10 pm; and on Su from 11 am – 6 pm at Albert Whitted Park, 480 Bayshore Dr SE. Info: paragonfestivals.com.

March 21 – 22

Asian Glow Fest

Dade City: Celebrate good fortune, joy, health and happiness with live entertainment, midway rides, family games, kite flying, and an Asian street food and vendor market. Make sure to stick around for the massive launch of sky lanterns that magically light up the night sky! Takes place 3 – 11 pm at the Saigon Night Market, 17951 Hamilton Rd. Info & tickets: asianglowfest.com.



March 27 – 29

Sarasota Reggae & Food Festival

Sarasota: Feast on Jamaican BBQ, fresh, local seafood, vegetarian dishes, and delectable desserts; take a stroll through the artisan marketplace; or relax with some of the best live reggae music in the region! Takes place on F from 4 – 10 pm; on Sa from 11 am – 10 pm; and on Su from 11 am – 6 pm at the Sarasota Fairgrounds, 3000 Ringling Blvd. Info: 941-487-8061; paragonfestivals.com.

March 28

Tampa Pride Street Festival & Parade

Tampa: Celebrate Pride with live music and entertainment, an artisan market, and delicious food. The annual rainbow festival culminates with a colorful Pride Parade of creatively decorated floats, amazing street performers and even visiting celebrities. Festivities take place from 11 am – 4 pm; Parade follows from 4 – 7 pm at 2010 Avenida Republica de Cuba in Ybor City. Info: prideoftampa.com.

March 29

15th Annual Cuban Sandwich Festival

Tampa: Bite into the "official sandwich of Tampa Bay," handcrafted by Florida Cuban sandwich artisans; enjoy live music and dance performance; shop for original Cuban art; and witness the world's biggest Cuban sandwich contest. Takes place from Noon – 6 pm in Ybor City's Centennial Park, 1800 E 8th Ave. Info: 813-319-5850; TheCubanSandwichFestival.com.

April 7 – 11

Tampa Bay Wine & Food Festival

Tampa: Tampa Bay's top chefs and gastronomic masters offer grand tastings, full course dinners and more before competing for top honors in the spectacular Chef's Showdown and Grand Tasting competitions. Takes place at various times and locations. Info: tampabaywff.com.

April 8 (Rain Date April 9) The Longest Table

St Pete: This legendary street dining experience boasts spectacular waterfront views and fine wines paired with specialty dishes created by top local chefs. Make sure to pace yourself because this fabulous shindig also includes a "Who's Who"

After Party at the Museum of Fine Arts. Dinner takes place from 5:30 – 8:30 pm; After Party follows from 8:45 – 10 pm. Takes place at 400 Bayshore Dr NE and 335 2nd Ave NE. Info & tickets: 813-974-8667; wusflongewtable.org.

April 11

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. Info: dunedinhighlandgames.com.

April 11 – 12

Foodie Fest

St Pete: Taste your way across the Sunshine State with a showcase of sweet and savory bites, craft beverages, chef demos, and more. The family-friendly food event also features the Florida Weiner Dog Derby, parades, contests, and more. Takes place on Sa from 11 am – 7 pm and on Su from 11 am – 5 pm at 10490 Gandy Blvd N. Info & tickets: 727-322-5217; sikpromotions.com.

April 12 – 19

Bern's Wine Fest

Tampa: Savor handcrafted appetizers, gourmet dishes, and decadent desserts crafted by top local chefs, and all paired with fine wines and backdropped by live music and unforgettable art. Location TBA. Info & tickets: 813-490-6622; laxerfamilyfoundation.org.

April 17 – 19

Sailor Circus Spring Show

Sarasota: Regaled as "the greatest little show on earth," the world's longest running youth circus returns for another thrilling, action-packed performance. Young acrobats, clowns and a copious cast of colorful characters put on a dazzling show that always elicits big "wows"

from the crowd. Various times. Takes place at Sailor Circus Arena, 2075 Bahia Vista St. Info & tickets: 941-355-9805; circusarts.org.

April 18 – 19

4th Annual Tampa Bay Empanada Festival

St Pete: This annual fusion of food, music, and games is one of Tampa Bay's largest celebrations of Latin flavors. Bring a big appetite because the weekend includes over 100 different varieties of empanada from 25+ vendors, along with craft cocktails, an Empanada Eating Competition, live music, an Arts & Crafts Market and more. Takes place on Sa from Noon – 8 pm and on Su from Noon – 7 pm at Perry Harvey Park, Win! Derby Lane, 1000 E Harrison St. Info & tickets: tampaempanadas.com.

April 18 – 19

21st Annual Caribbean Carnival

Tampa: Get ready for a spectacular display of costumes, music, and culture. This high spirited event includes a colorful Street Parade, Festival Concert, Steel Pan Jamboree, Vending Village, Kids Zone and more. Takes place on from Noon – 10 pm at Perry Harvey Sr Park, 1000 E Harrison St. Info: 813-445-9010; tampabaycaribbeanfestival.com.

April 24 – 26

Ink Mania Fest

Tampa: Explore stunning tattoo designs, watch live ink demonstrations, and even get inked by talented artists on-site. The weekend also includes MMA fights, concerts, live DJ, food trucks, car show, bars, amazing vendors, tattoo competition, and incredible people. Takes place from Noon – 9 pm at Florida State Fairgrounds, 4800 N US Hwy 3010 Info: 813-621-7821; floridastatefair.com.

April 24 – 26

Clearwater Seafood & Music Festival

Clearwater: Feast on savory favorites like grilled lobster, shrimp skewers, oysters, crab cakes, and more – all prepared by some of Florida's



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top seafood chefs. The festival's music lineup is just as mouthwatering. With an exciting mix of rock, reggae, blues, and country artists – you'll be dancing throughout the day and night. Open on F from 4 –10 pm; on Sa from 11 am – 10 pm; and on Su from 11 am – 6 pm. Takes place at Coachman Park, 300 Cleveland St. Info: 941-487-8061; paragonfestivals.com.

April 25 – 26 Latin Caribbean Locale Market & Festival

Tampa: Over 60+ incredible local and artisan vendors representing the rich Latin, Caribbean, and Asian cultures, come together for a high-energy weekend of captivating entertainment, lively dance performances, unique crafts, delicious food and more. Takes place from Noon –1 am at Yuengling Draft Haus & Kitchen, 11109 North 30th St. Info: 813-488-6444; yuengling.com.

May 2 Manatee's 5th Annual Taco Festival

Palmetto: Celebrate a family-friendly Cinco de Mayo with live music, handcrafted tacos, margaritas, and specialty cocktails from 100+ of Florida's food vendors. Kids can revel in bounce houses, face painting, a petting zoo, and more. Free for ages 12 & under. Takes place from Noon – 7 pm, rain or shine, at the Manatee Fairgrounds, 1402 14th Ave W. Info & tickets: 813-841-1000; manateetacofest.com.

May 2 – 3 Riverfest

Tampa: Prepare to be dazzled. From chart-topping musicians to captivating performers, Riverfest 2026 boasts a diverse lineup of top-tier headliners and up and coming rising stars. This free annual event spans the entire length of the Riverwalk and features lots of activities and events including Taste of Riverwalk on Friday night and TacoFest on Saturday. Takes place on F from 4 – 10 pm and on Sa from 10 am – 10 pm on the waterfront at Curtis Hixon Park, 702 N Ashley Dr, Tampa. Info: 813-221-1539; thetampriverwalk.com.



May 2 – 3 19th Annual Pinellas Pepper Fest

Pinellas Park: This hot n' spicy food show is painfully delicious, big on flavor and cooked up to be one of the hottest events of the season.

Specialty exhibitors offer up on array distinctive, breathtaking, and dynamite offerings. You'll find everything from sauces, salsas, seasonings, and rubs, to plants, gadgets, kitchenware, and hundreds of mild to wild samples. Live music too! Takes place from 10 am – 5 pm at England Brothers Bandshell Park, 5010 81st Ave. Info: 813-299-3600; pinellaspepperfest.com.



May 9 SiestaCon

Sarasota: This locally run comic con event boasts numerous exhibitors, major trading card tournaments, memorabilia for sale, and a cosplay contest, as well as displays with some really amazing vehicles. You can also expect to see several celebrity guests and artists. Takes place from 10 am – 7 pm at Roberts Arena, 3000 Ringling Blvd. Info & tickets: siestacon.com.

May 16 REPTIDAY

Sarasota: Immerse yourself in a world full of reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates, spiders, and small exotic animals; talk with top handlers and educators; and maybe even leave with a new friend. You can also shop a big selection pet food and accessories. Takes place from 9 am – 4 pm at Sahib Shrine Center, 600 N Geneva Rd. Info & tickets: replicon.com/florida/sarasota/.

May 16 7th Annual VooDoo Bash Burger Competition

Tampa: Gather round to taste a variety of unique burgers that are prepared by competing Chefs and Cooks across the Greater Tampa Bay area. Your vote will help determine who should be crowned the champion for "Best Burger in Tampa." The event also includes a live Rock Show, raffle, and silent auction to

help raise money for culinary scholarships. Takes place from 3 –9 pm at the Cuban Club, 2010 N 14th St. Info & tickets: 813-998-4852; voodoocheffoundation.com.

May 16 Sand and Sun Festival

Ocala: This full day of sand, sun, and fun includes stunning, larger-than-life sand sculptures, live music, community performances, a kids Sandcastle Playground, arts marketplace, food trucks, and more! Takes place from 10 am – 5 pm at Citizen's Circle, 151 SE Osceola Ave. Info: 352-629-8447; ocalafl.gov.

May 16 Italian Fest

St Pete: This authentic celebration of Italy features delicious food and wine tastings, live music and nonstop entertainment, as well as an epic Italian car display. Takes place from 11 am – 7 pm at Vinoy Park, 701 Bayshore Dr NE. Info & tickets: stpeteitalianfest.com.

May 23 Florida Seafood & Caribbean Music Festival

Tampa: Savor delectable delicacies from the deep, including free crawfish, and rum punch, all backdropped by great Caribbean sounds. Takes place from 2 – 10 pm at Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park, 600 N Ashley Dr, Tampa. Info: posh.vip.

May 29 – 31 2026 Pride Kickoff Weekend

St Pete: Pride 2026 kicks off with a vibrant celebration of community, movement, and joy. The weekend begins Friday night on Grand Central with music and energy filling the streets. The party continues on Saturday with a friendly Pickleball Tournament and a Sunset on the BeachParty blending golden-hour vibes with coastal celebration. The weekend culminates on Sunday with a sparkling Drag Brunch featuring an array of brunch favorites and bold performances by local icons. Info: stpetepride.org.

June 1 – 30 24th Annual St Pete Pride Festival

St Pete: This epic month of events celebrates the LGBTQ+ community starting with a Pride Kick-Off Block Party on Sunday, June 1. Festivities continues throughout the entire month with a full roster of events. Highlights include a Youth Pride & Family Day; a Pride Parade, Trans March & Festival; a Pride Grand Central Street Fair and so much more. Complete deets: 727-342-0084; stpetepride.com.



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June 6

Gulfport Pride Street Festival

Gulfport: Celebrate Pride at this colorful festival that features fabulous live music on two main stages, an Art & Craft Marketplace, a special Pride March with the Gecko Marching Band, and more. Takes place from 10 am – 8 pm along Beach Blvd S. Info: gulfportprideflorida.com.

June 20

2026 Juneteenth Cultural Festival & Celebration

Tampa: This the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the US, also known as Freedom Day. The annual celebration exudes a block party atmosphere with music from top DJs, amazing food trucks, shopping, a food & toy drive, Job Fair, free health clinic, and much more. Takes place from 2:30 pm – 9 pm at Raymond James Stadium, 4201 N Dale Mabry Hwy. Info: 609-359-0529; roctheblock.com.

June 26 – 28

St Pete Pride Parade and Festival

St Pete: This family-friendly weekend features a jumping' Pride concert headlined by national and local LGBTQ+ performers; a rainbow parade on the waterfront; and a community festival featuring block after block of live entertainment, vendors, art, fantastic food and more. Various times. Takes place in the Grand Central District along the downtown waterfront. Info: stpetepride.com.

June 29

Red, White and OSO Blue: Salute to Our Troops

Ocala: This special veterans celebration salutes our country's red, white, and blue spirit with a stunning rendition of traditional patriotic marches and musical scores. Showtime: 3 pm at the Reilly Arts Center, 500 NE 9th St. Info: 352-351-1606; reillyartscenter.com.

July 19

Crab, Conch & Crawfish Festival

Lakeland: Indulge in fresh local seafood, savor the smoky goodness of grilled meats, and enjoy live music that keeps the energy high all day long. Takes place from 3 – 10 pm at Lakeland Square Mall, 3800 US Hwy 98 N. Info: saturdayshoppes.com



July 24 – August 30

Bier Fest Brew & BBQ

Tampa: Reminiscent of a classic German brew-house, this lively annualcelebration features a rotating selection of 30 to 40 craft beers, hand-picked from over 30 breweries. Sip seasonal craft brews, enjoy tasty beer-inspired recipes, and savor some bold BBQ flavors, back-dropped by great live music and all kinds of exciting rides. Included with daily park admission, Annual Pass or Fun Cards. Takes place daily at Busch Gardens, 10165 N McKinley Dr. Info & tickets: 813-884-4386; buschgardens.com.

July 25 – 26

World Oddities Expo

St Pete: Weird thrives at this traveling oddities festival and mega convention. The macabre and magical weekend is a magnet for all kinds of artists, vendors, performers, educators, and guest speakers. Shop the Lost Curio Marketplace where you'll discover everything from taxidermy, insects, and macabre art, to jewelry, home decor, and more. You can also enjoy music performances, live painting, burlesque shows, and lots of other engaging activities. It's a really wild ride! Takes place from 11 am – 7 pm at St Petersburg Coliseum, 540 Fourth Ave N. Info & tickets: worldodditiesexpo.com.

July 31 – August 2
METROCON

Tampa: Florida's largest gathering of anime, cosplay and gaming features a video game arcade, and an all-new DREAM/fight Live! human-anime chess match, a well as celebrity appearances, costume contests, lip synch battles, mascot art, a Rave and more! Takes place on F from 10 am – 11 pm; on Sa from 9 am – 11 pm; and on Su from 9 am – 3 pm at 333 S Franklin St. Info: metroconventions.com.

August 15

Hippie Fest

Tarpon Springs: Break out the bell bottoms, get your tie dye on, and trip back in time for a nostalgic day of live music, craft beer, and fun food. The retro rewind also includes a hippie costume contest, hysterical hula competition and a cool VW Bug & Van show. Takes place from 2 – 9 pm at the Sponge Docks, 735 Dodecanese Blvd. Info: spongedocks.net.

August 15 – 16

Sunshine City Scare

St Pete: Get ready for non-stop entertainment from morning to late-nite at this immersive horror convention. The Halloween-Prequel features massive headliners and an absolutely jam-packed schedule of events. Takes place on Sa from 10 am – 11 pm and on Su from 11 am – 5 pm at the Hilton St Petersburg Bayfront, 333 1st St SE. Info & tickets: sunshinecityscare.floridacomicon.com.

August 21

VooDoo Chef's Tasting Event: A Taste to Remember

Tampa: Culinary artistry collides with rock and roll flair during VooDoo Chef's newest culinary charity event. The one night only celebration fuses the sophistication of a cocktail soirée, with the electrifying energy of rock and roll party. Takes place from 6 – 10 pm at TampaBob Buckhorn River Center, 402 W Laurel St. Info & tickets: 813-998-4852; voodoochefoundation.com.

September 4 – 6

Tampa Bay Comic Con

Tampa: Vintage and new comics, toys, cosplay, anime and art take center stage at this lighthearted event that draws thousands of collectors. Get in on celebrity photo ops and autograph sessions, as well as fan-cosplay meet-ups with authors, voice actors, creators and actors. Takes place on F from noon – 10 pm; on Sa from 10 am – 10 pm; and on Su from 10 am – 5 pm at the Tampa Bay Convention Center, 333 S Franklin St. Info: tampabayomicconvention.com.

September 5

Gecko Fest

Gulfport: This fun end-of-summer street celebration honors Gulfport's unofficial mascot with live music, food trucks, libations and more! Enjoy costume contests, roving magicians, stilt walkers, acrobats, jugglers, a wacky walking parade, and a really wild Gecko Skateboard Race! Takes place from 10 am – 8 pm at 3101 Beach Blvd S. Info: visitgulfportflorida.com.



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April 17 - 26

44th Annual Conch Republic Independence Celebration

Key West: This raucous annual event commemorates the founding of our Conch Republic. The celebration includes a ton of fun events, including a big Kick-Off Party, a reenactment of the Great Sea Battle of the Conch Republic, Sunset Boat Parade, Art & Craft Fair, Pirate's Ball, Red Ribbon Bed Races, a wacky "Drag Queen" Bed Race down Duval St, and much more. Info: 305-296-0213; conchrepublic.com.

May 7 - 10

Welcome to Rockville 2026

Daytona Beach: Florida's biggest rock music festival showcases a massive lineup of legendary rock bands, as well as the brightest up-and-comers from today's music scene. With over 150 acts on five stages, it's bigger and better than ever before. The festival so includes amusement rides, a giant water slide, artwork installations, partner experiences, award-winning spirits, and delectable eats. Multi-day and VIP packages available. Takes place at Daytona International Speedway, 1801 W International Speedway Blvd. Info: welcometorockvillefestival.com.

July 1 - 5

Annual Key Lime Festival

Key West: This long limey holiday weekend includes a full menu of activities, including a Key Lime Sip & Stroll, Key Lime Pie Hop, a gravity-defying Key Lime Pie Drop from the top of the Key West Lighthouse, and the World Famous Key Lime Pie Eating Championship. It's one tasty, lip-smacking weekend! Complete event schedule at keylimefestival.com.



Celebrate America's 250th Birthday!

July 3

Fireworks on the Lake

Sarasota: This annual America Birthday bash includes live music, a raffle, Kids Zone, plenty of food trucks, family-friendly activities, and a spectacular fireworks show over the lake at around 9 pm. Takes place from 5 - 10 pm at Nathan Benderson Park, 5851 Nathan Benderson Circle. Info: nathanbendersonpark.org.

July 3

Red, White & Food Truck Festival!

Sarasota: Kick off your 4th of July celebration early with this patriotic tailgate party that includes 40+ food trucks and a great view of the fireworks. Takes place from 4 - 9 pm in Parking Lot 4 at Nathan Benderson Park (on the East Side/Main Entrance area) of The Mall at University Town Center.

July 4

Boat Parade & Boom by the Bay

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

July 4

The Heights District Fourth of July

Tampa: Enjoy a day of patriotic fun with a live riverfront concert, hot dog eating contest, interactive kids' games, boat parade, and a dazzling fireworks show over the Hillsborough River. Takes place from 4 - 10 pm at 1910 Ola Ave. Info: amateurworks.com.

July 4

St Pete Opera: 4th of July Pops Spectacular

St Pete: This spectacular evening of music tributes America's 250th Birthday with a live orchestra and chorus featuring some really outstanding soloists. The moving musical celebration is filled with stirring classics and American favorites that include a broad range of patriotic, classical American and Broadway musical selections. Showtime: 6 pm at the Mahaffey Theater, 400 First St, followed by a stellar fireworks show at the St Pete Pier. Info & tickets: themahaffey.com.

July 4

St Pete Pier's The Fourth Celebration

St Pete: Celebrate Independence Day with live music and street performers, a family fun zone, food trucks, craft beer garden, and shopping at Uncle Sam's Market. A

spectacular fireworks celebration follows at 9 pm on the waterfront. Takes place from 4 - 10 pm at 600 2nd Ave. NE. Info: stpetepier.org.

July 4

Clearwater Celebrates America

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

July 4

Cedar Key Independence Day

Cedar Key: Celebrate your independence with the best fireworks in Florida! You'll have the best seat in the house - either on land or on water - with a fabulous show that's launched from a barge between Dock St and Atsena Otie. Showtime: 9:15 pm at 188 2nd St. Info: cedarkey.org.

July 4

Picnic in the Park

Tarpon Springs: This star-spangled family celebration includes delicious food, live music, bounce houses, water slides and festive fun for all ages! Takes place from 10 am - 1 pm at 100 Library Lane. Info: spong docks.net.

July 4

Patriotic Skies

Ocala: Rejoice in your independence with patriotic live music, kids' games and family activities, as well as food trucks offering savory snacks and sweet treats before the spectacular fireworks display. Takes place at 6 pm at 800 NE Sanchez Ave. Info: ocalafl.gov.

July 4

Hometown USA

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

July 4

Independence Day Celebration

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

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Happy Cinco de Mayo!

Celebrate the Sun with this Tasty Mango Margarita

There's nothing like a tasty margarita to celebrate Cinco de Mayo But not just any margarita. If you want your celebration to be really special, it needs to be a Mango Margarita for the ultimate "Margarita Experience." Here's the recipe for your day of fun in the sun.

INGREDIENTS

- 1/4 Medium Mango, chopped
- 3 Oz Blanco Tequila
- 1 Oz Lime Juice, freshly squeezed
- 1 Oz Agave Nectar

PREPARATION

In a cocktail shaker, muddle together the chopped mango and ice. Add tequila, lime juice, agave nectar and orange-flavors liqueur. Shake vigorously for approximately 15 seconds. Strain and serve straight up in a chilled glass. Garnish with fresh mango cubes.

1/4 Oz Orange-Flavored Liqueur, like Grand Marnier

Fresh Mango Cubes for garnish

Ice



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.



Hyde Park

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

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

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

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

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



The only portion left of Cork Ave. today is called Snow Ave. Hyde Park Village today is a charming area with locally-owned and national boutiques and restaurants.

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5 – 11 pm;
Su 10:30 am – 2:30 pm;
5 – 9 pm
Inspired Modern Italian
Chef Lister’s simple and rustic dishes are truly authentic and crafted with fresh, seasonal ingredients. You’ll find a big selection of handmade pasta, Neapolitan pizza, inspired Italian plates, wood-grilled specialties and Vegan options. Starters include beautifully plated items like the Hamachi Crudo with jalapeño, citrus and chive oil; Prime Beef Carpaccio with Truffle aioli, micro

ANCHOR AND BRINE

Tampa Marriott Water Street
505 Water Street,
Tampa, FL 33602
813-204-6388;
anchorandbrine.com
M – F 11 am – 10 pm
Sa & Su 10 am – 11 pm
Seafood Centric Dining, Sushi & Raw Bar
Chef, restaurateur and entrepreneur, Richard Sandoval is acclaimed for his innovative culinary techniques and award-winning flavors that span 50 locations and five continents. Here, his refined yet approachable seafood centric menu shines with an excellent selection of inventive dishes. Small Plates include Sautéed Mussels, Smoked Grouper Dip and Exotic Mushroom Flatbread. Large Plates are just as enticing with items like Seared Salmon with corn puree and edamame salsa; Chicken Milanese with marinated heirloom cherry tomatoes; and Pasta Pescatore, a wonderful melange of calamari, shrimp, mussels and lobster in Pomodoro sauce served over linguine. A terrific Sushi and Raw Bar, along with a beautiful waterfront terrace is the topping on the cake!

arugula, and crouton; and PEI Mussels with white wine, pesto and cream. Main Events include Short Rib Ragù with red wine sofrito, tomatoes, rigatoni and ricotta cheese; Cavatelli with fennel saga, rapini, cannellini beans, garlic, Calabrian chilis, pecorino Romano; Saffron Risotto Alla Milanese with grilled Mexican blue shrimp; Grilled Salmon with chili mustard glaze; and the Duo of Grilled Lamb Chops with lamb sausage cannellini bean caponata, currant emulsion and aged balsamic. Magnifico!

GARRISON TAVERN

Tampa Marriott Water Street
505 Water Street,
Tampa, FL 33602
813-221-6390;
tampamarriottwaterstreet.com
Daily 11 am – 2 am
Elevated Gastro Pub & Virtual Sports
World-renowned celebrity chef, Richard Sandoval never seems to slow down. With

dozens of acclaimed restaurants to his credit, Sandoval’s waterfront “social house” may be one of his most unique venues. Situated in a one-of-a-kind space along the Tampa Riverwalk, his contemporary take on the age-old tavern concept is a lively dining and entertainment experience. With a relaxed open layout outfitted with large communal tables, it’s all about social connection. It’s no surprise that the menu here is chef-driven. Sandoval re-energizes comfort food into a robust collection of scratch-made plates that include Beef Barbacoa Nachos; Crispz Fried Chicken Wings; Grilled Flat Iron Steak; Smoky Gouda Mac & Cheese; a Tavern Butcher’s Burger made with house-ground Florida raised grass-fed beef; and lots of other handhelds. The friendly space also boasts Florida’s first “Top Golf Swing Suite,” a very cool virtual sporting experience that is as immersive as the food. *A really fun hang!*

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F 11 am – 11 pm;
Sa 10 am – 11 pm;
Su 10 am – 10 pm
Weekend Brunch 10 am – 3 pm
Voted Best Sushi In Tampa
Jackson’s view alone makes it worth the visit but the food here is the real star of the show — especially if you love sushi. The stellar lineup includes a terrific selection of Appetizers, Nigiri & Sashimi, Signature Rolls, Asian Platters and Poke Bowls. If sushi isn’t your jam, you can opt for one of the Market Fresh Seafood or Meat Dishes. The big menu features items like Kimchi Chilean Sea Bass, Faroe Island Jerk Salmon, Surf & Turf, Southern Roasted Chicken, a 16 oz Ribeye, and Double-Cut Pork Chop. There’s also a good selection of Salads and Handhelds including a delicious two-fisted All-American Smash Burger. Outstanding!



Time to Flex Your Foodie Muscles

Tampa Wine & Food Festival Is Coming to Town!

Calling all foodies and fine wine lovers! *The Tampa Food and Wine Festival* is back, and it’s one event you don’t want to miss!

Hosted by Celebrity Chef, Robert Irvine, this scrumptious culinary extravaganza takes place from Tuesday, April 7 through Saturday, April 11 and boasts six mouthwatering events.

The fabulous Foodie Fest kicks off on Tuesday, April 7 with “Experience St Pete.” The premiere night includes curated cocktails, an extraordinary 4-course dinner and pairings from acclaimed wineries.

The adventure continues on Wednesday, April 8 with “Experience Tampa.” Chefs from several of Tampa’s top rated restaurants will dazzle you with their unique and memorable 4 – 5 course pairings dinner. Both nights promise exceptional food, drink, and ambiance.



The adventure continues on Thursday, April 9 when Tampa’s Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino hosts “Rock the Range: Chef Robert Irvine & Friends.”

Other highlights include a Chef Showdown on Friday, April 10 where eighteen top chefs battle it out in a series of nine culinary challenges. Sample

their plates and then cast your vote for your favorite. Your vote, together with those of the culinary judges, determine the winner. It’s a delicious competition that’s guaranteed to keep you hungry for more.



Culminating the festivities is the Grand Tasting on Saturday, April 11 which takes over the entire Curtis Hixon Park. This signature event is your opportunity to sample an array of epicurean delights and craft cocktails from over forty top rated restaurants in the area.

So what are you waiting for? For all the deets, including tickets, and a complete schedule of events, go to tampabaywff.com.

Bon appétit!



Good Eats



LONA

Tampa Marriott Water Street
505 Water Street, Tampa, FL 33602
813-221-4900; lonatampa.com
Daily 6:30 am – 11 pm
Dynamic Modern Mexican Cuisine
This collaboration between internationally acclaimed Chefs, Richard Sandoval and Pablo Salas brings out the best of the best. While their creative and contemporary approach to traditional Mexican dining pays homage to Mexico's rich culinary heritage, it also takes traditional dishes to a whole new level. Their curated menu showcases a fusion of regional Mexican cuisines with a mind-blowing array of bold and authentic flavors. From delectable street food favorites to refined dishes inspired by ancient recipes, Sandoval's and Salas' masterful collaboration celebrates the diversity and complexity of Mexican gastronomy. *Not to be missed!*

SKYYE BAR & GRILL

Tampa Airport Marriott
4200 George J Bean Parkway
Tampa, FL 33607
813-998-3705;
tampamarriottairport.com
Daily 3 – 11 pm
Skip the Taxi
Who knew that you get find some really good eats right off the tarmac? Conveniently located in the Tampa Airport Marriott, and just a short indoor walk down the terminal, is the hotel's Skyye Bar & Grill. In addition to the panoramic bird's-eye views, you'll also find a varied menu with just about anything you could hanker. Appetizers range from Fried Calamari, Wings, and Pan-Fried

Potstickers, to almost a dozen salads and handhelds. If you're looking for something heartier, you can always opt for one of the Main Plates which include entrees like Airway Meatloaf, Hull Huli Salmon, and Asian Infused Quinoa Stir-Fry. FYI: Save room for the Chocolate Bourbon Cake!

ST PETERSBURG AREA

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3701 Gulf Blvd., St Pete Beach, FL 3306
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With an expansive veranda overlooking the Intracoastal, Zamora's signature restaurant is a top choice for breakfast, brunch, lunch or dinner. Prepare yourself for some really outstanding traditional and contemporary fare. From Banana Foster French Toast and Lemon Blueberry Pancakes; to Crispy Calamari and Lobster Rolls; to Chicken Saltimbocca and Chilean Sea Bass – the chefs here always deliver delicious, eye-popping plates. Other



noteworthy main dishes include the Grilled Salmon with spinach and feta puff pastry; Lobster A La Vodka Pasta; Wagyu Bolognese; and the slow braised Short Rib.

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M – Th 11 am – 10 pm;
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Su 11 am – 10 pm;
Weekend Brunch 11 am – 2 pm
Tikis, Tapas & Billiards, Oh My!
With an inviting island vibe, edgy menu, and two red felted pool tables, this local hot spot attracts a lively and eclectic crowd. Don't be surprised to see leather-clad Bikers rubbing elbows with suited-up Judges reveling in the specialty tacos, signature sushi, creative flatbreads, and amazing "Fast Plates." Stand-outs include the Blackened Redfish Tacos with Chihuahua cheese, and jalapeño sour cream; Pan-Seared Shishito Peppers with sesame oil, honey and feta cheese; Braised Pork Belly topped with apple chutney and a habanero honey drizzle; and the Fig & The Pig Flatbread topped with aged Prosciutto, fresh black Mission figs, fig jam, and white truffle four cheese blend. If you're ready to ditch the ordinary, this one's for you!

NOBLE CRUST

8300 4th St N,
St Petersburg, FL 33702
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M 4 – 10 pm;
Tu – Th 11:30 am – 10 pm;
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Sa 10 am – Midnight;
Su 11 am – 10 pm;
Deep South Italian
With a polished yet well-worn vibe, and a seasonal menu that features locally grown ingredients, this hip casual Italian eatery is one the area's most inventive dining spots. The modern, ever-evolving creations include items like Beef & Pork Meatballs with red sauce and ricotta; a Fried Green Tomato BLT with honey glazed pork belly and pimento cheese; and a Chicken Parm Sandwich with house mozzarella, tomato sauce, and basil on a garlic buttered brioche bun. FYI:

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Also ranked as America’s #1 Arts Destination and Crafts Town, the Sunshine City is home to seven arts districts, dozens

of galleries and world-class museums including the Dali and the Chihuly Collection.

The Florida Orchestra and a host of other performing arts also make St Pete a rival for one the world’s best cultural cities.

Sandwiched between museums and galleries, is stylish Beach Drive,

a European promenade with open-air cafés overlooking a ribbon of green city parks and the sparkling waters of Tampa Bay.

Downtown, you’ll discover great shopping including eclectic home-grown businesses in the Grand Central District.

After dark, the city really hops. A thriving craft beer industry and a 24/7 downtown attracts the largest cluster of bars and entertainment spots in the Tampa Bay area.

Hard to believe that this hip city was once known as just a sleepy retirement destination because it’s now a huge draw for all ages and just ranked as Florida’s #1 spot for relocation among millennials.

Just a half hour from Tampa and Clearwater, St. Pete boasts a rich cultural scene, 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.

In fact, the New York Times recently named St. Petersburg as one of the “52



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The Vinoy Resort and Golf Club stands as a premier destination for travelers and locals, offering elevated experiences and creative programming like the History Tour & High Tea. With six distinctive dining venues, two resort pools, and a holistic spa, it reflects a century of rich social culture. As the celebration of its 100-year anniversary begins in 2025, this milestone becomes an integral part of the vibrant experiences that define The Vinoy.

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A Vibrant Dining & Social Hub
With seven distinctive dining options, this cherished St Pete landmark is an iconic dining destination that boasts a wonderfully diverse culinary lineup. From fresh brews and house made patisseries at *Lottie*, the resort's classic French café; to local seafood and international dishes on the marina at *Paul's Landing*; to creative Latin cuisine on the *Veranda*, aka "St Pete's Front Porch," dining here is a cause célèbre. FYI: The resort's culinary offerings are expanding with the addition of the exciting new *Elliott Aster*, an elevated fine-dining experience by Chef Lee Wolen and the Boka Restaurant Group (coming in 2025). *Stay tuned!*

CLEARWATER AREA

BASCOM'S CHOP HOUSE

3665 Ulmerton Rd, Clearwater, FL 33762
727-573-3363; bascoms.com
Lunch: M – F 11:30 – 2:30 pm
Dinner: M – Th 5 – 9 pm;
F 5 – 9:30 pm; Sa – 4:30 – 9:30 pm;
Su 4 – 9 pm
Award-Winning Steak House With A Modern Twist

Helmed by acclaimed chef, Tony Bonanno, this elegant Chop House is heralded for its exceptional meat preparations and expansive menu. All the steaks here are Certified Angus Midwestern grain-fed steer, wet-aged in-house for a minimum of 28 days. Chef Bonanno has a flair for combining flavors and methods from around the world and his inspiring cuisine is all his own. Bonanno's seafood preparations are also especially wonderful and include creations like Pecan Crusted Grouper, Chilean Sea Bass, and Shrimp Scampi Pasta. Whether it's steak or seafood, you can't go wrong with anything on Bonanno's menu.

KATCH BISTRO

Karol Hotel
2675 Umberton Rd, Clearwater, FL 33762
727-273-7850; thekarolhotel.com
M – Th 7 am – 9 pm; F 7 am – 10 pm;
Sa 8 am – 10 pm; Su 8 am – 3 pm

Inventive Gulf-To-Table Cuisine

Local seafood creations headline a terrific lineup of gourmet creations that include elevated appetizers like Creole Shrimp with fennel sausage in chili lime broth; Fried Deviled Eggs with truffle aioli and bacon; and crispy Brussels Sprouts with chili honey sauce and bacon. Sea and Land entrees rock the boat with options like Champagne Grouper; Pesto Gulf Shrimp; Atlantic Seared Salmon; Braised Short Rib; and Hot Honey Half Chicken. *Really lovely!*



CEDAR KEY

BIG DECK BAR & GRILL

331 Dock St., Cedar Key, FL 32625
352-543-9992

Su – Th 11 am – 9 pm;

F & Sa 11 am – 12:30 am;

A Diamond in the Rough

Don't be fooled by the look of this rough hewn open-air hangout. It may not be fancy, and the bar can get a bit rowdy but the food here is damn good. If you like steamers, nothing even comes close to the locally farmed, sweet and juicy Cedar Key Clams. Needless to say, the seafood here is exceptionally fresh and includes a variety shrimp, oysters and fish preparations. If you're not a seafood lover, you can bib up for the Smoked Slab of Ribs or Pig Wings slathered in butter, garlic and parsley. Lots of burger options, too, as well as sandwiches, quesadillas, wraps, and Po' Boys. Heads up: Most everything is served on styrofoam plates with plastic utensils so no need to get dressed up.

OCALA

IVY ON THE SQUARE

53 S Magnolia, Ocala, FL 34471
352-622-5550; ivyhouse.com

Tu 11 am – 2 pm; W 11 am – 9 pm;

Th 11 am – 10 pm; F & Sa 11 am – 11 pm;

Sunday Brunch 10:30 am – 2pm

Southern Cooking At Its Best

Marjorie "Mimi" Hale and her family are the epitome of "Southern Hospitality." In addition to their hip Ivy On The Square

restaurant, the Hale clan also owns the landmark Ivy House Restaurant & Catering in Williston. Renowned for her delicious, yet simple meals, Mimi's heart-felt creations come from cherished family recipes. Topping the list of house favorites is Mimi's signature Baked Krispy Chicken, as well as other southern specialties like her Fried Green Tomatoes, Cheese Fritters and BBQ Shrimp & Grits. There's also a wide selection of seafood and steak dishes along with an extensive gluten-free menu. BTW: Be sure to check out the Late Night Tapas & Cocktails on Fr & Sa from 9 – 11pm and the Williston location at 106 NW Mail St. (352-528-5410).

Clearwater

For Everything Under The Sun



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

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

Remember Winter, the dolphin with a prosthetic tail made famous in the blockbuster movie, "Dolphin Tale?" Well, you can see her here at the Marine Aquarium which focuses on rehabilitation and education. And speaking of dolphins, you may be greeted by any number of six-foot tall

dolphins - 115 of them in fact, that comprise the Clearwater Dolphins Trail which extends from Tarpon Springs to St. Petersburg.

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

Another "Must-See": the free nightly Sunset Celebration at Pier 60 which includes local artisans, street performers, musicians and terrific live entertainment.

For true world-class entertainment, check out the performance lineup at Ruth Eckerd Hall. Long a mainstay of the Tampa

Bay Cultural scene and downtown Clearwater's beautifully restored Capitol Theatre, it hosts some of the hottest acts in the US. So come see for yourself because Clearwater really does have it all!





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Beef Tartare

From Bascom's Chop House



Executive Chef Tony Bonanno 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 to create award winning food for Bascom's Chop House is creating a big buzz with local foodies. Here's his recipe for Bascom's signature Beef Tartare.

INGREDIENTS:

- 8 Oz Diced Filet Mignon
- 1 Oz Diced Red Pepper
- 3 Oz Diced Green Apple
- 2 Oz Chopped Capers
- 1 Tsp Sriracha Sauce
- 1 Tbsp Truffle Oil
- 2 Tbsp Mayonnaise
- Kosher Salt to taste
- Fresh Ground Black Pepper to taste



PREPARATION:

In a small bowl, mix together the diced pieces of filet mignon, red pepper and green apple. Fold in the chopped capers, Sriracha, truffle oil and mayonnaise. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Serve with crisp tomato, cornichons, bitter greens and a fresh farm egg yolk in its shell for a unique presentation. Enjoy!

You can revel in more of Chef Tony's award-winning recipes at Bascom's Chop House, 3665 Ulmerton Rd in Clearwater, right next to the St Pete/Clearwater Airport. Reservations: 727-573-3363; bascoms.com.

Bring a Big Appetite!

Clearwater Seafood & Music Festival



Do you love seafood and great music? If your answer is a resounding "Yes!" then mark your calendar for the Clearwater Seafood & Music Festival & Music Festival coming to Coachman Park, on Friday, April 24 through Sunday, April 26.

For three succulent days, the state of the art music venue will smell like a hot summer day in New England with a delectable fusion of fresh seafood. You can feast on all kinds of savory favorites like grilled lobster, shrimp, stone crab, oysters, crab cakes, and a whole lot more — all prepared on-site by some of Florida's top seafood chefs.

Landlubbers and vegans, have no fear: there will be plenty of options for you, too, along with lots of tropical cocktails, craft beer, wine and non-alcohol libations.

The festival's music lineup is just as mouthwatering.

With an exciting mix of Rock, Reggae, Blues, Funk and Soul — you'll be dancing throughout the day and night.

And if all the great food and jammin' musical performances weren't enough, you can also shop a fun marketplace of curated fine art, crafts, gourmet food items and specialty products. Free admission, too!



Takes place on F from 4 — 10 pm; on Sa from 11 am — 10 pm; and on Su from 11 am — 6 pm. It all happens at Clearwater's beautiful Coachman Park located at 300 Cleveland St. Info: 941-487-8061; paragonfestivals.com.

Historic 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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appetizers

Crispy Calamari

hot cherry peppers, pesto aioli, marinara

Shrimp Al Ajillo

garlic, parsley, cayenne paprika oil

Mezze Plate

hummus, fried chickpeas, tzatziki, naan bread, tabouleh, crudite, marinated Greek olive medley

mains

Chilean Sea Bass

tomato feta cous cous, haricot verts, olive tapenade, red pepper sauce

Steak

choice of 14 oz ribeye, 8 oz filet or 8 oz sirloin, crispy onion straws and choice of demi, truffle butter, wild mushroom

Chicken Saltimbocca

fresh mozzarella & sage stuffed chicken breast wrapped in prosciutto, spinach gnocchi, natural jus

Grilled Salmon

spinach & feta puff pastry, asparagus, heirloom beurre blanc

Wagyu Bolognese

short rib & beef blend, parmesan crisp, fried ricotta, rigatoni

Lobster A La Vodka Pasta

steamed tail, shrimp & scallop a la vodka, angel hair, fresh basil



SAMPLE MENUS



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appetizers

Prince Edward Island Mussels

steamed, thai chili coconut milk

Fried Deviled Eggs

truffle aioli, bacon

Crispy Brussels Sprouts

chili honey sauce, bacon

from the sea

pesto shrimp

roasted red pepper pesto, garlic, charred tomato, onion, angel hair pasta

Lobster Mac & Cheese

tender maine lobster, cheese sauce, cavatappi

Atlantic Seared Salmon

yellow tomato cream sauce, potato gnocchi, baby kale, beech mushroom, fried garlic

Cioppino

fresh crab, clams, mussels, shrimp, white fish, tomato-wine broth, aromatic herbs, garlic

from the land

Braised Short Rib

bordelaise, fried onion straws, whipped potato, seasonal vegetables

Pork Chop

mustard sauce, collard greens, rice, black eyed peas

Hot Honey Half Chicken

pan jus, collard greens, sweet potato, pecans

8 oz Grilled Filet

cherry bordelaise, whipped potato, seasonal vegetables



SAMPLE MENUS



LONA
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main plates

Lobster Quesadillas

butter-poached lobster, flour tortilla, cilantro, chipotle aioli, red onion

Carne Asada Tacos

grilled skirt steak, melted oaxaca cheese, white onion, cilantro

Pablo Fajitas

tomato, onions, sweet peppers, crema, guacamole, pico de gallo, flour or corn tortillas

chef's specials

Grilled Steak Tampiqueña

strip steak, refried beans, rajas corn enchilada

Enchiladas Poblanas

chicken, queso fresco, house mole, crema, onion, sesame

Salmon a la Talla

guajillo chili adobo, avocado, coleslaw, corn pico de gallo, adobo mayo, charred lemon



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small plates

Sautéed Mussels

confit garlic, shallot charred, scallion, smoked cherry tomatoes, sourdough crostini

Lump Crab Cake

spicy remoulade, avocado, charred lemon

Exotic Mushroom Flatbread

caramelized onions, mushrooms, arugula, garlic crema, truffle oil, balsamic reduction, parmesan, goat cheese

Fried Calamari

aji amarillo aioli, pickled chilis, grilled lemon

large plates

Seared Salmon

corn puree, heirloom cherry tomatoes, edamame salsa, herb oil, sweet onion cream

Superfood Bowl

grilled quinoa, garbanzo beans, faro, kale, carrots, tomato, asparagus, lime cilantro coulis, garbanzo croutons

Pasta Pescatore

calamari, shrimp, mussels, lobster, garlic, linguine, pomodoro

Seared Grouper

coconut curry, spring vegetables, carrots, jasmine rice

Grilled Steak Frites

ny strip steak, roasted garlic butter, herbed fries

Chicken Milanese

panko bread crumbs, arugula, marinated heirloom cherry tomatoes, lemon, shaved parmesan



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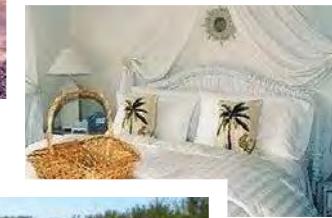


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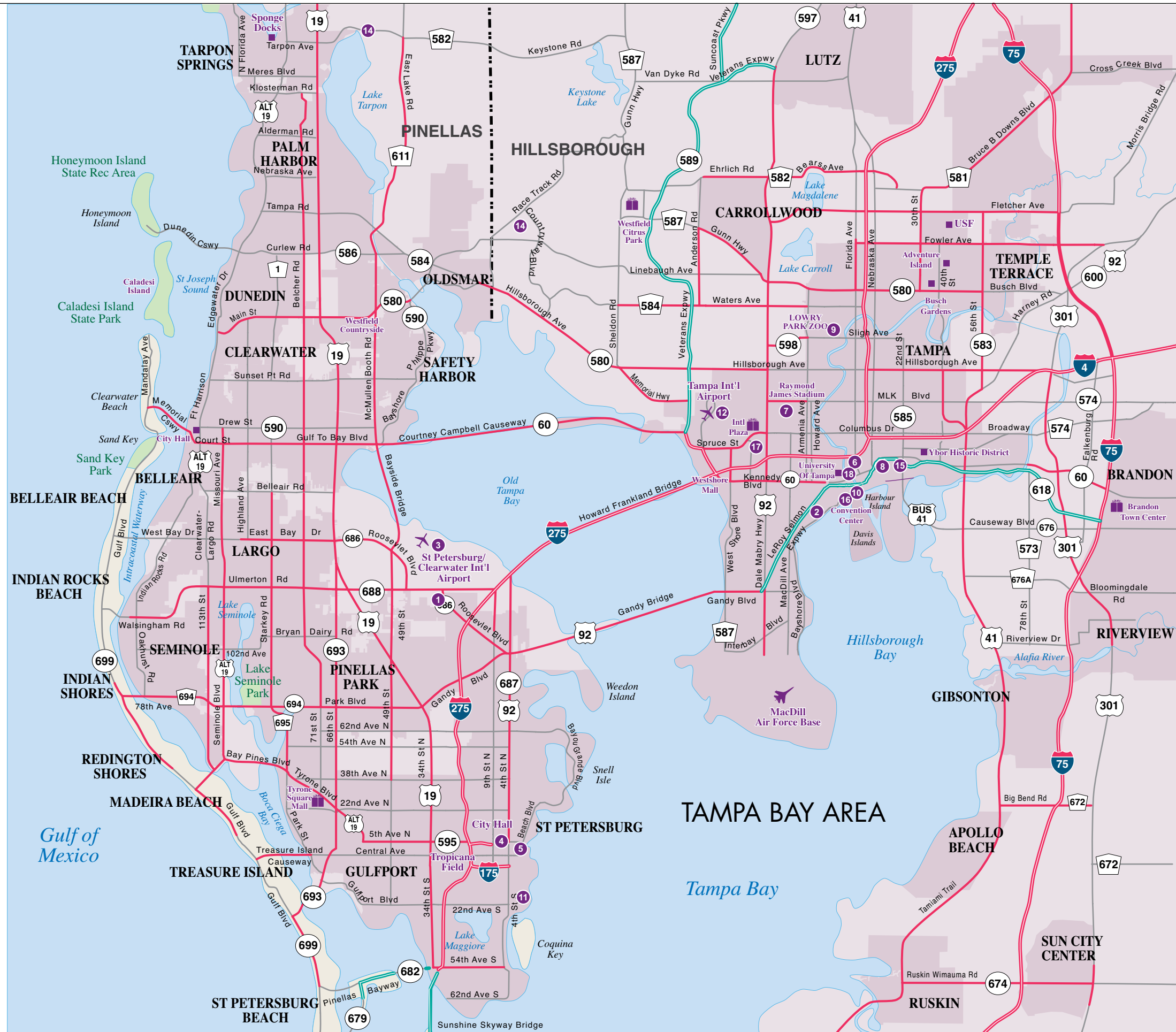


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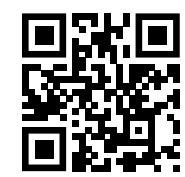


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