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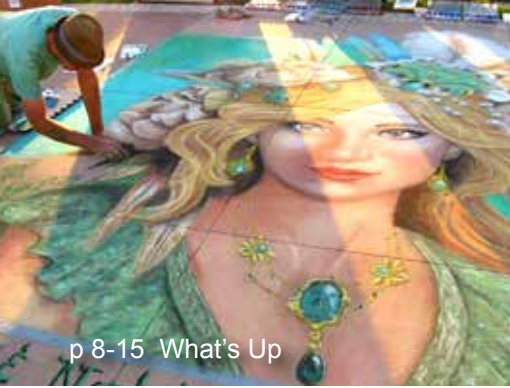
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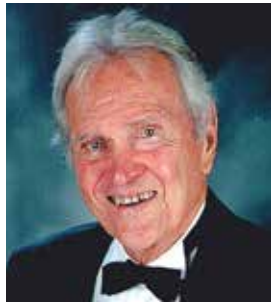
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If there's anything that makes you long to be a kid again, it's this totally awesome 150-acre interactive theme park specifically designed for kids 2-12 years old. With more than 50 unique rides, 10 theme zones and all kinds of really cool attractions,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

## BEST SOUTHERN COOKING

Ivy On The Square

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

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

## BEST SHARK ENCOUNTER

The Florida Aquarium

Ok, Ok, so maybe going nose-to-nose with a 600 lb Great White is not your idea of a great day at the beach, especially when it flashes those pearly whites at you. But fear not. At Tampa's Florida Aquarium you can actually swim or dive with sharks as well as with 1600 other colorful fish including sting rays, barracudas, sea turtles and more — all without being a certified SCUBA diver! It's all part of the Aquarium's special "Shark Swim" program — an in-water reef experience that is truly an adventure of a lifetime (must be age 9 or older to participate). The Aquarium's Coral Reef Gallery simulates an actual reef in the Dry Tortugas just off of Key West. While you get up close and personal with the fishes, friends and family can watch from the exhibit pathway. How cool is that! 701 Channelside Dr., Tampa, FL 33602 (813) 273-4000; flaquarium.org

## BEST CLASSIC BURGER

Shula's Steak House

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

## BEST WILD HANG

Zoo Tampa at Lowry Park

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



## BEST OF BROADWAY

STRAZ Center

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



## BEST SUSHI WITH A VIEW

Jackson's Bistro Bar & Sushi

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

## BEST CIGAR EMPORIUM

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



## BEST FRENCH RESTAURANT

La Cuisine

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

## BEST RIB EYE

Bascom's Chop House

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



# What's Up



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

## ONGOING Daily

### Sunsets at Pier 60 Festival

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

### Every Tuesday Gulfport Fresh Market

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

### Every Wednesday Downtown Clearwater Farmer's Market

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

### Every Saturday Clearwater Farmers Market

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

### Every Saturday Williams Park Summer Market Farmer's Market

*St Pete:* Explore the fresh tastes of summer every Saturday under the shady oaks. Find fresh and organic produce, meats and cheeses, baked goods, fruits and veggies, clothing, gifts, arts and crafts and more. Takes place from 9am - 1pm on First Ave between 3rd and 4th Streets. Info: saturdaymorningmarket.com.

### Every Sunday Corey Avenue Sunday Market

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



### Second Wednesday Heights Night Market

*Tampa:* Discover a rotating cast of artisans and makers offering handmade goods, jewelry, art, woodwork, unique gifts, live music and more during this family friendly monthly market. Takes place from 5:30 - 9:30 pm on 7th Ave in front of Armature Works. Info: armatureworks.com.

### First Thursday Rock the Park

*Tampa:* Enjoy Central Florida's best musicians from one of 20 socially distanced pods. Free admission. Takes place at 7pm in beautiful Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park, 600 N Ashley Dr. Info: facebook.com/RockthePark.

### Second Thursday Poetry at The Dali

*St Pete:* Join St. Petersburg Poet Laureate Helen Wallace and special guests on YouTube for a spoken word reading followed by Q&A with the poets. Free admission. Takes place at 6 pm. Info: thedali.org.

### Third Thursday Market

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

### Monthly First & Third Saturday Fresh Market At Wiregrass

*Tampa:* Over 50 vendors offer variety of local, certified organic, hydroponic and conventional produce, plants, organic garden food/supplies and locally made foods while local artists showcase their creative works and eco-friendly products. Takes place from 10am - 2pm in the heart of the shopping center at 28211 Paseo Dr, Wesley Chapel. Info: 813-994-2242; tampamarkets.com.

### Second Saturday Art Walk

*St. Petersburg:* Take in St. Pete's "After Hours" arts scene as more than forty galleries and studios, spanning across five different arts districts, stay open late including Duncan McClellan Glass and Morean Arts Center. Free trolleys run throughout the city's art districts to get you around. Takes place in the

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vendor-run market. Takes place on Saturday from 9am - 7pm; and on Sunday from 9am - 5pm at 2200 2nd Ave S. Info: [vintagemarche727.com](http://vintagemarche727.com).

### First Sunday Hyde Park Essentials Market

Tampa: Browse more than 100 vendors offering fresh and organic fruits and veggies, locally prepared foods, handcrafted and artisan home décor, gifts and live music to serenade your Sunday. Takes place from 10am - 3pm inside Hyde Park Village, 742 S Village Circle. Info: [tampabaymarkets.com](http://tampabaymarkets.com).

### Second Sunday Seminole Heights Sunday Morning Market

Tampa: Start your Sunday Funday by shopping a wide variety of unique gifts, clothes, healthy living products and more from your favorite market vendors. Takes place from 11am — 3pm at 4500 N Nebraska Ave. Info: [tampabaymarkets.com](http://tampabaymarkets.com).

Waterfront Arts District, Central Arts District and EDGE District from 9am - 9pm on the 2nd Saturday of the month. For a complete list of participating galleries and a map, visit [speteartsalliance.org](http://speteartsalliance.org).

### First Saturday & Sunday Vintage Marche

St. Pete: Explore more than 15,000 feet of hand-picked vintage, repurposed, antique and mid-century modern furnishings, home décor, art, jewelry and more at this unique

### Now Through September 2

#### Summer Classic Films

Tampa: Beat the heat with thirty years of summer classics on the big screen, including *The Gold Rush*, *Casablanca*, *Some Like It Hot*, *Jurassic Park*, *North by Northwest*, *Airplane!*, *Young Frankenstein* and more. Various dates/times. Takes place at the Tampa Theater, 711 Franklin St. Tickets and Info: [tampatheatre.org](http://tampatheatre.org).

### Now Through September 30

#### Avenue of Art

Sarasota: Explore the artistic side of Sarasota history with a series of street paintings created by local artists, students and children commemorating Sarasota County's centennial. Free admission. On display at S Pineapple Ave, Burns District. Info: [chalkfestival.org](http://chalkfestival.org).

### Now - November 1

#### Dali's Sacred Science: Religion & Mysticism

St Pete: Explore the connection of sacred and science through prints, mixed media objects and texts from the surrealist and Sigmund Freud dealing with science, religion, mythology, alchemy and mysticism.

## Dive into Florida Orchestra season of epic symphonies, premier soloists

When planning your next trip, dive into The Florida Orchestra's premiere schedule of epic symphonies and beloved concertos featuring world-class soloists at venues across Tampa Bay in the fall. Music Director Michael Francis will welcome back full audiences in September with two powerhouse works in one concert, **Beethoven's Fifth Symphony** and **Vivaldi's The Four Seasons**, in the Tampa Bay Times Masterworks series, kicking off a season-long journey through monumental masterpieces such as **Beethoven's Symphony No. 9** with its glorious Ode to Joy, **Mahler's Symphony No. 5**, **Mozart's Requiem** and **Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5**.

TFO's 54th season will bring internationally renowned soloists to Tampa Bay stages, including classical guitar superstar **Milos**, and feature popular concerts that range from the **Music of Star Wars** to the cinematic America's Wonders and the cutting-edge **Fly Dance Company**.

"As we emerge from this crisis, Beethoven's Fifth Symphony is really the only piece that could open the season, because it so perfectly embodies our journey from darkness to light. This is a time of rejuvenation, and what better than Vivaldi's Four Seasons to take us out of winter and into the new spring of life," said Maestro Francis, entering his seventh season leading TFO. "I am so proud of how The Florida Orchestra has kept concerts going, because our Tampa Bay community has never needed live music more than now. But for next season, I cannot wait to bring back the glorious power of a symphony at full force. Experiencing such extraordinary music together makes us stronger as we move forward with optimism and hope."

Unlike many other major orchestras across the country, The Florida Orchestra has played on through the pandemic while following CDC guidelines for safety at the Mahaffey Theater. Now the state's largest professional orchestra is poised to return at full power with traditional-length concerts for big audiences in the fall. Some of the season's best moments will come in the core Tampa Bay Times Masterworks series, which opens Sept. 24-26, 2021 at three major performing arts venues: Straz Center for the Performing Arts in Tampa, The Duke Energy Center for the Arts/Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg and Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater.

The Masterworks series will bring in some of the most sought-after soloists from around the world to perform beloved concertos. One of the most prestigious will be the TFO debut of classical guitar superstar Milos, who has sold out Royal Albert Hall in London, to perform **Rodrigo's Concierto de Aranjuez**. One of the most sought after violinists in the world, **Augustin Hadelich** shines in **Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No. 2**; Mozart specialist **Anne-Marie McDermott** plays **Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 23**; **Sara Davis Buechner** takes on **Gershwin's Piano Concerto in F**; fan favorite **Karen Gomyo** returns for **Brahms' Violin Concerto**; **Conrad Tao** makes his TFO debut on **Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1**; and the brilliant **Benjamin Grosvenor** returns for **Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 3**.

Florida Orchestra 2021/22 season packages of varying sizes are on sale now. Single tickets go on sale Aug. 16 at [FloridaOrchestra.org](http://FloridaOrchestra.org).

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Takes place from 11am - 6pm at the Dali Museum, 1 Dali Blvd. Tickets and Info: [thedaili.org](http://thedaili.org).

### June 12

#### St Pete Pridefest: We Are Family

*St Pete:* Join LGBTQ+ families and allies for live music, entertainment, family focused vendors and more along the waterfront and at the St Pete Pier. Takes place from 11am - 5pm at 400 Bayshore Dr NE; 198 Bayshore Dr NE & 800 2nd Ave NE. Info: [stpetepride.com](http://stpetepride.com).

### June 19

#### Beer, Bourbon & BBQ Festival

*Tampa:* Go whole hog with Southern-style BBQ, bacon and biscuits paired with craft beer and bourbon with sides of bluegrass, cornhole, cigars and more. Takes place from noon - 6pm at Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park, 600 N Ashley Dr. Info: [tampa.beerandbourbon.com](http://tampa.beerandbourbon.com).

### June 19

#### Juneteenth at the Straz

*Tampa:* Discover the beauty of original poetic spoken word and choreographed dance performances commemorating the 1865 end of the Civil War and the emancipation of America's slaves. Takes place at 7pm at the Straz Center, 1010 N MacInnes Pl. Tickets and info: [starzcenter.org](http://starzcenter.org).

### June 19

#### ZooTampa - Comedy for Conservation

*Tampa:* Enjoy a night of laughs with comedians Billy D Washington and Tommy Drake, up-close animal experiences, interactive games, delicious food, drinks, and more! Select dates through July. Takes place from 7 - 10pm at Zoo Tampa, 1101 Sligh Ave. Info: [zootampa.org](http://zootampa.org).



### June 25 - 27

#### Tampa Bay Boat Show

*Tampa:* Drop anchor for everything from kayaks and stand-up paddle boards to cruisers and yachts, boating and fishing supplies and more during Tampa Bay's largest summer boating event. Takes place on Friday and Saturday from 10am - 6 pm; and on Sunday from 10am - 5pm at the Florida State Fairgrounds, 4800 US Hwy 301 N. Info: [floridastatefair.com](http://floridastatefair.com).

### June 26

#### Taste of Pridefest

*St Pete:* Wind down on the waterfront with great food, live music, picnics, food trucks, vendors and a fireworks extravaganza at dusk. Takes place from 2 - 9pm at 400 Bayshore Dr NE, 198 Bayshore Dr. Info: [stpetepride.com](http://stpetepride.com).

### July 4

#### Fireworks Across the Bay

*St Pete:* Celebrate independence with live music, kids' games and activities, face painting, food trucks and a free festive fireworks celebration on the waterfront. Takes place from 5 - 9pm with fireworks at 9pm at Vinoy & North Straub Parks, 400 Bayshore Dr NE. Info: [stpete.org](http://stpete.org).

### July 4

#### Clearwater Celebrates America

*Clearwater:* Celebrate the 4th of July with live music from the Black Honkeys, an all-American menu, arts and crafts, kids' games and the largest fireworks show ever. Takes place from 7 - 10pm at Baycare Ballpark, 601 Old Coachman Rd. Info: [ClearwaterCelebratesAmerica.com](http://ClearwaterCelebratesAmerica.com).

### July 16

#### Bob Saget

*Clearwater:* The Full House star and host of America's Funniest Videos leaves Danny Tanner in the dust with a night of adult comedy and innuendos, political humor, Hollywood tales and stories about family life. Showtime: 8 pm at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 405 Cleveland St. Info: [rutheckerdhall.com](http://rutheckerdhall.com).

### July 17

#### ZooTampa - Comedy for Conservation

*Tampa:* Enjoy a night of laughs with Jorge Marroquin and Russ Nagel, up-close animal experiences, interactive games, delicious food, drinks, and more! Select dates through July. Takes place from 7 - 10pm at ZooTampa, 1101 Sligh Ave. Info: [zootampa.com](http://zootampa.com).

### July 23

#### Firefall, Orleans & Pure Prairie League

*Clearwater:* Join three legendary bands for a spectacular night featuring 40 years of combined hits, including "Just Remember I Love You," "Still the One," "Dance With Me," "Let Me Love You Tonight," and more. Showtime: 7:30pm at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Road. Info: [rutheckerdhall.com](http://rutheckerdhall.com).

### July 23 - 25

#### METROCON

*Tampa:* Discover Florida's largest gathering of anime, cosplay and gaming under one roof! Explore the video game arcade and human anime chess match along with celebrities, panelists, artists, costume contests, lip sych battles, mascot art and more! Takes place on Friday from 10am - 11:30pm; on Saturday from 10am - 10pm; and on Sunday from

9am - 5:30pm at 333 S. Franklin St. Tickets & Info: [metroconventions.com](http://metroconventions.com).

### July 24 - 25

#### PAVA Cool Art Show

*St Pete:* More than 60 professional artists showcase works of fine art and crafts at one of summer's favorite shows which also features food, wine and beer. Free admission. Takes place from 10am - 5pm at St Petersburg Coliseum, 535 Fourth Ave N. Info: [pava-artists.org](http://pava-artists.org).

### August 4

#### Styx Concert

*Tampa:* The legendary multi-platinum rockers return with a night of hits and audience favorites, including "Lady," "Come Sail Away," "Babe," "Too Much Time on My Hands," "Mr. Roboto" and more. Showtime: 8pm at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Rd. Tickets and Info: [rutheckerdhall.com](http://rutheckerdhall.com).

### August 5

#### Rock the Park 12th Anniversary

*Tampa:* Celebrate 12 years of the free live monthly entertainment series showcasing music from all genres with headliners

Kristopher James (full band), Perception and other special guests. Showtime: 6:30 pm at Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park, 600 N Ashley Dr. Info: [rockthepark.com](http://rockthepark.com).

### August 6

#### WWE Smackdown

*Tampa:* Let's get ready to rumble with Friday Night Smackdown superstars Roman Reigns, Seth Rollins, Bianca Blair, Rey Mysterio, Bayley and many more. Live and broadcast to the world direct from Tampa! Takes place at 6:30 pm at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Tickets & Info: [amaliearena.com](http://amaliearena.com).

### August 14

#### Tampa Beer Run

*Tampa:* Toast the morning with a pint, then jog into an amazing after-party featuring live music, human and canine snacks and more beer. Benefits the Humane Society of Tampa Bay. Takes place from 8am - 2 pm at 4180 Himes Ave. Info: [tinyurl.com](http://tinyurl.com).

### August 17 - Sept 19

#### Shout! The Mod Musical

*Tampa:* Take a romp through the love's trials and tribulations of women's-lib London, along with jukebox hits from the '60's including To

Sir with Love, Downtown, You Don't Have to Say You Love Me, Son of A Preacher Man and more! Various times. Takes place at the Straz Center, 1010 McInnes Pl. Tickets and Info: [strazcenter.org](http://strazcenter.org).

### September 4

#### 20th Annual GeckoFest

*Gulfport:* Explore the quirkiness of Gulfport during one of the city's most fun events. This year's theme is "Geckos of the Round Table!" a celebration of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table. Browse great art, listen to live music and check out some terrific street performers. Takes place from 10am - 10pm along Beach Blvd. Info: 727-322-5217; [visitstpeteclearwater.com](http://visitstpeteclearwater.com).

### September 10

#### Karamu Gala

*Tampa:* RSVP for a glamorous evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, gourmet dinner and dessert (Karamu) in the Savanna Marketplace, accompanied by live music and entertainment to benefit ZooTampa's animal care and education programs. Time TBA. Takes place at ZooTampa, 1101 W. Sligh Ave. Tickets and Info: [zootampa.org](http://zootampa.org).



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## What's Up

September 10

### Alan Parsons Live Project

*Clearwater:* Relive old and new hits including Billboard Top 40 singles "Eye in the Sky," "Time," "Don't Answer Me" and more from the latest incarnation of the critically acclaimed British rock band. Showtime: 7:30 pm. Takes place at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 1111 McMullen Booth Rd. Tickets and Info: [rutherfordhall.com](http://rutherfordhall.com).

September 19

### Christopher Cross Concert

*Clearwater:* "Ride Like the Wind" with an intimate concert spanning 40 years of incredible contemporary music with this Award-winning singer-songwriter, including "Sailing," "Arthur's Theme," "Never Be the Same" and more. Showtime: 8 pm. Takes place at Bilheimer Capitol Theatre, 405 Cleveland St. Tickets and Info: [rutherfordhall.com](http://rutherfordhall.com).

September 24 - 26

### Hooters Clearwater Offshore Nationals

*Clearwater:* Feel the roar as the biggest and fastest in offshore powerboats slice through Gulf waters then come ashore for a powerboat parade, driver autographs, block parties, live entertainment, fireworks, food and more. Takes place on Friday from Noon - 10pm; Saturday from 10am - 10pm and on Sunday from Noon - 10pm at Coachman Park, Cleveland Street. Info: [clearwatersuperboat.com](http://clearwatersuperboat.com).

October 2

### 98RockFest

*Tampa:* Get your Rocktober on with Ayron Jones and Zero 9:36 on the plaza followed by an all-star lineup featuring Shinedown, Seether, Candlebox, Fuzzy, Dirty Honey and more. Showtimes: 2 and 5 pm at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. Info: [amaliearena.com](http://amaliearena.com).

October 2

### Spyro Gyra Concert

*Clearwater:* Prepare for more surprises as this legendary jazz supergroup showcases its musical chops with covers of popular Top 40 hits, including "Sunshine of Your Love," "Tempted," "Can't Find My Way Home" and more from their latest release Vinyl Tap. Showtime: 8pm at Ruth Eckerd Hall, 405 Cleveland Street. Info: [rutherfordhall.com](http://rutherfordhall.com).

October 8-10

### Oktoberfest Tampa

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

October 9 - 10

### 31st Annual Hyde Park Village Art Fair

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

October 14 - 17

### Clearwater Jazz Holiday

*Clearwater:* Experience a celebration of one of America's oldest music genres featuring live performances by local and national artists, merchandise, food and more! Various times. Takes place at BayCare Ballpark, 301 Drew St. Info: [clearwaterjazz.com](http://clearwaterjazz.com).

## OTHER FLORIDA HAPPENINGS

July 10

### 37th Annual Underwater Music Festival

*Big Pine & The Lower Keys:* A quirky concert broadcast underwater for divers, snorkelers, and the occasional mermaid emphasizes reef preservation. The submerged songfest is held at Looe Key Reef in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, approximately 5 miles south of Big Pine Key. Transportation is available from local dive shops. Info: 305-872-2411; [lowerkeyschamber.com](http://lowerkeyschamber.com).

Sep 17- 26

### Island Hopper Songwriter Fest

*Fort Myers, Fort Myers Beach & Captiva Island:* This 10-day music festival offers an impressive lineup of nationally acclaimed and award-winning singer-songwriters from Nashville and nationwide, with their own unique way of expressing themselves. Takes place on Captiva Island Sep 17-19; Downtown Fort Myers on Sept 20-23; and in Fort Myers Beach on Sep 24-26. Info: [IslandHopperFest.com](http://IslandHopperFest.com).

September 18

### In the Light Of Led Zeppelin: Led Zeppelin Tribute

*Daytona Beach:* The Star Spangled Summer Concert Series continues at the historic oceanfront Bandshell located on the North end of the Daytona Beach Boardwalk. Known for bringing the best Tribute Bands to the beach, the 2021 Concert Series continues every Saturday night through September 25. A free fireworks display follows every concert. Show time: 7:15. Takes place at the Daytona Beach Bandshell, 70 Boardwalk Ave, Daytona Beach. Info: 386-253-0254; [friendsofthebandshell.org](http://friendsofthebandshell.org)

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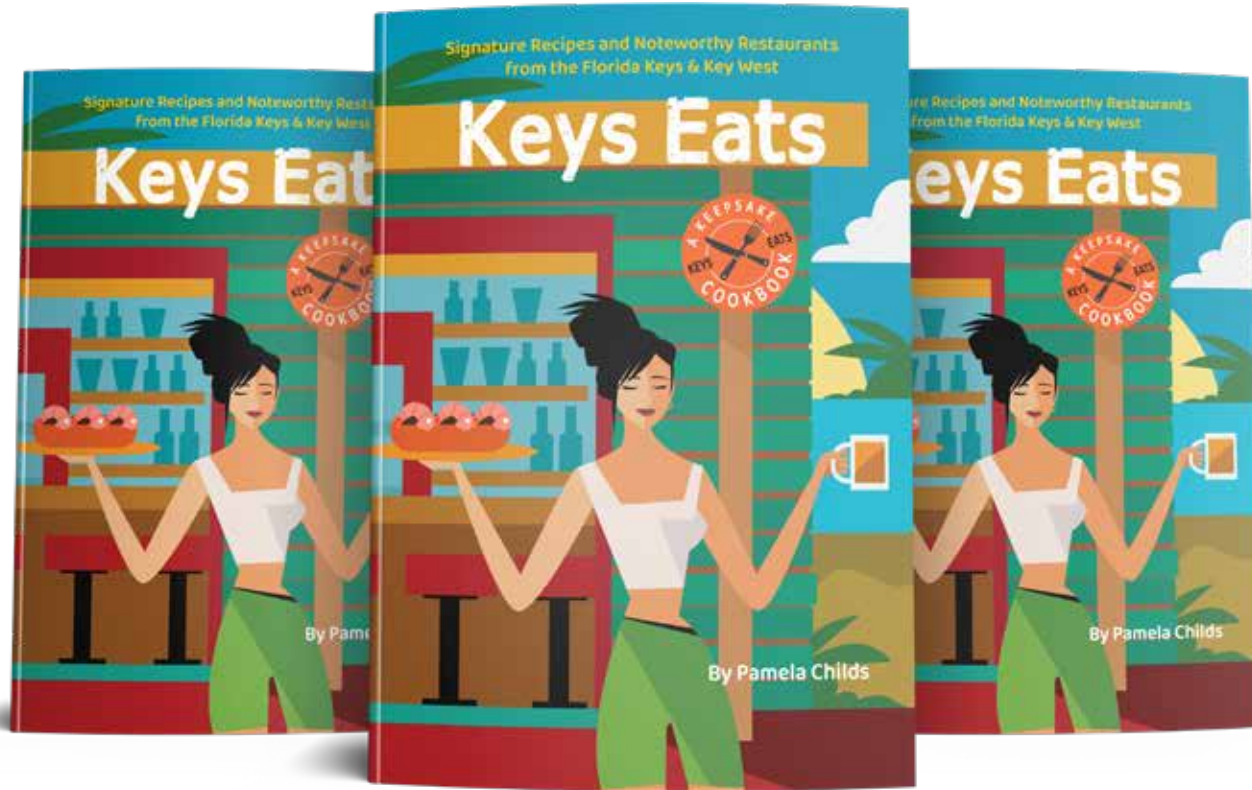
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You can find Davidoff Of Geneva right in the center of Tampa at the Metwest International Shopping Center, 4142 W Boy Scout Blvd in Tampa. Info: 813-513-7560; [davidofftampa.com](http://davidofftampa.com)



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Tired of the same old same old? Pandemic home cooking has forced a lot of us to look beyond our old tried and true recipes. If you're on the lookout for something new and different to put on the family table, grab a copy of the new KEYS EATS.

Unlike most cookbooks, this soon-to-be kitchen favorite includes popular island recipes like Key Lime Pie and Jambalaya from some of the best chefs in the Florida Keys, as well as a comprehensive guide to the best places to eat and short features on the restaurants themselves.

Author Pamela Childs, who also publishes



Author, Pamela Childs

DESTINATION Florida visitor publications, decided it was time to share a little bit of the Conch Republic with the millions of tourists who visit the Keys annually, as well as those who still dream of coming here someday.

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Designed by Destination Florida's award-winning art director, Marsha Michaels, and edited by co-publisher, Karen Davis, the whimsical cover and interior design of this humorous cookbook

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Divided into six distinct areas with interactive exhibits that literally take you around the world, the zoo also includes lots of fun rides as well as a special Splash Pad area where you and the kids can cool your jets.

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

Just next door is Asia where you can go nose-to-horn with an Indian Rhino or hang with a Komodo dragon, laid back sun bear and a binturong family.

Love manatees? At the David A Straz, Jr Manatee Critical Care Center, the Zoo's animal care and medical team treat sick, injured and orphaned manatees before returning them to the wild.

Stroll over to Africa and you'll feel as if you were teleported to a village in the Savannah where all

types of exotic species are waiting to greet you. The Expedition Wild Africa ride provides a very cool behind the scenes tour of this area and it's not unusual to see baby elephants frolicking in the mud to stay cool.

One of our favorite sections of the Zoo is the Primate area where orangutans, lemurs and siamangs compete for attention in all kinds of funny ways.

At Wallaroo, kids can visit koalas, bats, emus, and wallabies.

There are lots of fun rides here, too, like the Tasmanian Tiger Coaster and Overland Express.

So go have a blast. Between the

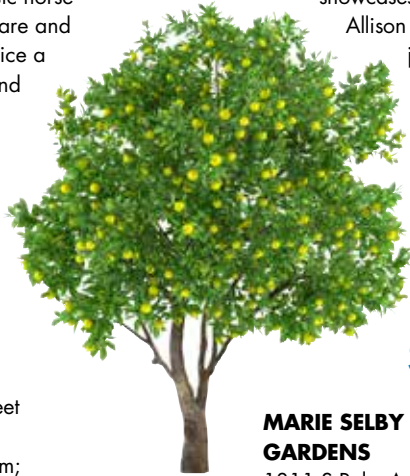






experience is necessary and there are horses to suit every level. You can also enjoy a 30 - 60 minute casual guided horseback ride in the Center's large riding arena. During the summer and on school holidays, kids ages 7 - 16 are invited to enroll in Horse Camp where they'll learn basic horse handling, safety and care and also be able to ride twice a day in both a lesson and fun ride. Additionally, Haile Equestrian offers an elite selection of Warmbloods and Riding horses for sale, as well as horse boarding and leasing.

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 Nestled on the shores of beautiful Sarasota Bay, this tropical, urban oasis showcases unparalleled horticulture displays and is a world-class center for education, research and education. There is just so much to see here including a Conservatory that looks and feels like a tropical forest, Fern Garden, Bamboo Garden, Banyan Grove, Mangroves and Baywalk, Bromeliad Garden, Butterfly Garden, Children's Rainforest and more.



**THE RINGLING**  
 5401 Bayshore Rd  
 Sarasota, FL 34243  
 941-359-5700; ringling.org  
 Daily 10am - 5pm  
*The Greatest Show On Earth*  
 The Ringling Circus may be gone but it is certainly not forgotten. This State Art Museum is home to one of the preeminent art and cultural collections in the US which John Ringling, in the spirit of America's wealthiest Gilded Age, began acquiring in the 1920s. The museum now houses a treasure trove of paintings and art objects as well as a Circus Gallery which showcases performers wardrobes, beautifully carved parade wagons, lithographic circus posters, a cannon which shot fearless performers across the big top and so much more. FYI: Check out the interactive Tibbals Learning Center where you can experience the excitement of a day at the circus.

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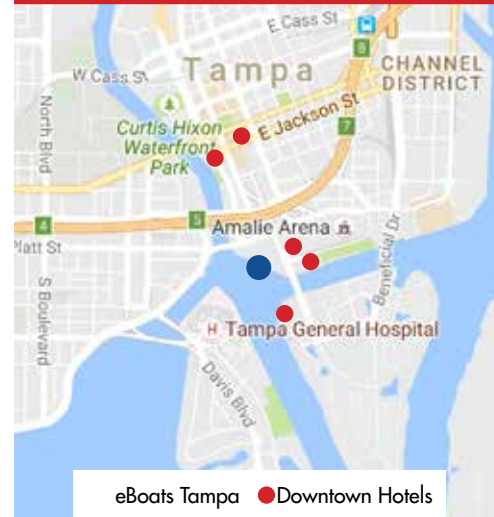
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11th Annual Oktoberfest Tampa



Break out your lederhosen, dirndls and beer steins because when Munich, Germany's famous Oktoberfest celebration wraps up in September – some 16 days and 14 million pints of beer after it began – Tampa Bay's 11th Annual Oktoberfest celebration will just be getting started.

Cited as one of the "Top 5" Oktoberfests in the US, this year's bash kicks off on Friday, October 8 and runs through Sunday, October 10 at Curtis Hixon Park which magically transforms into the city's largest waterfront Biergarten for this family and pet-friendly event.

A full authentic Bavarian Food and Beer Hall will serve up pleasing pilsners, hearty hefeweizens, delicious dunkels and the traditional Oktoberfest Märzens plus plenty of German and Bavarian foods (bratwurst, currywurst,

sauerkraut, Chicken Schnitzel, warm pretzels and other goodies) all available in mass quantities throughout the three day celebration.

But it wouldn't be Oktoberfest with just food and drink. There will also be plenty of singing and dancing, as well as lots of goofy games like the "Liter Stein Bucket Race," (running an obstacle course without spilling your buckets of beer) "Carry the Wench," a race where you carry your date on your back, "Tug of War," "Keg Stacking" and so much more.

General admission is just \$10



for adults and free for kids. VIP tickets are also available and include a commemorative one liter acrylic stein, complimentary re-fills, open bar, table-side service, express entry, VIP Tent access and Konig's Feast – a full food plate with all the fixings.

Tickets are available from 11am - 11pm at Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park, 600 N Ashley Dr, Tampa.

For more info go to [oktoberfesttampa.com](http://oktoberfesttampa.com).

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# Tampa At A Glance

So much to see and do!

Tampa Bay – the second largest metro area in Florida – offers a variety of treasures in the communities that surround its beautiful waters. From gleaming high rises and the rich Latin heritage of Tampa, to St. Petersburg's European-style charm of café-lined streets along the nation's most beautiful waterfront, and to Clearwater's white sand beaches, Tampa Bay offers everything under the sun.

A visitor here can enjoy it all within a 45-minute drive from their hotel. Three bridges span Tampa Bay, and the drive yields a spectacular vista of all that is Florida: palm trees, gliding pelicans and dolphins paint a picture of a paradise where summer never ends.

Thirty-five miles of some of the best beaches in the world border the Gulf of Mexico: from Clearwater's pristine Caladesi Island to south beyond St. Petersburg and the expansive Fort de Soto Beach. Here, fresh grouper is king,

and golden sunsets are the dessert to cap off a perfect day in the sun.

Just minutes away in downtown St. Petersburg, this resort city boomed while the big bands played and is now home to a thriving arts community.

Seven arts districts, dozens of galleries, world-class museums such as the Dali Museum and the Chihuly Collection, and a rising curtain on a host of performing arts rival the best arts cities in the world. And, sandwiched between museums and galleries, is stylish Beach Drive, a European promenade with open-air cafés overlooking beautiful waterfront parks, Mediterranean-tiled towers and the masts of sailboats.

Tampa's Busch Gardens is not only one of America's most popular theme parks with heart-palpitating rollercoasters, but it is also home to



one of the largest zoos in the United States.

Downtown Tampa's Riverwalk

provides a linear path past the Tampa Museum of Art, Curtis Hixon Park and the city's gleaming business district.

And less than a minute away, the Ybor City Historic District, where former cigar factories transformed into restaurants and nightclubs and the smell of Cuban coffee seems to seep from the old hexagon block sidewalks.

From the shores of Tampa Bay, discover everything from 21st century cities embracing the future, to spine-tingling rollercoasters, the crack of a Major League Baseball bat and the perfect place to nestle your toes in the sand. We invite you to explore and discover the treasures of Tampa Bay.





# Good Eats

## TAMPA AREA

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Daily 11am - Midnight

*Seafood Forward Terrace Dining*

With a refined yet approachable seafood-forward menu and beautifully styled raw bar, Anchor and Brine is situated on the water along Tampa's Riverwalk with indoor and outdoor terrace dining options.

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Tampa, FL 33602  
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tampamarriottwatersstreet.com

Daily 11am - 2am

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Tampa-inspired fare is the hallmark of

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813-277-0112 jacksonbistro.com

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Jackson's view alone makes it worth the visit and gives new meaning to the phrase "The Art Of Entertaining". Professional service, wonderful food and a warm ambiance creates a true cultural experience. Whether you come for lunch, dinner or just relax at the famous waterfront bar, Jackson's always delivers a memorable dining experience that you won't want to miss.



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# Hyde Park

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



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

and SoHo.

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

1882.

Growth occurred rapidly and a street car line was put in on Swann Ave and Rome Ave. This is the reason for the wideness of the two streets, while most in the neighborhood are much narrower. The area where Old Hyde Park Village is today was originally called Cork Ave. Dakota Ave., Cork Ave., and Inman Ave. all intersected near where the British pay phone sits today. The only portion left of Cork Ave. today is called Snow Ave. Hyde Park Village today is a charming area with locally-owned and national boutiques and restaurants.

## Good Eats



do today be lifting your fork! There isn't even a word in the dictionary for how good you look. Yeah, there might be one place in town where you can get Grouper that's fresher than this: the ocean. Be true to your stomach: Follow the snacks.

### GAINESVILLE AREA

#### FRESCO PIZZA & PASTA

Haile Village Center  
5212 SW 91st Terrace  
Gainesville, FL 32608  
352-872-5005;  
frescopizzaandpasta.com  
Open Nighly M - F 5 - 10pm;  
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*Urban Italian*  
Traditional Italian flavors fused with a 21st century flair result in sophisticated, fresh crafted dishes that are all made from scratch.

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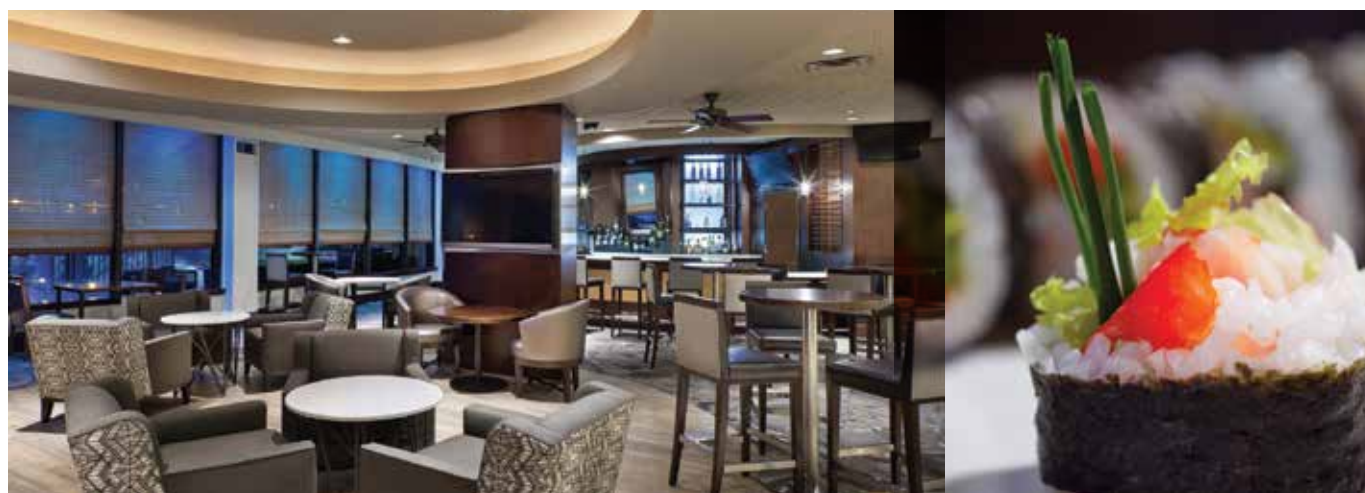
#### BASCOM'S CHOP HOUSE

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Fresco's big menu is loaded with a huge selection of appetizers and salads along with dozens of sandwiches and entrees. When it comes to their pizza and pasta, you're the architect: start with a hand tossed pie or choice of pasta and then add all your favorite toppings and sauces. Bravissimo!

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352-240-6228; limerockroad.com  
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## Good Eats

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*Gainesville's Iron Chef Winner*

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



### CEDAR KEY

#### 83 WEST

310 Dock St.  
Cedar Key, FL 32625  
352-543-5070;  
83westcedarkey.com  
Open Su - W 11am - 8pm;  
F - Sa 11am - 10pm;  
Closed Th

*A Local Take On Southern Seafood*

Southern-style dishes inspired by fresh local seafood, seasonal produce and Cedar Key's heritage are the signature of this charming dockside restaurant that boasts spectacular water views from every seat. Executive Chef/Owner, Jordan Keeton sources fresh, local seafood, meats and produce to create old Florida favorites with a thoroughly modern twist. The Shrimp & Anson Mills Grits with andouille sausage is just wonderful; the Fried Green Tomatoes are absolutely delicious and beautifully plated; and the house-made Key Lime Cake is unique and delicious. Florida brewed beers, and craft distilled spirits, too!

### OCALA

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53 S. Magnolia  
Ocala, FL 34471  
352-622-5550;  
ivyhousefl.com  
Open Tu 11am - 2pm; W 11am - 9pm;  
Th 11am - 10pm; F & Sa 11am - 11pm;  
Sunday Brunch 10:30am - 2pm  
*Southern Cooking At Its Best*  
Marjorie "Mimi" Hale and her family are the epitomy of "Southern Hospitality." Owner of the hip Ivy On The Square in Ocala and the landmark Ivy House Restaurant & Catering in Williston, Mimi is renowned for her delicious, yet simple meals, most of which are created from cherished family recipes. Mimi's signature Baked Krispy Chicken tops the list of house favorites which includes other southern specialties like 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. Happy Hour is 2-4 drinks every Weds - Sat from 3 - 7pm as well as Late Night Tapas & Cocktails on Fri & Sat from 9 - 11pm. In Ocala and in Williston at 106 NW Mail St. (352-528-5410).

## Surprising St. Pete

### Your Sunshine City



Recently, the New York Times named St. Petersburg as one of the "52 must see places in the world". Yes, the world!

Touting its museums and rich cultural scene, a thriving craft beer industry, and its ranking as one of America's Top 10 most beautiful cities, St. Petersburg's a must-see stop on any traveler's Tampa Bay itinerary.

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

As the gateway to the I-4 high-tech corridor, St. Petersburg can hang its hat as a great spot for new business and tech start-ups, a thriving arts climate, one of North America's largest and most beautiful downtown waterfronts and a climate that holds a world record for the most consecutive days of sunshine!

The city hops after dark. A thriving

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

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

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

Don't miss a trip to downtown St.



Salvatore Dali Museum, St. Petersburg

Petersburg, and discover for yourself the warm hospitality that has made the Sunshine City famous.

## Key Lime Pie Martini

To help celebrate this summer's annual Key West Key Lime Pie Festival, we bring you this yummy recipe for the famous Key Lime Pie Martini. If you enjoy the pie as much as we do, then you MUST try this. It's absolutely sinfull!

### INGREDIENTS

3-1/2 Tbl. Fresh Lime Juice  
1/2 Cup Vanilla Vodka  
3 Tbl. Sweetened Condensed Milk  
3 Tbl. Pineapple Juice  
3 Tbl. Crushed Graham Crackers (for garnish on glass rim)

### PREPARATION

Fill a cocktail shaker with a handful of ice cubes. Add fresh lime juice, vanilla vodka, sweetened condensed milk and pineapple juice to cocktail shaker and shake to combine all ingredients. Dip rim of martini glass into pineapple juice and onto a plate with crushed graham cracker crumbs until rim is evenly coated. Add a dollop of whipped cream to the top of the drink and garnish with a slice of lime. Enjoy!





# Clearwater

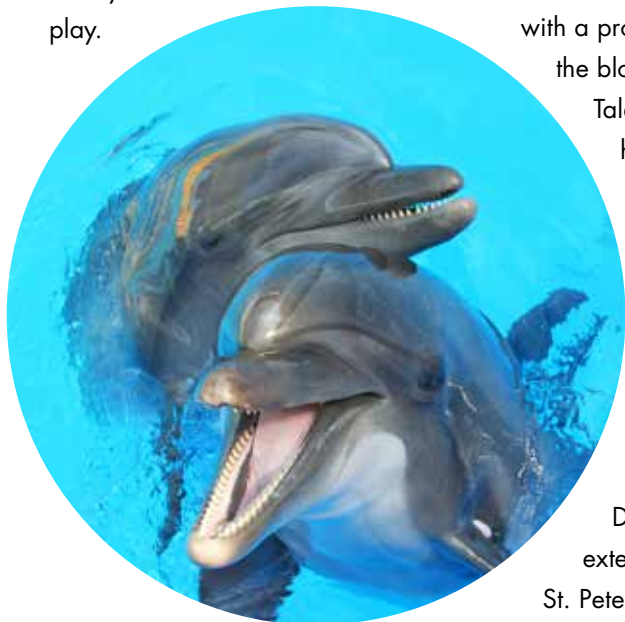
For Everything Under the Sun



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!

## New Luxury Boutique Hotel Also Dishes Up Fabulous Food!

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

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

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

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

You can find the Karol Hotel just down the road from Bascom's Chop House, at 2675 Ulmerton Road. Info: 833-928-1437; theKarolHotel.com.



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# Award-Winning Steakhouse Fare

## Bascom's Chop House

There is nothing quite like sitting down to an extraordinary dinner at an elegant, traditional American Chop House.

And while many restaurants boast about their meats, few deliver the right char and full flavored preparations found at top quality Steak and Chop restaurants.

And that brings us to the award-winning Bascom's Chop House in Clearwater.

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

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



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



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

For starters, we recommend the deep fried calamari with

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

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

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



# bite

## Seared Diver Scallops

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 produce award winning food for Bascom's Chop House is creating a big buzz with local foodies.

### INGREDIENTS:

(Yields 2 Servings)

- 8 Jumbo Scallops
- 1 Large Celery Root
- ¼ Cup Golden Raisins
- 1 Head Cauliflower
- 1 Cup Balsamic Vinegar
- 1 Cup Orange Juice
- ¼ Cup Capers
- 2 Cup Heavy Cream
- 2 Cup Half n' Half
- 1 Tsp Granulated Sugar
- 1 Tsp Black Pepper
- 1 Tsp Kosher Salt
- 2 Oz Sliced Toasted Almonds



**IN ADVANCE:** Combine the balsamic vinegar and orange juice in a small pot. Reduce on low heat until ½ cup liquid remains. Refrigerate for 24 hours.

**PREPARATION:** Remove the balsamic reduction from the refrigerator and bring to room temperature. Peel/clean celery root and cut into small chunks. Place in small pot with cream, half n' half, salt pepper and sugar. Simmer on medium until root is soft then transfer to blender and puree. Cut cauliflower using only the outer florets. Toss in a little oil and season to taste. Roast in oven for 8-10 minutes. Sear Scallops and set aside.

**ASSEMBLY:** Sweep a puddle of the puree across each plate. Place scallops on top. Add the capers, cauliflower, raisins and toasted almonds. Drizzle with the balsamic/orange juice reduction and serve. Bon Appetit!

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.



# Gainesville

Where Nature and Culture Meet



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

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



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

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

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

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

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



# Haile Village Center

Small Town Charm In Gainesville

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

Located just a short five miles from the University of Florida and a few miles from I-75 Exits Archer or Newberry Road, Haile Plantation boasts 17,000 acres of walking and biking trails, swaths of green space, dozens of lovely neighborhoods and the Haile Plantation Golf and Country Club - an 18 hole Gary Player Signature golf course.

At the center of it all is the Haile Village Center, a diverse collection of restaurants, boutiques, spas, gift shops and a supermarket interwoven with

gracious homes, tree-lined brick sidewalks and pedestrian-friendly streets

Each Saturday morning, Haile Village hosts a bustling Farmers’ Market where you can shop for locally grown organic produce, fresh baked goods and a variety of crafts. The market is open from 8:30am until noon and is also a performance venue for local musicians.

Throughout the year, the Village is also a hotspot for fun community



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In both locations, owner Marjorie "Mimi" Hale, along with her two daughters and granddaughters, set the stage for a gracious southern style meal to remember.

The dishes, many of which are created from cherished family recipes, are simply prepared but absolutely outstanding.

Mimi's signature Baked Krispy Chicken, BBQ Shrimp & Grits and Fried Green Tomatoes are some of the most popular picks on the restaurants' big menus which also include lots of fresh seafood and hand-cut steaks, as well as an extensive selection of gluten-free items.



The portions are always big so be sure to save room for Mimi's decadent desserts which are made daily on premises. FYI: The vanilla-soaked French Bread Pudding with a whisper of bourbon cream sauce is totally outrageous!

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

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

Revered as one of



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

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#### Crab Cake

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#### Meat & Cheese Board

florida & georgia cheeses, midwestern cured pig & boar selections fruits, mustards, breads

#### Burrata

varietal tomatoes, aged balsamic, pesto

#### Fig & Prosciutto Flatbread

saba, kale, camembert

### entrees

#### Filet

hand-cut fries, truffle aioli, seasonal produce, bordelaise

#### Ribeye

roasted tomatoes & mushrooms, béarnaise, baby potatoes

#### Salmon

whipped potato, lump crab, asparagus, hollandaise

#### Gulf Grouper

balsamic & brown butter, toasted wheat, heirloom tomato

#### Scallop

mushroom textures, farrow, baby kale

#### Chargrilled Chicken

cavatelli, chevre, fine herbs, mushroom, arugula

#### Falafel

white bean puree, tzatziki, feta, quinoa tabbouleh



## SAMPLE MENUS



**BASCOM'S CHOP HOUSE**  
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### appetizers

#### Crab Cakes

with remoulade sauce

#### B Garlic Jumbo Shrimp

sautéed with garlic, herbs, butter & chardonnay

#### Escargot En Croute

Sautéed snails, mushrooms, garlic and herb butter in puff pastry

#### Chilled Oysters on the Half Shell

with cocktail sauce

#### Lump Crab Martini

with house-made remoulade

#### Black Sesame Tuna

seared rare with wasabi, pickled ginger, Asian dipping sauce

### dinner

#### 24 OZ B Porterhouse

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#### 16 OZ Veal Chop

thick cut milk fed veal

#### Chicken Marsala

pounded cutlets sautéed in homemade marsala wine sauce

#### Pan-Seared Atlantic Salmon

white bean cassoulet, asparagus tips, lemon thyme beurre blanc

#### Pistachio-Crusted Grouper

rice pilaf, asparagus, citrus cream sauce

#### Shrimp Scampi Pasta

jumbo shrimp sautéed with garlic, white wine and olive oil



## SAMPLE MENUS



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### sushi

#### Yellowfin Tuna Carpaccio

with ginger dressing

#### Red Dragon Roll

California roll topped with yellowfin tuna

#### Hollywood Roll

lump crab, avocado, cucumber, massage

### appetizers

#### Crisp Calamari Rings

tossed with sweet chili peanut sauce

#### Jumbo Lump Blue Crab Cake

topped with citrus Ke Lime beurre blanc butter sauce

#### Flatbread Filet Mignon

zeta pesto sauce, caramelized onions, smoked gouda

#### New Orleans Po' Boys

choose crab cake, fried clam strips, catfish, oysters, or shrimp

### dinner

#### 12 OZ Center Cut Ribeye

rich, flavorful demi glace, creamy au gratin potatoes, seasonal vegetables

#### Duroc Pork Chop

premium French cut, pan-seared, creamy au gratin potatoes, seasonal vegetables

#### Zesty Marinated Brick Chicken

demi glace, creamy au gratin potatoes, grilled asparagus spears

#### Macadamia Crusted Swordfish

thick cut, pan-seared with crisp potato pancake, sautéed spinach



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### supper

#### Hand-Cut Ribeye

100% Angus Beef grilled to taste topped with sautéed mushrooms

#### Filet & Scampi

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

#### Baked Krispy Chicken

served with homemade mac and cheese, cornbread and fresh sides

#### Pecan Atlantic Salmon

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

#### Signature Fried Shrimp

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

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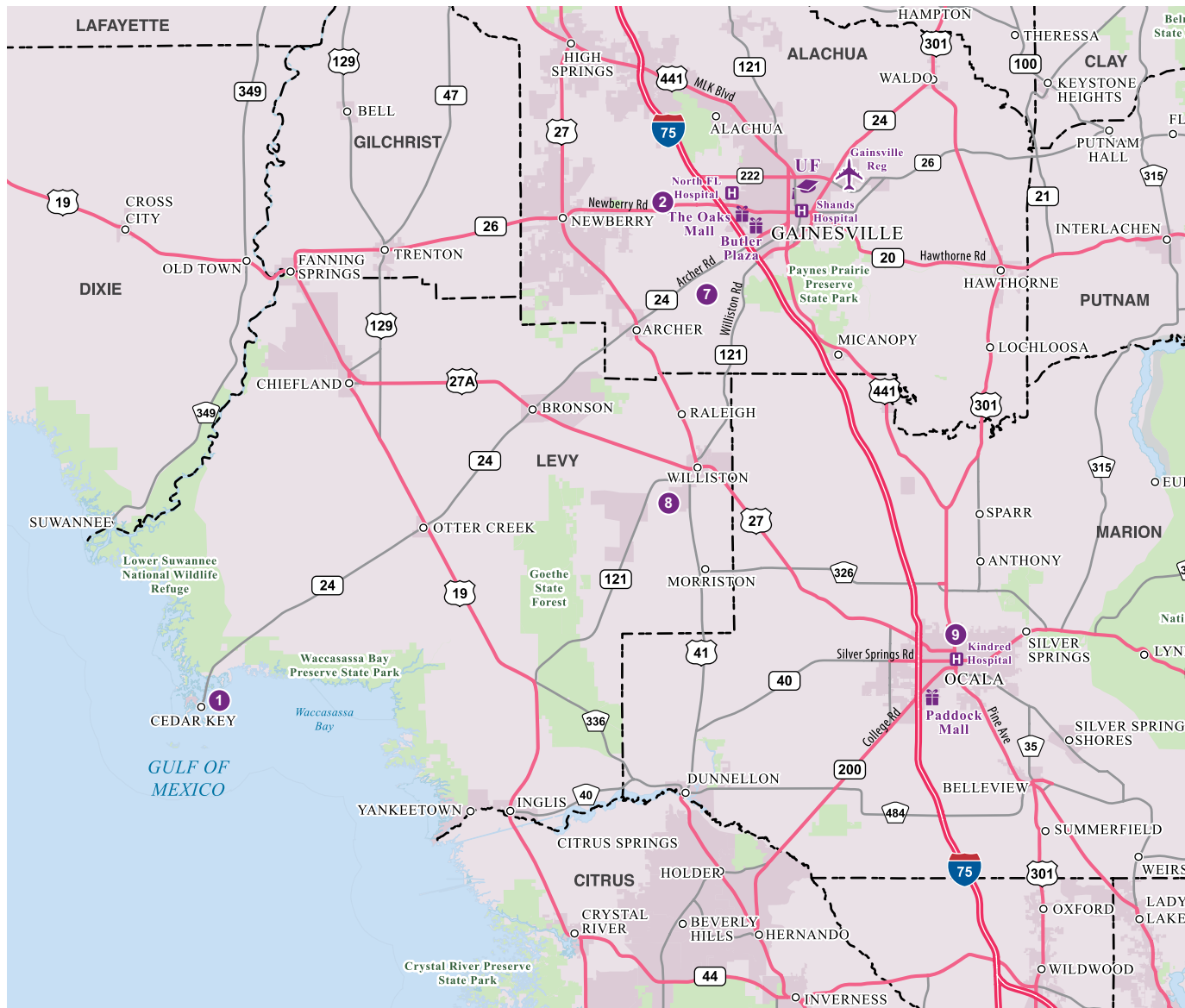
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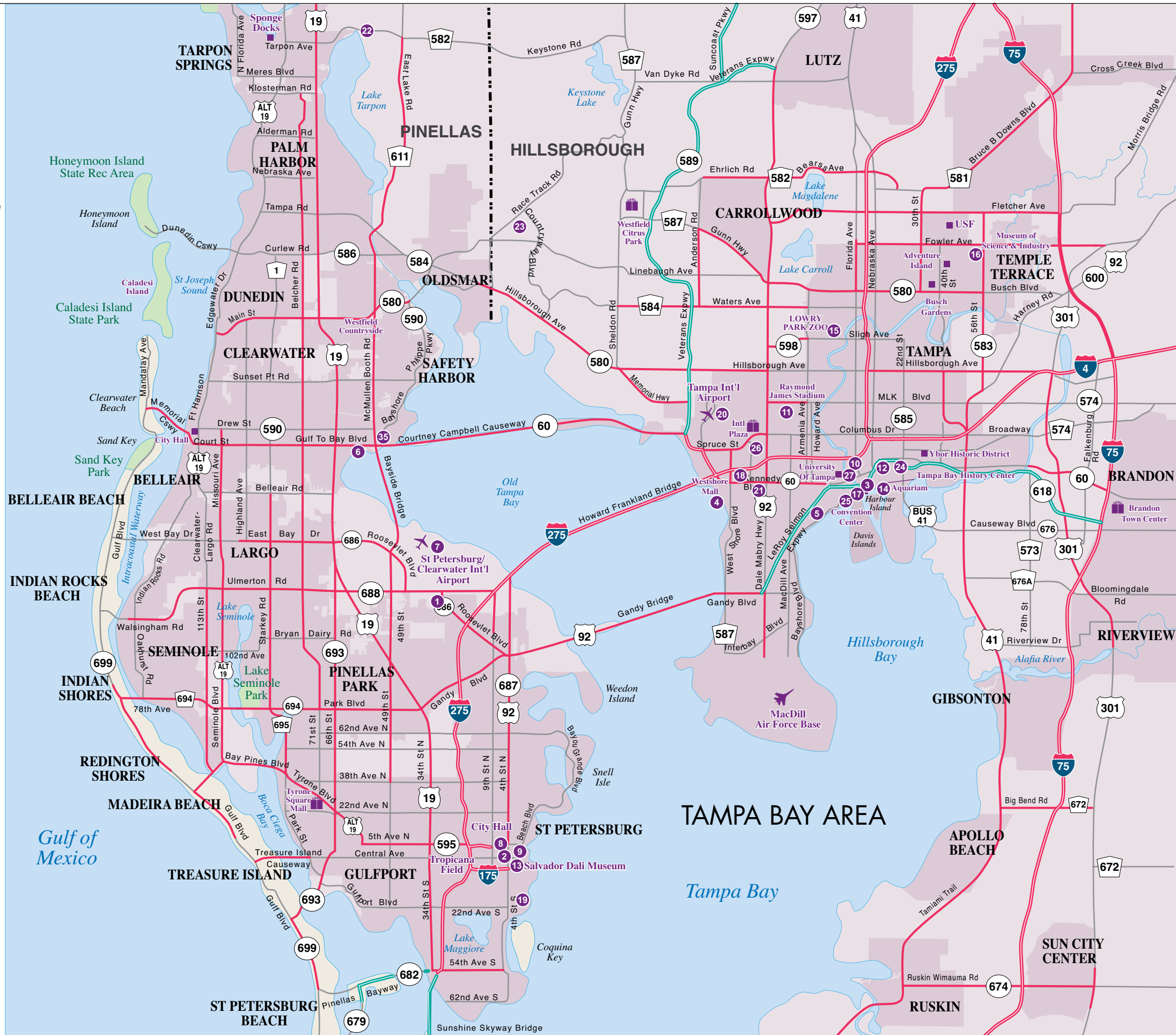
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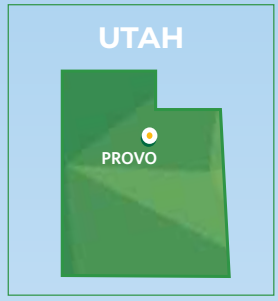
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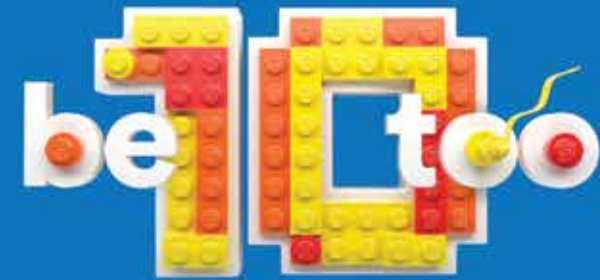
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