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Whether lounging on the beach watching volleyball and basking in the sun with your favorite drink, or filling your travel schedule to the maximum with museums, architecture, concerts, dining and shopping, the Tampa Bay Area is sure to please. Fresh seafood, nationally recognized steak houses and trendy martini bars keep visitors and locals busy in the evenings.



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#### THE CITY



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From world-class dining and shopping, historical architecture, a hearty nightlife and picturesque beaches, the Tampa Bay Area offers a myriad of activities for travelers of all kinds.

Many vacationers flock to this region for its beaches. Clearwater Beach, one of the most popular, is a fun, bustling and bar filled area while on the other end of the continuum lays Honeymoon Island, a nature lover's serene beach paradise. From scenic walks and shell collecting to bikini contests and beach volleyball. There is a beach suited to any preference and a restaurant or bar to match.

On both the Tampa side and the St.

Petersburg/Clearwater side of the bay, there is a wide variety of dining and evening activities.

Many bars feature live bands and the casual ambiance visitors are seeking from a Florida vacation. If a more sophisticated, reservations-only experience is your wish, there are seafood and steak choices to satisfy you.

#### DO & SEE



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In Tampa Bay, you can be just as busy as you choose to be. With concerts, art events and plays abounding, it is hard to decide which will occupy your weekends.

#### Sparkman Wharf



Formerly known as Channelside Bay Plaza, this new park in east Downtown Tampa features a biergarten, eateries and an events

lawn. If you want to make a day of this area, the Florida Aquarium, the American Victory Museum, and the Spiltsville bowling alley are close by. Cargo and cruise ship watching at the Tampa Port Authority can be a great pastime too.

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Phone: +1 813 345 5881

Internet: www.sparkmanwharf.com
Email: contactus@sparkmanwharf.com

#### **Ybor City**



Founded in the 1880s by cigar manufacturers and immigrants from Spain, Cuba and Italy, Ybor City is a historic neighborhood known originally for



producing cigars. Today, Ybor is an infamous nightclub and entertainment district, attracting nearby college students, visitors and Tampa locals alike. Expect the unexpected in Ybor. The main street, 7th Avenue, houses all the bars and restaurants.

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#### **MIDFLORIDA Credit Union Amphitheatre**



Originally known as the Ford Amphitheatre, the MIDFLORIDA Credit Union Amphitheatre is the first outdoor concert facility and the largest

concert-only venue in the Tampa Bay Area accommodating around 20,000 people. Very popular groups have played here, including the Dave Matthews Band, Rush and Gwen Stefani.

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Address: 4802 US-301 - Tampa, FL

Opening hours: Box Office Hours: Mon - Fri 10h - 17h

Phone: +1 813 600 1000

Internet: www.midflorida.com/amphitheatre

## David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts



The Straz Center for the Performing Arts opened its doors more than 30 years ago and it is the most distinguished performing arts center

south of the Kennedy Center. It hosts the nation's leading Broadway series and it is known for producing operas along with concerts, performances and events.

Photo: Goran Djukanovic/Shutterstock.com Address: 1010 North Macinnes Place - Tampa, FL Opening hours: Mon - Sat 12h - 20h, Sun 12h - 18h Phone: +1 813 229 7827

#### **Ruth Eckerd Hall**



Nominated as one of the top five concert halls in the United States by a nationwide industry poll of artists and their management, Ruth

Eckerd Hall is a long-standing tradition in the Pinellas County. Highlights include performances by the Florida Orchestra and The Chocolate Nutcracker during the holidays.

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Address: 1111 McMullen Booth Road - Clearwater, FL

Phone: +1 727 791 7400

Internet: www.rutheckerdhall.com Email: info@rutheckerdhall.net

#### American Stage Theatre Company



Starting as a small community theater in the late 1970s, American Stage has evolved and for over a decade has been voted "Best of the Bay"

by local residents. If in the area during March - April, a treat is one of the performances in a nearby park, often a play by Shakespeare. Bring your blankets and wine to enjoy theater outside among the trees.

Photo: Gunnar Assmy/Shutterstock.com Address: 163 3rd Street N - St. Petersburg, FL Opening hours: Mon - Thu 9h - 18h, Fri 10h - 18h

Phone: +1 727 823 7529

Internet: www.americanstage.org
Email: boxoffice@americanstage.org



#### Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino



For an entertainment experience that will go into the wee hours, check out the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino.

This is the only place in

the Tampa Bay area that offers table games such as blackjack and baccarat. For the non-gamblers, there is a spa, large pool with surrounding cabanas, various bars and Floyd's Nightclub.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com Address: 1 Seminole Way - Hollywood, FL

Phone: +1 866 502 7529

Internet: www.seminolehardrockhollywood.com

#### ZooTampa at Lowry Park



Voted by Parents
Magazine as the best zoo
in the nation for families,
the Lowry Park Zoo is
home to over a thousand
animals that live in lush

natural habitats. There are eight habitat areas and plenty of interactive experiences for the little ones.

Photo: Nicole S Glass/Shutterstock.com Address: 1101 W Sligh Avenue - Tampa, FL Opening hours: Open daily from 9h30 - 17h

Phone: +1 813 935 8552 Internet: www.zootampa.org

Email: information@lowryparkzoo.org

#### **Busch Gardens**



The largest theme park in the area, Busch Gardens' hallmarks are its roller coasters and nearly 3,000 live animals, incorporated into various exhibits and shows. SheiKra will give you all the thrills you can handle with a 200-foot drop, 90 degrees straight down, or for the traditionalists there is Gwazi, a wooden roller coaster with speeds exceeding 100 miles per hour. Jungala is an attraction where guests can get face-to-face with orangutans or play tug-of-war with tigers.

Photo: Jeremy Thompson/Flickr.com (image cropped)

Address: 10165 McKinley Drive - Tampa, FL Opening hours: Open daily from 10h - 18h

Phone: +1 813 884 4386

Internet: www.buschgardens.com/tampa

#### **Adventure Island**



Adventure Island is a water park that borders Busch Gardens in Tampa. With over 30 acres of water-related activities including water slides,

corkscrew slides, a rambling river, and a giant wave pool, Adventure Island has something for everyone, including cabanas to just lounge around in the sun.

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Address: 10001 McKinley Drive - Tampa, FL

Opening hours: Fri - Sun 10h - 17h

Phone: +1 813 884 4386

Internet: www.adventureisland.com

#### **Derby Lane**



Known best for its live greyhound racing, Derby Lane has expanded its repertoire to include simulcasts of other races as well as poker in recent

years. Live matinee racing takes place on Monday and Wednesday thru Saturday at 12h30, while evening races occur on Wed, Fri, and Sat at 19h30. There are no live races on Sundays or



Tuesdays. Derby Lane also has a full restaurant on the premises, where reservations are recommended.

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Address: 10490 Gandy Boulevard - St. Petersburg, FL

Phone: +1 727 812 3339 Internet: www.derbylane.com Email: socialmedia@derbylane.com

#### **Tampa Bay Downs**



Tampa Bay Downs is the only thoroughbred racetrack on the west coast of Florida with a rich history dating back to 1926. The track is

known as one of the most popular turf tracks in the U.S. In addition to the racing, Tampa Bay Downs is also home to the Silks Poker Room, as well as a full golf practice facility. While simulcast racing is offered year-round, the season for live racing spans December through early May.

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Address: 11225 Race Track Road - Tampa, FL Opening hours: Open daily from 11h - 22h30

Phone: +1 813 855 4401

Internet: www.tampabaydowns.com
Email: webaccess@tampabaydowns.com

#### The Florida Aquarium



The Florida Aquarium is a large scale 250,000 square-foot facility. Visitors not only get to see the many varieties of fish, but for certified

Scuba divers, there is also the opportunity to swim with sharks and other animals. The Florida Aquarium has many unique touches, such as the "Penguin Promenade," where penguins meet and greet all guests daily.

Photo: Jun Wang/Flickr.com (image cropped) Address: 701 Channelside Drive - Tampa, FL Opening hours: Open daily from 9h30 - 17h

Phone: +1 813 273 4000 Internet: www.flaquarium.org Email: moreinfo@flaquarium.org

#### The Dali Museum



More than 200,000 visitors from all over the world frequent the Dali Museum each year. The collection of one of the world's most eccentric

and unique artists opened in Cleveland in 1942, 40 years later it was moved to St. Petersburg. Dali's career spans several themes, from the Impressionist and Cubist styles of his early years to his transition to Surrealism, and it is represented here not only by almost 100 oil paintings, but photographs, sculptures, and watercolors as well.

Photo: Taty2007/Wikimedia Commons (image cropped)

Address: 1 Dali Boulevard - St. Petersburg, FL Opening hours: Fri - Wed 10h - 17h30, Thu 10h - 20h

Phone: +1 727 823 3767 Internet: www.thedali.org Email: info@thedali.org

#### **Tarpon Springs Sponge Docks**



The Sponge Docks are a nod to the once-thriving sponge industry that helped make Tarpon Springs famous. Today, this area is home to many

family-owned Greek restaurants, bakeries, and markets, but also offers visitors live entertainment, sightseeing cruises, shopping, an aquarium, as well as lots of local Greek touches,



such as hand-rolled cigars.

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Address: 735 Dodecanese Boulevard - Tarpon Springs, FL

Opening hours: Open daily from 10h - 20h

Internet: www.spongedocks.net Email: info@spongedocks.net

#### Museum of Fine Arts



The Museum of Fine Arts, located in St. Petersburg, has the only comprehensive art collection on the west coast of Florida. The

museum has both an extensive permanent collection, as well as exhibitions from notables such as Dale Chihuly and Andy Warhol. After taking in a collection, browse the shops of Beach Drive or enjoy the waterfront at the nearby Straub Park.

Photo: CityofStPete/Flickr.com (image cropped) Address: 255 Beach Drive NE - St. Petersburg, FL

Opening hours: Mon - Wed 10h - 17h, Thu 10h - 20h, Fri - Sat

10h - 17h, Sun 12h - 17h Phone: +1 727 896 2667 Internet: www.mfastpete.org

#### Florida Holocaust Museum



The Florida Holocaust Museum, in its own words, strives to "honor the memory of millions of innocent men, women, and children who suffered

or died in the Holocaust." The museum has a permanent collection and also holds regular events with various guest speakers.

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Address: 55 5th Street S - St. Petersburg, FL Opening hours: Open daily from 10h - 16h

Phone: +1 727 820 0100

Internet: www.flholocaustmuseum.org

Email: info@thefhm.org

#### Museum of Science & Industry



Located in Tampa, the Museum of Science & Industry has something for visitors of all ages. From its IMAX Dome Theater to its

Planetarium to the 3D Science Works Theater. The Science Works Theater offers guests an up-close look at the sun in 3D. Come with time to spare because you will probably want to spend the entire afternoon here.

Photo: Jared/Flickr.com (image cropped)

Address: 4801 East Fowler Avenue - Tampa, FL

Opening hours: Open daily from 10h - 17h

Phone: +1 813 987 6000 Internet: www.mosi.org Email: social@mosi.org

#### **BEACHES AND PARKS**



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Tampa is, naturally, a given for outdoor enthusiasts. The all-year-round great weather has created the perfect setting for outdoor activities. At Tampa Bay, you can find some of the world's highest rated pristine beaches, which makes for unbeatable beautiful sunsets.

The Tampa Bay area also boasts a large number



of Florida State Parks and Historic Sites.
Hillsborough River State Park's main feature is the noble river tumbling over Suwannee limestone, while Myakka River State Park is an excellent area for hikers to explore pine flatwoods, marsh land and swamp and a dry prairie.

#### Fort De Soto Park



This once inhabited by
Tocobanga Indians and
Spanish settlers beach
has been voted by
TripAdvisor as "America's
Top Beach." Fort De Soto

has the ideal blend of wide stretches of soft sand, clear water and a casual vibe. North Beach is a local favorite. Though it is packed on the weekends during high season, the crowds leave during the week.

Rent canoes or kayaks here too and don't forget to tour the fort which has the only four 12-inch seacoast rifled mortars in the United States. Also check out the two 6-inch Armstrong rapid-fire rifled guns.

Photo: Reinhard Link/Flickr.com (image cropped) Address: 3500 Pinellas Bayway S - St. Petersburg, FL

Phone: +1 727 582 2267 Internet: www.fortdesoto.com

#### **Honeymoon Island**



Once called Hog Island by settlers, it became Honeymoon Island in 1939 when a developer built 50 palm thatched bungalows for

honeymooners. Today, it is considered one of the most well-preserved beaches in Florida.

Shorebirds, osprey nests, mangrove swamps, and

slash pine tree forests are some of the sites to behold.

Photo: L'eau Bleue (image cropped)

Address: 1 Causeway Boulevard - Dunedin, FL

Phone: +1 727 469 5942

Internet: www.floridastateparks.org/honeymoonisland

Email: FSP.Feedback@FloridaDEP.gov

#### Caladesi Island



Accessible only by boat or ferry, this is one of the few completely natural islands along the Gulf Coast. Beachgoers can partake in swimming,

shell collecting and sunbathing. Observe wildlife while hiking the three-mile nature trail or kayaking through the mangroves.

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Address: 1 Causeway Boulevard - Dunedin, FL

Phone: +1 727 469 5918

Internet: www.floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/caladesi

-island-state-park

Email: FSP.Feedback@FloridaDEP.gov

#### **SPORTS**



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Tampa Bay will always be associated with sports. Any time of year you'll be able to enjoy a professional baseball, hockey, football or soccer game.



#### **Tampa Bay Buccaneers**



The Bucs are the most popular team in the Tampa Bay area. They play their home games at the Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, an

exciting venue whether the game on the field is competitive or not. Fans begin game days (usually Sunday afternoon) with tailgating in various areas around the stadium, before making their way into the stadium, which seats 65,000 and boasts a life-size pirate ship.

Photo: arctic\_whirlwind/Flickr.com (image cropped)
Address: 4201 North Dale Mabry Highway - Tampa, FL
Opening hours: Stadium office hours: Mon - Fri 8h - 17h and
on event days.

Phone: +1 813 350 6500

Internet: www.raymondjamesstadium.com

#### Tampa Bay Rays



The Rays play their home games at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, a domed stadium which features relief from the summer heat, as well as a

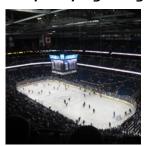
large tank near centerfield with live sting rays.

Photo: Walter/Flickr.com (image cropped)
Address: 1 Tropicana Drive - St. Petersburg, FL

Phone: +1 727 825 3137

Internet: www.mlb.com/rays/ballpark

#### Tampa Bay Lightning



The Lightning was one of the first professional hockey franchises to call a state in the southern U.S. home, and quickly built a passionate fan

base. The team plays its home games at the

Amalie Arena, located in the Channel District in Tampa. After an exciting game on the ice, fans can spill into the neighboring restaurants and bars to continue the evening.

Photo: Katy Warner/Flickr.com (image cropped) Address: 401 Channelside Drive - Tampa, FL

Phone: +1 813 301 6500

Internet: www.amaliearena.com

#### Grand Prix of St. Petersburg



The Grand Prix of St.

Petersburg is an annual race in the Indy Car

Series, an international open-wheel racing circuit.

The course winds through

downtown St. Petersburg, and abuts the gorgeous waterfront. Many fans take the opportunity to make the race a long weekend, with the chance to mingle with drivers and get an up-close look at the cars that will approach 200 miles per hour on race day.

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Address: One Beach Drive SE, Suite 42 - St. Petersburg, FL

Phone: +1 727 898 4639 Internet: www.gpstpete.com Email: media@gpstpete.com



#### **DINING**



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With water all around, fresh seafood is never a bad option in most Tampa Bay restaurants.

There are also world-class steakhouses and Latin-influenced cuisine to suit palettes of all kinds.

#### La Terrazza



For an authentic Italian dining experience, visit La Terrazza. From the flavorful menu to the intimate ambiance and the friendly staff,

everything will make you feel like you're in a classic Italian bistro. A true hidden gem in the heart of Ybor City. Reservations are recommended.

Photo: goodluz/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1729 East 7th Avenue - Tampa, FL

Opening hours: Tue 11h30 - 14h, 17h30 - 22h, Wed - Thu 11h - 14h, 17h30 - 22h, Fri 11h - 14h, 17h30 - 22h30, Sat 11h30 -

14h, 17h30 - 22h30 Phone: +1 813 248 1326

Internet: www.laterrazzay borcity.com

Email: laterrazzarist@aol.com

#### Salt Rock Grill



One of the finest seafood restaurants in the entire area, Salt Rock Grill offers everything from raw oysters to lobster tail to Alaskan king crab, as

well as other favorites such as steak and veal.

Located on the Intercoastal Waterway in Indian
Shores, diners can take in spectacular views
while enjoying an entrée that was probably
swimming in the Gulf of Mexico the day before.
Reservations are recommended.

Photo: timurtas onan/Shutterstock.com

Address: 19325 Gulf Boulevard - Indian Shores, FL

Opening hours: Mon - Thu 16h - 22h, Fri - Sat 16h - 23h, Sun

12h - 22h

Phone: +1 727 593 7625 Internet: www.saltrockgrill.com

Email: baystarrestaurantgroup@gmail.com

#### Bern's Steak House



Originally opened in 1956, Bern's is an internationally renowned steakhouse, and possibly the Tampa Bay area's best-known restaurant.

Bern's specializes in prime steaks cut-to-order, but also boasts a wine list that numbers over 6,800 labels. Reservations are recommended at Bern's, sometimes well in advance.

Photo: stockcreations/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1208 South Howard Avenue - Tampa, FL Opening hours: Sun - Thu 17h - 22h, Fri - Sat 17h - 23h

Phone: +1 813 251 2421

Internet: www.bernssteakhouse.com Email: bshcontact@bernssteakhouse.com



#### Columbia



The Columbia traces its roots back to 1905, when the original location was opened in Tampa's Ybor City, earning it the designation of Florida's

oldest Spanish-themed restaurant. The 1905 salad should kick off every diner's experience, and can be followed by black bean crab cakes, scallops "casamiro", or empanadas de picadillo, which are spiced ground beef-filled pastry turnovers with roasted corn and black bean salsa. Columbia has other locations in the area, including some cafes.

Photo: DGLimages/Shutterstock.com

Address: 411 Saint Armands Circle - Sarasota, FL

Opening hours: Open daily from 11h - 22h

Phone: +1 941 388 3987

Internet: www.columbiarestaurant.com
Email: comments@columbiarestaurant.com

#### **Bob Heilman's Beachcomber**



In Clearwater Beach, the Beachcomber has been a staple since 1948. Offering both steaks and seafood, the Beachcomber is also

known for its fine service and unique touches, such as the relish tray with fresh baked banana bread. The Seafood Mélange is a hit, with its combination of Gulf shrimp, scallops, fresh fish, and Maryland deviled crab cake. Reservations are recommended.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: 447 Mandalay Avenue - Clearwater Beach, FL

Opening hours: Open daily from 11h30 - 22h

Phone: +1 727 442 4144

Internet: www.heilmansbeachcomber.com

Email: info@bobheilmans.com

#### Jackson's Bistro, Bar & Sushi



Jackson's Bistro is located in the Harbour Island section of downtown Tampa. With a great waterfront location, Jackson's is open every

day for lunch and dinner, and also features a delicious, and affordable Sunday brunch. In the later hours, Jackson's night club comes alive, with two large rooms inside and outdoor cabanas outside on the waterfront terrace. Jackson's also offers a full sushi menu to go along with its more traditional fare.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: 601 South Harbour Island Boulevard - Tampa, FL Opening hours: Mon - Thu 11h - 22h, Fri 11h - 24h, Sat 11h -

3h, Sun 10h30 - 22h Phone: +1 813 277 0112

Internet: www.jacksonsbistro.com Email: info@jacksonsbistro.com

#### Oystercatchers



Part of the Hyatt Hotel, Oystercatchers blends a gorgeous waterfront location with exquisite local cuisine. The restaurant specializes in

seafood, featuring fresh wild and line-caught fish. Sunday brunch is quite a treat, as the buffet features everything from fresh sushi and stone crab to a full dessert bar. Reservations are recommended.

Photo: New Africa/Shutterstock.com Address: 2900 Bayport Drive - Tampa, FL

Opening hours: Mon - Sat 11h30 - 14h30, 17h30 - 22h, Sun

10h30 - 14h, 18h - 21h Phone: +1 813 207 6815



#### Mise en Place



Located downtown directly across from the University of Tampa, Mise en Place specializes in Modern American cuisine. The menu is

ever-changing, as the head chef enjoys keeping things fresh. Among the favorites is the tasting menu, which is a five-course dinner featuring a sample of Blitz' favorite dishes of the week.

Reservations are recommended.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: 442 West Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 110 - Tampa,

FL

Opening hours: Tue - Thu 11h30 - 14h30, 17h30 - 22h, Fri

11h30 - 14h30, 17h30 - 23h, Sat 17h30 - 23h

Phone: +1 813 254 5373 Internet: www.miseonline.com Email: info@miseonline.com

#### The Hurricane



Notorious as much for its stunning sunsets as its fresh grouper sandwich, The Hurricane is a must for any visitor to the Tampa Bay area. Located

in the Pass-a-Grille section of St. Pete Beach, The Hurricane offers both indoor and outdoor seating, as well as a rooftop bar to capture picturesque views of both the Gulf of Mexico to the west and the intercoastal waterway to the east. Just across the street from the beach, feel free to come in your beach attire.

Photo: Olena Bloshchynska/Shutterstock.com Address: 809 Gulf Way - St Pete Beach, FL

Opening hours: Sun - Thu 7h - 22h, Fri - Sat 7h - 23h

Phone: +1 727 360 9558 Internet: www.thehurricane.com

#### Frenchy's Rockaway Grill



Any traveler who makes it to the Clearwater Beach area must stop at one of the four Frenchy's locations. The Rockaway Grill, directly on

Clearwater Beach, is Frenchy's largest location, and it has basic fare for the entire family, highlighted by the "World Famous Grouper Sandwich." Don't worry about dressing up - in fact, you may want to bring your shorts for a game of beach volleyball at the outdoor court just steps from the restaurant.

Photo: Inspired By Maps/Shutterstock.com Address: 7 Rockaway Street - Clearwater, FL

Opening hours: Sun - Thu 11h - 24h, Fri - Sat 11h -1h

Phone: +1 727 446 4844

Internet: www.frenchysonline.com

#### **Ted Peters Famous Smoked Fish**



Ted Peters is a local favorite between mainland St. Petersburg and the Gulf beaches. Famous for its unique smoked fish spread, many

diners swing by just to pick some up to augment their own meals or have on hand for snacks. Don't expect white tablecloths here, as you will probably be sitting on a bench outside. One of the best local secrets in the St. Petersburg area.

Photo: KaKrue/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1350 Pasadena Avenue S - St. Petersburg, FL

Opening hours: Wed - Mon 11h30 - 19h30

Phone: +1 727 381 7931

Internet: www.tedpetersfish.com



#### **BARS & NIGHTLIFE**



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Tampa has long been a destination to imbibe and socialize. In whatever part of Tampa Bay you find yourself, there is a bar to suit your needs.

#### **Rock Brothers Brewing**



Rock 'n roll themed bar offering great beers, cocktails and an upstairs concert venue. A nice place to grab a beer with your friends while

listening to live music in the Historic Ybor district. Check out their social media for a full list of upcoming events.

Photo: Evannovostro/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1901 North 15th Street - Tampa, FL

Opening hours: Tue - Thu 15h - 24h, Fri - Sat 12h - 3h, Sun

12h - 24h

Phone: +1 813 241 0110

Internet: www.rockbrothersbrewing.com Email: info@rockbrothersbrewing.com

#### The Sail Pavilion



Grab a drink and enjoy Tampa's nice weather at this waterfront bar offering drinks, small bites and great views of the Hillsborough River. Photo: Thoom/Shutterstock.com

Address: 333 South Franklin Street - Tampa, FL Opening hours: Sun - Thu 11h - 24h, Fri - Sat 11h - 2h

Phone: +1 813 274 7778

Internet: www.tampagov.net/tcc/the-sail

#### MacDinton's Soho



Enjoy live music and Irish hospitality in the large open outdoor area. The menu includes traditional Irish fare like Shepherd's Pie, Sausage Rolls and

Bangers & Mash.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com

Address: 405 South Howard Avenue - Tampa, FL

Opening hours: Mon - Fri 16h - 3h, Sat 10h - 3h, Sun 11h - 3h

Phone: +1 813 251 8999

Internet: www.soho.macdintonsirishpub.com

Email: soho@macdintons.com

#### Shephard's Tiki Beach Bar



Inside the Shephard's
Beach Resort, you'll find
this waterfront tiki bar
featuring good drinks and
food, live music, and
beautiful views of the

Bay. If quintessential beach bars are your thing, then you can't miss the trendy weekend hang out at Shephard's.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com

Address: 619 South Gulfview Boulevard - Clearwater Beach,

FL

Opening hours: Open daily from 21h - 3h

Phone: +1 727 442 5107 Internet: www.shephards.com Email: info@shephards.com



#### **Caddy's Treasure Island**



Caddy's is the place to sip a cocktail, work on your tan and watch the beach volleyball players. Highlights include daily live music, plasma screen

TV's and valet parking.

Photo: Deborah Kolb/Shutterstock.com

Address: 9000 Gulf Boulevard - Treasure Island, FL

Opening hours: Open daily from 8h - 23h

Phone: +1 727 360 4993 Internet: www.caddys.com Email: contactus@caddys.com

#### The Dubliner Irish Pub



Low key Irish pub in the heart of South Tampa featuring a wide selection of beers, live music, indoor seating as well as an outdoor patio.

Photo: fred goldstein/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2307 West Azeele Street - Tampa, FL

Opening hours: Tue - Sun 16h - 3h

Phone: +1 813 258 2257

Internet: www.thedublineririshpub.com

#### **World of Beer**



Gastropub featuring more than 500 beers from all over the world, plus burgers and tacos served in a friendly atmosphere. Not sure which beer to

order? Let the knowledgeable staff help you. They also offer outdoor seating and plenty of TVs.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: 402 South Howard Avenue - Tampa, FL

Opening hours: Mon - Wed 15h - 1h, Thu 15h - 3h, Fri - Sat

12h - 3h, Sun 11h - 24h Phone: +1 813 251 6800

Internet: www.worldofbeer.com/Locations/SouthTampa

Email: southtampa@worldofbeerusa.com

#### **SHOPPING**



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If shopping is your favorite pastime, you have come to the right place. The Tampa Bay area is known for its eclectic offer of shops that suit any taste and budget. From large malls and high-end stores to smaller boutiques and outdoor markets.

#### **Centro Ybor**



This once rundown set of buildings in the historic district of Ybor is now a popular two-level shopping, dining and entertainment destination

in Tampa. Here you'll find great local restaurants, specialty shops, bars, cinema, theater and much more.

Photo: Dragan Grkic/Shutterstock.com Address: 1600 East 8th Avenue - Tampa, FL

Opening hours: Mon - Wed 10h - 20h, Thu - Sat 10h - 22h,

Sun 11h - 19h

Phone: +1 813 242 4660 Internet: www.centroybor.com



#### **Inkwood Books**



Cozy independent book store offering a wide selection of titles for all ages, plenty of seating for you to get comfortable with a good book and

completely lose track of time, plus occasional author readings. If you are a book lover, this place is for you.

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Address: 1809 North Tampa Street - Tampa, FL

Opening hours: Tue - Sat 10h - 19h, Sun - Mon 11h - 17h

Phone: +1 813 221 2665

Internet: www.inkwoodbooks.com Email: inkwoodbooks@gmail.com

#### **Sundial St. Pete**



Upscale open-air complex in the heart of St. Petersburg, featuring an array of eateries, shops, markets, an IMAX cinema, all in a modern

and sophisticated setting.

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Address: 153 2nd Avenue N - St. Petersburg, FL Opening hours: Mon - Sat 10h - 21h, Sun 12h - 20h

Phone: +1 727 800 3201

Internet: www.sundialstpete.com Email: info@sundialstpete.com

#### **International Plaza and Bay Street**



When only the best will do, shoppers head to International Plaza. The newest of the super malls in the area, the International Plaza offers

the best of the best. Nordstrom's shoe department and its service are legendary. Other highlights include stores such as Betsey Johnson, BCBG, J Crew, Burberry, Tiffany and Co., Neiman Marcus and Louis Vuitton. This is truly a designer's paradise. After a long day of shopping, head over to Bay Street where you can grab a bite at the Cheesecake Factory or a martini at Bar Louie.

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Address: 2223 North Westshore Boulevard - Tampa, FL Opening hours: Mon - Sat 10h - 21h, Sun 11h - 18h

Phone: +1 813 342 3790

#### WestShore Plaza



Located just a few minutes from the International Plaza, this is a favorite mall for locals. Smaller than the other ones, but still offering a

variety of stores including Macy's, Old Navy, JCPenney just to name a few, as well as some eateries and a movie theater.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com Address: 250 WestShore Plaza - Tampa, FL

Opening hours: Mon - Sat 10h - 21h, Sun 12h - 18h

Phone: +1 813 286 0790

Internet: www.westshoreplaza.com

#### **Hyde Park Village**



Nestled into the South Tampa neighborhood of Hyde Park, this upscale open-air collection of specialty shops, restaurants and a movie

theater is a great place to spend a few hours on a Saturday or Sunday.

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Address: 1623 West Snow Circle - Tampa, FL



Opening hours: Mon - Sat 10h - 20h, Sun 12h - 18h

Phone: +1 813 251 3500

Internet: www.hydeparkvillage.com

Email: hydeparkvillage@wsdevelopment.com

#### **Big Top Flea Market**



Voted Tampa Bay's "Best Flea Market," Big Top boasts over 1,100 booths selling all kinds of merchandise, from clothes and electronics to

fruits and vegetables every Saturday and Sunday.

Photo: Gaia Conventi/Shutterstock.com

Address: 9250 East Fowler Avenue - Thonotosassa, FL

Opening hours: Sat - Sun 9h - 16h30

Phone: +1 813 986 4004

Internet: www.bigtopfleamarket.com

#### **TOURIST INFORMATION**



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#### Passport/Visa



Citizens of the Schengen countries, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Japan, South Korea,

Taiwan and the Kingdom of Brunei can visit the United States for up to 90 days without applying for a visa (as well as citizens of Andorra,
Lichtenstein, Monaco and San Marino). Citizens
of these countries must obtain an ESTA
(Electronic System for Travel Authorization)
before traveling. All other travelers must obtain
a visa before visiting the United States.
International travelers need a passport that is
valid for at least 3 months after the end of their
intended trip in order to enter the country.

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#### **Best Time To Visit**



The best time to visit
Tampa is during fall and
beginning of winter
(September - December)
when the weather is more
pleasant, the city is less

crowded, and hotels offer their lowest rates. However, be aware that from August to October is peak season for hurricanes.

Summers in Florida are known for being very hot and humid. Wintertime is usually sunny, and mild with temperatures around 65°F (18°C). That is when lots of people come to Florida to escape the cold from the north, which means high hotel fares.

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#### **Tampa International Airport**



Tampa International
Airport (TIA) is the main
airport serving the Tampa
Bay area. There are four
main terminals, serving a
variety of airlines,

including domestic carriers Continental, Northwest, American, Jet Blue, Delta, Southwest, United, and US Airways, as well as international



carriers Air Canada, British Airways, KLM, and Cayman Airways. The airport is located just 5 miles west of downtown Tampa on the east shore of Tampa Bay. In addition to various rental car options and taxis, there are also bus service as well as airport limousines that can transport passengers to any destination in the Bay Area. The beaches in the western part of the area are only about a 40-minute drive from the airport, the first half of which is spent traversing Tampa Bay over the Howard Franklin Bridge.

St. Petersburg-Clearwater Airport (PIE) is located 9 miles north of St. Petersburg, this is a smaller airport which serves over 50 destinations in the U.S. as well as 3 destinations in Canada.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: 4100 George J Bean Parkway - Tampa, FL

Phone: +1 813 870 8700

Internet: www.tampaairport.com

#### **Public Transport**



Tampa's bus service is known as HART, and it services all areas of the Hillsborough County. Visitors can buy a 3-day pass to really explore the

city, which gives them access to all local buses, as well as the TECO Line Streetcar and In-Town Trolley routes. Route 30 goes straight from the airport to downtown Tampa.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Address: 1201 East 7th Avenue - Tampa, FL

Phone: +1 813 254 4278 Internet: www.gohart.org Email: facebook@gohart.org

#### Taxi



Various taxicab options are available on both sides of the bay, including: Tampa United Cab Company +1 813 253 2424 Yellow Cab +1 813

253 0121

Cab Plus Taxi +1 813 288 8888

St. Petersburg

Downtown Yellow Taxi +1 727 379 4440

BATS Taxi +1 727 367 3702

Green Cab +1 727 999 4999

Clearwater

United Taxi +1 727 777 7777

Clearwater Beach Taxi & Airport Service +1 727

215 9477

Other options for lower fares are the rideshare companies Uber and Lyft.

For airport services: Wingz (app).

Photo: ArrivalGuides

#### **Pharmacy**



Popular chain pharmacies such as CVS and Walgreens can be found in several locations throughout the Bay area. You can also get

pharmacy services at Walmart.

**CVS** 

611 South Howard Avenue

+1 813 259 9911

Open 24 hours

Walgreens



315 West Platt Street +1 813 251 3939

Open 24 hours (Pharmacy Hours: Mon - Fri 8h - 22h, Sat 9h - 18h, Sun 9h - 17h)

Photo: Gemma Garner

#### **Post Office**



The United States Postal Services have several locations in the Tampa area, including one at:

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: 3501 Bessie Coleman Boulevard - Tampa, FL Opening hours: Mon - Fri 8h- 22h, Sat 8h - 20h, Sun 10h -

20h

Phone: +1 813 877 0374 Internet: www.usps.com

#### Time Zone



The Tampa Bay Area is in the Eastern Time Zone, and all times are reflected in the Eastern Time Zone.

Photo: Marek Polakovic

#### **Telephone**



Country code: +1 Area codes in Tampa, St.
Petersburg and
Clearwater: 813 and 727

Photo: Jardson Almeida

#### **Electricity**



US electrical power is 110V/60 cycles AC with two flat parallel prongs.

Photo: Stirling Tschan

#### **Population**

Tampa: 385,430 (2017) St. Petersburg: 263,255 (2017) Clearwater: 115,513 (2017)

#### Currency

\$1 US Dollar = 100 cents

#### Opening hours

Most businesses open at 9h or 10h and stay open until 17h/18h. Most restaurants open at 11h or noon and stay open until 22h. While bars are open until 2h.

#### Newspapers

Tampa Bay Times

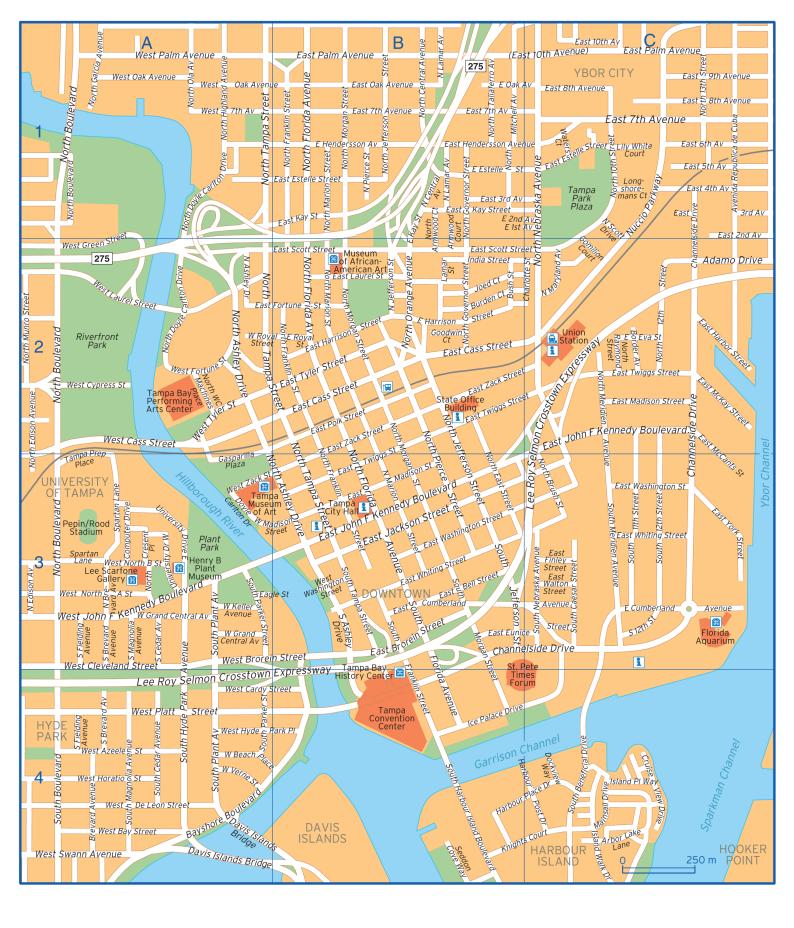
#### **Emergency numbers**

911 (General emergency) Tampa Police Department +1 813 276 3200 St. Petersburg Police Department +1 727 893 7780 Clearwater Police Department +1 727 562 4242

#### **Tourist information**

Unlock Tampa Bay Visitors Center 201 North Franklin Street, Suite 102 - Tampa, FL +1 813 223 2752 Mon - Sat 10h - 17h30

Visit St. Pete/Clearwater 8200 Bryan Dairy Road, Suite 200 - Largo, FL +1 727 464 7200





Adamo Drive	C2	East Royal Street	B2	North Morgan Street	B1 B2 B3
Arbor Lake Lane	C4	East Scott Street	B2 C2	North Munro Street	A2
Armwood Court	B1 B2	East Twiggs Street	B2 B3 C2	North Nebraska Avenue	C1 C2
Avenida Republica de Cuba	C1	East Tyler Street	B2	North Ola Avenue	A1
Bayshore Boulevard	A4	East Walton Street	С3	North Orange Avenue	B2
Border Avenue	C2	East Washington Street	B3 C3	North Pierce Street	B1 B2 B3
Brevard Avenue	A4	East Whiting Street	B3 C3	North Raymond Street	C2
Burden Court	B2	East York Street	C3	North Scott Drive	C1 C2
Bush Street	B2	East Zack Street	B2 B3 C2	North Taliaferro Avenue	B1
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Davis	A4 B4	Harbour Post Drive	B4 C4	South 11th Street	C3
Islands					
Bridge					
Dockview	C4	Ice Palace Drive	B4 C4	South 12th Street	C3
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East 6th	C1	Long shoremans Court	C1	South Franklin Street	B3 B4



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East 9th	C1	North 12th Street	C2	South Jefferson Street	В3
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East McKay	C2	North Marion Street	B1 B2 B3	West Cass Street	A2
Street					
East Oak	B1 C1	North Maryland Avenue	C2	West Cleveland Street	A4
Avenue					
East Palm	B1 C1	North Meridien Avenue	C2 C3	West Cypress Street	A2
Avenue					
East Polk	B2	North Mitchell Avenue	B1	West De Leon Street	A4
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West Fortune Street	A2	West Laurel Street	A2	West Royal Street	A2 B2
West Grand Central Avenue	A3	West Madison Street	A3 B3	West Swann Avenue	A4
West Green Street	A1 A2	West North A Street	A3	West Tyler Street	A2
West Horatio Street	A4	West North B Street	A3	West Verne Street	A4
West Hyde Park Place	A4 B4	West Oak Avenue	A1 B1	West Washington Street	В3
West John F Kennedy Boulevard	A3	West Palm Avenue	A1	West Zack Street	A3
West Keller Avenue	A3	West Platt Street	A4		