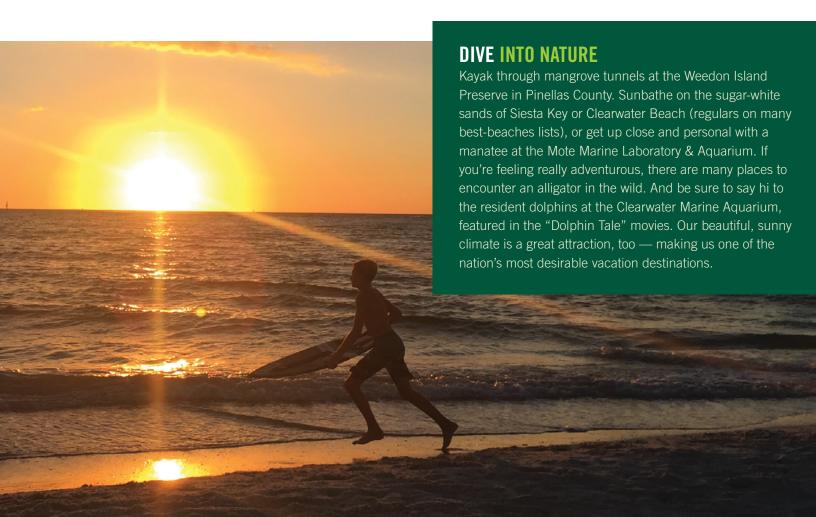
GULF COAST VISITOR GUIDE

Welcome to the sun-drenched, subtropical paradise that the University of South Florida calls home, from the white sands and blue-green waters of St. Petersburg and Sarasota beaches to the thriving metropolitan community of Tampa. Here's the first thing you should know about the Tampa Bay area: There's a lot to do along this stretch of the Gulf of Mexico. We'll help you figure out where to start.

The primary stomping grounds of the Bulls are comprised of four counties (Sarasota, Manatee, Pinellas and Hillsborough) and metro areas including Sarasota, Tampa and St. Petersburg. Students come to learn, but these destinations are also ideal for anybody who loves the arts, great food, sports and outdoor adventures.

The region's quirkiness (we have an annual pirate festival) is perfectly suited to the eclectic landscape, everything from barrier islands to mangrove tunnels and Class II river rapids. Our range of activities is just as diverse. We've compiled some of our favorites so you can plan an unforgettable Florida adventure.

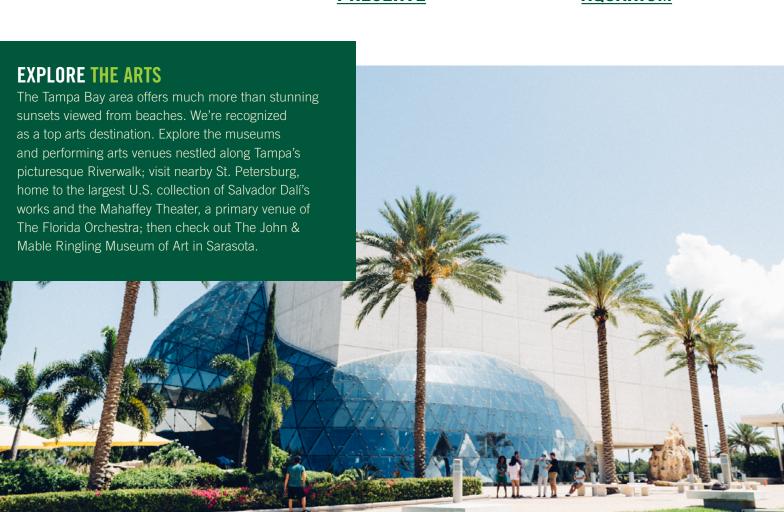


WATER ACTIVITIES

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THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM **CLEARWATER MARINE AQUARIUM**



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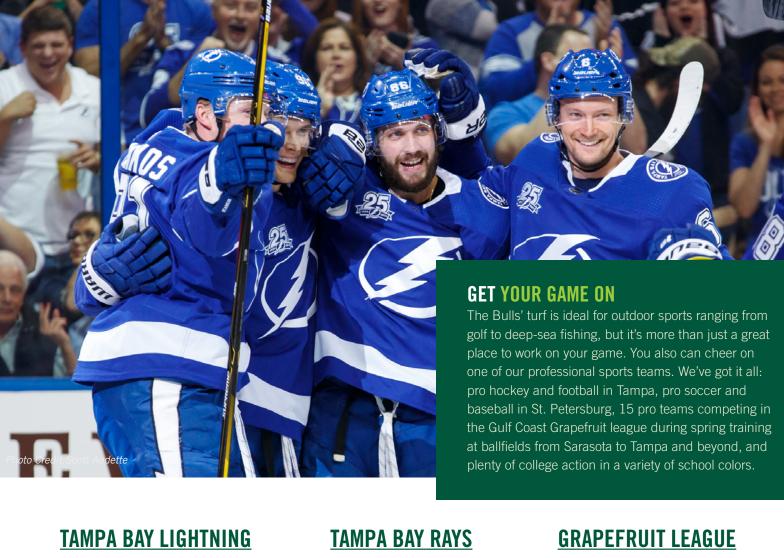
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MUSEUM MAHAFFEY THEATER

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A TASTE OF THE BAYS

the region from Sarasota Bay to Tampa Bay is a foodie

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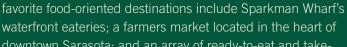
paradise. Culinary experiences range from the exotic (alligator

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

With its fresh-caught seafood and countless craft breweries,

TAMPA BAY ROWDIES

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waterfront eateries; a farmers market located in the heart of



CRAFT BREWERIES

SPARKMAN WHARF

MARKET BRING THE FAMILY Whether you're looking for thrills or just want to chill, we've got you covered. Our theme park excursions range

SARASOTA FARMERS

from the stomach-dropping roller coasters of Busch Gardens to the waterways and waterslides of Adventure Island. You also can step into the prehistoric past by exploring Dinosaur World, a zany theme park (formerly an alligator farm) featuring hundreds of life-size dinosaur statues. Up for a road trip? Head for LEGOLAND, Walt Disney World or Universal Orlando. With this many attractions so close, your family will never want to leave.

BUSCH GARDENS

TAMPA BAY ADVENTURE ISLAND DINOSAUR WORLD

LEGOLAND



WALT DISNEY WORLD

UNIVERSAL

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