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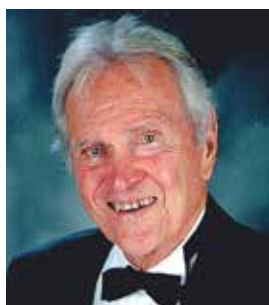
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### BEST RESORT FOR AGES 2 -12

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### 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](http://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](http://flaquarium.org)

### BEST ATTRACTIONS DEAL

#### Tampa Bay City Pass

With the Tampa Bay City Pass, you can save a whopping 53% off combined admission to Busch Gardens Tampa Bay along with four additional attractions in the Tampa Bay area including The Florida Aquarium, Lowry Park Zoo, Clearwater Marina Aquarium (home to Winter, star of the popular Dolphin Tale movies) and your choice of either the Museum Of Science and Industry (MOSI) or the Chihuly Collection. City Pass Booklets are valid for nine consecutive days beginning with the first day of use. Such a deal! Find it at [citypass.com/tampa](http://citypass.com/tampa).

### BEST CLASSIC BURGER

#### Shula's Steak House

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## 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.

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## BEST RIB EYE

### Bascom's Chop House

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

## BEST FRENCH RESTAURANT

### La Cuisine

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



# What's Up



## ONGOING Daily

### Sunsets at Pier 60 Festival

*Clearwater:* This fun, nightly sunset celebration features lots 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. 1727-449-1036; [sunsetpier60.com](http://sunsetpier60.com).

## Weekly

### Picker Place Ybor - Vintage Market

*Tampa:* Browse over 10,000 square feet of unique, eclectic, one of a kind vintage treasures that amazing local "Pickers" bring in each and every Sat and Sun through December 29th. Takes place from 10am - 6pm in historic Ybor City at 1402 E 2nd Ave. [visittampabay.com](http://visittampabay.com)

## Monthly

### First Friday St Pete

*St. Pete:* A dancing-in-the-street block party that happens on the first Fri of the month with live music, food and drink vendors, restaurants and more. Takes place from 5:30 - 10pm on Central Ave between 2nd and 3rd St. [FirstFridayStPete.com](http://FirstFridayStPete.com).

## Monthly

### Fourth Friday

*Tampa:* Enjoy this monthly celebration of the local arts and cultural scene with terrific live music, food, drinks and special discounts. Takes place from 4-10pm at Tampa Riverwalk. [fourthfridaytpa.com](http://fourthfridaytpa.com).

## Monthly

### Second Saturdays at Williams Park

*St. Pete:* Celebrate the weekend with live music, food trucks, beer & wine garden and festival marketplace. Takes place from 6 - 10pm at Williams Park, 350 2nd Ave N. [secondsaturdays13.com](http://secondsaturdays13.com).

## Monthly

### Second Saturday Art Walk

*St. Pete:* This "After Hours" Arts Happening includes over forty galleries and studios who stay open late including Duncan McClellan Glass and Morean Arts Center. Takes place in the Waterfront Arts District, Central Arts District and EDGE District from 5 - 9pm on the 2nd Sat of the month. [stpeteartsalliance.org](http://stpeteartsalliance.org).

## October 17 - 20

### Clearwater Jazz Holiday

*Clearwater:* Bring your chairs and blankets and relax to the soothing sounds of jazz from world-class musicians complimented by beautiful waterfront settings. 727-464-7200; [visitspeteclearwater.com](http://visitspeteclearwater.com).

## Now - November 3

### Spymonkey's Hysteria

*Tampa:* This deliciously demented take on the pulp gothic romance overflows with brilliant characters, rip-roaring farce and virtuoso physical comedy. Takes place at the Straz

Center, 1010 NWC MacInnes Place. 813-229-7827; [strazcenter.org](http://strazcenter.org).

## October 18 - 19

### Dunedin Stone Crab Festival

*Dunedin:* More than twenty top restaurants and new pop-up cafes serve everything from stone crabs, blue crabs, shrimp and Maine lobster to fish tacos, burgers and hot dogs. Local artisans and craft merchants will also be on hand. Takes place on Fri from noon - 8pm and on Sat from noon - 10pm at Edgewater Park, 51 Main St. 727-451-9214; [dunedinseafoodfestival.com](http://dunedinseafoodfestival.com).

## October 18 - 20

### Clearwater Chalk Art Festival

*Clearwater:* Beautiful art comes to life on Clearwater Beach along with a kid zone, arts & craft vendors and more. Takes place on Fri & Sat from 9am - 6pm and on Sun from 9am - 3pm at 333 S. Gulfview Blvd. 727-447-7600; [clearwaterbeachchalkwalk.com](http://clearwaterbeachchalkwalk.com).

## October 18 - 20

### Upper Tampa Bay Oktoberfest

*Oldsmar:* Roll out the barrels for a wild party that includes German food, drinks, music and dancing plus lots of wacky games. Kicks off on Fri from 5-11pm, continues on Sat from 11am - 11pm and wraps up on Sun from noon to 6pm. Takes place at Tampa Bay Downs, 11225 Race Track Rd, Westchase. [visitspeteclearwater.com](http://visitspeteclearwater.com).

## October 19

### Tampa Pizza Fest

*Tampa:* Vote on the BEST Pizza in Greater Tampa Bay and enjoy delicious craft brews, cocktails and great live music as well as games, pizza contests, tons of raffles and more. Takes place from 11am - 10pm at Waterworks Park, 1710 N Highland Ave. [unation.com](http://unation.com).

## October 19 - 20

### Pops in the Park

*St. Pete/Tampa:* Enjoy a relaxing evening of popular film scores, Broadway hits and more during The Florida Orchestra's annual free music festival under the stars. Pre-concert festivities at 4pm, performance at 7pm. Free admission. Takes place in St. Pete on Oct 19 at Vinoy Park, 701 Bay Shore Dr NE and in Tampa on Oct 20 at River Park Tower, 401 E Bird St. [floridaorchestra.org](http://floridaorchestra.org).





### October 25 - 27

#### 45th Annual International Folk Fair

*St Pete:* This cultural extravaganza includes exhibits, festival marketplace, ethnic foods, dancing and international music. Takes place on Sat from 10 am - 8pm and on Sun from 10am - 6 pm at Vinoy Park, 701 Bay Shore Dr NE. 727-552-1896; SPIFFS.org.

### October 31- November 3

#### Cirque du Soleil – Axel

*Tampa:* An electrifying fusion of world-class skating, surreal aesthetics and breathtaking acrobatics. Takes place at Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. amaliearena.com.

### November 1 - 3

#### St Pete Songwriters Festival

*St Pete:* Over 35 eclectic and diverse songwriters perform more than 100 free acoustic events while sharing the stories behind their biggest songs. dtsp songwritersfestival.com.

### November 2 - 3

#### Savor St Pete Festival

*St Pete:* Get down with local rock star

chefs, great food, wine and microbrews.

General admission includes a limited edition wine glass, custom tote bag and unlimited tastings from 1 - 4pm in the Grand Tasting Village. Takes place at North Straub Park, 400 Bayshore Dr NE. 727-464-7200; savortheburg.com.

### November 3

#### Straz Live! In The Park

*Tampa Bay:* This new annual family friendly mash-up kicks off the Straz Center's new season with an afternoon picnic, outdoor concert and block party featuring popular Broadway tunes, favorite opera arias and surprise guests. Food trucks on site. Takes place from 2 - 6pm at Curtis Hixon Park, 600 N Ashley Dr. 813-229-7827; strazcenter.org.

### November 4

#### Elton John

*Tampa:* The Rocket Man brings down the house in his farewell bid to the Yellow Brick Road. Takes place at the Amalie Arena, 401 Channelside Dr. amaliearena.com.



### November 5 - 10

#### Fiddler On The Roof

*Tampa:* Tony-winning director Bartlett Sher brings a fresh and authentic vision to this beloved theatrical masterpiece. Takes place at the Straz Center, 1010 NWC MacInnes Place. 813-229-7827; strazcenter.org.

### November 8 - 10

#### Sponge Docks Seafood Festival

*Tarpon Springs:* Enjoy tons of local seafood, live music, an arts & crafts show and more. It all goes down along Dodecanese Blvd with a food court provided at 615 Hope St. Takes place on Fri from noon - 10pm; Sat from 10am - 10pm; and on Sun from 10am - 5pm. 352-344-0657; sponge docks.net.

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# What's Up

**November 19 - 24**

## **Once On This Island**

*Tampa:* This 2018 Tony Award for Best Revival of a Musical, is the sweeping, universal tale of Ti Moune, a fearless peasant girl in search of her place in the world, and ready to risk it all for love. Takes place at the Straz Center, 1010 NWC MacInnes Place. 813-229-7827; strazcenter.org.

**November 22 - December 29**

## **Enchant Christmas**

*St. Pete:* The world's largest Christmas maze makes its debut in St. Pete this year with a fabulous Winter Wonderland replete with a Magical Light Maze, a Christmas Market, an Ice-Skating Trail and Santa and Mrs. Claus. Takes place at Tropicana Field, 1 Tropicana Dr. stpeteenchantchristmas.com.

**November 23**

## **Calvary Chapel Arts & Crafts Festival**

*St. Pete:* Shop 'till you drop at this fun, holiday outdoor festival which features all kinds of cool handcrafted items, home decor, jewelry, holiday items, food and more. Takes place at 8900 US Hwy 19 N, Pinellas Park. 727-577-7705; calvarystp.churchcenter.com.

**November 23 - 24**

## **CraftArt Festival**

*St. Pete:* Enjoy artist demos, food trucks, make-n-take, craft brews and more as some of the nation's best craft artists showcase their work. Takes place on Sat from 10am - 5pm and on Sun from 10am - 4pm in St. Pete's downtown Arts District along Central Avenue's 400 - 700 blocks. floridacraftart.org.



**November 30 - December 1**

## **Thanksgiving Arts & Crafts Festival**

*Tarpon Springs:* Kick-start your Christmas shopping at this special Thanksgiving event that showcases over 90 vendors featuring fine art & crafts, food, music, and more. Takes place from 10am - 5pm downtown on the Tarpon Springs Sponge Docks. 352-344-0657; sponge docks.net.

**November 29 - January 2**

## **Holiday Lights & Greeting Cards**

*St. Pete:* Embrace the warmth of the holidays with twinkling lights, holiday decorations, and giant greeting cards along St. Pete's downtown waterfront. Takes place each evening at sundown, North, South Straub and Vinoy Parks. 727-893-7441; stpeteparksrec.org.

**November 30**

## **Holiday Tree Lighting**

*St. Pete:* Watch the waterfront light up as the switch is flipped on the annual holiday tree. Live entertainment, kids' games, hot chocolate and more. Free. Takes place at 8pm, North Straub Park, 400 Bayshore Dr. stpeteparksrec.org.

**November 30 - December 1**

## **Shopapalooza**

*St. Pete:* Get special discounts, prizes and surprises from over 130 local shops, art galleries, restaurants, artists, food trucks and community organizations. Bargains from 10am - 5pm at Vinoy Park, 501 5th Ave. 727-893-7335; shopapaloozafestival.com.

**November 30 - December 1**

## **Seaboard Seafood Festival**

*St. Pete:* Feast on a fabulous stone crab and shrimp boil backdropped by live music, craft beer, games and more. Takes place from 11am - 4 pm. Location: TBD. 813-251-0500; seaboardseafoodfestival.com.

**December 5**

## **Tony Bennett**

*St. Pete:* The 19 Grammy Award-winner performs with special guest, daughter Antonia Bennett, during this unforgettable "I Left My Heart" tour. Takes place at 7:30pm 400 1st St. themahaffey.com.

**December 6 - 8**

## **Feast On The Beach**

*Clearwater:* Local restaurateurs, celebrity chefs and wine connoisseurs offer fresh local cuisine, wine and craft beer, all near Clearwater's famous sugar sand beaches. Various times, locations. Pier 60 Park, Causeway Blvd.

**December 8**

## **Island Estates Yacht Club Boat Parade**

*Clearwater:* Celebrate the season as one of the largest and most popular holiday marine parades in the area glides through the night to Coachman Park and the Clearwater Yacht Club. Takes place at 6:30pm, Coachman Park, 301 Drew St.

**December 6**

## **29th Annual Illuminated Boat Parade**

*Tarpon Springs:* Festively decorated vessels shimmer and shine down the Anclote River and into the bayous where Santa gives out treats to the children in Spring Bayou. Best viewing is from Craig Park/Spring Bayou. Boats enter Spring Bayou between 8pm and 8:15pm. 352-954-5628; sponge docks.net.





# Only at The Florida Orchestra: 'Don Quixote' with exclusive art film

By Kelly Smith

Sometimes it helps to have a visual, especially when telling a story. Enter Geff Strik, The Florida Orchestra's first-ever visual artist-in-residence.

For TFO's upcoming performance of Strauss' Don Quixote, Strik started with the musical score, covered in handwritten notes from Music Director Michael Francis, and 29 sketches. When he picked up his paintbrush, he used only one 10-by-5-foot canvas, painting each scene on top of the other – the earlier works hidden underneath.

But they're not totally gone. The whole process was captured through video and carefully crafted into a 42-minute, high-definition art film synchronized to the music, which Maestro Francis will conduct live on stage.

The result is an innovative, visually stunning concert that audiences can see only one weekend in October, only at The Florida Orchestra, at concerts Oct. 11-13, in Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater. The concert also features internationally acclaimed cello soloist Maximilian Hornung, as well as Beethoven's Eroica Symphony (a rare performance of the Mahler version).

TFO's commitment to this kind of innovation, collaboration, and accessibility is why TFO named Strik as its first-ever visual artist-in-residence. Strik is an acclaimed French artist who now lives in St. Petersburg.

"Innovation is a key part of what we do. It's in our DNA," said Mark Cantrell, TFO President & CEO. "We believe no other American orchestra is doing anything like this at this level. We are leading the way, giving audiences new ways to engage with the music."

**TFO has more multimedia concerts including:**  
**National Geographic Live JANE in Concert (Nov. 2):** Based on 100 hours of unseen footage, the Emmy-winning documentary of Jane Goodall and her chimpanzee research plays on the big screen while the orchestra performs the score by Philip Glass LIVE at the Straz Center in Tampa.

**Deep Field: A Cosmic Experience (Nov. 8-10):** Composer Eric Whitacre leads TFO for Deep Field, his own fusion of live music and Hubble space video, featuring The Master Chorale of Tampa Bay. It's a stellar night of live music including works from Bernstein and Copland. Free tickets for kids and teens, in advance.

**Ghostbusters In Concert (Nov. 23):** Who ya gonna call? The Florida Orchestra, of course, who will perform the iconic score live while Ivan Reitman's 1984 comedic masterpiece plays on the big screen at the Mahaffey Theater. Peter M. Bernstein conducts.

**Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3 (Jan. 17-19):** Michael Francis and TFO bring together the arts, combining music with the St. Petersburg Museum of Fine Art's new Tobin exhibit and the Tampa City Ballet. Music includes Swiss pianist Gilles Vonsattel on Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3, Rimsky-Korsakov's Golden Cockerel, and Stravinsky's Pulcinella. Free tickets for kids and teens, in advance.

For details and tickets, visit [FloridaOrchestra.org](http://FloridaOrchestra.org)

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**National Geographic Live JANE in Concert**  
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### Geff Strik, The Florida Orchestra's Visual Artist-In-Residence





## What's Up



### December 6

#### There's Snow Place Like Tarpon Springs

*Tarpon Springs:* Venture out to downtown Tarpon Springs for this free holiday soiree that includes a tree lighting ceremony, snow play area with 20 tons of blown snow, music, children's activities, a visit with Santa and lots more. Takes place from 5 - 10pm on Tarpon Ave. 727-942-5628; spongedocks.net.

### December 7 - 8

#### 25th Annual Corey Area Craft Festival

*St Pete Beach:* Over 100 of the nation's most talented artisans showcase a collection of hand-made contemporary American crafts. Takes place from 10am - 5pm at 595 Corey Ave. [artfestival.com](http://artfestival.com).

### December 14

#### Holiday Hoopla & Boat Parade

*Gulfport:* Stroll Gulfport's decorated streets lined with more than 100 exhibitors and unique shops. Local musicians, roving street performers and carolers add to the fun from 10am - 5pm followed by a festive lighted boat parade. Takes place along Beach Blvd South.

### December 14

#### Tarpon Springs Christmas Parade

*Tarpon Springs:* This fun, old fashioned holiday parade takes place at 10am in downtown Tarpon Springs followed by an annual Kids' Candy Cane Hunt in Craig Park with crafts, hot chocolate and a visit from Santa.

### December 14

#### The Florida Orchestra Holiday Pops

*St. Pete:* Fill your stocking with visions of sugarplums and seasonal family favorites as TFO shares the joy of holiday traditions. Takes place at 2pm and 8pm at Mahaffey Theater, 400 1st St South. [themahaffey.com](http://themahaffey.com).

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Immerse yourself in a world of medieval magic where jugglers, knife throwers and gypsy dancers perform in the street, jousting knights charge across fields on horseback and spellbinding magicians captivate your imagination during the 34th Annual Hoggetowne Medieval Faire.

For three consecutive weekends, on Saturday, January 18 and Sunday, January 19; Saturday, January 25th and Sunday, January 26; as well as on Friday, January 31, the Alachua County Fairgrounds in Gainesville morphs into a virtual "Medieval Marketplace."

More than 160 talented artisans journey to the Faire from across the country to showcase their medieval wares

including one-of-a-kind jewelry, stone and wood carvings, blacksmithing and weaving, hand-blown glassware, beautiful leather goods and clothing.

You can also engage in traditional medieval games, shoot arrows, hurl battle axes, navigate your way through a winding maze and even look into the future with a mystical fortune teller.

If you get hungry after all of this action, just head on over to the Food Court where you can feast like a king on giant



turkey legs, succulent ribs, blooming onions and an assortment of other goodies.

You can experience all of this medieval magic on Saturday and Sunday from

10am to 6pm and

on Friday, January

31 from 9am — 4pm. Find

the Hoggetowne Medieval Faire at the Alachua County Fairgrounds in Gainesville, 3100 NE 39th Avenue.

Info: 352-334-ARTS; #Hoggetownefaire.

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## What's Up



### December 16 - 17

#### Downtown Festival & Art Show

*Gainesville:* North Florida's art scene swings into high gear when historic downtown Gainesville transforms into a celebration of art and creativity replete with live music, performing arts and a fabulous array of food. Takes place from 10am - 5pm. 352-393-8536; [gainesvilledowntownartfest.org](http://gainesvilledowntownartfest.org).

### December 19 - January 5

#### Disney's Aladdin

*Tampa:* This hit Broadway musical is a thrilling new production filled with unforgettable beauty, magic, comedy and breathtaking spectacle. Takes place at the Straz Center, 1010 NWC MacInnes Place. 813-229-7827; [strazcenter.org](http://strazcenter.org).

### December 20

#### Handel's Messiah

*St. Pete:* Experience the ultimate celebration of holiday joy as The Florida Orchestra, presents a Christmas classic with the divine Hallelujah Chorus. Takes place at 8pm, Mahaffey Theater, 400 1st St. South. [themahaffey.com](http://themahaffey.com).

### December 21

#### Holiday Pop-Up Market

*St. Pete:* Discover last-minute local, indie and hand-made stocking stuffers, vintage treasures, groovy presents and more. Takes place from 11am - 3pm at Bandit Coffee, 2662 Central Ave, St Pete. [theindieflea.com](http://theindieflea.com).

### December 26 - 27

#### Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker

*St Pete:* Delight in Tchaikovsky's magical larger-than-life holiday tale featuring world-class Russian dancers, playful puppets, stunning sets and more than 200 dazzling costumes. Takes place on Dec 26 at 7 pm; and on Dec 27 at 3 & 7pm at Mahaffey Theater, 400 1st St South. [themahaffey.com](http://themahaffey.com).



## Follow the inn crowd.

This holiday season, do what all the cool kids are doing. Head down to The Florida Keys, for the annual Key West Holiday Fest. With everything from Holiday Historic Inn Tours and musical performances to classic car shows, the Key West Bight Before Christmas and Schooner Wharf Bar Lighted Boat Parade, the KeyWest Holiday Fest is the place to see – and be seen. For holiday schedules throughout December, visit [keywestholidayfest.com](http://keywestholidayfest.com).





## December 31

### New Year's Eve Parade

*Tampa:* This festive New Year's parade includes elaborate floats, over 20 marching bands, a Pep Rally and a special "Battle Of The Bands." Parade starts at 5:30pm and runs along 7th Ave. [outbackbowl.com](http://outbackbowl.com).

## December 31

### Light It Up Clearwater!

*Clearwater Beach:* Relax with your toes in the sand, watch a world famous sunset, grab a bite to eat and then ring in the New Year with a spectacular fireworks display at midnight.

## December 31

### Light Up Tampa Bay & Aqua Eve

*Tampa Bay:* Tampa "Lights Up" with live entertainment, a midnight fireworks display and ball drop over the downtown waterfront. Takes place at The Florida Aquarium, 701 Channelside Dr, Tampa. 813-273-4000; [flaquarium.org](http://flaquarium.org).

## December 31

### First Night St. Petersburg

*St. Pete:* This 25th annual celebration rings in the New Year with music, lights, dance, fire, bubbles, fireworks and more. Starts at

4pm throughout downtown with fireworks at 8pm and midnight. 727-823-8906; [firstnightstpete.com](http://firstnightstpete.com).

## December 31

### Swingin' the New Year

*St. Pete:* Swing into 2020 with live music, dancing, a vintage fashion photo shoot, midnight countdown, balloon drop and champagne toast. Takes place from 9pm - 1am at the Historic Coliseum, 535 4th Ave North. [newyearswing.com](http://newyearswing.com).

## January 18 - 19; January 25 - 26; January 31 - February 2

### 34th Annual Hoggetowne Medieval Faire

*Gainesville:* For three consecutive weekends, the Alachua County Fairgrounds transforms into a medieval marketplace where you can immerse yourself in the rich culture of the



Middle Ages. Open Sat and Sun from 10am - 6pm and from 9am - 4pm on Friday, January 31. Find it at 3100 NE 39th Ave. 352-334-ARTS; [HoggetowneFaire.com](http://HoggetowneFaire.com).

## January 18 - 19

### Tampa Bay Black Heritage Music Festival

*Tampa:* Feel the heart and soul of a community come together with a 5K run/walk, health & wellness fair, African-inspired Market, ethnic food, art and live music. Takes place at Curtis Hixon Park, 600 N Ashley Dr. [tampablackheritage.org](http://tampablackheritage.org).

## January 31

### Sing Out Tampa Bay

*St. Pete:* Find your voice in this casual community sing-a-long to celebrate The Florida Orchestra's 5th birthday. Pay What You Can. Takes place at 7pm, Mahaffey Theater, 400 1st St south. [themahaffey.com](http://themahaffey.com).

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#### January 11 - 12

#### 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Cape Coral Arts & Music Festival

*Cape Coral:* Now in its 35th year, this highly anticipated festival showcases the works of more than 300 juried artists and artisans. An array of vendors also offer a wide variety of food & beverages, as well as live music. Takes place on Cape Coral Pkwy. [CapeCoralFestival.com](http://CapeCoralFestival.com).

#### January 26 - February 2

#### Key West Food & Wine Festival

*Key West:* Celebrate the local culinary arts community and enjoy lots of lively events all over the island including a Welcome Beach Party, Wine Dinners, Shrimp Boil, Wine and Food Seminars, Bad Ass Brunches, "Duval Uncorked," Neighborhood Wine Strolls, Grand Tasting and much more. 305-292-1622; [keywestfoodandwinefestival.com](http://keywestfoodandwinefestival.com).

#### February 1 - 2 Art

#### Fest Ft. Myers

*Fort Myers:* Artfest kicks off with Friday Night Opening Party on Jan 31st and features many festival artists under the stars from 6 to 10pm. On Sat and Sun, you can enjoy the works of 200 outstanding professional artists from across the country, as well as a high school art competition, art demos, children's craft area and a sidewalk chalk extravaganza. Takes place from 10am - 5pm. [ArtFestFortMyers.com](http://ArtFestFortMyers.com).



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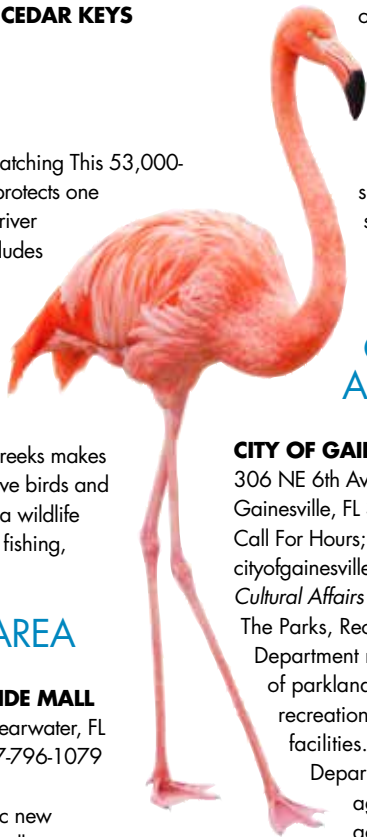
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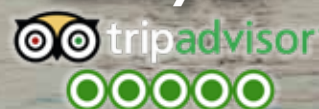


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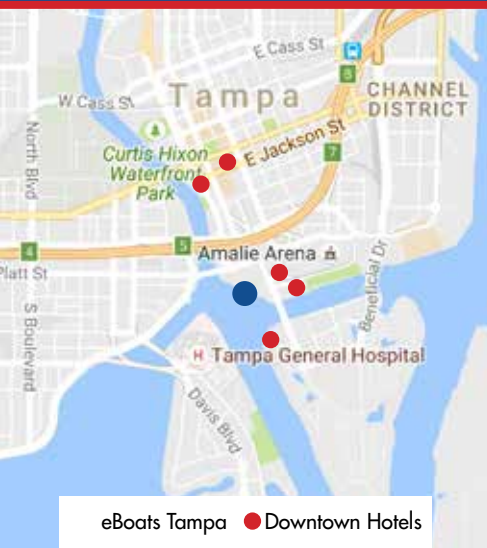


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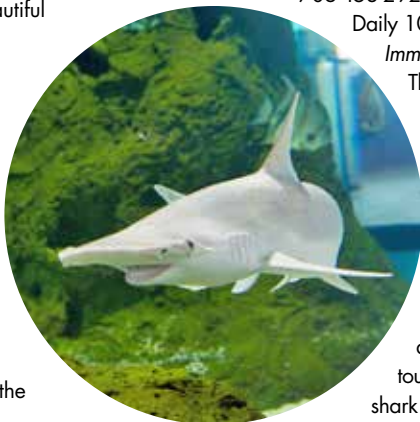


## KANAPAHA BOTANICAL GARDENS

4700 SW 58th Dr.  
Gainesville, FL 32608  
352-372-5892; kanapaha.org  
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### MOTE MARINE LABORATORY & AQUARIUM

1600 Ken Thompson Pkwy  
Sarasota, FL 34236  
706-453-2920; mote.org  
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941-359-5700; ringling.org  
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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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# Full Steam Ahead!

## *Port Tampa Takes You Places*



If you love to cruise, you likely already know of the many options in the state of Florida. However, one gem is beginning to stand out as the preferred home cruise port for its pre and post-cruise options, as well as its growing list of world class cruise lines and their special itineraries. Port Tampa Bay is quickly becoming recognized as one of

the top cruise ports in the world.

And for good reason.

Tampa's red-hot waterfront is jam packed with sights, sounds, and attractions and is just a hop, skip, and jump away from century-old St. Petersburg and Clearwater, ranked Florida's best beach.

Port Tampa Bay is also a renowned

gateway to the Caribbean which is why it's such an attractive port for the fleet of ships that dock here and cater to the more intimate cruise-goer. And that's a good thing because you can avoid the huge crowds and enjoy a much more intimate experience.

Other good news: starting in 2020, in addition to our regular rotation of Carnival Cruise Lines, Royal Caribbean International, and Norwegian Cruise Lines, Celebrity Cruises will offer 10 and 11 day itineraries. Also, MSC Cruises will offer year-round sailings, with a variety of 4, 5 and 7 day sailings, and Holland America Line is returning with 5 and 14 day cruise itineraries.

For a complete list of cruises and a full ship schedule, please visit [porttb.com](http://porttb.com). Info: 813-905-PORT (7678).



# 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.

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

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

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

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

Tampa’s Busch Gardens is not only one of America’s most popular theme parks with heart-palpitating rollercoasters, but it is also home to one of the largest zoos in the United States.



Downtown Tampa’s Riverwalk provides a linear path past the Tampa Museum of Art,

Curtis Hixon Park and the

city’s gleaming business district.

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

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





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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.



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# Good Eats



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*Exceeding Expectations...*

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## GAINESVILLE AREA

### FRESCO PIZZA & PASTA

Haile Village Center

5212 SW 91st Terrace

Gainesville, FL 32608

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frescopizzaandpasta.com

Open Nighly M - F 5 - 10pm;

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## Holiday Eggnog Recipe

If you want to become known amongst your family and friends for serving up the best homemade eggnog on the planet, this recipe is just the ticket. Cheers!

#### Ingredients:

8 eggs, separated, 1-1/2 cups sugar, 2 cups light rum, 2 cups spiced rum; 2 cups Makers Mark Bourbon, 2 Tablespoons finely ground nutmeg (the finer ground, the better) 2 cups heavy cream, 6 cups milk.

#### Directions:

Step 1: Beat the whites of 8 eggs until soft peaks form. Set aside.

Step 2: Beat the yolks of 8 eggs until thick and lemon colored.

Step 3: Gradually beat in sugar with the egg yolks.

Step 4: Add the light rum or rum flavoring and ground nutmeg. Beat until mixed.

Step 5: With a whisk or spoon, stir in 2 cups of heavy cream and all of the milk.

Step 6: Add the egg white mixture to the rum mixture and fold together until blended.

Step 7: Chill the nog until ready to serve. Stir with a whisk before serving.

This festive nog can be made the night before. Just stir with a whisk before serving.





### **LIMEROCK ROAD NEIGHBORHOOD GRILL**

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*Crafted, Casual Comfortable Cuisine*  
Burgers and beer. Ribs and rum. Whatever you put together from the diverse menu at this casual neighborhood grill will be right on point. You'll find over two dozen juicy burger options here all served with a side of addictive hand-cut fries. Main Plates - just like the kind mom used to make - include a BBQ Combo Platter (ribs, pulled pork and chicken), traditional Pot Roast Dinner, Shrimp & Fried Grits Cake and lots of other old time favorites that are all made from scratch.

### **VOLCANIC SUSHI + SAKE**

Haile Village Center  
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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.



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# 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.



Salvatore Dali Museum, St. Petersburg

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From its renowned white sand beaches, amazing marine life and glorious weather, to fabulous dining, shopping, cultural attractions

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

Remember Winter, the dolphin with a prosthetic tail made famous in the blockbuster movie, "Dolphin Tale?" Well, you can see her here at the Marine Aquarium which focuses on rehabilitation and education. And speaking of dolphins, you may be greeted by any number of six-foot tall dolphins - 115 of them in fact, that

comprise the Clearwater Dolphins Trail which extends from Tarpon Springs to St. Petersburg.

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

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

For true world-class entertainment, check out the performance lineup at Ruth Eckerd Hall. Long a mainstay of the Tampa Bay Cultural scene and downtown Clearwater's beautifully restored Capitol Theatre, it hosts some of the hottest acts in the US. So come see for yourself because Clearwater really does have it all!





## Pack Your Bags! New Lux Hotel On The Horizon

There is a new luxury boutique hotel on the horizon in Pinellas County. Just this week local business leader and hotelier Fred B. Bullard announced plans to construct a brand new \$25,000,000.00 luxe hotel with 122 rooms at Ulmerton Rd. in the space formerly occupied by The Venue in the Feather Sound area.

The contemporary Spanish style hotel will be full service with ample meeting and conference space as well as separate full service restaurant and lounge/bar. This opulent new hotel will be the only one of its kind in the area offering a level of grandeur not experienced by locals, tourists and business travelers alike. We are all looking forward to the completion of this property as it raises the bar for all Tampa Bay area hotels.



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# Good Eats

## CEDAR KEY

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Cedar Key, FL 32625

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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!



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Marjorie "Mimi" Hale and her family are the epitome of "Southern Hospitality." Owner of the hip Ivy On The Square in Ocala and the 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 2-4-1 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).



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# 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

**T**rip 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, treelined 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 events and festive holiday celebrations.



If you're in the Gainesville area, make sure to put this one on your itinerary. For more info, hit up [hvcoa.com](http://hvcoa.com).

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## Gainesville's Haile Village Center



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## Billionaire's Bacon

*From Bascom's Chop House*

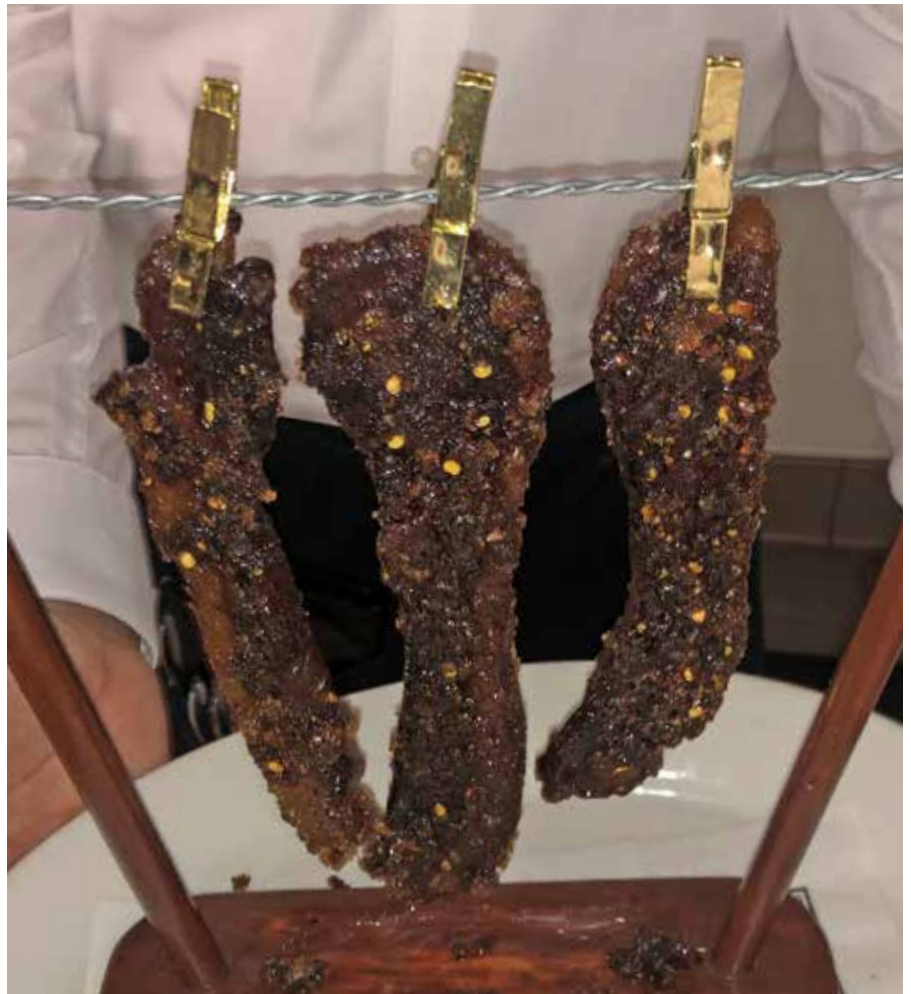


Executive Chef Tony Bonanno has a passion for combining flavors and methods from around the world. Molecular Gastronomy is his specialty and his use of new and exciting methods to create award winning food for Bascom's Chop House is creating a big buzz with local foodies. Here's his recipe for Billionaire's Bacon.

Three slices of super thick cut bacon cured in our secret blend of spices and brown sugar then slow roasted for the most decadent bacon of all time.

### INGREDIENTS:

5 lb ½ inch sliced smoked applewood bacon  
3 lb dark brown sugar  
3 Tbs course ground black pepper  
1 Tbs crushed red pepper flake



### PREPARATION:

Start by arranging the bacon flat and side by side on a sheet tray lined with a wire drip rack. Season evenly with the course pepper, then the brown sugar in the same manor, finishing with the chili flake. Make sure that the sugar is smooth and level. Set convection oven to 200 degrees and bake on high fan for 3 1/2 to 4 hours, or until desired doneness is achieved.

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](http://bascoms.com).



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Rich in small town flavor, this quaint, old-fashioned vacation town, with its lovely beaches, great fishing and lush natural preserves, is a haven for artists and writers who find inspiration from the unspoiled environment.

Located about 60 miles southwest of Gainesville and three miles out into the Gulf of



Mexico, it's an island whose out of the way location helps keep it authentic and where time seems to stand still.

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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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### 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

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topped with citrus Ke Lime beurre blanc butter sauce

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zeta pesto sauce, caramelized onions, smoked gouda

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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



## SAMPLE MENUS



### tapas

#### Pork Belly Croquetas

plantain mash, cilantro, roasted red pepper, queso fresco, ancho pepper aioli

#### Pulpo Gallego

grilled portuguese octopus, yukon gold fingerling potatoes, crispy chorizo, popcorn capers, key lime beurre blanc

#### Lollipop Lamb Chop

serrano, mint, chimichurri

#### Lobster Ajillo

maine lobster, saffron, tomato, chorizo, 3 daughter's key lime cider reduction

#### Burrata and Avocado Toast

french baguette, smoked prosciutto, honey balsamic drizzle

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### entrees

#### Conejo Castellano

confit half rabbit, white bean cassoulet, brandied apricot, soppressata, wild mushrooms, tomatoes, onions, pine nuts

#### Linguine Bottarga

lobster butter poached argentinian shrimp, shaved bottarga

#### Pistachio Crusted Salmon

spicy tomato jam, arugula paste, duck fat fingerling potatoes

#### Paella Valenciana

saffron valencia rice, octopus, cuttlefish, argentinian shrimp, PEI mussels, little neck clams, roasted red pepper, english peas, ancho chili aioli

### dessert

#### Buttermilk Vanilla Pana Cotta

passion fruit soup slow roasted pineapple

#### Chocolate Terrine

maldon smoked salt | pistachio spanish olive oil



## SAMPLE MENUS



### appetizers

#### Crab Cakes

with remoulade sauce

#### B Garlic Jumbo Shrimp

sautéed with garlic, herbs, butter & chardonnay

#### Escargot En Crouete

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

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#### Black Sesame Tuna

seared rare with wasabi, pickled ginger, Asian dipping sauce

### dinner

#### 24 OZ B Porterhouse

Certified Angus Midwestern Grain Fed steer aged, cooked to taste

#### 16 OZ Veal Chop

thick cut milk fed veal

#### Chicken Marsala

pounded cutlets sautéed in homemade marsala wine sauce

#### Pan-Seared Atlantic Salmon

white bean cassoulet, asparagus tips, lemon thyme beurre blanc

#### Pistachio-Crusted Grouper

rice pilaf, asparagus, citrus cream sauce

#### Shrimp Scampi Pasta

jumbo shrimp sautéed with garlic, white wine and olive oil



## SAMPLE MENUS



### starters

#### Cauliflower Potage

shoestring potatoes, candied bacon

#### Crab Cake

citrus sabayon, roasted corn relish, basil

#### 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

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### entrees

#### Filet

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#### 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



### pickins

#### Fried Green Tomatoes

served with southwestern sauce

#### Pimento Cheese Fritters

pimento cheddar with a hint of blue cheese served with peach habanero jam

#### Southern Grilled Mozzarella

fresh mozzarella melted between buttered bread seasoned with minced garlic and herbs and served with homemade marinara

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### supper

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#### 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

#### Barbecue Shrimp & Grits

grilled shrimp in a sweet and tangy BBQ sauce over creamy cheddar cheese grits



## SAMPLE MENUS



### starters

#### Fried Blue Crab Claws

with horseradish mustard sauce

#### Fried Green Tomatoes

lightly battered and drizzled in creole mayo

#### Bourbon Marinated Gator Kabob

one grilled bacon-wrapped alligator with onions, peppers & pineapple

### off the dock

#### Steamed Clams

Cedar Key middle neck clams, andouille, white wine, fire roasted tomatoes & onions with toasted bread points

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buttermilk fried gulf coast shrimp or oysters with lettuce, tomato & remoulade sauce on toasted amorrosa

#### Shrimp N' Grits

blackened gulf coast shrimp with andouille & creole compound butter over anon mills spicy tomato grits

### house-made favorites

#### Pulled Pork Sandwich

house smoked pork butt, sweet bbq sauce topped with cole slaw

#### xl Fried Green Tomato BLT

with applewood bacon, mixed greens & creole mayo on extra large slices of housemade toasted bread

#### Buttermilk Fried Chicken

house-made pickles, hot sauce & mayo with choice of cheese on a grilled bun

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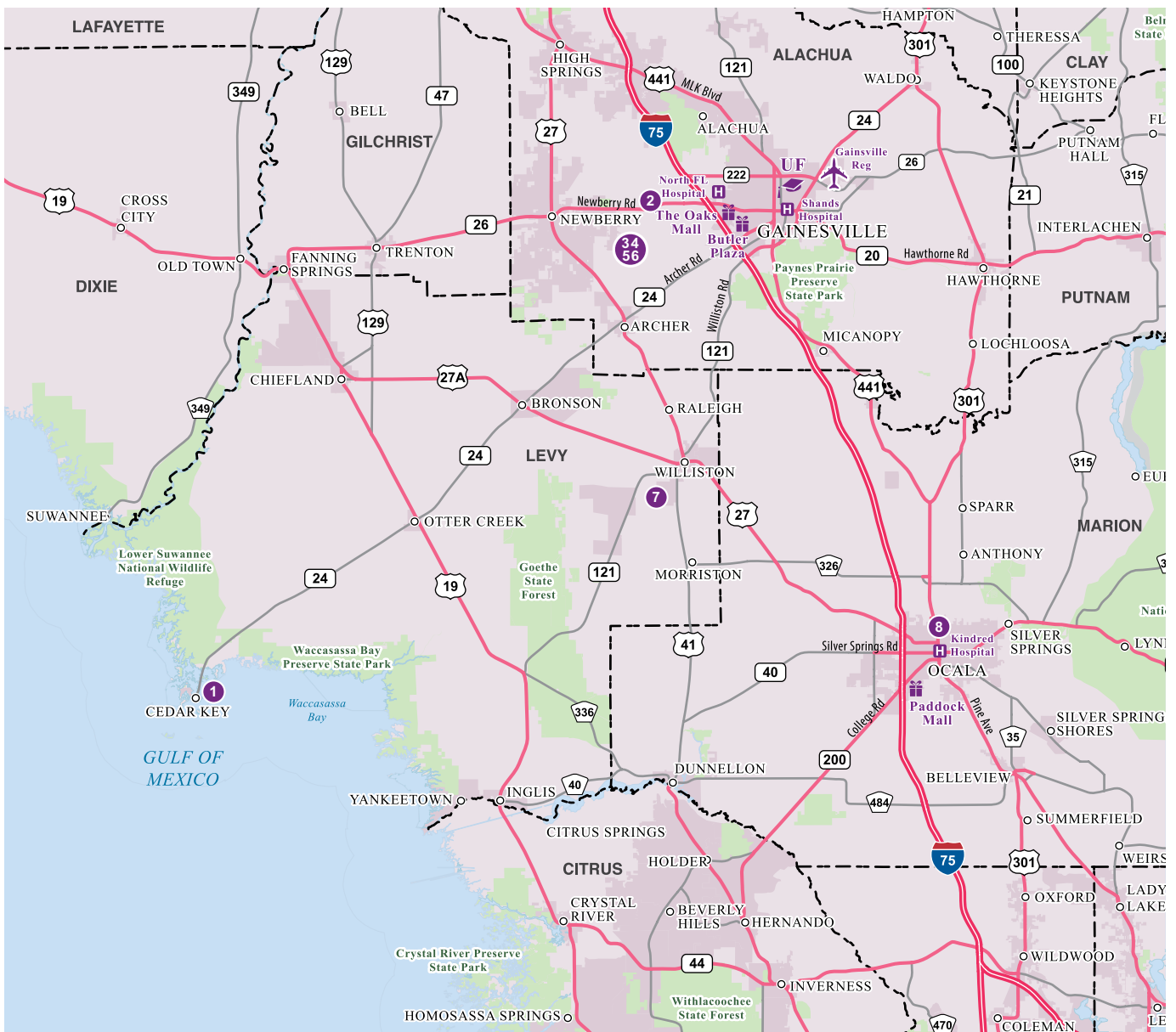


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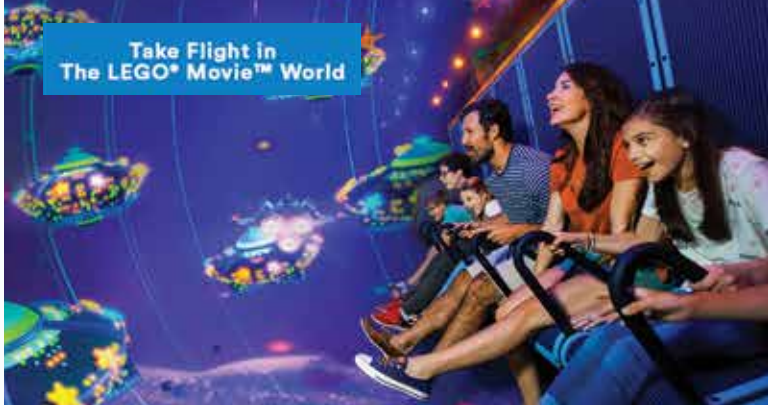


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