

The background of the entire image is a sunset sky with orange and yellow hues at the bottom transitioning into a clear blue at the top. On the left side, there is a dark silhouette of a tree branch with small, rounded leaves.

BIG FISH REALTY **LOCAL'S GUIDE TO ST PETE**

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RESTAURANTS

- Sol St. Pete Bistro \$\$\$ 2149 3rd Ave S St. Pete - Locally owned farm-to-table upscale dining with a casual, big city vibe. High quality ingredients, friendly to all sorts of dietary needs.
- Nueva Cantina \$\$1625 4th St S St. Pete - Reliable, relaxed neighborhood Mexican joint.
- Baba \$\$ 2701 Central Ave St. Pete – Trendy Mediterranean dining with great atmosphere indoors or out. Think twinkling lights, polished concrete floors, hidden behind a tropical hedge.
- Floribbean \$ 2410 Central Ave St. Pete – Fast casual Caribbean fusion. Healthy, flavorful and affordable. Huge portions.
- O'Maddy's Bar and Grille \$\$ 5405 Shore Blvd Gulfport – Gulfport standard bearer. Water views, live music, and what looks like your average beach bar but with exceptional food.





RESTAURANTS CONT'D

- Paradise Grill \$ 900 Gulf Way, St. Pete Beach – Walk-up restaurant and bar. Beach fare, excellent atmosphere. Super low-key, right smack dab on the Gulf shoreline.
- Ceviche Tapas Bar and Restaurant \$\$\$ 332 Beach Dr NE, St. Pete – Top notch tapas directly downtown. Chic crowd, excellent food and cocktails. Good for a date night, dinner out.
- Bodega on Central \$ 1180 Central Ave, St. Pete – Fast casual Cuban cuisine. St. Pete institution serving food, cocktails, coffee. Check out the hidden bar in the back, Bar Chica through the large doors in the back of the restaurant.
- Trophy Fish \$\$ 2060 Central Ave, St. Pete – Outdoor restaurant and bar hidden behind tropical foliage. Casual, imaginative seafood and serious cocktails. Shells on the ground, live music, tropical vibes. I like the fish tacos.
- Plant Love Ice Cream \$ 935 Central Ave, St. Pete AND 2901 Beach Blvd S, Gulfport – Ice cream made from scratch daily, family owned and operated. I like the Rum Raisin if you can find it.
- Julio's Empanadas \$ 2201 49th St S, Gulfport – Casual family owned and operated Latin cuisine. Quirky, down-home spot in an old converted gas station, and the food is delicious.

SPIRITS

1. Intermezzo 1111 Central Ave, St. Pete – Coffee shop by day, bar by night. Chic and understated, quality drinks and hip crowd.
2. Lost and Found 2420 Central Ave, St. Pete – Visually reminiscent of a dive bar in a larger city, but with the friendly folks and laid-back vibes of St. Pete. A good watering hole.
3. Hurricane Rooftop Bar 809 Gulf Way, St. Pete Beach - Come here to watch the sunset and enjoy 360-degree views of Pass A Grille Beach from the third-floor bar.
4. The Bends 919 1st Ave N, St. Pete - The quintessential locals/hipster bar. Come here to disappear into the crowd and see folks from all walks of life. Come as you are.
5. The Floridian Social 687 Central Ave, St. Pete - The historic State Theater reimaged into a chic live music venue and cocktail bar. Yes, its large and crowded with tourists and locals, but its also hard not to have a good time here when there's a band on stage.





COFFEE

- Flatbread and Butter 497 7th Ave N, St. Pete – Low key, trendy coffee shop and eatery on picturesque Round Lake. Good for both people watching and bird watching (across the street). I like the breakfast burrito.
- Black Crow Coffee (pictured) 157 1st Ave S AND 722 2nd St N, St. Pete - Moody coffee shop(s) with hipster vibes. Good spot to work, read or get a coffee to go.
- Southside Coffee Brew Bar 3922 6th St S, St. Pete – LGBTQ+ owned coffee bar in south St. Pete. The unofficial social hub of the neighborhood. (Say hi to the friendly owner, Shiela.)
- Annex Coffee House 5133 Gulfport Blvd S, Gulfport, FL – Independently owned and operated drive-through coffee bar and eatery. Consistent, friendly and efficient.
- Pineapple Espresso 3045 Dr MLK Jr St N, St. Pete – Another independently owned and operated drive through coffee bar and eatery, but on the north side. The coffee is really, really good.

SHOPPING

- Florida Craft Art 501 Central Ave, St. Pete – Spacious shop and gallery selling local artists' wares: ceramics, woodwork, sculpture, jewelry, two-dimensional art and more.
- Déjà Vu 1601 34th St N, St. Pete - Sprawling furniture consignment store. Reasonably priced homegoods of varying eras and aesthetics. Try not to find something cool here, I dare you.
- Matter of Fact 1029 Central Ave, St. Pete – Understated men's beachwear shop. Great place for a new pair of boardshorts and breezy button up. The antithesis of a tacky surf shop.
- Janet's Antiques 2545 Central Ave, St. Pete – Vendor after vendor after vendor of vintage goods of all varieties. Clothing, furniture, outdoor goods, art and the absurd. There are a handful of similar stops throughout the city, but this one is consistently superior.
- The Foundry 2604 Central Ave, St. Pete – Curated vintage store featuring men's and women's clothes and shoes, furniture, books, art and more. Small space, weird stuff, love it in here.
- Lida's Jungle 3101 Dr MLK Jr St N, St. Pete – Hip indoor/outdoor plant store. Everywhere you look there are wild, unique plants and accoutrements. Helpful staff, reasonable prices.
- Sans Market 1037 Central Ave, St. Pete – Equal parts refillery, boutique and market featuring sustainable and local goods. Low or no packaging gifts and sundries, skincare, bulk food bar, bakery, and so much more.
- Tombolo Books 2153 1st Ave S, St. Pete - Locally owned and operated bookstore tucked into a tropical downtown alleyway. Find local authors, top titles, knowledgeable staff and local St. Pete vibes.



PARKS

- Lassing Park 2042 Beach Dr SE, St. Pete – Expansive bayfront park with long, narrow beach, shallow water, lots of open space and views of Downtown St. Pete. (Don't tell anybody about the tiny beach buried in the mangroves at the very north end of the park.)
- Abercrombie Park Park St and 38th Ave N, St. Pete – Large, wooded park with boardwalks through the tropical brush and a walkway to the waterfront on Boca Ciega Bay.
- Roser Park (pictured) 6th St S and Roser Park Dr S – Lush walkway along Booker Creek through the historic Roser Park neighborhood. The neighborhood was the first planned development in St. Pete and is unique in its topography. Walk down the creek then get lost in the back streets of Roser Park. There's a network of narrow, lush streets to the south.
- Round Lake Park 5th St N and 7th Ave N – Small lake in the heart of Historic Uptown, a charming urban neighborhood of brick streets and old homes. See many types of birds in and around the lake. Round Lake is home to the equally charming Flatbread and Butter.
- North Shore Park North Shore Dr and 12th Ave NE – Great people watching and views of downtown St Pete and Tampa Bay. Connected to the Palm Arboretum, beach volleyball courts, tennis courts, aquatic complex, dog park, St. Pete Pier, Al Lang Stadium, Municipal Marina, Museum of Fine Arts, The Mahaffey Theater and Dali Museum by one long waterfront sidewalk. A must-see.



BEACHES

- Pass-a-Grille (pictured) Southernmost beach town in Pinellas County. Relaxed, adult crowd. Quiet surroundings, easy parking. Fine dining and casual beach fare, a few little shops. Great for walking.
- Fort Desoto Enormous county park with several beaches, kayak rentals, a dog beach, camping and more. Come here during the week and have the place to yourself.
- North Shore Beach Small sliver of beach on Tampa Bay near downtown. A beautiful and simple way to get a beach fix without driving across town.
- Gulfport Beach Park On the shores of Boca Ciega Bay, find boats, fishermen, shore birds and a laidback atmosphere. Stroll down the strip for some local color and enjoy one of the many casual spots to eat and drink.

DOG FRIENDLY

1. Pass-a-Grille Dog Beach Pass a Grille Way and First Ave, St. Pete Beach - On the Pass-a-Grille channel, just two blocks from Pass-a-Grille beach. Quiet spot, friendly folks. Not a large beach, but a very well positioned one.
2. Northshore Dog Park 7th Ave NE and North Shore Dr, St. Pete – Very large dog park surrounded by a slew of outdoor amenities. Adjacent large and small dog parks, by far the most popular dog park around.
3. Three Dog Bakery 659 Central Ave, St. Pete – The friendliest dog folks in town. Treats of every kind, fresh-baked on-site.
4. Mutts and Martinis 2900 Central Ave, St. Pete - Open air bar with multiple spots for different types of dogs/owners: a gated pool out front, large bar with tvs in the middle and gated play space out back. Very laid-back atmosphere and close to some great human bars too.
5. Fort Desoto Dog Beach Remote, expansive beach. Great place to spend the day. Be prepared to walk a little to get to the beach and don't forget your beach umbrella.





LGBTQ+

1. Enigma 1110 Central Ave, St. Pete – Old school gay bar in central St. Pete. The busier the night, the more mixed the crowd. Dance floor, drag shows, sidewalk bar.
2. Cocktail 2355 Central Ave, St. Pete – Large venue with indoor and outdoor bars, dance floor, drag shows, a novelty shop, outdoor pool and full food menu.
3. The Garage on Central 2729 Central Ave, St. Pete - Funky old-school gay bar with pool tables, karaoke, cheap beer and a large patio. A favorite for die-hard locals.
4. Lucky Star 2760 Central Ave, St. Pete - Low key gay bar in a tucked away, intimate setting. Two small outdoor patios and one small indoor bar. Friendly, low-key local hangout. (Entrance through the wooden gate around back.)
5. Downtown Gulfport Gulfport doesn't have a dedicated LGBTQ+ venue, but there are rainbow flags a funky beach vibe up and down the strip. The crowd may be more mature, but who's counting? Open and welcoming to all.
6. Tampa Bay Drinkery 2756 Central Ave, St. Pete - Newest addition to the gayborhood, a casually upscale cocktail bar with a mixed crowd and indoor/outdoor bar. Live music, come as you are.