

Welcome to Forensic Friday – Florida Chapter of IAFN

We're excited to have you join us in Sarasota for Forensic Friday, November 7, 2025. To help make your visit seamless, we've gathered nearby hotel, dining, and food truck options — all within easy reach of Sarasota Memorial Hospital, our event site. We look forward to learning, networking, and connecting with you!

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Event Weekend: November 7, 2025

Location: Sarasota Memorial Hospital, Sarasota, FL

This is a very busy weekend. I would plan ahead accordingly and book ASAP.



Hotel Recommendations - with * GROUP* discounts

Tropical Beach Resort:

Hotel link: <https://www.tropicalbeachresorts.com/>

Address: 6717 Sarasea Cir, Sarasota, FL 34242

Phone: (941) 349-3330 Room Code- FLIAFN

10 rooms: Smaller studio Queen is \$189/night.

10 rooms: King efficiency (king bed with sofa-bed and kitchen) is \$199/night.

The system will release any un-booked rooms for this group on 10/2/25. We require one night room and tax to guarantee a reservation, and the cancellation for a group booking is 7 days prior to arrival, for full refund up until 7 days prior to arrival.

Homewood Suites by Hilton Sarasota:

Hotel link: Booking Link

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/srqhwhw-fla-81f857a8-6158-40f3-9b76-1cd07f312edd/>

Address: 3470 Fruitville Rd, Sarasota, FL 34237

Phone: (941) 365-7300

11 Rooms: 1 Queen Bed and Sofa Sleeper is \$199/night.

The system will release unbooked rooms two weeks before dates.



Hotel Recommendations

4-Star & Above

The Westin Sarasota – 100 Marina View Dr | (941) 217-4777

Embassy Suites by Hilton Sarasota – 202 N Tamiami Trail | (941) 256-7818

Art Ovation Hotel (Autograph Collection) – 1255 N Palm Ave | (941) 316-0808

The Ritz-Carlton Sarasota (Luxury) – 1111 Ritz Carlton Dr | (941) 309-2000

Budget-Friendly Options

Aloft Sarasota – 1401 Ringling Blvd | (941) 870-0900

Carlisle Inn Sarasota – 3727 Bahia Vista St | (941) 296-1343

Voco Sarasota (IHG) – 1223 Boulevard of the Arts | (941) 487-3800



Dining Near Sarasota Memorial Hospital

(All within ~0.2–0.5 miles, Hillview/Southside Village)

Lunch Options

Morton's Gourmet Market – Deli, grab-and-go

Origin Craft Beer & Pizza Café – Pizza & casual bites

Pacific Rim – Sushi & Thai

Veronica Fish & Oyster – Modern seafood/raw bar

Village Café – Sandwiches & coffee

The Serving Spoon – Breakfast & lunch diner

Southside Deli – Sandwiches & wraps

Dinner Options

Adeline – Contemporary American

Libby's Neighborhood Brasserie – Upscale brasserie

Figaro Bistro & Wine Bar – French cuisine

The 1818 Grill – American comfort food

Owen's Fish Camp – Southern seafood

Caragiulos Italian American – Pasta & pizza



Food Trucks & Mobile Eats

StreetFoodFinder / Best Food Trucks / Roaming Hunger – Book local vendors or check schedules.

Local Facebook Groups (Food Trucks in SRQ) often post weekly lineups near SMH.

Special Event: Suncoast's Largest Food Truck Festival – Sat, Nov 8, 2025 @ University Town Center Mall (30+ vendors).



Notes for Attendees

Restaurants: All listed are walkable from Sarasota Memorial Hospital.

Food Trucks: Flexible option for lunches or post-event gatherings.