

Relocating to Sarasota

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Fun facts

- Located in Sarasota County Florida
- Population of 433,742 (2019 Estimate)
- Money Magazine “Best Places to Live”
- Known as Circus City due to Ringling Bros Presence
- Sarasota has 47 schools rating 8/10 or better
- Sarasota has the highest concentration of Zagat rated restaurants than any other Florida city
- An eclectic mix of art, dining and entertainment
- “Sarasota” is derived from Zara Zote which means “a place of dancing”
- Host to the US #1 Beach Siesta Key Beach

Things to do

There is no shortage of fun in Sarasota!

These are some of the most popular things to do around town.

- Sarasota Jungle Garden
- Selby Botanical Garden
- 35 miles of pristine beaches
- Mote Marine Aquarium
- Big Cat Habitat
- Van Wezel Performing Arts
- Sarasota Ballet
- Ringling Museum and Ca D’Zan
- Sunday drum circle
- Myakka Canopy Walk
- Deep-sea fishing
- Over 90 golf courses
- Over 325 restaurants in Sarasota
- Saturday Farmers Market
- Parasailing and watersports
- Dali Museum in St Pete
- Sarasota Opera House
- Myakka Elephant Ranch
- Year-round outdoor activities tennis, walking, biking, skating, kayaking, etc.
- Sailing charters
- Yoga or Zumba on the beach
- Marietta Museum of Art & Whimsy
- Treeumph Rope and Zipline Course
- Helicopter tours
- Art galleries
- Hunt for shark teeth in Venice
- Legacy Trail
- Shopping in St. Armands Circle

Top places to try

- Columbia Restaurant St. Armands
- Napule Sarasota
- Ophelia's on the Bay Siesta Key
- Sharky's on the Pier Venice
- Chart House on Longboat Key
- Selva Grill Downtown
- Pops Grill Nokomis
- Dockside Grill Venice
- Da Ru Ma Sarasota
- Marina Jacks
- Circo Taco & Bourbon Bar
- Boca Kitchen Downtown Sarasota
- Bricks Smoked Meats Downtown
- Shakespeare's Craft Beer
- Big Top Brewery
- Daiquiri Deck
- Wicked Cantina
- Perspective Rooftop Pool Bar
- 99 Bottles Taproom
- Cask & Ale
- Drunken Poet
- Pangea Alchemy Lab
- O'Learys Tiki Bar
- Grand Cru Wine Bar
- Jazz Club
- Siesta Key Wine Bar

Beaches

Lido Key Beaches

SOUTH LIDO BEACH

Located on the southern tip of Lido, unsurpassed views include the downtown Sarasota skyline, Big Pass and Sarasota Bay. An eco-adventurists haven on 100-acres of pristine coastal habitat, kayak through mangrove tunnels, or meander nature trails with wildlife observation areas. shaded picnic areas, a playground, volleyball, restrooms and parking. Swimming is not recommended and there are no lifeguards on duty.

LIDO BEACH

Ranked #3 in Outdoor Activity by TripAdvisor in 2016, Lido Beach is a popular beach destination that offers shallow clear Gulf waters and 3,000 feet of pristine beach. When you think of service, this location offers a level of concierge. Beach amenities include umbrellas and beach chairs, concessions, picnic tables, playground, restrooms and parking, with lifeguards on duty year-round.

NORTH LIDO BEACH

North Lido Beach is a pristine half-mile stretch of shoreline behind a residential community. It is secluded and the quietest of Lido's beach selections.

Siesta Key Beaches – America's Number One Beach

Siesta Key Beach is recognized for its 99% quartz sand that arrives directly from the Appalachian Mountains. Regardless of the summer heat, the soft white sand remains cool to the touch. Whether it's watersports, long strolls or stunning sunsets, Siesta Key Beach offers something for every beachgoer. Enjoy numerous convenient access points, picnic pavilion, concessions and beach wheelchairs. Siesta's Public Beach is comprised of 100 acres and offers lifeguards, beach patrol, showers and restrooms, playground and parking.

CRESCENT BEACH

Located on the southern end of the island, this expansive stretch of Gulf beach has been rated as one of the "Top 10 Beaches in the World" and is filled with all types of water activities. Crescent Beach's clear water makes for great shelling and offers a perfect setting for kayaking. The area is active with coral and marine life, attracting divers and snorkeling enthusiasts. Point of Rocks boasts the snorkeling on the west coast, where colorful sea life abounds among limestone rock formations. Pack a picnic and prepare to enjoy manatee sightings, along with dramatic sunsets along this picturesque stretch of powdery white sand.

There are two main access points and a small public access parking lot, with no lifeguards or amenities.

Beaches

Casey Key

NOKOMIS BEACH

Just over the Albee Road Bridge is one of the most pristine and unspoiled beaches in the Sarasota area, in addition to being its oldest. Home to the Nokomis Beach Plaza, the park includes 1,700 feet of gorgeous white sand on the Gulf and 3,200 feet on the Intracoastal in the expansive 22-acres. Often deserted and incredibly beautiful, amenities include: Beach, lifeguard, boardwalk, fishing, boat ramps, docks, canoe/kayak launch, picnic areas, grills, volleyball court, restrooms and parking

BLIND PASS BEACH

Ideal for a walk on the beach. The quiet beach also has picnic tables. This expansive beach is ideal for swimming, shelling, fishing, boating and hiking. Featuring 60-acres gulf to bay with 2,900 feet of gulf beach frontage Blind Pass has plenty of free parking with wheelchair access, picnic tables, showers and restrooms.

ENGLEWOOD BEACH

The most popular on Manasota Key, with picnic tables, restrooms and pavilions, with recreation. No lifeguards with parking available.

NORTH JETTY PARK

On the southern tip of Casey Key, North Jetty Park is a great place for picnics, fishing, family gatherings, or just watching the array of boats headed toward the Gulf. The 19-acre North Jetty Park offers volleyball and horseshoe courts, concessions, both large and small picnic shelters, restrooms and boat/kayak launch, with lifeguards on duty year-round.

Sarasota beaches and beyond

STUMP PASS BEACH

On the southernmost end of Manasota, you'll find its frequently empty sands offer beautiful views and an "Old Florida" feel.

Venice

VENICE PIER

The 700 foot Venice Pier offers a magical walkout over the Gulf, with shops, gear rental, fishing and fish cleaning stations. There is no cost to access the pier and it never closes.

BROHARD PAW PARK

The most dog-friendly park in the state, an adjoining beach welcomes pups to frolic. Open from 7:00 am to dusk, there's an enclosed play yard with watering stations and doggie showers, along with picnic tables and parking.

BROHARD BEACH

South of the Paw Park and north of Caspersen Beach, this less populated stretch of the shore has parking, restrooms and access walkways.

CASPERSEN BEACH

The longest beach in Sarasota county, nature trails, saltwater marshes and tidal flats provide for superior wildlife viewing. An area of rocky shoreline provides clear and calm waters that offer a perfect place to snorkel. Just beyond the rocks, get ready for untamed, wild and wooded that invites hiking and spectacular birding. All along the sandy shore, the natural break of the waves gathers a concentration of sharks' teeth. Amenities include restrooms and showers, dune walkways, picnic area, ADA compliant playground and parking. The perfect place to romp with your four-legged friends; arrive early morning before the crowd.

Longboat Key

BEER CAN ISLAND

Beer Can Island, is not an actual island, but a striking sandbar. Located on the northern end of Longboat Key, the public beach offers majestically clear water. With public parking available, you can also arrive by boat, or foot during low tide from Neptune Avenue, Beach or Mayfield Street.

Ideal for the search of solitude, this is also a quite beach favorite for fishing, beach picnics and the occasional fashion shoot.

WHITNEY BEACH

Located on the north end of Longboat Key, Whitney Beach offers well-marked access points and public parking. There are no lifeguards, facilities or amenities. This quiet beach is perfect for walking and shelling, with sea oats that grace the sands and a treasure trove of sand dollars.

LONGBOAT KEY BEACH

Extending from about the 2800 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive north, eight public access points offer limited parking, so arrive early on peak days. There are no lifeguards or public facilities.

Dog-Friendly on Longboat Key – Joan Durante Park Featuring a great place to take your pup for a walk, the 32-acres offers a boardwalk, botanical garden, gazebo, picnic tables and restrooms.

Anna Maria Beaches

BEAN POINT

The picturesque location carry's the name of the island's first lucky residents. One of the island's most quiet beaches, and offers an unparalleled view of surrounding waters.

ANNA MARIA BEACH

Anna Maria Beach is located on the northern tip of the island. A quiet and secluded beach, this mostly residential enclave attracts few tourists. Featuring stunning clear turquoise waters, this is the perfect place for a relaxing stroll or picnic with expansive views of St. Petersburg and the Skyway Bridge.

MANATEE PUBLIC BEACH

A family favorite, this lively beach is located off Manatee Avenue and offers a treasure trove of shells – native coquina, angel wings and conch. With lifeguards on duty and plenty of parking, visitors enjoy sports activities, showers and beach rentals. wheelchair rentals.

HOLMES BEACH

Located right in the center of the Island, this community boasts the area's best surfing on sugar sand Gulf beaches. Beyond summer surf camps for kids, Homes Beach is also home to the Anna Maria Island's Butterfly Park. On the trolley route, there is lots of public access, but limited parking, with no lifeguards on duty.

BRADENTON BEACH

This narrow stretch of beach is located on the southern tip of the island, with nearby Historic Bridge Street's unique shopping, dining and entertainment. With limited public access, this is the perfect beach for snorkeling and diving the historic Regina Shipwreck, or experiencing numerous community events and festivals held year-round. In the waters, make sure you watch for the many "Diver Down" flotation flags.

COQUINA BEACH

Anna's Maria's longest stretch of Gulf beach, here you'll find the very best of beach experiences. From 96-acres of Australian Pines and a secluded beach on the southernmost point to an excellent boardwalk and abundant amenities, there's something for every beachgoer to explore. Located on the trolley route, your day at the beach is complete with plenty of soft white sand and calm waters. There's plenty of available parking, along with shaded picnic tables and pavilions, concessions, playground, bike path, kayak launch and boat ramp, with lifeguards on duty. Conde Nast Traveler recognized Coquina Beach as one of the "top 5 beaches in the entire world for perfect sand" In 2015.

Sarasota marinas

Boaters are drawn to Sarasota for the immense waterways of the bay, Gulf and hidden treasures further inland. From international yachting and competitive sailing to kayaking and recreational fishing, chart your course for endless adventures on Sarasota's pristine waterways. Home to magnificent full-service marinas all along the coast, inviting parks and plenty of boat ramps, there's something for every interest and level of boating knowledge.

Our boating lifestyle attracts people of all ages and backgrounds, from international yachters to competitive sailors to seagoing kayakers and Sunday fishermen. Welcome aboard!

BAYFRONT YACHT WORKS MARINA | 8865 Midnight Pass Road | Sarasota | 941.349.9449

CANNONS MARINA | 6040 Gulf of Mexico Drive | Longboat Key | 941.383.1311

CASEY KEY MARINA | 520 Blackburn Point Road | Osprey | 941.966.4555

CROW'S NEST MARINA | 1968 Tarpon Center Drive | Venice | 941.484.7661

DOCK ON THE BAY | 34740 Gulf of Mexico Drive | Longboat Key | 941.383.3716

FISHERMAN'S WHARF MARINA | 505 N Tamiami Trail | Venice | 941.484.0344

GULF HARBOR MARINA | 100 Circuit Road | Nokomis | 941.488.7734

LONGBOAT KEY MARINA | 2630 Harbourside Drive | Longboat Key | 941.383.8383

MARINA JACK | 2 Marina Plaza | Sarasota | 941.955.9488

OSPREY MARINA | 480 Blackburn Point Road | Osprey | 941.966.5659

ROYAL PALM MARINA | 779 West Wentworth Street | Englewood | 941.475.6882

SARASOTA HIDDEN HARBOR MARINA | 7700 S Tamiami Trail | Sarasota | 941.349.1970

SIESTA KEY MARINA | 1265 Old Stickney Point Road | Sarasota | 941.349.1970

SARA BAY MARINA | 7040 N Tamiami Trail | Sarasota | 941.349.0390

Manatee marinas

BAYFRONT YACHT WORKS MARINA | 8865 Midnight Pass Road | Sarasota | 941.349.9449

BLENKER BOAT WORKS & MARINA | 2504 88th Street Ct NW | Bradenton Beach | 941.794.5500

BOWLEES CREEK MARINA | 6918 14th Street W | Bradenton | 941.753.5040

BRADENTON BEACH MARINA | 402 Church Street N | Bradenton Beach | 941.778.2288

CORTEZ GRILL AND MARINA | 12500 Cortez Road W | Cortez | 941.243.3999

CUTS EDGE HARBOR MARINA | 4000 10 Street W | Palmetto | 941.729.4878

H.H, MARINA | 12444 Cortez Road W | Cortez | 941.792.2620

KEYE'S MARINA | 5503 Marina Drive | Holmes Beach | 941.779.2838

MANATEE LANDINGS MARINA | 215 8th Street E | Bradenton | 941.745.1199

MARSH HARBOR MARINA | 4103 13th Street Ct W | Palmetto | 941.723.5067

TWIN DOLPHIN MARINA | 1000 1st Avenue W | Bradenton | 941.747.8300

OCEAN MARINA | 6920 14th Street W | Bradenton | 941.727.9995

PALM VIEW MARINA | 6817 Bayshore Road | Palmetto | 941.729.8384

PARROT COVE MARINA | 11510 36th Avenue W | Bradenton | 941.795.0088

RIVIERA DUNES MARINA | 102 Riverside Drive | Palmetto | 941.981.5330

SAFE HARBOR REGATTA POINTE MARINA | 1005 Riverside Dr | Palmetto | 941.729.6021

SNEED ISLAND BOATWORKS | 5225 Snead Island Road | Palmetto | 941.722.2400

TARPON POINTE MARINA | 215 8th Street E | Bradenton | 941.745.1199

Sarasota & Manatee schools

Public school districts

MANATEE COUNTY

SARASOTA COUNTY

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

- IMG Academy
- Prew Academy
- New Gate
- Sarasota Lutheran
- Brickhouse Academy
- Venice Christian
- Epiphany Cathedral
- Agape Christian
- The Classical Academy of Sarasota
- Foundations Christian Montessori
- Palm Grove Mennonite
- St Mary Academy
- Englewood Christian
- Lakewood Ranch St Stephens
- Bradenton Christian
- Heritage Christian
- Pinnacle Academy
- The Broach School
- Sarasota Military Academy

See a full list of schools and scores on our website 941.realestate

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I love everything about this city and the residents who make it so special. It would be an honor to introduce you to the city I love so dearly!

If you have any questions, from neighborhoods to restaurants or where to find sand dollars – I'm here for you! Don't hesitate to reach out anytime.



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