

# THINGS TO DO: Tampa

Tampa, along with St. Petersburg and Clearwater, is in the Tampa Bay Area, which provides beautiful beaches, recreational activities, and cultural experience. Below is a list of points of interest that you may want to visit while you are here.

## **Attractions:**

- <u>Busch Gardens Tampa Bay</u>: family-oriented theme park featuring up-close encounters with exotic animals, incredible thrill rides and live entertainment.
- <u>The Florida Aquarium</u>: rated among the best aquariums in the US, The Florida Aquarium welcomes visitors to experience a wide variety of aquatic and terrestrial animals- including sea turtles, sharks, lemurs, and otters.
- <u>Hyde Park Village:</u> a modern oasis for discerning shoppers, travelers and residents looking for the very best. Here, you'll find six city blocks of beloved local shops, restaurants, and indie brands, as well as the top names in fashion and fitness known around the world.
- <u>Tampa Bay Rays</u>, <u>Tampa Bay Lightning</u> or <u>Tampa Bay Buccaneers</u>: if you're a sports fan, the Tampa Bay area is home to many sports teams and has a substantial history of sporting activity.
- <u>Tampa Theatre</u>: as one of the most beloved and gorgeous landmarks in Tampa, the carefully preserved "TAMPA" sign and old-time marquis out front reels you in, but it's the inside that takes your breath away.
- **ZooTampa at Lowry Park**: one of the most popular zoos in the southeastern US, with close to 1 million visitors annually. The Zoo emphasizes endangered, threatened, and vulnerable species from climates like that of the Tampa Bay region, with park areas devoted to Asia, Africa, Australia, and Florida.

# Good Eats:

- <u>Heights Public Market</u>: located at Armature Works, HPM is a food-lover's dream and a truly innovative concept in Tampa. The 22,000 sq-ft industrial market features an open floor plan with communal seating surrounded by restaurants showcasing the top chefs and restaurateurs in the Bay Area.
- <u>Sparkman Wharf</u>: Tampa's latest outdoor and entertainment destination, located in Tampa's downtown waterfront. One of the top community and cultural destinations in the area.
- <u>Ybor City</u>: National Historic Landmark District established by immigrants mainly from Cuba, Spain, and Italy. From classic dining to eclectic eateries, there's aways a new flavor to savor and another favorite dish to be discovered.

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## Parks:

- **Bayshore Boulevard:** known as one of the longest continuous sidewalks in the United States, Bayshore Boulevard is 4.5 miles of scenic views paralleling Tampa Bay. En route, you'll pass by some of Tampa's most prestigious homes, many on the National Historic Register, in Old Hyde Park.
- Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park: a stunning 25-acre park located just north of the University of Tampa and across the Hillsborough River from the David A. Straz Center for the Performing Arts.
- <u>Lettuce Lake Park</u>: features several boardwalks that wind through a variety Florida ecosystem; a freshwater wetland and flood plain, an oakdominated hardwood forest, cypress domes, and the Hillsborough River.

### Museums:

- Henry B. Plant Museum: housed in the 1891 Tampa Bay Hotel, the Victorian railroad resort that defined the elegant frontier, is now a National Historic Landmark.
- <u>The Salvador Dali Museum</u>: houses the largest collection of Salvador Dali's works outside Europe.

### On the Water:

- <u>Pirate Water Taxi</u>: experience Tampa Bay's beautiful riverwalk and more. Visit "must-see" dining, drinking and entertainment establishments along each stop including Tampa's Riverwalk, Sparkman Wharf/Channel District, Harbour Island, Davis Island and more.
- <u>St. Pete/Clearwater Beach</u>: home to America's Best Beaches, a vibrant arts community, and amazing outdoor experiences. St. Pete/Clearwater made Travel + Leisure's list of best places to visit in the world in 2022.

We are so glad you are here, enjoy your visit!

*To learn more about what to do and where to go in the Tampa Bay area please click <u>here.</u>*