



Tampa Bay, Florida

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Whether lounging on the beach watching volleyball and basking in the sun with your favorite drink, or filling your traveling schedule to the maximum with museums, architecture, concerts, dining and shopping, the Tampa Bay Area is sure to please. Fresh seafood, nationally recognized steak houses and trendy martini bars keep visitors and locals busy in the evenings.

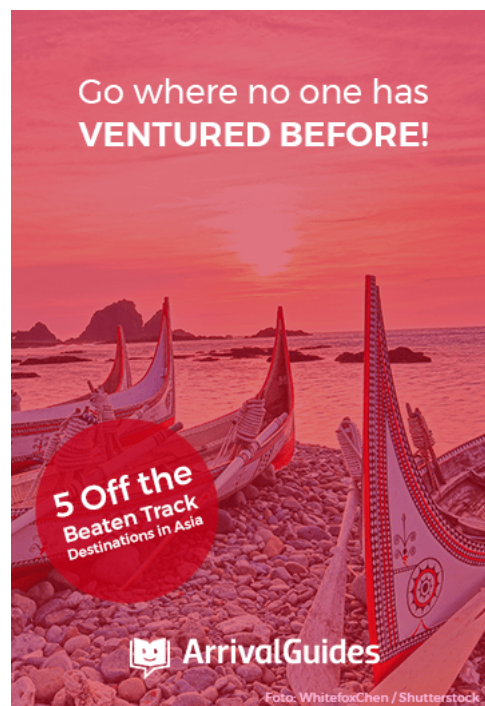


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THE CITY



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From world-class dining and shopping, historical architecture, a hearty nightlife and picturesque beaches, the Tampa Bay Area offers a myriad of activities for travelers of all kinds. The 4th largest city in the Southern United States, the Tampa Bay Area encompasses primarily the cities of Tampa, St. Petersburg, and Clearwater. These areas border beautiful Tampa Bay.

Many vacationers flock to this region for its beaches. Clearwater Beach, one of the most popular, is a fun, bustling and bar filled area while on the other end of the continuum lays Honeymoon Island, a nature lover's serene beach paradise. From scenic walks and shell collecting to bikini contests and beach volleyball. There is a beach suited to any preference and a restaurant or bar to match.

On both the Tampa side and the St. Petersburg/Clearwater side of the bay, there is a wide variety of dining and evening activities. Many bars feature live bands and the casual ambience visitors are seeking from a Florida vacation. If a more sophisticated, reservations-only experience is your wish, there are seafood and steak choices to satisfy you.

DO & SEE



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In Tampa Bay, you can be just as busy as you choose to be. With concerts, art events and plays abounding, it is hard to decide which will occupy your weekends.

Channelside



Located just east of Downtown Tampa, Channelside is a fast-growing area filled with bars, restaurants and live music. Cargo and cruise ship watching at the Tampa Port Authority can be a great pastime. If you want to make a day of this area the Florida Aquarium and the American Victory Museum are close by. The most popular bars and restaurants include Margarita Mama's, Spiltsville bowling alley, Howl at the Moon piano bar and Stumps Supper Club.

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Address: 615 Channelside Dr, Tampa

Phone: +1 813 345 5881

Internet: www.channelsidebayplaza.com

Email: info@channelsidebayplaza.com

Ybor City



Founded in the 1880's by cigar manufacturers and immigrants from Spain, Cuba and Italy, Ybor City is a historic neighborhood known originally for producing cigars. Today, Ybor is an infamous nightclub and entertainment district, attracting nearby college students, visitors and Tampa locals alike. Expect the unexpected in Ybor. The main street, 7th Avenue, houses all the bars and restaurants.

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Address: 1600 E 8th Ave, Tampa

Opening hours: Mon-Wed 10am-8pm, Thu-Sat 10am-10pm, Sun 11am-7pm

Phone: +1 813 241 8838

Internet: www.centroybor.com

Ford Amphitheatre



The Ford Amphitheatre is the first outdoor concert facility in the Tampa Bay Area that can accommodate around 20,000 people. Very popular groups play here, including the Dave Matthews Band, Rush and Gwen Stefani.

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Address: 4802 US 301 N, Tampa

Phone: +1 813 740 2446

Internet: www.livenation.com

Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center



TBPAC opened 20 years ago and is the most distinguished performing arts center south of the Kennedy Center. TBPAC hosts the nation's leading

Broadway series and is known for producing operas along with concerts, performances and events.

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Address: 1010 NW C MacInnes Pl, Tampa

Phone: +1 813 222 1000

Internet: www.tbpac.org

Ruth Eckerd Hall



Nominated as one of the top five concert halls in the United States by a nationwide industry poll of artists and their management, Ruth

Eckerd is a long-standing tradition in Pinellas County. Highlights include performances by the Florida Orchestra and The Chocolate Nutcracker during the holidays.

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Address: 1111 McMullen Booth Rd, Clearwater

Phone: +1 727 791 1400

Internet: www.rutheckerdhall.com

American Stage



Starting as a small community theatre in the late 1970's, American Stage has evolved and for over a decade has been voted "Best of the Bay"

by local residents. If in the area during March-April, a treat is one of the performances in a nearby park, often a play by Shakespeare. Bring your blankets and wine to enjoy theatre outside among the trees.

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Address: 163 3rd Street North, St. Petersburg

Phone: +1 727 823 7529

Internet: www.americanstage.org

Email: boxoffice@americanstage.org

Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino



For an entertainment experience that will go into the wee hours, check out the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino.

This is the only place in the Tampa Bay area that offers table games such as blackjack and baccarat. For the non-gamblers, there is a spa, large pool with surrounding cabanas, various bars and Floyd's Nightclub.

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Address: 5223 North Orient Rd, Tampa
Phone: +1 866 502 7529
Internet: www.seminolehardrocktampa.com

Lowry Park Zoo



Voted by Parents Magazine as the best zoo in the nation for families, the Lowry Park Zoo is home to 20,000 animals that live in lush natural

habitats. There are eight habitat areas and plenty of interactive experiences for the little ones.

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Address: 1101 West Sligh Ave, Tampa
Phone: +1 813 935 8552
Internet: www.lowryparkzoo.com

Busch Gardens



The largest theme park in the area, Busch Gardens' hallmarks are its roller coasters and nearly 3,000 live animals, incorporated into various exhibits and

shows. SheiKra will give you all the thrills you

can handle with a 200-foot drop, 90 degrees straight down, or for the traditionalists there is Gwazi, a wooden roller coaster with speeds exceeding 100 miles per hour. Jungala is an attraction where guests can get face-to-face with orangutans or play tug-of-war with tigers.

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Address: 3000 E Busch Blvd, Tampa
Phone: +1 888 800 5447
Internet: www.buschgardens.com

Adventure Island



Adventure Island is a water park that borders Busch Gardens in Tampa. With over 30 acres of water-related activities including waterslides,

corkscrew slides, a rambling river, and a giant wave pool, Adventure Island has something for everyone, including cabanas to just lounge around in the sun.

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Address: 10001 N McKinley Dr, Tampa
Phone: +1 813 987 5660
Internet: www.adventureisland.com

Derby Lane



Known best for its live greyhound racing, Derby Lane has expanded its repertoire to include simulcasts of other races as well as poker in recent

years. The races run six evenings a week, with matinees on Wednesday and Saturday. Derby Lane also has a full restaurant on the premises, where reservations are recommended.

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Address: 10490 Gandy Blvd, St. Petersburg

Phone: +1 727 812 3339
Internet: www.derbylane.com

Tampa Bay Downs



Tampa Bay Downs is the only thoroughbred racetrack on the west coast of Florida, with a rich history dating back to 1926. The track is known as one of the most popular turf tracks in the U.S. In addition to the racing, Tampa Bay Downs is also home to the Silks Poker Room, as well as a full golf practice facility. While simulcast racing is offered year-round, the season for live racing spans December through early May.

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Address: 11225 Race Track Rd, Tampa
Phone: +1 813 855 4401
Internet: www.tampabaydowns.com

Florida Aquarium



The Florida Aquarium is a 200,000 square-foot facility that is the largest in the Tampa Bay area. Visitors not only get to see the many varieties of fish, but for certified Scuba divers, there is also the opportunity to swim with live sharks. The Florida Aquarium has many unique touches, such as the "Penguin Promenade", where penguins meet and greet all guests daily.

Photo: Jun Wang (image cropped)
Address: 701 Channelside Dr, Tampa
Opening hours: Daily 9:30am-5pm
Phone: +1 813 273 4000
Internet: www.flaquarium.org

The Pier



Originally opened in the land boom of the 1920's as the Million Dollar Pier, today's version offers more than just fishing. In addition to smaller gift shops, the Pier has a two-story vertical aquarium, as well as a food court and four different waterfront restaurants. Located on the roof, Cha Cha Coconuts serves lunch and dinner, as well as a breathtaking setting for after-dinner drinks.

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Address: 800 2nd Ave NE, St. Petersburg
Phone: +1 727 821 6451
Internet: www.stpete-pier.com

Salvador Dali Museum



More than 200,000 visitors from all over the world frequent the Salvador Dali Museum each year. While the collection of one of the world's most eccentric and unique artists opened in Cleveland in 1942, it was moved to St. Petersburg in 1982. Dali's career spans several themes, from the Impressionist and Cubist styles of his early years to his transition to Surrealism, and is represented here not only by almost 100 oil paintings, but photographs, sculptures, and watercolors as well.

Photo: Taty2007 (image cropped)
Address: One Dali Blvd, St. Petersburg
Phone: +1 727 823 2767
Internet: www.salvadoralimuseum.org
Email: VisitorExperience@TheDali.org

Sponge Docks



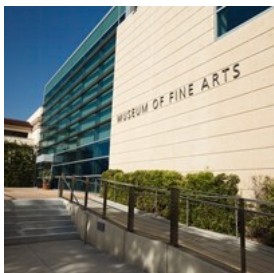
The Sponge Docks are a nod to the once-thriving sponge industry that helped make Tarpon Springs famous. Today, this area is home to many family-owned Greek restaurants, bakeries, and markets, but also offers visitors live entertainment, sightseeing cruises, shopping, an aquarium, as well as lots of local Greek touches, such as hand-rolled cigars.

Photo: Walter (image cropped)

Address: 793 Dodecanese Blvd, Tarpon Springs

Internet: www.spongedocks.net

Museum of Fine Arts



The Museum of Fine Arts, located in St. Petersburg, has the only comprehensive art collection on the west coast of Florida. The museum has both an extensive permanent collection, as well as exhibitions from notables such as Dale Chihuly and Andy Warhol. After taking in a collection, browse the shops of Beach Drive or enjoy the waterfront at nearby Straub Park.

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Address: 255 Beach Drive NE, St. Petersburg

Phone: +1 727 896 2667

Internet: www.fine-arts.org

Florida Holocaust Museum



The Florida Holocaust Museum, in its own words, strives to “honor the memory of millions of innocent men, women, and children who suffered or died in the Holocaust”. The museum has a permanent collection and also holds regular events with various guest speakers.

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Address: 55 5th St S, St. Petersburg

Phone: +1 727 820 0100

Internet: www.flholocaustmuseum.org

Email: info@flholocaustmuseum.org

Museum of Science & Industry



Located in Tampa, the Museum of Science & Industry has something for visitors of all ages. From its IMAX Dome Theater to its Planetarium to the 3D Science Works Theater, plan to spend the entire afternoon. The Science Works Theater offers guests an up-close look at the sun in 3D.

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Address: 4801 E Fowler Ave, Tampa

Phone: +1 813 987 6000

Internet: www.mosi.org

BEACHES AND PARKS

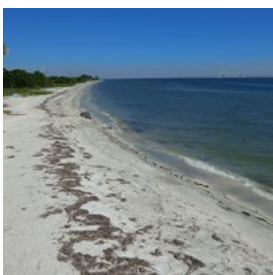


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Tampa is, naturally, a given for outdoor enthusiasts. The all-year-round great weather has created the perfect setting for outdoor activities. At Tampa Bay, you can find some of the world's highest rated pristine beaches, which makes for unbeatable beautiful sunsets.

The Tampa Bay area also boasts a large number of Florida State Parks and Historic Sites. Hillsborough River State Park's main feature is the noble river tumbling over Suwannee limestone, while Myakka River State Park is an excellent area for hikers to explore pine flatwoods, marsh land and swamp and a dry prairie.

Fort De Soto Park



Once inhabited by Tocobanga Indians and Spanish settlers, today this beach has been voted "America's Top Beach" by TripAdvisor. Fort De Soto has the ideal blend of wide stretches of soft sand, clear water and a casual vibe. North Beach is a local favorite. Though it is packed during the weekends in season, the crowds leave during the week.

Rent canoes or kayaks here too and don't forget

to tour the fort which has the only four 12-inch seacoast rifled mortars in the United States. Also check out the two 6-inch Armstrong rapid-fire rifled guns.

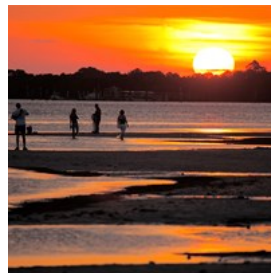
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Address: 3500 Pinellas Bayway S, Tierra Verde

Phone: +1 727 582 2267

Internet: www.fortdesoto.com

Honeymoon Island



Once called Hog Island by settlers, it became Honeymoon Island in 1939 when a developer built 50 palm thatched bungalows for

honeymooners. Today, it is considered one of the most well-preserved beaches in Florida.

Shorebirds, osprey nests, mangrove swamps, and slash pine tree forests are some of the sites to behold.

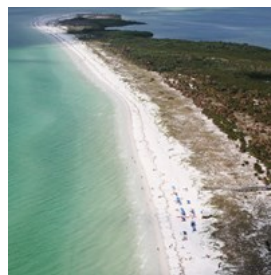
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Address: 1 Causeway Blvd, Dunedin

Phone: +1 727 469 5942

Internet: www.floridastateparks.org/honeymoonisland

Caladesi Island



Accessible only by boat or ferry, this is one of the few completely natural islands along the Gulf Coast. Beachgoers can partake in swimming, shell collecting and sunbathing. Observe wildlife while hiking the three-mile nature trail or kayak through the mangroves.

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Address: 1 Causeway Blvd, Dunedin

Phone: +1 727 469 5918

Internet: www.floridastateparks.org/caladesiisland

SPORTS



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Tampa Bay will always be associated with sports. Any time of year you'll be able to enjoy a professional baseball, hockey, football or soccer game.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers



The Bucs are the most popular team in the Tampa Bay area. They play their home games at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, an exciting

venue whether the game on the field is competitive or not. Fans begin game days (usually Sunday afternoon) with tailgating in various areas around the stadium, before making their way into the stadium, which seats 65,000 and boasts a life-size pirate ship.

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Address: 4201 N Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa
Phone: +1 813 879 2827
Internet: www.buccaneers.com

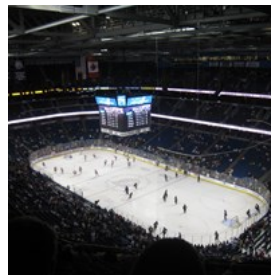
Tampa Bay Rays



Long regarded as the worst franchise in Major League Baseball, the Rays completed a stunning turnaround last year to make the World Series, finishing as the second best team in the league. The team plays its home games at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, a domed stadium which features relief from the summer heat, as well as a large tank near centerfield with live sting rays.

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Address: 1 Tropicana Dr, St. Petersburg
Phone: +1 727 825 3137
Internet: www.tampabayrays.com

Tampa Bay Lightning



The Lightning was one of the first professional hockey franchises to call a state in the southern U.S. home, and quickly built a passionate fan base. The team plays its home games at the St. Pete Times Forum, located in the Channelside district in Tampa. After an exciting contest on the ice, fans can spill into the neighboring restaurants and bars to continue the evening.

Photo: Katy Warner (image cropped)
Address: St. Pete Times Forum 401 Channelside Dr, Tampa
Phone: +1 81 3301 6600
Internet: lightning.nhl.com

Grand Prix of St. Petersburg



The Grand Prix of St. Petersburg is an annual race in the Indy Car Series, an international open-wheel racing circuit. The course winds through

downtown St. Petersburg, and abuts the gorgeous waterfront. Many fans take the opportunity to make the race a long weekend, with the chance to mingle with drivers and get an up-close look at the cars that will approach 200 miles per hour on race day.

Photo: Nathan Bittinger (image cropped)

Address: One Beach Drive SE, Suite 42, St. Petersburg

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-9pm, Sun 12pm-8pm

Phone: +1 727 898 4639

Internet: www.gpstpete.com

DINING



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With water all around, fresh seafood is never a bad option in most Tampa Bay restaurants. There are also world-class steakhouses and Latin-influenced cuisine to suit palettes of all kinds.

Wine Cellar

An old favorite on the beaches, the Wine Cellar, originally opened in 1975, before moving to its current location just a year later. European food and outstanding service are the hallmarks of The

Wine Cellar. Diners can enjoy Beef Wellington, onion-crusted tilapia, or Wiener schnitzel.

Address: 17307 Gulf Blvd, North Redington Beach

Phone: +1 727 393 3491

Internet: www.thewinecellar.com

Email: reservations@thewinecellar.com

Salt Rock Grill

One of the finest seafood restaurants in the entire area, Salt Rock Grill offers everything from raw oysters to lobster tail to Alaskan king crab, as well as other favorites such as steak and veal. Located on the intercoastal waterway in Indian Shores, diners can take in spectacular views while enjoying an entrée that was probably swimming in the Gulf of Mexico the day before. Reservations are recommended.

Address: 19325 Gulf Blvd, Indian Shores

Phone: +1 727 593 7625

Internet: www.saltrockgrill.com

Bern's Steak House

Originally opened in 1956, Bern's is an internationally renowned steakhouse, and possibly the Tampa Bay area's best-known restaurant. Bern's specializes in prime steaks cut-to-order, but also boasts a wine list that numbers over 6,500 labels. After dinner, the dessert room is the perfect place to cap off the evening. Bern's has a neighboring restaurant, SideBern's, which specializes in Mediterranean dishes and caters to the younger crowd. Reservations are recommended at Bern's, sometimes well in advance.

Address: 1208 S Howard Ave, Tampa

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 5pm-10pm, Fri-Sat 5pm-11pm

Phone: +1 813 251 2421

Internet: www.bernssteakhouse.com

Columbia

The Columbia traces its roots back to 1905,

when the original location was opened in Tampa's Ybor City, earning it the designation of Florida's oldest Spanish-themed restaurant. The 1905 salad should kick off every diner's experience, and can be followed by black bean crab cakes, scallops "casamiro", or empanadas de picadillo, which are spiced ground beef-filled pastry turnovers with roasted corn and black bean salsa. Columbia currently has four locations in the area, two on each side of Tampa Bay.

Address: 411 St. Armands Circle, Sarasota
Phone: +1 941 388 3987
Internet: www.columbiarestaurant.com
Email: colsara@columbiarestaurant.com

Beachcomber

In Clearwater Beach, the Beachcomber has been a staple since 1948. Offering both steaks and seafood, the Beachcomber is also noted for its fine service and unique touches, such as the relish tray with fresh baked banana bread. The Seafood M \acute{e} lange is a hit, with its combination of Gulf shrimp, scallops, fresh fish, and Maryland deviled crab cake. Reservations are recommended.

Address: 447 Mandalay Ave, Clearwater Beach
Opening hours: Daily 11:30am-closing
Phone: +1 727 442 4144
Internet: www.heilmansbeachcomber.com

Jackson's Bistro Bar

Jackson's Bistro is located in the Harbour Island section of downtown Tampa. With a great waterfront location, Jackson's is open every day for lunch and dinner, and also features a delicious, and affordable Sunday brunch. In the later hours, Jackson's night club comes alive, with two large rooms inside and outdoor cabanas outside on the waterfront terrace. Jackson's also offers a full sushi menu to go along with its more traditional fare.

Address: 601 S Harbour Island Blvd 100, Tampa
Phone: +1 813 277 0112
Internet: www.jacksonsbistro.com

Oystercatchers

Part of the Hyatt hotel, Oystercatchers blends a gorgeous waterfront location with exquisite local cuisine. The restaurant specializes in seafood, featuring fresh wild and line-caught fish. Sunday brunch is quite a treat, as the buffet features everything from fresh sushi to stone crab to a full dessert bar. Reservations are recommended.

Address: 2900 Bayport Dr, Tampa
Phone: +1 813 207 6815
Internet: www.oystercatchersrestaurant.com

Mise en Place

Located downtown directly across from the University of Tampa, Mise en Place specializes in Modern American cuisine. The menu at Mise en Place is ever-changing, as the head chef enjoys keeping things fresh. Among the favorites at Mise en Place is the tasting menu, which is a five-course dinner featuring a sample of Blitz' favorite dishes of the week. Reservations are recommended.

Address: 442 W Kennedy Blvd, Tampa
Phone: +1 813 254 5373
Internet: www.miseonline.com

The Hurricane

Notorious as much for its stunning sunsets as its fresh grouper sandwich, The Hurricane is a must for any visitor to the Tampa Bay area. Located in the Pass-a-Grille section of St. Pete Beach, The Hurricane offers both indoor and outdoor seating, as well as a rooftop bar to capture picturesque views of both the Gulf of Mexico to the west and the intercoastal waterway to the east. Just across the street from the beach, feel free to come in your beach attire.

Address: 807 Gulf Way, St. Pete Beach
Phone: +1 727 360 9558
Internet: www.thehurricane.com

Frenchy's

Any traveler who makes it to the Clearwater Beach area must stop at one of the four Frenchy's locations. The Rockaway Grill, directly on Clearwater Beach, is Frenchy's largest location, and has basic fare for the entire family, highlighted by the "World Famous Grouper Sandwich". Don't worry about dressing up - in fact, you may want to bring your shorts for a game of beach volleyball at the outdoor court just steps from the restaurant.

Address: 7 Rockaway St, Clearwater Beach
Phone: +1 727 446 4844
Internet: www.frenchysonline.com

Ted Peters Smoked Fish

Ted Peters is a local favorite between mainland St. Petersburg and the Gulf beaches. Famous for its unique smoked fish spread, many diners swing by just to pick some up to augment their own meals or have on hand for snacks. Don't expect white tablecloths here, as you will probably be sitting on a bench outside. One of the best local secrets in the St. Petersburg area.

Address: 1350 Pasadena Ave S, South Pasadena
Phone: +1 727 381 7931
Internet: www.tedpetersfish.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Tampa has long been a destination to imbibe and socialize. In whatever part of Tampa Bay you find yourself, there is a bar to suit your needs.

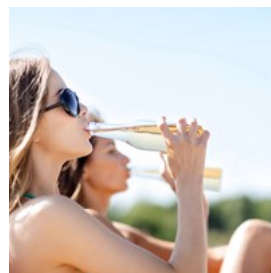
MacDinton's Irish Pub



Enjoy live music and Irish hospitality in the large open outdoor area. The menu includes traditional Irish fare like Shepherd's Pie, Sausage Rolls and Bangers & Mash, all served until midnight every night.

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Address: 405 S Howard Ave, Tampa
Phone: +1 813 251 8999
Internet: www.macdintons.com

Shephard's



If quintessential beach bars are your thing, then you can't miss the trendy weekend hang out of the co-ed single crowd at Shephard's. Weekends are not complete here without bikini contests and brunch buffets.

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Address: 601 S Gulfview Blvd, Clearwater Beach

Phone: +1 727 441 6875
Internet: www.shephards.com

Caddy's on the Beach



Caddy's is the place to sip a cocktail, work on your tan and watch the beach volleyball players.

Highlights include daily live music, plasma screen

TV's and valet parking.

Photo: Deborah Kolb/Shutterstock.com
Address: 9000 Gulf Blvd, Treasure Island
Phone: +1 727 360 4993
Internet: www.caddysotb.com

Dubliner Pub



This is a bar with a great sense of humor.

Wednesday nights have the best drink specials, while there is live music every night Wednesday

through Saturday.

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Address: 2307 W Azeele St, Tampa
Phone: +1 813 258 2257
Internet: www.thedublineririshpub.com

World of Beer



Consider this an upscale neighborhood sports bar. In the Westchase neighborhood of Tampa, World of Beer offers over 500 beers from all over

the globe. The friendly and knowledgeable staff creates a welcoming ambiance. There are even monthly cookouts.

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Address: 9524 W Linebaugh Ave, Tampa
Phone: +1 813 852 2337
Internet: www.wobusa.com

The Rack



Start with the excellent sushi and then shoot some pool. The Rack is within walking distance of many popular South Tampa bars so this is the

ideal bar to kick off your evening.

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Address: 1025 W Brandon Blvd, Brandon
Phone: +1 813 250 1595
Internet: www.hittherack.com

Blue Martini



With over 40 types of martinis to choose from and a packed dance floor most nights, the Blue Martini is a hot spot not to be missed. A

sophisticated tapas menu compliments the drinks well. This is a place to see and be seen.

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Address: 2223 N West Shore Blvd 203, Tampa
Phone: +1 813 873 2583
Internet: www.bluemartinilounge.com
Email: tampa@bmeventsbm.com

SHOPPING



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The Tampa Bay Area gives shoppers many great options from which to choose. From large malls to smaller boutiques, this area is a shopping destination.

International Plaza and Bay Street



When only the best will do, shoppers head to International Plaza. The newest of the super malls in the area, International Plaza offers the best of

the best. Nordstrom's shoe department and its service are legendary. Other highlights include stores such as Betsey Johnson, BCBG, J Crew, Burberry, Tiffany and Co., Neiman Marcus and Louis Vuitton. This is truly a designer's paradise. After a long day of shopping, head over to Bay Street where you can grab a bite at the Cheesecake Factory or a martini at Bar Louie or Blue Martini.

Photo: Aaron Amat/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2223 N West Shore Blvd 2000, Tampa

Phone: +1 813 342 3790

Internet: www.shopinternationalplaza.com

West Shore Plaza



A favorite mall for locals, this is a few minutes from International Plaza but continues to hold its own. With Saks, Macy's, Ann Taylor and Old Navy just

to name a few, this mall will always be busy. Have dinner at Mitchell's Fish Market or Maggiano's Little Italy when you need a break.

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Address: 250 West Shore Plaza, Tampa

Phone: +1 813 286 0790

Internet: www.westshoreplaza.com

Hyde Park Village



Nestled into the South Tampa neighborhood of Hyde Park, this cluster of specialty shops, restaurants and a movie theatre is a great way to

spend a few hours on a Saturday or Sunday.

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Address: 1602 W Snow Ave, Tampa

Phone: +1 813 251 3500

Internet: www.hydeparkvillage.com

Baywalk Midcore Shopping Plaza



This St. Petersburg entertainment center is close to downtown bars and restaurants and the perfect spot for catching a flick and then following

up with ice cream. The people-watching in the square is superb thanks to the salsa dancing nights with free lessons and the various bands that perform on weekends. Visitors can enjoy a wide selection of food choices, from grabbing a quick pizza or burger to a having a traditional

sit-down Italian dinner.

Photo: Anatoly Tiplashin/Shutterstock.com
Address: 151 2nd Ave N, St. Petersburg
Internet: www.yourbaywalk.com

Big Top Flea Market



Voted Tampa Bay's "Best Flea Market," Big Top boasts over 1,100 booths selling all kinds of merchandise, from clothes and electronics to fruits and vegetables every Saturday and Sunday.

Photo: Armin Staudt/Shutterstock.com
Address: 9250 E Fowler Ave, Thonotosassa
Opening hours: Sat-Sun 9am-4:30pm
Phone: +1 813 986 4004
Internet: www.bigtopfleamarket.com

Channelside Bay Plaza



With an ideal waterfront location in downtown Tampa, Channelside Bay Plaza offers numerous retail, dining and entertainment options.

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Address: 615 Channelside Dr, Ste 117, Tampa
Phone: +1 813 223 4250
Internet: www.channelsidebayplaza.com

Old Tampa Book Company



The Old Tampa Book Company boasts over 40,000 collectible used, rare and out-of-print books, spanning all genres, offering a

wonderful browsing experience.

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Address: 507 N Tampa St, Tampa
Phone: +1 813 209 2151
Internet: www.oldtampabookcompany.com

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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Tampa International Airport



Tampa International Airport (TIA) is the main airport serving the Tampa Bay area. There are four main terminals, serving a variety of airlines,

including domestic carriers Continental, Northwest, American, Jet Blue, Delta, Southwest, United, and US Airways, as well as international carriers Air Canada, British Airways, KLM, and Cayman Airways. The airport is located just 5 miles west of downtown Tampa on the east shore of Tampa Bay. In addition to various rental car options and taxis, there are also bus service as well as airport limousines that can transport passengers to any destination in the Bay Area. The beaches in the western part of the area are only about a 40-minute drive from the airport, the first half of which is spent traversing Tampa Bay over the Howard Franklin Bridge.

St. Petersburg-Clearwater Airport (PIE) is located 4 miles north of St. Petersburg, this is a

smaller airport which only serves a few regional airlines. The largest of these is Allegiant Air, which serves 20 destinations in the eastern and Midwestern U.S. There are no international flights into St. Petersburg-Clearwater Airport at the present time.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Tampa International Airport, Tampa

Internet: www.tampaairport.com

Public Transport



Tampa's bus service is known as HART, and it services all areas of Hillsborough County. Visitors can buy a 3-day pass to really explore the

city, which gives them access to all local buses, as well as the Tecoline Streetcar. Route 30 goes straight from the airport to downtown Tampa.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Phone: +1 813 254 4278

Internet: www.gohart.org

Email: leguizamong@gohart.org

Taxi



Various taxicab options are available on both sides of the bay, including: Tampa United Cab Company +1 813 253 2424 A-1 Taxi +1 813 964

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Executive Taxi +1 813 229 8294

Payless Taxi +1 813 886 7777

Tampa Bay Cab Company +1 813 251 5555

Yellow Cab +1 813 253 8871

St. Petersburg

Florida Taxi +1 727 896 5008

St. Pete Taxi +1 727 327 3600

Yellow Limo +1 727 525 3333

Clearwater

Beach Taxi +1 727 797 2230

Checker Cab +1 727 595 7433

Airport Plus Transportation +1 727 535 2222

Pharmacy



Numerous locations at CVS, Walgreens, Wal-Mart, most grocery stores, and various independent and chain store retailers.

Photo: Gemma Garner

Post Office



The United States Postal Services have several locations in the Tampa area, including:

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: 3501 Bessie Coleman Blvd, Tampa

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-10pm, Sat 8am-8pm, Sun 10am-8pm

Phone: +1 813 877 0374

Internet: www.usps.com

Time Zone



The Tampa Bay Area is in the Eastern Time Zone, and all times are reflected in the Eastern Time Zone.

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Telephone



Country code: +1 Area
codes in Tampa, St.
Petersburg and
Clearwater: 813 and 727

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



110V

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

Tampa: 336.264

St. Petersburg: 253.369

Clearwater: 110.251

Currency

\$1 US Dollar = 100 cents

Opening hours

Most businesses open at 9 or 10am and stay open until 5 or 6pm. Most restaurants open at 11am or noon and stay open until 10pm. Most bars are open until 2am.

Newspapers

St. Petersburg Times

Tampa Tribune

Weekly Planet

Emergency numbers

911 (General emergency)

Tampa Police Department +1 813 354 6600

St. Petersburg Police Department +1 727 893 7780

Clearwater Police Department +1 727 562 4242

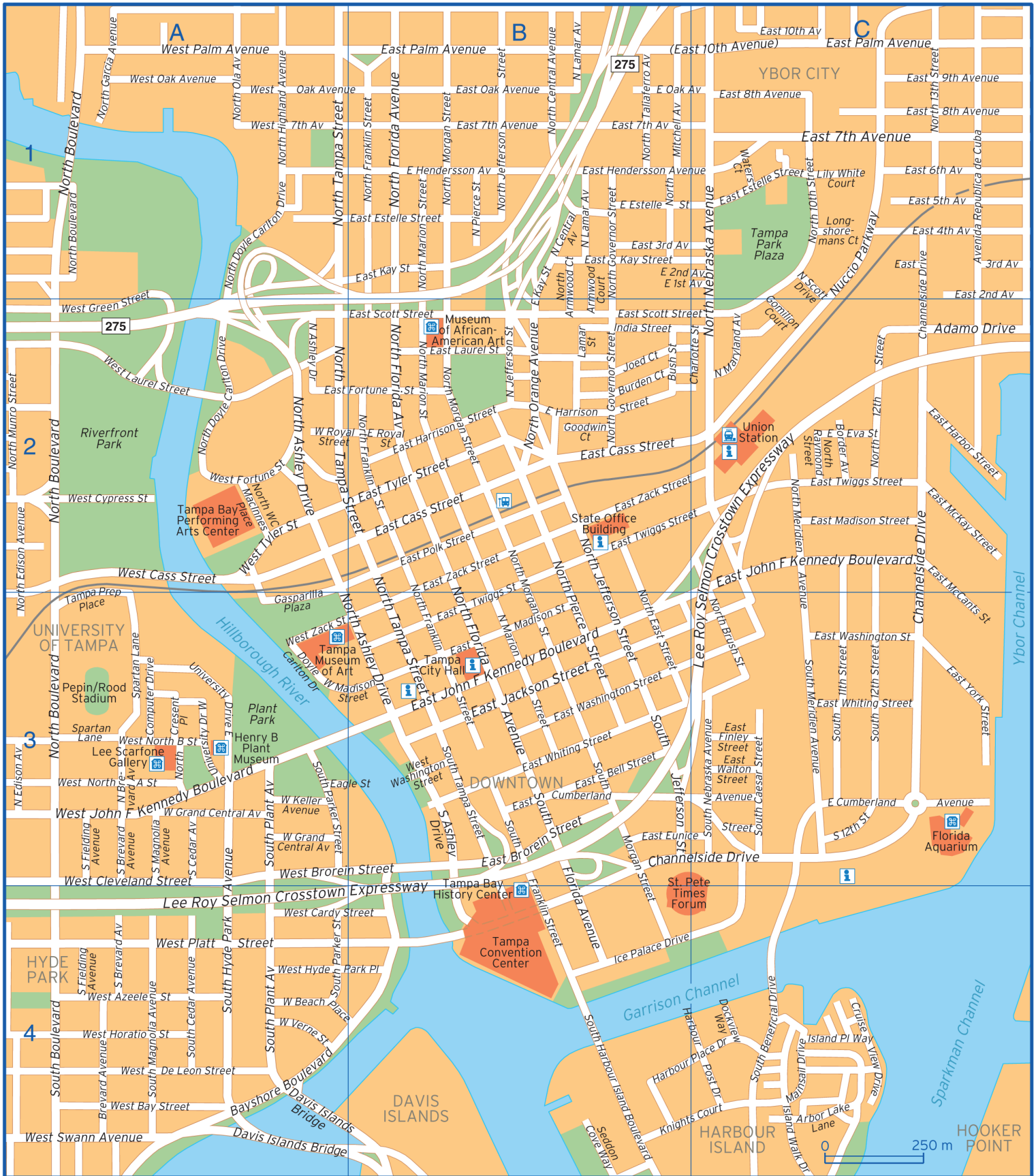
Tourist information

Tampa Convention and Visitors Bureau

+1 813 223 2752

St. Petersburg Convention and Visitors Bureau

+1 727 464 7200



Adamo Drive	C2	East Royal Street	B2	North Morgan Street	B1 B2 B3
Arbor Lake Lane	C4	East Scott Street	B2 C2	North Munro Street	A2
Armwood Court	B1 B2	East Twiggs Street	B2 B3 C2	North Nebraska Avenue	C1 C2
Avenida Republica de Cuba	C1	East Tyler Street	B2	North Ola Avenue	A1
Bayshore Boulevard	A4	East Walton Street	C3	North Orange Avenue	B2
Border Avenue	C2	East Washington Street	B3 C3	North Pierce Street	B1 B2 B3
Brevard Avenue	A4	East Whiting Street	B3 C3	North Raymond Street	C2
Burden Court	B2	East York Street	C3	North Scott Drive	C1 C2
Bush Street	B2	East Zack Street	B2 B3 C2	North Taliaferro Avenue	B1
Channelside Drive	B3 C1 C2	Gasparilla Plaza	A3	North Tampa Street	A1 A2 B2 B3
Charlotte Street	C2	Gomilion Court	C2	North WC MacInnes Place	A2
Computer Drive	A3	Goodwin Court	B2	Nuccio Parkway	C1
Cruise View Drive	C4	Harbour Place Drive	B4 C4	Seddon Cove Way	B4
Davis Islands Bridge	A4 B4	Harbour Post Drive	B4 C4	South 11th Street	C3
Dockview Way	C4	Ice Palace Drive	B4 C4	South 12th Street	C3
Doyle Carlton Drive	A3	India Street	B2	South Ashley Drive	B3
Eagle Street	A3 B3	Island Place Way	C4	South Beneficial Drive	C4
East 10th Avenue	C1	Island Walk Drive	C4	South Boulevard	A4
East 1st Avenue	B1 C1	Joed Court	B2	South Brevard Avenue	A3 A4
East 2nd Avenue	B1 C1 C2	Knights Court	B4 C4	South Caesar Street	C3
East 3rd Avenue	B1 C1	Lamar Street	B2	South Cedar Avenue	A3 A4
East 4th Avenue	C1	Lee Roy Selmon Crosstown Expressway	A4 B4 C2 C3	South Fielding Avenue	A3 A4
East 5th Avenue	C1	Lily White Court	C1	South Florida Avenue	B3 B4
East 6th	C1	Long shoremans Court	C1	South Franklin Street	B3 B4

Avenue					
East 7th Avenue	B1 C1	Mainsail Drive	C4	South Harbour Island Boulevard	B4
East 8th Avenue	C1	North 10th Street	C1	South Hyde Park Avenue	A3 A4
East 9th Avenue	C1	North 12th Street	C2	South Jefferson Street	B3
East Bell Street	B3	North 13th Street	C1	South Magnolia Avenue	A3 A4
East Brorein Street	B3	North Armwood Court	B1 B2	South Meridien Avenue	C3
East Cass Street	B2	North Ashley Drive	A2 A3 B3	South Morgan Street	B3 B4
East Cumberland Avenue	B3 C3	North Boulevard	A1 A2 A3	South Nebraska Avenue	C3
East Estelle Street	B1 C1	North Brevard Avenue	A3	South Parker Street	A3 A4
East Eunice Street	B3 C3	North Brush Street	C3	South Plant Avenue	A3 A4
East Eva Street	C2	North Central Avenue	B1	South Tampa Street	B3
East Finley Street	C3	North Crescent Place	A3	Spartan Lane	A3
East Fortune Street	A2 B2	North Doyle Carlton Drive	A1 A2	Tampa Prep Place	A3
East Harbor Street	C2	North East Street	B2 B3	University Drive East	A3
East Harrison Street	B2	North Edison Avenue	A2 A3	University Drive West	A3
East Hendersson Avenue	B1 C1	North Florida Avenue	B1 B2 B3	Waters Court	C1
East Jackson Street	B3	North Franklin Street	B1 B2 B3	West 7th Avenue	A1
East John F Kennedy Boulevard	B3 C2	North Garcia Avenue	A1	West Azeele Street	A4
East Kay Street	B1 B2	North Governor Street	B1 B2	West Bay Street	A4
East Laurel Street	B2	North Highland Avenue	A1	West Beach Place	A4
East Madison Street	B3 C2	North Jefferson Street	B1 B2 B3	West Brorein Street	A3 B3

East McCants Street	C2 C3	North Lamar Avenue	B1	West Cardy Street	A4 B4
East McKay Street	C2	North Marion Street	B1 B2 B3	West Cass Street	A2
East Oak Avenue	B1 C1	North Maryland Avenue	C2	West Cleveland Street	A4
East Palm Avenue	B1 C1	North Meridien Avenue	C2 C3	West Cypress Street	A2
East Polk Street	B2	North Mitchell Avenue	B1	West De Leon Street	A4

West Fortune Street	A2	West Laurel Street	A2	West Royal Street	A2 B2
West Grand Central Avenue	A3	West Madison Street	A3 B3	West Swann Avenue	A4
West Green Street	A1 A2	West North A Street	A3	West Tyler Street	A2
West Horatio Street	A4	West North B Street	A3	West Verne Street	A4
West Hyde Park Place	A4 B4	West Oak Avenue	A1 B1	West Washington Street	B3
West John F Kennedy Boulevard	A3	West Palm Avenue	A1	West Zack Street	A3
West Keller Avenue	A3	West Platt Street	A4		