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DOWNTOWN SARASOTA

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Downtown Sarasota Welcomes You!

The Downtown Sarasota City Guide is produced by the **Downtown Sarasota Alliance**, a nonprofit with a mission to provide a forum and build community amongst the stakeholders of the Sarasota community. We encourage everyone to get inspired, get active, and get downtown!

The City Guide is organized by districts/areas and color coded for easy to locate landmarks on the map located in the center of the guide.

Scan to view the digital version!

ALLIANCE
Downtown Sarasota

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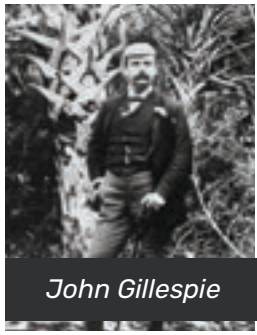
*We do our best to provide up-to-date listings

History of Sarasota

The first Scottish settlers in 1885 found Sarasota drastically different from today's picturesque bay city. Harsh conditions, including a lack of amenities, prompted many to leave. John Hamilton Gillespie, representing the Florida Mortgage and Investment Company, transformed the town with hotels, shops, and a railroad, earning him the title "Father of Sarasota." Not to

Wealthy figures like Owen Burns and Bertha Palmer, along with the Ringling brothers, further shaped the area. Sarasota evolved into Circus City USA, hosting the renowned Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus.



John Gillespie

The 1920s-1960s marked Sarasota's emergence as an arts colony, attracting writers like John D. MacDonald and visual artists like Syd Solomon. The Sarasota School of Architecture, led by Paul Rudolph, embraced mid-century modern design. The city boasts numerous cultural organizations, including the Ringling Museum of Art and Asolo Theater.

Worth's Block Building, 1912
(Present Day Gator Club)

Main Street bustles with shops and the historic Gator Club, while St. Armand's Circle offers diverse experiences. Pinecraft, a short drive away, welcomes Amish and Mennonite families during winter. Natural beauty thrives with accessible beaches, kayak tours, and

From its origins, Sarasota has grown into a hub of fine dining, arts, entertainment, and luxury amenities, inviting exploration. Discover Sarasota Tours, with daily options, cater to varied interests, including city sightseeing, history, the circus, neighborhoods, the Amish, the arts, architecture, and more. For those preferring self-guided exploration, a guide map is provided to locate historic neighborhoods and points of interest. Welcome to paradise! We encourage you to experience everything we have to offer!

Main Street, 1938

Provided by Tammy Houser, Discover Sarasota Tours

Greater Main Street

Food & Dining

Cask & Ale
1548 Main St
941-702-8740
CaskAlesrq.com

Duval's Seafood
1435 Main St
941-312-4001
DuvalsFLS.com

Element: Steak, Seafood & Pasta.
1413 Main St
941-724-8585
ElementSrq.com

Pie on Main
1507 Main St
941-217-6370
PieonMain.com

Accommodations

The Ritz-Carlton
1111 Ritz Carlton Dr.

Embassy Suites by Hilton
202 N. Tamiami Trail

The Westin Sarasota
109 Marina View Dr.

Specialty Shops

Bold Lofts & Cowork
1680 Fruitville Rd
941-444-9795
boldlwp.com

Bud's Bail Bonds
2245 Ringling Blvd
941-923-2663
BudsBailBonds.com

Chevron Gas Station
1802 Main St

Dream WebTec
1330 Main St
800-910-1338
DreamWebTec.com

Erika Valcarcel
2170 Main St, Ste. 204
941-388-3700
ValcarcelLaw.com

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Hall Darling Design Studio
2168 Main St.
941-305-6160
HallDarling.com

LaRocca Media
1330 Main St
941-363-1667
LaRoccaMedia.com

Stacey Maloney
1990 Main St Suite 750
941-301-8877
MaloneyLegalFL.com

Synovus Bank
1605 Main St Suite 107
941-556-1010
Synovus.com

Truist Wealth
1777 Main St, 7th Floor
941-225-4269
Truist.com/Wealth

Greater Main Street

Things to Do

Bayfront Park
5 Bayfront Dr.

Elois Werlin Park
John Ringling Blvd.

Legacy Trail
Central Sarasota Parkway

Payne Park
2010 Adams Ln.

Regal Hollywood
1993 Main St

Sarasota Bay Explorers | LeBarge Tropical Cruises
1600 Ken Thompson Pkwy
941-388-4200
lebargetropicalcruises.com

Sarasota Opera House
61 N. Pineapple Ave.

Selby Library
1331 1st St.

Urbanite Theatre
1487 2nd St.
941-321-1397
urbanitetheatre.com

Health & Beauty

F45 Training
1900 Main St.
941-500-9445
f45training.com

Radiant Change Skincare
3260 Fruitville Rd, Suite A
941-260-9818
radiantchangeskincare.com

Churches

First Sarasota Baptist
1661 Main St

Harbor Church
2100 Main St

Saint Martha Catholic
1993 Main St

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Gillespie Park

Accommodations

Avis Car Rental
435 N. Washington Blvd.

Specialty Shops

Visit Sarasota County
1945 Fruitville Rd
941-706-1253
VisitSarasota.com

Things to Do

West Coast Black Theatre
1012 N Orange Ave.
941-366-1505
WestcoastBlackTheatre.org

Gillespie Park
710 N. Orange Ave.

Churches

Westcoast Church
403 N. Washington Blvd.

Burns Court

Specialty Shops

Burns Court Veterinary Care
1530 Dolphin St Suite 1

Shibui at Home
401 S Pineapple Ave
941-867-9577
Studioghome.com

The Exchange Consignment Shop
539 S Orange Ave

Things to Do

Burns Court Cinema
506 Burns Court

Rosemary District

Food & Dining

Lefty's Oyster & Seafood Bar
428 N Lemon Ave
(941) 954-8688
Leftysoysterseafood.com

Accommodations

Hyatt Regency
1000 Boulevard of the Arts

The Sarasota Modern
1290 Boulevard of the Arts

Voco Sarasota
1223 Boulevard of the Arts

Specialty Shops

Halflant + Pichette Architects
1350 5th Street
(941) 365-1820
halflantspichette.com

Rosemary Convenience Store
312 N. Orange Ave.

Things to Do

The Bay Park
1055 Boulevard of the Arts

Centennial Park
1059 N. Tamiami Trail

Sarasota Garden Club
1131 Boulevard of the Arts

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Palm District

Accommodations

Aloft Sarasota
1401 Ringling Blvd

Art Ovation Hotel
1255 N Palm Ave

Palm Ave Parking Garage
1289 N Palm Ave

Specialty Shops

Crews Bank & Trust
15 S Palm Avenue
(941) 487-3800
crews.bank/sarasota-branch

Churches

Church of the Redeemer Episcopal
222 S. Palm Ave.

State Street

Specialty Shops

Studio G Home
1530 State Street
(941) 504-5235
studioghome.com

Accommodations

State St Parking Garage
1538 State St

Health & Beauty

Vertical Chiropractic
1517 State Street
941-413-5099
verticalchiroflorida.com

Laurel Park

Food & Dining

Tamiami Tap
711 S. Osprey Ave
941-952-1793
TamiamiTap.com

Churches

First Presbyterian Church
2050 Oak St

Pineapple District

Specialty Shops

Bookstore 1 Sarasota
12 S. Palm Avenue
(941) 365-7900
sarasotabooks.com

Accommodations

Parking Garage at The MARK
111 S. Pineapple Ave.

Churches

First United Methodist Church
104 S Pineapple Ave
941-955-0935
Firstsrq.com

Limelight District

Specialty Shops

Builders Window and Shutter Supply
1115 N.Euclid Ave
941-404-2510
BuildersWindowandShutterSupply.com

Colonial Village Shopping Center
230 N Lime Ave.

The Bazaar
821 Apricot Ave.

Churches

First Brethren Church
150 N Shade Ave

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www.firstSRQ.com

Let's Worship Together in Downtown Sarasota!

FIRST United Methodist CHURCH of Sarasota

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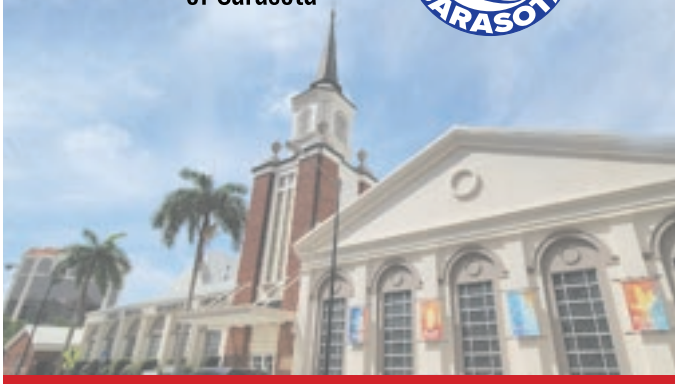

104 S. Pineapple Ave. · Sarasota · 941-955-0935

Parking in Downtown

Hundreds of marked and unmarked on-street parking spaces are available. Restrictions vary, but are generally enforced Monday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–8 p.m., excluding Sundays and city holidays.

Text the word PARK to 77223 to pay by text.

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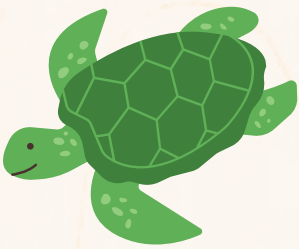

ACROSS

4. Urban park with circus-themed playground.

7. Performing arts hall with a purple façade.

8. Waterfront area with scenic views of Sarasota Bay.

9. Historic district known for cinema and unique shops.

DOWN

1. Iconic Sarasota sculpture of a famous kiss.

2. Historic theater and respected opera company.

3. Free trolley service connecting key Sarasota areas.

5. Botanical garden specializing in orchids.

6. Neighborhood known for its dining and arts scene.

10. Museum complex and estate of John Ringling.

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beaches and beyond

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IT'S TIME TO FIND PARADISE

SARASOTA'S FIRST AND ONLY
PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAM

SARASOTAPARADISE.US