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YOUR **GO-TO GUIDE** TO A  
**SARASOTA**  
**SUMMER**

Beaches, Islands, Dining & Summer Activities



# SARASOTA IN 60 SECONDS

## YOU DON'T RUSH SUMMER HERE—YOU LIVE AROUND IT

### ABOUT SARASOTA

Sarasota is a Gulf Coast city known for its world-famous beaches, barrier islands, vibrant arts scene, and relaxed coastal lifestyle. The area blends small-town warmth with waterfront energy, offering year-round sunshine, outdoor dining, and easy access to nature trails and sparkling bays.



### Sarasota Summer Snapshot

- Early beach mornings are prime time
- Afternoon rain showers are normal & quick
- Evenings revolve around sunsets & waterfront dining
- Every island has a different personality
- Life slows down, but never stops

### The Daily Flow

- Morning (6:30–9:00 AM): beach, boating, walks
- Midday (10 AM–3 PM): lunch, spa, errands
- Afternoon: quick rain & reset
- Evening: sunset, dining, outdoor life

# COASTAL AREA MAP



# BEACHES OF THE GULF COAST

## **SIESTA KEY BEACH**

*World-famous quartz sand + calm turquoise water*

## **LIDO BEACH**

*Quieter, easy access, close to St. Armands*

## **LONGBOAT KEY BEACHES**

*Wide, quiet, upscale beachfront*

## **VENICE + CASPERSEN BEACHES**

*Natural shoreline + shark tooth hunting*

## **BRADENTON BEACH + ANNA MARIA ISLAND**

*No high-rises, Old Florida feel, sunset focus*



# ISLAND LIFESTYLE

## SARASOTA+ MANATEE BARRIER ISLANDS

### SIESTA KEY VILLAGE

Beach bars, live music, ice cream, walkable nightlife and a sunny, free-spirited vibe that makes this coastal spot a favorite for locals and visitors.

### ANNA MARIA ISLAND | PINE AVENUE

Pine Avenue boutiques, beach cottages, golf carts, sunsets and relaxed island living with cozy cafes and soft white sand as far as you can see.

### LONGBOAT KEY

Private beaches, luxury condos, waterfront restaurants, world-renowned golfing, resort feel, plus calm waters, slow days, and an elegant Gulf Coast lifestyle.

### VENICE ISLAND

Quaint streets, peaceful beaches, leafy parks, and a slow coastal rhythm, with bike trails, local shops, and a friendly beach-town feel that makes every day easy and sunny.





# LOCAL FAVORITE EATS

## WHERE TO EAT

- **MARINA JACK | DOWNTOWN SARASOTA**

→ WATERFRONT DINING, MARINA VIEWS, SUNSET STAPLE

- **OWEN'S FISH CAMP | DOWNTOWN SARASOTA**

→ OLD FLORIDA CHARM, BANYAN TREES, SOUTHERN CUISINE

- **COLUMBIA RESTAURANT | ST. ARMANDS CIRCLE**

→ HISTORIC SPANISH DINING, SARASOTA CLASSIC

- **OPHELIA'S ON THE BAY | SIESTA KEY**

→ WATERFRONT FINE DINING, ROMANTIC SUNSETS

- **SUMMER HOUSE STEAK & SEAFOOD | SIESTA KEY**

→ ELEVATED DINING NEAR THE BEACH

- **SIESTA KEY BEACH BARS | SIESTA KEY VILLAGE**

→ DAIQUIRIS, TACOS, LIVE MUSIC, WALKABLE FUN

- **WALT'S FISH MARKET & RESTAURANT | SOUTH SARASOTA**

→ A MUST-VISIT WHILE IN SARASOTA! FRESH SEAFOOD + TIKI BAR

- **DRY DOCK WATERFRONT GRILL | LONGBOAT KEY**

→ CASUAL DOCKSIDE SEAFOOD

- **ANNA MARIA ISLAND | ANNA MARIA**

→ DOCKSIDE SEAFOOD SHACKS, LAID-BACK OLD FLORIDA

- **WATERSIDE PLACE | LAKEWOOD RANCH**

→ LAKEFRONT DINING, EVENTS, WALKABLE LIFESTYLE

- **FORKED AT WATERSIDE | WATERSIDE PLACE**

→ TRENDY BRUNCH AND LUNCH SPOT, PERFECT FOR DAYTIME OUTINGS

- **LAKEWOOD RANCH MAIN STREET | LAKEWOOD RANCH**

→ CLASSIC, WALKABLE DINING DISTRICT WITH PATIOS & BARS

# OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

## **PARKS & OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES**

### **PAYNE PARK**

→ **SPLASH PADS + PLAYGROUND**

### **THE BAY PARK**

→ **WATERFRONT GREENSCAPES + PLAYGROUND**

*Great spot for sunsets on the bay!*

### **BAYFRONT PARK**

→ **MARINA VIEWS, SPLASH PADS, WALKING PATHS**

### **ANNA MARIA & SIESTA BEACH ACCESSES**

→ **QUIET BEACH ENTRY POINTS**

### **MARIE SELBY BOTANICAL GARDENS**

→ **SHADY PATHS, BANYAN TREES + PEACEFUL  
OUTDOOR EXPLORING**

### **LIDO KEY MANGROVE TUNNELS**

→ **PERFECT FOR KAYAKING OR PADDLEBOARDING**

### **MYAKKA STATE PARK**

→ **SHADY, OLD FLORIDA TRAILS, CANOEING + BOAT  
TOURS**



# INDOOR ACTIVITIES

## CULTURE, LIBRARIES, & INDOOR ESCAPES

### SELBY PUBLIC LIBRARY

→ DOWNTOWN LOCATION, CLOSE TO THE BAYFRONT

### GULF GATE LIBRARY

→ LOCAL COMMUNITY FEEL IN A MODERN SPACE

### UNIVERSITY TOWN CENTER

→ INDOOR SHOPPING, WALKING + DINING

### THE RINGLING

→ MUSEUM, ART EXHIBITS + GARDENS

*Stop at the cafe for a bite to eat!*

### FLORIDA STUDIO THEATRE

→ INTIMATE, HIGH-QUALITY LIVE THEATRE; COMEDIES TO CONTEMPORARY PLAYS

### SARASOTA ART MUSEUM

→ MODERN EXHIBITS + CAFE



# FUN FOR KIDS

## FUN ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

### **NATHAN BENDERSON PARK**

→ BIKING LOOP + PLAYGROUND SPACE TO RUN AROUND

### **MYAKKA RIVER STATE PARK**

→ SPOT GATORS, CANOPY WALKWAY + OLD FLORIDA NATURE TRAILS

### **VENICE FISHING PIER**

→ EASY WALK, FISHING, DOLPHIN SIGHTINGS + GREAT SUNSETS

### **MOTE MARINE LABORATORY & AQUARIUM**

→ TOUCH TANKS, SHARKS + HANDS-ON LEARNING

### **THE BISHOP MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND NATURE**

→ MANATEE REHAB CENTER + INTERACTIVE EXHIBITS

### **SARASOTA JUNGLE GARDENS**

→ FEED FLAMINGOS + CLASSIC FLORIDA WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE

### **BIG CAT HABITAT**

→ LIONS, BEARS + UP-CLOSE ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

### **WATERSIDE PLACE**

→ SPLASH PAD, GREEN SPACE + FAMILY-FRIENDLY DINING

### **DETWILER'S FARM MARKET**

→ FRESH SNACKS, SMOOTHIES + QUICK CASUAL STOP

### **POPSTROKE @ UTC**

→ MINI GOLF REIMAGINED WITH TWO 18-HOLE COURSES + OUTDOOR GAMES, ICE CREAM



# SPAS + WELLNESS

## **SPAS & WELLNESS RESETS**

**RITZ-CARLTON SPA SARASOTA**  
→ LUXURY FULL-SERVICE SPA

**ST. REGIS SPA AT LONGBOAT KEY**  
→ BEACHFRONT WELLNESS + ULTRA-LUXURY FULL-SERVICE SPA

**WOODHOUSE SPA SARASOTA**  
→ BOUTIQUE RELAXATION WITH MESSAGES + FACIALS

**HAND & STONE**  
→ QUICK RESET SESSIONS + EASY ROUTINE SELF-CARE

**PERSPIRE SAUNA STUDIO**  
→ PRIVATE INFRARED SAUNA SUITES + RED LIGHT THERAPY FOR FULL-BODY RECOVERY

**BEEM® LIGHT SAUNA**  
→ INFRARED SAUNA + LIGHT THERAPY IN A CALM, MODERN WELLNESS SPACE



# WHERE TO STAY

## HOTELS & RENTALS

- Ritz-Carlton Sarasota
- Lido Beach Resort
- St. Regis Longboat Key
- Westin Sarasota
- Art Ovation Hotel
- Zota Beach Resort
- Anna Maria cottages
- Longboat Key luxury rentals

### ***Why people stay longer than planned:***

Easy coastal access

Relaxed daily rhythm

Strong lifestyle & culture pull

Sunset-driven evenings





## FLORIDA SUMMER

# RECIPE

### Fish & Mango Ceviche

This Fish & Mango Ceviche is the most addictive, yet healthy, dish!  
It's quick & easy, tangy, savory, zesty, and sweet. Perfect for summer gatherings.

#### Ingredients (Serves 6)

- 1 ½ lb fresh mahi-mahi or snapper cut into ½-in cubes
- 2 teaspoons sea salt
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- 1 cup fresh lime juice (about 6 – 7 limes)
- ½ cup freshly squeezed orange juice
- 1 medium red onion, finely sliced
- 1 cup mini sweet peppers, finely diced (about 5 peppers)
- 2 large ripe mangoes, peeled, pitted, and cut into ½-in cubes
- 2 – 3 tablespoons fresh cilantro, chopped

#### LOCAL KNOWLEDGE:

Stop by the counter at **Walt's Fish Market** for the freshest fish to use in this recipe!

#### Instructions:

1. Place the cubed fish in a medium glass bowl. Add salt, pepper and the lime juice over the fish and mix gently to combine.  
Important note: Please keep in mind that the lime juice must cover the fish completely for even "cooking".
2. Cover with plastic wrap and chill in the refrigerator until the fish is white and opaque throughout, about 20 – 25 minutes.
3. After the "cooking" time is over, discard 1/2 of the lime juice from the bowl.
4. Mix the orange juice in a small bowl. Add the orange mixture to the fish.
5. Add onion, sweet peppers, mango, and cilantro. Mix gently.
6. Serve with tostones, plantain chips, tortilla chips, or sweet potato chips, and enjoy!

#### Tip!

If you want to add a little heat to your ceviche, add half a diced jalapeño pepper or diced red chilies.



# LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

## WHY SARASOTA

Sarasota blends a **relaxed coastal lifestyle** with a surprisingly *rich cultural scene*, where waterfront living, strong community connections, and easy access to the barrier islands all come together in one place. It's a market where arts, dining, and outdoor living aren't separate experiences—they're part of everyday life. Add in the benefit of *Florida's tax advantages*, and it's easy to see why so many people choose to call it home.

## LOCAL SUMMER TIPS

Summer in Sarasota is all about rhythm and timing. Plan outdoor activities early in the morning or later in the evening to enjoy the best of the day without the heat. Afternoon rain showers are typically quick and predictable, so it's smart to balance your schedule with a mix of indoor and outdoor plans. Each barrier island has its own personality, from lively beach energy to quieter tucked-away stretches. And no matter the day, sunset is the one moment locals consistently show up for! It's less of a view here and more of a daily ritual.

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# MEET OUR TEAM



## SARASOTA GULF COAST HOMES

This elite group of professionals are your market experts for *all things real estate in both Sarasota and Manatee counties.*

The mission of Sarasota Gulf Coast Homes, with Keller Williams Coastal Living III, is to deliver excellence and aim to exceed expectations in everything we do. For the majority of people, the purchase or sale of a home is their largest single investment. The team’s goal is to guide you successfully and easily through the contractual investment and emotional decisions involved in the real estate process. They are committed to providing you, your friends and family with superior service and expertise. The team’s commitment to their clients shows as the Sarasota Gulf Coast Homes quickly became one of Keller Williams top team in the entire North Florida region. The SGCH team has sold over \$875 million in real estate volume and has served over 1500 families. This full-service team strives to modernize the experience of buying and selling real estate. They are your local knowledge brokers.



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