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THE ULTIMATE RELOCATION GUIDE TO

SARASOTA FLORIDA

A Curated Introduction to Life on Florida's Gulf Coast

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WELCOME TO SARASOTA

**THERE'S A REASON SO MANY PEOPLE FIND THEIR WAY HERE
—AND STAY.**

ABOUT SARASOTA

Sarasota offers a rare balance: coastal ease paired with cultural depth. It's a place where your mornings can start with a walk along the water and end with a performance downtown, where luxury feels effortless, and where lifestyle isn't something you chase—it's simply how you live.

Known as Florida's Cultural Coast, Sarasota attracts those who value beauty, community, and quality of life. From young professionals and growing families to retirees seeking a refined coastal chapter, Sarasota offers something few places can: a lifestyle that feels both elevated and approachable.



THE SARASOTA LIFESTYLE

WHAT IT'S LIKE TO LIVE HERE

Life in Sarasota moves with intention.

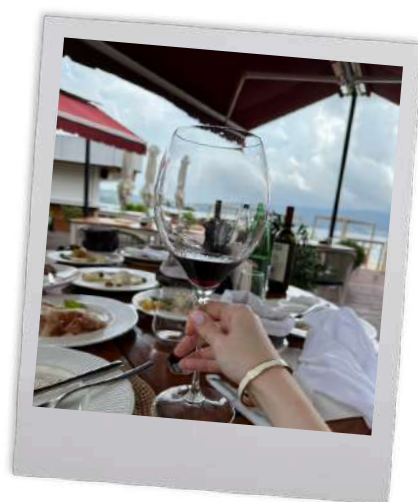
Outdoor Living, Year-Round – Boating, golfing, beach days, and sunset dinners aren't reserved for weekends—they're part of the routine.

A True Sense of Community – Despite its growth, Sarasota maintains a welcoming, small-town feel.

Dining & Waterfront Living – From casual dockside spots to upscale dining, everything centers around the water.

Arts & Culture at Every Turn – A city that values creativity as much as it values sunshine.

This is a place where people don't just relocate—they redefine how they live



CLIMATE & SEASONS

Sarasota's subtropical climate makes outdoor living second nature.

WINTER & SPRING (Jan–April)

Peak season for a reason. Warm days, low humidity, and near-perfect weather.

SUMMER (May–Sept)

Sunny mornings, warm afternoons, and brief, predictable rain showers that roll through and move on.

FALL (Oct–Dec)

A quieter, local favorite. Warm Gulf waters, fewer crowds, and golden sunsets that never get old.

Local Tip: *Mornings and evenings are your best friend in the summer, and sunset is a daily event you don't skip.*



NEIGHBORHOODS OVERVIEW



FINDING YOUR PLACE IN SARASOTA

DOWNTOWN SARASOTA

Walkable, vibrant and sophisticated. Ideal for those who want dining, arts and waterfront views at their doorstep.

LAKWOOD RANCH

Master-planned and lifestyle-driven. Known for top-rated schools, community events, and newer construction .

SIESTA KEY

Relaxed island living with world-renowned beaches. Perfect for a second home or full-time costal lifestyle.

WEST OF THE TRAIL

Established, prestigious, and highly sought-after. A blend of historic charm and modern luxury near the bay.

PALMER RANCH

Central, convenient, and beautifully maintained. Popular for its accessibility and proximity to the Legacy Trail.

VENICE

Charming, coastal, and laid-back. Known for its historic downtown, Gulf beaches, and strong sense of community.

NORTH PORT

Growing, affordable, and family-friendly. Offers newer homes, more space, and easy access to both Sarasota and Charlotte County.

WORLD-CLASS BEACHES & RECREATION



Living in Sarasota means having some of the *world's finest sand* right in your backyard. The region is famous for its barrier islands, or "keys," each offering a unique coastal experience:

Siesta Key: Consistently ranked as one of the top beaches in America, famous for its 99% pure quartz sand that stays cool under your feet.

Lido Key: Located steps from the upscale shopping and dining of St. Armands Circle, offering a sophisticated beach experience and beautiful mangrove eco-tours by kayak.

Longboat Key: A quieter, more private 12-mile stretch of beach perfect for luxury resort living and tranquil sunsets.

Venice Beach: Known as the "Shark Tooth Capital of the World," offering a laid-back atmosphere, scenic shoreline, and some of the best fossil hunting on the Gulf Coast.

The Legacy Trail: For land lubbers, this paved, multi-use rail-trail stretches over 18 miles from downtown Sarasota down to Venice, perfect for road cycling, running, and walking.

ARTS, CULTURE & ENTERTAINMENT

Sarasota punches far above its weight class when it comes to cultural institutions, establishing a legacy heavily influenced by circus magnate John Ringling.

The Ringling Museum: Features a world-class art museum, the historic Ca' d'Zan mansion, and stunning bayfront botanical gardens.

Performing Arts: Home to the Sarasota Opera House, the Sarasota Orchestra, the Asolo Repertory Theatre, and the Sarasota Ballet.

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens: A world-renowned bayfront oasis dedicated to the display and study of epiphytes (air plants, orchids, and bromeliads).

Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium: A beloved local gem offering an up-close look at marine life, conservation efforts, and family-friendly experiences just minutes from the beaches.



COST OF LIVING & TAX ADVANTAGES

Sarasota offers more than a beautiful coastal lifestyle—it's a **smart financial move**. With no state income tax and a cost of living that remains competitive among top waterfront markets, residents benefit from both immediate savings and long-term stability.

- No state income tax on wages, retirement income, or Social Security
- Homestead Exemption with annual property tax increase cap (3%)
- No state inheritance or estate tax
- Competitive home pricing compared to major coastal metros
- Wide range of housing options across price points and lifestyles
- Lower overall tax burden for full-time residents and retirees
- Strong long-term value in a high-demand coastal market



EDUCATION & SCHOOLS

HIGHLY-RATED SCHOOLS

Families relocating to Sarasota are drawn to the highly rated Sarasota County School District, which consistently ranks among the top performing school districts in the state of Florida.

The area is home to exceptional public schools, innovative charter schools (like Pine View School for intellectually gifted students), prestigious private institutions—including Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School, Out-of-Door Academy (ODA), and IMG Academy—and prominent higher education options such as Ringling College of Art and Design, New College of Florida, and the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee.



Out-Of-Door Academy | Siesta Key, FL

Pre-K through 12th Grade

HEALTHCARE

TOP-RANKED HOSPITALS & HEALTHCARE

Sarasota offers access to world-class healthcare, with top-ranked hospitals, leading specialists, and comprehensive medical services across the region.

Anchored by Sarasota Memorial Hospital and supported by providers like SMH-Venice, Doctors Hospital of Sarasota, and Lakewood Ranch Medical Center, residents benefit from high-quality care without the congestion of larger metro areas.

- Top-ranked hospitals and nationally recognized care
- Multiple full-service medical centers across the region
- Access to specialized treatment in cardiology, oncology, orthopedics, and more
- *Convenient, high-quality care close to home*



Sarasota Memorial Hospital



READY TO MAKE THE MOVE?

Relocating to a new city is an exciting journey, but finding the perfect neighborhood and home requires local expertise. Whether you want a high-rise condo overlooking Sarasota Bay, a family estate in a master-planned golf community, or a historic home walking distance from downtown, our team is here to guide you *every step of the way*.

Thinking About Living Here?
Scan to explore homes and neighborhoods across the community.





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 \$1 billion in real estate volume** and has **served over 1700 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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