

CONCIERGE GUIDE

Favorite 5 Recommendations

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FAVORITE DAY TRIP

CALADESI ISLAND STATE PARK

Honeymoon Island/ Caladesi Island State Parks
1 Causeway Blvd.
Dunedin, FL. 34698
(727) 469-5918

https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Caladesi-Island

One of only a few completely natural islands along Florida's Gulf Coast, Caladesi's white sand beaches were rated America's Best Beach in 2008 by 'Dr. Beach'. The 661-acre park is accessible by walking north from Clearwater Beach, by boat or ferry. The park has a marina with electric & water hookups and a snack bar & gift shop. Picnic tables & shelters are located near the beach and can be reserved for a fee. Cook-out at one of the picnic area grills, but be sure to bring your own charcoal and lighter fluid, they're not available on the island.

Beach lovers enjoy swimming, sunbathing & beachcombing and there is a concessionaire who will rent beach chairs & umbrellas. Saltwater anglers can cast a line from their boats or surf fish. Nature enthusiasts can spot wildlife while hiking a 3-mile trail through several different natural communities within the island's interior. The trail is a great place to find osprey nesting in old pine snags or to cross paths with a gopher tortoise. You can also paddle a 3-mile kayak trail through the mangroves winding from the marina out to St. Joseph Sound. Paddle over from the Dunedin Causeway in a kayak from Sail Honeymoon or rent one on the island from Cafe Caladesi, located in the ranger station, that also serves hot dogs, burgers, ice cream, soda & water and has a small collection of T-shirts & beach toys.

CALADESI ISLAND FERRY

727 734 5263

http://www.caladesiferry.org

Caladesi Connection Ferry Service operates out of Honeymoon Island State Park. Take Highway 586 from Dunedin across the Causeway to Honeymoon Island, pay the park entrance fee of \$8 per car, then follow the signs from the toll gate to the Caladesi Ferry dock. Purchase a ticket for the ferry at their booth in the parking area, then wait for the next departure.

The ferry runs every day, weather permitting, departing every hour beginning at 10am. The last trip off the island is about 4pm, but on days when a lot of people come to the island, the ferry may run later. When you purchase your ticket, the clerk will tell you when your latest return time is. During the busy season, the ferry departs every half hour (there will be 2 ferry boats). There is a 4 hour time limit for your stay on Caladesi. For example, if you arrive at 11am, they may tell you that you have to return on the 3pm ferry. This is so everyone doesn't wait until the last ferry of the afternoon to come home and then have too many people to fit aboard.

The ferry will take you on a relaxing 20 minute ride over the calm waters of St. Joseph Sound to Caladesi Island where you will disembark on the bay side of the island at the dock next to the snack bar adjoining the ranger station. The beach is a 5 minute walk across the island over paved sidewalks and a wooden dune boardwalk, with restrooms and a water fountain at the halfway point. Beach wheelchairs may be available from the park ranger.

Since Caladesi Island has been announced by "Dr. Beach" as the number one beach in the USA for 2008, it is attracting more visitors than usual, particularly on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. (Round Trip) Price: Adults \$14, Children 6 - 12 \$7, Children under 5 ride for free. Pets are not permitted on the ferry. Coolers are allowed on the island, but alcohol is not. We strongly recommend bringing your own drinks and snacks. Taking of live shells is prohibited.

5 FAVORITE RESTAURANTS

SHOR RESTAURANT Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach Resort & Spa

Lunch 11am-3pm, Dinner 5pm-10pm.

American seafood grille overlooking the beach from the second floor, eat in or al fresco. Observe the chefs in the open display kitchen. Energetic staff serves with effortless charm in an affordable, approachable atmosphere. www.shorgrill.com/hpr/shor/en/clearwater.html

ISLAND WAY GRILL 20 Island Way, Island Estates 727.461.6617

Mon-Thur 4-10pm, Fri & Sat till 11pm; Sat. Lunch 12Noon, Sunday Brunch 11-3pm, Dinner til 10pm A display case presents the day's catch, chops & deserts and chefs masterfully roll sushi, shuck oysters and grill over a wood fired hearth. Dine on Pan-Asian fare inside or on the Tiki deck over the water, either way you'll enjoy Clearwater's trendiest venue. www.islandwaygrill.com

HEILMAN'S BEACHCOMBER 447 Mandalay Ave., 727.442.4144,

11:30am-10pm, Fri & Sat till 1030pm.

Over 50 years of fine dining in one of the nicest dining rooms on Clearwater Beach, serving steaks, seafood & their signature Pan Fried Southern Chicken! Elegant, subdued setting popular with the classic crowd. Relax in plush comfort as the pianist plays your favorite tune. www.heilmansbeachcomber.com/menus/dinner.html

COLUMBIA RESTAURANT 1241 Gulf Blvd. Sand Key, 727.596.8400

11:30am-10pm. The sister restaurant to the original 1905 in Ybor City. Feast on Spanish cuisine prepared using 100 year old recipes handed down through generations of the Hernandez & Gonzmart families. Enjoy casual dining and the panoramic view of the bay from indoors or out on the deck. http://www.columbiarestaurant.com/Menus-By-Location/Locations/Sand-Key

CLEAR SKY CAFÉ 490 Mandalay Ave.,727.442.3684

7am-11pm, breakfast till 11:30am, Sat & Sun till 1pm. Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner. Happy hour 3-7pm daily, live acoustic guitar music on the patio nightly. Beach casual without being beach-bar rowdy. Great for families, wide-ranging menu has something for everyone. http://www.clearskycafe.com/menu.html

5 FAVORITE SHOPPING DESTINATIONS

WESTFIELD-COUNTRYSIDE MALL, Clearwater

Indoor mall with anchor stores Macy's, Dillard's, JC Penney and Sears, along with more than 190 specialty stores. New Whole Foods Market opened summer 2015. The mall also features an indoor ice skating rink, full service restaurants & food court and the Cobb 12 Movie Theatre www.westfield.com/countryside www.cobbtheatres.com/countryside12

INTERNATIONAL PLAZA MALL & BAY STREET, Tampa

International Plaza, adjacent to Tampa International Airport, is the most distinctive shopping & dining destination on Florida's West Coast. Upscale stores Neiman Marcus, Nordstrom's and Dillard's along with Restoration Hardware, Tiffanys, Louis Vutton, Gucci, Coach, Abercrombie & Fitch and more than 200 specialties shops. Bay Street Entertainment Restaurants & lounges include Cheesecake Factory, Capital Grille, Brio Tuscan Grill, Blue Martini, Bar Louie, Taps and The Pub.

www.shopinternationalplaza.com

JOHN'S PASS VILLAGE & BOARDWALK, Madeira Beach

John's Pass is home to over 100 merchants from beachwear, collectibles, sports gear, souvenirs, restaurants, and activities. With two separate sections a boardwalk area more suited for a clear day and a village area that has two covered levels and tons of shops and activities there is something to do for the whole family rain or shine. www.johnspass.com

WAGON WHEEL FLEA MARKET, Pinellas Park

A covered indoor/open-air flea market with over 2000 exhibitor booths (1300 covered) spread over 125 Acres; 24 concession stands and a giant produce market, there is always something to be found. Sat & Sun 7:30am-4pm http://thewagonwheelfleamarket.com

TAMPA PREMIUM OUTLETS, Lutz

BRAND NEW factory outlet mall north of Tampa, opened Fall 2015. www.premiumoutlets.com

5 FAVORITE BEACH BARS

FRENCHY'S ROCKAWAY GRILL, 7 Rockaway Street, 727-446-4844

The flagship of Frenchy's restaurant empire sits directly on the sand, one of the best spots to have a margarita & grouper sandwich while watching the sun set, well worth the wait for a table on the deck under the umbrellas. Live music nightly, satellite TV to entertain, bare feet & bikinis welcome.

www.frenchysonline.com/locations/frenchys-rockaway

PALM PAVILION, 10 Bay Esplanade, 727-446-2642

An old favorite directly on the beach, enjoy a cool drink & lite bites or a grouper wrap while listening to the evening's guitarist. Check out the early photos of Clearwater Beach and join the applause when the sun sets over the water. www.palmpavilion.com

CRABBY BILL'S BEACHWALK, 333 S. Gulfview Blvd., 727.608.2065

On the Beach Walk promenade just south of the Hyatt, enjoy sunsets from the second floor over the beach. Part of the Crabby Bill's family of restaurants, the menu features the old favorites as well as new creations. http://crabbybills.com/crabbysbarandgrill/index.html

TOUCAN'S, 431 Mandalay Ave., (727) 461-4500

Sports Bar with tons of TVs including 3 mega TVs on the north wall. Wide-ranging menu with all the popular bar offerings... try the Toucan Crunch Chicken Fingers or their Jumbo Wings. Three hi-top tables on the sidewalk allow for great people & traffic watching, live music or DJ on most nights. Open past 2am.

SHEPHARD'S Ocean Flame, Tiki Bar & Wave Night Club, 601-619 S. Gulfview Blvd., 727.441.6875 The area's largest hot and cold All-U-Can Eat buffet, open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. At dinner, pile your plate high with crab legs and slices from the carving station. Lots of choices: salads, sushi, fried chicken, salads, deserts. Eat in or outside over the inlet. Munchies available at the Tiki Bar. Entertainment at 2 different venues: Reggae on the tiki deck and techno-rock DJ in the Wave night club after 10pm Wed-Sun., cover charge. Great people watching! http://www.shephards.com/dining-en.html

5 FAVORITE BOAT RIDES

CAPTAIN MEMO'S PIRATE CRUISE

Relive the days of piracy aboard a 70' custom built Pirate Ship. 2 hours of family fun, games, pirate antics, dolphin watching & gorgeous gulf views. Have your face painted, do the limbo, joust with a scallywag or sit back and enjoy the waves & sunset. Beer, wine, champagne & soft drinks included. www.captmemo.com

LITTLE TOOT TUGBOAT

Climb aboard the Little Toot, an authentic converted 40' tugboat, for an exciting 1½ hour Dolphin Adventure & narrated sightseeing tour of the Gulf of Mexico & Clearwater Harbor. The tug's bow wave attracts dolphins looking to surf, up-close action you can practically touch! www.littletoot.us

MEGABITE

Cruise around Clearwater Harbor looking for dolphins aboard the Mega Bite, the only shark dolphins love! Great photo op inside the menacing big mouth; sunshield and lavatory onboard for your convenience.

Look out JAWS! www.clearwatersharkboat.com

THRILLER

Experience a rush aboard an Offshore Racing Catamaran as it bounds over the gulf waters at a blistering 50MPH on a run up to Caladesi Island. Hold onto your hats as the boat throttles up and the "rooster tail' sprays skyward, the thrill of a lifetime!! www.thrillerclearwater.com

KAI LANI CATAMARAN

Cruise aboard a sleek 50' catamaran on a 2 hour sailing adventure. Designed with comfort in mind, there's plenty of room for sunning or admiring the sights while sipping beer, wine, sangria or soda available from their cash bar. Relax to Jimmy Buffet-style island music, scout for dolphin or watch the sunset melt into the sea. Afternoon and sunset sails. www.kailanicat.com

5 FAVORITE GOLF COURSES

INNISBROOK is one of Florida's most celebrated golf resorts and consistently receives top accolades including Golf Magazine's "Top 100 You Can Play," and Golf Digest's "Top 75 Golf Resorts in America." Home to four outstanding courses, including the top-rated Copperhead course which hosts the PGA TOUR each March, guests experience layouts and scenery more reminiscent of the Carolina sand hills than typical Florida terrain. www.innisbrookgolfresort.com/golf

BAYOU CLUB is a spectacular Tom Fazio designed private golf club rated 4½ stars by Golf Digest that Hyatt is privileged to have access! The classic design makes use of the lush scenery & mature oaks interlaced through a native bayou environment. If you appreciate a classic tree lined course design in PGA Tour quality condition, then it just doesn't get any better than a day at Bayou Club.

www.bayouclubgolf.com

BARDMOOR was once the former site of the PGA & LPGA Tour played by the likes of Watson, Norman and Stewart. This Gary Koch redesigned course boasts exceptional tour-quality conditions and spectacular TifEagle greens that will thrill players of all abilities. Water hazards, bunkers and Florida's natural elements deliver a challenging experience unlike any other. www.bardmoorgolf.com

SEMINOLE LAKE COUNTRY CLUB Be a "Member for the Day", a semi-private course set amongst native Florida landscaping with views and breezes from Long Bayou. Seminole Lake is an enjoyable experience for golfers of all abilities and offers a complete practice facility with a full-length driving range, a chipping & sand practice area and a large putting green. Lunch in the clubhouse included.

www.SeminoleLake.net

DUNEDIN COUNTRY CLUB, located just north of downtown Dunedin, one of the oldest towns on the west coast of Florida, at Dunedin Country Club you'll follow in the footsteps of Snead, Hogan & Jones on this 1927 Donald Ross championship design, original National Headquarters course of the PGA of America from 1945 to 1962. www.dunedingolfclub.com

5 FAVORITE MUSEUMS

DALI MUSEUM This flagship museum welcomes over 200,000 visitors each year from around the world to view the largest collection of Salvatore Dali's work outside of his native Spain. Docent tours arranged in advance by contacting the museum. www.thedali.org

THE CHIHULY COLLECTION Dale Chihuly's unique glass artwork is displayed in a building designed specifically to enhance the exhibition. Works include Ruby Red Icicle Chandelier, MardiGras & Ikebana. Enrich your experience by visiting the Morean Arts Center 'Hot Shop' where glassblowers demonstrate their craft. www.moreanartscenter.org

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS Founded by Margaret Acheson Stuart, the museum reflects her vision of providing outstanding examples of world art in an inviting, elegant setting and has the only comprehensive art collection on Florida's west coast extending from antiquity to the present. The museum has an atrium café and on First Fridays, evening jazz concerts are performed. www.fine-arts.org

MOSI The largest science center in the south & home to an IMAX DomeTheatre, galleries include Kids In Charge!, Children's Science Center, Disasterville featuring WeatherQuest, planetarium and a serene butterfly garden. Exhibits change frequently, check for current displays and promotions. www.mosi.org

GLAZER CHILDREN'S MUSEUM Hands-on, interactive fun for the entire family with over 170 fun & challenging 'interactivities' in 12 themed areas. Pilot a cruise ship, build a noodle sculpture, design a city, fly an airplane, paint with light or slide down a fireman's pole. Fun programs throughout the day, story time, game show, arts & crafts, included with admission. www.glazermuseum.org

5 FAVORITE 'GET WET' THINGS TO DO

CHUTE 'EM UP PARASAILING

Gather your nerve and sail with the seagulls high above the crystal blue gulf waters. You & and up to 2 friends can fly together, depending on weights & wind conditions, and 'chickens' can watch from the boat below if space is available. Departures every 90 minutes beginning @ 10AM, www.proparasail.com

CLEARWATER WAVERUNNERS

Knock around in circles or take a 1½ hr. 'follow-the-leader' island tour aboard Yamaha VX110's. 25yrs. of age w/ Photo ID & Major Credit Card; 16-25yr olds can drive, but must pass a Safe Boater's Exam, have their parent's signature and be accompanied by an adult. Life vests & wetsuits provided. 10AM – 1hour before Sunset www.clearwaterjetskitoursandrentals.com

BOUYAH WATERSPORTS @ HILTON HOTEL

Waverunners, parasailing, banana boat, sea kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, ... they got it all.. and right off the beach! Rent each individually or take advantage of their money-saving All-Inclusive Package to include all of their apparatus to get in a full day out on the water! 10AM – 1hour before Sunset www.hightimesparasailandwatersports.com

PADDLE OUT ADVENTURES

Let Capt. Justin take you aboard his pontoon boat to a safe and secluded area up by Caladesi Island to paddleboard around in calm waters. He takes a maximum of 6 passengers and can custom-tailor a trip so it will be like your own private outing. www.paddleoutadventures.com

SAIL HONEYMOON

Paddleboard, kayak or sail from Honeymoon Island across Hurricane Pass to Caladesi Island, Dr. Beach's #1 Beach for 2009, home to some of the best sea shelling in our area! Located midway out on the Honeymoon Island Causeway, free parking available next to their concessionaire & restrooms.

www.sailhoneymoon.com

5 FAVORITE 'DIFFERENT' THINGS TO DO

THE SEGWAY ADVENTURE

If you've never been on a Segway, here's your chance. After a short intro to make sure you are comfortable handling the vehicle, embark on a tour of Clearwater with highlights including Beachwalk, Memorial Causeway, Coachman Park, stately homes in Harbor Oaks and the crazy 'Corkscrew'. www.thesegwayadventure.com

TAMPA BAY GRAND PRIX

Electric go-karts up to 45mph on a challenging 1/4mile indoor track. 12 lap races with times recorded by a computerized system, at the end of each race, receive a sheet showing your lap times. Junior karts also available, up to 12years, minimum height of 48" - maximum 56". www.tampabaygp.com

SIM CENTER

Simulator center with Boeing 737 jetliner, F-16 & F-35 fighter jets, F-1 racecar and NEW Outer spacecraft. The 2 fighter jet simulators can be linked so 2 pilots can complete a mission together! Whether you're a novice or experienced pilot, a flight instructor will take you through procedures to make sure you are comfortable before take-off and will tailor your session to make the most of your experience. www.simcentertampabay.com

THE HITTING ACADEMY

State-of-the-art indoor & outdoor baseball training facility, the type usually found at a Major League Baseball or university complex, using the most technologically advanced pitching machines available. 6800 sq. ft. Astro-turfed, air conditioned facility & 5,600 sq. ft. outdoor area; oversized batting cages, digital swing analysis, sporting goods shop & lockers. www.thehittingacademy.com/

DERBY LANE GREYHOUND TRACK & POKER ROOM

Since 1925, Art-Deco style, oldest operating dog racing track in the country. Dine in at Circa 1925 Restaurant. Texas Hold'em' Poker Room open late. www.derbylane.com

5 FAVORITE ANIMAL ATTRACTIONS

CLEARWATER MARINE AQUARIUM

Marine rescue center whose stranding response team is one of the nation's most successful. Many of the injured animals are released after rehabilitation, however some remain permanent residents, including Winter, the tail-less dolphin featured in the Warner Bros. movies Dolphin Tale 1 & 2. www.seewinter.com

BUSCH GARDENS

Busch Gardens has attractions based on the African continent with a unique blend of thrilling rides, a zoo, live shows, restaurants, shops & games, Brave the plunge on the floorless roller coaster Sheikra, get washed out on the Tidal Wave or just relax with a cold beer in the Hospitality Room.

www.seaworldparks.com/en/buschgardens-tampa

THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM

One of the top five "Kid-Friendly" aquariums in the country. See exotic leafy sea dragons, touch cow nose rays & bamboo sharks in the touch tank and watch the penguins promenade through the lobby. Kids can cool off outside in the water park and blast water cannons from the pirate ship. An eco-tour of Tampa Bay is also available aboard the Bay Spirit. www.flaquarium.org

LOWRY PARK ZOO

Ranked the #1 Family-Friendly Zoo in the U.S. by Child Magazine, the zoo exhibits more than 2,000 animals and includes a Manatee Hospital, Native Florida Wildlife Center, Asian Gardens, Primate World, Free-Flight Aviaries and the Wallaroo Station children's zoo and kiddie rides. www.lowryparkzoo.com

BIG CAT RESCUE

Sanctuary for abused, abandoned or retired exotic cats that includes tigers, lions, leopards, cougars, bobcats, lynx, ocelots and other threatened or endangered species. Guests are not permitted to wander unescorted; pre-arranged guided tours conducted Mon-Fri @ 3pm and Sat/Sun 10am & 1pm; Kids Tour Sat & Sun @ 9am for children under 10yrs. www.bigcatrescue.org