

Sarasota Area Attractions

There's far more to Sarasota than white sandy beaches. Stroll through an art museum where the Venetian-style architecture is as much an art form as the masterpieces within. Gaze upon rare exotic orchids. Find the perfect gift in one of the most renowned shopping areas in the world. Paddle through lush tropical forests. Listen to a full orchestra ensemble. Make a tee time, or if you prefer, make time for tea. No matter what your distraction from the beach, the Sarasota area has a multitude of activities. See some suggestions from the hotel below. There is more too! Just contact the hotel concierge at 941-388-2161 or go to the link below to view many other choices. (All venues and prices listed are as of February 2009, please check with venues for any changes.)

http://www.sarasotafl.org/things_to_do/

Mote Marine Aquarium-Open 10am – 5pm daily. 2 miles
941-388-2451
Renowned for its research, you can see more than 200 varieties of fish and touch many of these animals in the 30-foot Touch Tank. You may purchase tickets at the Hotel Concierge desk for \$15 adults / \$10 children

Cruise and Discover Marine Tour Boat 2 miles
941-388-4200
Located next to Mote Marine, experience an exciting and educational boat tour guided by an on-board Marine Biologist.

Le Barge Tropical Cruises 2.5 miles
941-366-6116
Daytime and sunset cruises on a floating tropical island!

Towles Court Artist Community 3 miles
941-362-0960
Come visit Sarasota's artist community. Third Friday of each month is an artist walk with refreshments, open studios and music.

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens 3.5 miles
941-366-5731
A supernova in the constellation of botanical gardens. Best known for its living collection of more than 6,000 orchids.
\$17 adults / \$6 ages 6-11

G Wiz Science Museum 3.5 miles
941-906-1851
Hands on science and learning center for kids and their families.
Adults \$9 / Seniors \$8 / Children (3-18) \$6 / Children under 3 are free

Sarasota Jungle Gardens-Open 9am – 5pm daily 4 miles
941-355-5305
A natural paradise... one of the world's most beautiful gardens. Jungle trails, wild animals, tropical birds and flowers make you feel as if you've stepped into another world.
\$14 adult / \$10 children 3-12

Ringling Museum of Art Complex 6 miles
941-359-5700
Known throughout the world for its rich varied collection of predominately Baroque and Italian Renaissance Art. The Ca d'Zan Mansion and Circus Museum are also in this complex.

Sarasota Classic Car Museum-Open 9am – 6pm daily 6 miles
941-355-6228
Come see cars from the 50's, muscle cars and antique cars. Over 100 cars on display at all times.
Adults \$8.50 / Seniors \$7.65 / Ages 13-17 \$5.75 / Ages 6-12 \$4 / Under 6 is free

Historic Spanish Point 9 miles
941-966-5214
This scenic 30-acre peninsula overlooks Little Sarasota Bay. It has the most well-preserved Indian village site in Florida.
Open 9am – 5pm Mon. thru Sat. and 12pm – 5pm Sunday
Adult \$9 / Children (6-12) \$3 / Seniors \$8

Big Cat Habitat 11.5 miles
941-371-6377
A nonprofit haven for exotic cats, bears and native wildlife. Shows every Saturday and Sunday. Gates open at 12:30pm, Demo begins at 1:30pm.
Call for reservations.
Donations of \$20 per adult and \$10 per child minimum.

Myakka River and State Park 17 miles
941-365-0100
Explore Florida's scenic wildlife sanctuary! This park offers daily airboat rides and also features a canopy walkway. The walkway is 100 ft. long and 25 ft. high, and is perfect to observe the delicate ecosystems.
Per vehicle with 2-8 persons \$5

Florida Ever-Glides 4.5 miles
941-363-9556
This Segway tour company offers all kinds of guided rides through historic downtown and out to the beaches. Trips leave at all hours; prices vary with the tour.

The Lido Beach Resort provides a shuttle to St. Armands Circle from 9 AM—9PM.
Set amidst a tropical paradise, St. Armands is an enchanting circle of fine shops and gourmet restaurants. Renowned as a market place with a continental flavor, it is a charming and graceful synthesis of past and present. Lush tropical plantings, courtyards and patios, antique statuary and contemporary architectural design skillfully contribute to an international atmosphere of friendly warmth, enduring elegance, and timeless style. Relax in the restaurants, explore the shops - from trinkets to treasures, gourmet snacks to candlelight feasts, you'll find it all on St. Armands Circle.

Today, more than 130 stores on St. Armands Circle pamper customers from all areas of the United States and many foreign countries, but in the early 1900's, the key was just a mangrove island too far from the small fishing village of Sarasota to attract much attention. For more information on St. Armands Circle go to the link below.

<http://www.starmandscircleassoc.com/about.cfm>