

tampa bay your way!



multicultural visitors guide

restaurants,
entertainment and
historic places



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The *Tampa Bay Your Way Multicultural Guide* offers a handy overview of dining, entertainment, activities, nightlife, shopping and cultural sites in the Tampa Bay area.

We know your time is valuable, so many of the listings focus on downtown Tampa that can easily be reached on foot, automobile or by taxi. Additional listings, provided for the greater Tampa Bay area, are no less important nor intriguing, but a little farther away.

We hope you have a great stay in Tampa Bay!

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greetings

Dear Visitor,

The Tampa Bay Convention and Visitors Bureau is proud of its role as a community leader in the economic development, health and vitality of Hillsborough County and the Tampa Bay area. As the county's official tourism marketing corporation, we create positive economic impact through the visitor industry – an industry that contributes significantly to our community.

The hospitality community extends a warm welcome to all visitors and thanks you for choosing Tampa Bay for your meeting, convention or just to spend time with family and friends. You'll find many things to do here or kick back and do nothing at all. Dining and nightlife are plentiful and music is woven into the very essence of our present and past. In fact, our region offers our visitors the opportunity to explore historic districts rich in Asian, Hispanic and African American culture.

We invite you to explore the pages of this book and discover for yourself the heritage and culture of our Tampa Bay.

Welcome,



W. Paul Catoe

President & CEO

Tampa Bay Convention and Visitors Bureau

813-223-1111





dining and nightlife

dining and nightlife

RESTAURANTS

Algusto Tortilla & Salsa

Mexican

912 W. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa
813-250-3500

Antojos de mi Tierra

Colombian

2302 W. Columbus Dr., Tampa
813-251-9499

Arco Iris Restaurant

Spanish

3328 W. Columbus Dr., Tampa
813-879-1357

Atwater's Cafeteria

Southern

895 22nd Ave. S., St. Petersburg
727-823-7018

Bamboo Club Asian Bistro

Asian

2223 N. West Shore Blvd., Tampa
813-353-0326

Big John's Alabama BBQ

Southern

5707 40th St., Tampa
813-626-9800

Calabash Cafe

Jamaican

3255 W. Cypress St., Tampa
813-873-2520

Carmine's

Spanish

1802 E. 7th Ave., (Ybor City), Tampa
813-248-3834

Cauldron Restaurant

Tampa

Caribbean

2302 7th Ave., (Ybor City), Tampa
813-248-5694

Cephas

Caribbean

1701 E. 4th Ave., (Ybor City), Tampa
813-247-9022

Ceviche Tapas Bar and Restaurant

Spanish

2109 Bayshore Blvd., Tampa
813-250-0203

Columbia Restaurant

Spanish

2117 E. 7th Ave., (Ybor City), Tampa
813-248-4961

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Spanish

4007 Fiesta Plaza, Tampa
813-873-8008

Estela's Mexican Restaurant

Mexican

209 E. Davis Blvd., Tampa
813-251-0558

Frank-El Classic Soul Food

Soul

4812 E. Busch Blvd., Tampa
813-989-3663

Golden Touch Caribbean Restaurant and Bakery

Caribbean

9310 N. Florida Ave., Tampa
813-933-4420

Harbor Club

African-American

915 Grant Ave. E., Tampa
813-932-6712



dining and nightlife

Ichiban Japanese Cuisine & Sushi Bar

Asian
2786 E. Fowler Ave., Tampa
813-978-8095

The Jerk Hut

Caribbean
207 E. Twiggs St., Tampa
813-223-4473

Koba's Japanese Restaurant and Sushi

Asian
2402 S. MacDill Ave., Tampa
813-258-3326

La Ideal

Spanish
2924 W. Tampa Bay Blvd., Tampa
813-870-0150

LaTam at the Centro

Spanish
1913 N. Nebraska Ave., Tampa
223-7338

La Teresita

Spanish
3246 W. Columbus Dr., Tampa
813-879-4909

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1822 E. 7th Ave., (Ybor City), Tampa
813-247-4040

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4302 W. Boy Scout Blvd., Tampa
813-871-3287
www.leeroysselmon.com

Matoi Sushi, Inc.

Asian
602 N. Dale Mabry Hwy., Tampa
813-871-3233

Miguel's Mexican

Mexican
3035 W. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa
813-876-2587

New Soul Cafe

African-American
518 N. Willow Ave., Tampa
813-251-3720

Ratchada Thai Restaurant & Sushi Bar

Asian
270 First Avenue N., St. Petersburg
727-821-7733

Restaurant BT

Asian
1633 W. Snow Ave., (Hyde Park Village), Tampa
813-258-1916

Rice Restaurant & Lounge

Korean and Japanese style buffet
7525 W. Hillsborough Ave., Tampa
813-889-7766

Royal Palace Thai

Asian
811 S. Howard Ave., Tampa
813-258-5893

Seven 17 South

Asian
717 S. Howard Ave., Tampa
813-250-1661

The Shark

African-American
102 N. Tampa St., Tampa
813-273-0970
www.tampashark.com

Spain Restaurant and Tapas Bar

Spanish
513 N. Tampa St., Tampa
813-223-2831

Sumos Thai Café

Asian
301 Twiggs Ave., Tampa
813-849-7866

dining and nightlife

Sukhothai Restaurant

Asian

8201 Dale Mabry Hwy., Tampa

813-933-7990

T.C. Choy's Asian Bistro

Asian

301 S. Howard Ave., Tampa

813-251-1191

Thai Hut Restaurant

Asian

3635 W. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa

813-871-6612

Thailand Restaurant

Asian

5252 S. Dale Mabry Hwy., Tampa

813-837-1793

Thai Island

Asian

210 E. Davis Blvd., Tampa

813-251-9111

Thai Thani Restaurant

Asian

615 Channelside Dr., Tampa

813-228-9200

Trang Viet Cuisine

Vietnamese

1524 E. Fowler Ave., Tampa

813-979-1464

Valencia Garden

Spanish

811 W. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa

813-253-3773

West Tampa Sandwich Shop

Spanish

3904 N. Armenia Ave., Tampa

813-873-7104

Yoko's Japanese Restaurant

Japanese

3217 S. MacDill Ave., Tampa

813-835-4311

NIGHTCLUBS

Bahasa Lounge

2408 W. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa

813-251-3329

Blue Martini

International Plaza

2223 N. West Shore Blvd., Tampa

813-873-2583

Club Mirage

3605 W. Hillsborough Ave., Tampa

813-673-8835

Cotton Club South

2502 N. Albany Ave., Tampa

813-254-1440

The Fox Cool Jazz Club

5401 W. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa

813-289-8446

Good Luck Café (Jazz Club)

1910 E. 7th Ave., (Ybor City), Tampa

813-241-2233

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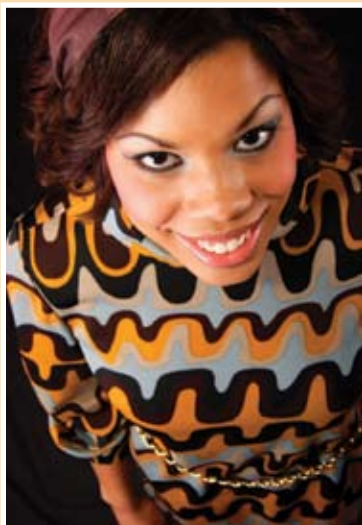
3603 W. Waters Ave., Tampa

813-935-5339

Fuel Channelside

238 S. Franklin St., Tampa

www.fuelgroupinternational.com





arts and
entertainment

ASSOCIATIONS / BUSINESS, CULTURAL, PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Asian-American Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

813-936-5100

www.aacctampabay.org

Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Tampa Bay

813-225-2500

chihpinl@jpfirm.com

Bayanihan Arts & Events Center

14301 Nine Eagles Dr., Tampa

813-925-1232

www.bayanihanartscenter.org

Bam Bam Productions, Inc.

P.O. Box 12835, St. Petersburg

727-323-8588

Chinese-American Association of Tampa Bay

813-974-9563

caat@yahoogroups.com

www.tampabaycaat.org

Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Tampa Bay

813-225-2500

chihpinl@jpfirm.com

www.ccctpb.com

Coda Sound

813-353-8151

maritza@codasoundusa.com

Delite Entertainment

6808 Murray Hill Ct., Tampa

813-971-5900

www.deliteentertainment.com

DJ Papi (Wild Out Entertainment)

813-908-5820

www.djpapi-tampa.com

George Edgecomb Bar Association

www.gebaonline.com

Hillsborough County Asian Affairs

601 E. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa

813-276-8623

E-mail: [Springsteenk@](mailto:Springsteenk@hillsboroughcounty.org)

hillsboroughcounty.org

Hispanic Alliance of Tampa Bay

813-505-6351

www.alianzahispanadetampa.org

Hispanic Professional Women's Association

813-877-5880

Krewe of the Knights of Sant'Yago

www.kreweofsantyago.com

Kuumba Dancers & Drummers

813-223-9369

www.kuumbadancers.com

Musikong Kawayan Bamboo Orchestra

14310 Nine Eagles Dr., Tampa

813-925-1232

www.nhick.com/musikongkawayan

NAACP

308 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.,
Tampa

813-234-8683

www.hillsboroughnaacp.com



Oasis Flamenco

16085 Dawnview Dr., Tampa

813-962-3696

Sandra@iloveflamenco.com

100 Black Men of Tampa Bay

3837 Northdale Blvd. #165, Tampa

813-636-6687

www.100bmtb.org

Philippine-American Chamber of Commerce

3105 W. Waters, #107, Tampa

813-936-5100

www.paccoftampabay.com

Philippine Cultural Foundation, Inc.

14301 Nine Eagles Dr., Tampa

813-925-1232

www.pcfittampa.org

Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce of the Gulf Coast

www.puertoricanchamber.net

813-884-0267

Spanish Lyric Theatre

2819 Safe Harbour Dr., Tampa

813-936-0217

www.spanishlyrictheatre.com

Spiritual Renaissance Singers of Tampa

813-988-0133

Sing2day@aol.com

The Studio @ 620

620 First Ave. S., St. Petersburg

727-895-6620

www.thestudioat620.com

Suncoast Association of Chinese Americans

www.tampabaysaca.org

Tampa Bay Chinese Community

813-973-3579

contact@tampabaychinese.s5.com

www.tampabaychinese.s5.com

Tampa Bay Hispanic Bar Association

813-273-0050

Email: tampabayhba@yahoo.com

Tampa Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

813-414-9411

www.tamphispanicchamber.com

Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc.

www.tamphispanic.com

Tampa Organization of Black Affairs

813-874-8622

www.toba-network.org

Taiwanese Association of Tampa Bay

Fellow Taiwanese Tianba

P.O. Box 15695, Tampa

813-988-4544

Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce of Tampa Bay

727-796-4489

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Ybor City Chamber of Commerce

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813-248-3712

www.ybor.org

PLACES OF INTEREST / MUSEUMS

Black History & Art Museum

Paradise Missionary Baptist Church

1112 E. Scott St., Tampa

Call ahead for available times.

813-728-4676

Centro Asturiano

1913 N. Nebraska Ave., Tampa

813-229-2214

www.centroasturianotampa.org

Dorothy Thompson African-American Museum

1505 N. Madison Ave., Clearwater

Open by appt. 727-447-1037

Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American Museum

2240 9th Ave. S., St. Petersburg

727-323-1104

Dr. Walter Smith Library

905 North Albany Road, Tampa

813-254-0605

El Círculo Cubano de Tampa

2010 Avenida República de Cuba,

(Ybor City), Tampa

813-248-2954

www.cubanclub.org



El Centro Español de Tampa

Now part of Centro Ybor

1526-36 7th Ave., (Ybor City), Tampa

Jose Martí Park

1303 E. 8th Ave., (Ybor City), Tampa

Pinellas County African American History Museum & Research Center

1101 Marshall St., Clearwater

727-532-1698

Rogers Park Golf Course

7911 N. Willie Black Dr., Tampa

813-356-1670

www.rogersparkgc.com

Sociedad La Unión Martí-Maceo

1226 7th Ave., (Ybor City), Tampa

813-974-0777

Ybor City State Museum

1818 E. 9th Ave., (Ybor City), Tampa

813-247-6323

www.ybormuseum.org



Tampa Bay's Diverse History

african-american

The first black man to arrive at Tampa Bay was probably a Moorish explorer and scout, Estevenico, or Little Steven, who arrived in 1528 with the expedition of Spain's Panfilo de Narvaez near what is now known as Madeira Beach on the Gulf of Mexico in Pinellas County. Centuries later, slaves who fled the plantations elsewhere in the South came to the relatively uncharted land of Florida, took up with Seminole Indians to battle white settlers and soldiers – and later came to be called the Black Seminoles.

The first person buried in Tampa's historic downtown cemetery, Oaklawn, was a slave identified only by the name of the family that owned him, the Lesley family. When freedom came, blacks lived just on the edge of downtown, in a place called The Scrub. But others built their own community several miles east of the city, Bealsville, which is named for one of its founding families.

The cities of Tampa and St. Petersburg were both built on the backs of their African American residents. Longshoremen worked the port of Tampa, and porters manned the trains that passed through Union Station. Blacks were drawn to St. Petersburg to work building the railroad or serving as domestics at the city's many resort hotels.

Afro-Cubans were among those drawn to Tampa to work in its cigar factories, beginning in the 1880s. They worked side by side with the Spanish, Italians and white Cubans, but segregation forced them to organize their own mutual aid society -- like those established for the other cigar workers -- called the Sociedad La Union Marti-Maceo club.



And hundreds of Buffalo Soldiers came to Tampa with Teddy Roosevelt to set out to free Cuba during the Spanish-American War, but the black soldiers had to live in segregated camps.

Tampa and St. Petersburg were flourishing at the start of the 20th century, but Jim Crow was unyielding. In St. Petersburg, blacks were barred from sitting on the famed green benches that lined the downtown streets where white tourists strolled. In Tampa, entertainment figures as famed as Cab Calloway and Ella Fitzgerald stayed in downtown's Jackson House, a home converted to a rooming house for black travelers who had no place else to spend a night.

But the black communities on opposite sides of Tampa Bay each had thriving business districts in the Jim Crow years and beyond. In Tampa, it was a stretch of Central Avenue, between Cass Street and 7th Avenue. In St. Petersburg, it was on 22nd Street S which locals nicknamed, simply, The Deuces. These streets bustled with restaurants, night clubs, movie theatres and other stores. Sadly, much of what was once there is gone -- the result of neglect and urban renewal. But efforts are now underway to bring that past back to life.

Integration took place in Tampa Bay in the 1960s. Schools integrated in the early '70s. As the region and the rest of Florida exploded in the years that followed, blacks were among the thousands who left the Northeast and Midwest Rustbelt looking for better weather, and more importantly, better opportunities.

asian-american

Old census records show a few Chinese in Tampa in the 1890s. One was registered to vote. Another ran a laundry. A Chinese Baptist Mission operated on Seventh Avenue in Ybor City. But Asians did not come to Tampa in large numbers until the 1970s. Some were drawn by the chance to study and work at our universities. Many Vietnamese came fleeing war and political upheaval. Many of the American servicemen returned with Asian wives, and others came to be with family who had already migrated here. But most Asians came to Tampa from other states for the same reason so many other people did: for a better life in the sunshine.

Today, an estimated 55,000 Asians live in Tampa and surrounding Hillsborough County. They represent 14 ethnic groups and have their roots in China, Taiwan, Korea, Japan, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Laos Thailand, Myanmar, Cambodia, Philippines, Malaysia, Pakistan, and Indonesia.

hispanic

Tampa's Hispanic heritage is as rich as the café solo – strong black coffee – that you'll find in the city's Latin restaurants.

The history begins in 1528 with the arrival of the Spanish explorer Panfilo de Narvaez and Hernando de Soto 11 years later. The Spaniards christened Tampa Bay La Bahia del Spiritu Santo, or the Bay of the Holy Spirit. When American soldiers arrived 300 years later to build the outpost eventually known as Fort Brooke, they found a settlement called Spanish Town Creek in what is now one of the city's most historic and upscale neighborhoods, Hyde Park.

But the heart and soul of Tampa's Hispanic story began in 1885, when cigar maker Vicente Martinez Ybor decided to move his cigar making operations from Key West to Tampa. Cuban and Spanish, as well as Italian, cigar workers quickly followed. By 1900, the cigar workers of Ybor City had rolled millions of cigars, and a vibrant community came alive along Seventh Avenue or *La Setima*.

The cigar business was so good that it spread to West Tampa. At its height, Tampa had 200 cigar factories. And the business was the city's economic engine that turned an outpost in the Florida swamp into a real city.



The cigar workers opened their own mutual aid societies to maintain their ethnic identity and care for each other. These clubs even offered their members medical services. The clubs included Centro Espanol, Centro Asturiano, El Circulo Cubano, L-Unione Italiana, and for Afro

Cubans who were marginalized by segregation, Club Marti Maceo. The cigar workers brought with them passionate political views. Strikes were not uncommon in the factories. The city came to be known as "the cradle of Cuban liberty" because so many cigar workers

contributed to the cause of Cuban independence from Spanish. Cuba's foremost revolutionary of the time, Jose Marti, frequently visited Ybor City to speak on behalf of the cause for freedom, and his orders to start the uprising in 1895 were rolled up in a Tampa cigar and smuggled to



Cuba. In 1898, when the United States went to war against Spain – that ultimately led to Cuban independence that Marti fought so hard for – the fight was launched from Tampa's shores. Teddy Roosevelt stayed in what was then the fabulous Tampa Bay Hotel – now the main building of the University of Tampa on the Hillsborough River, and his Rough Riders stayed near Fort Homer Hesterly.

The cigar business, that earned Tampa the moniker Cigar City, thrived until the 1930s. Continual labor unrest and the arrival of machines that could make in a minute what men and women made with care by hand sent the industry into a spin.

But the descendants of the cigar workers remained, assimilated and prospered. You don't have to go very far to meet someone whose grandparents worked in the cigar factories and who still speaks Spanish – and maybe Italian as well. This first generation of Hispanics prefer to call themselves Latin, not Hispanic.

But they have welcomed into Tampa the second wave of Hispanic arrivals. The Hispanic population of the bay area more than tripled by the start of the 21st century – by the arrival of people from other Hispanic communities in the U.S., and from virtually every country in central and south America, as well as the largely Mexican migrant workers who work on farms east of Tampa.

Ybor City changed, too. It fell into neglect in the years after the collapse of the cigar industry. Some of the neighborhood was demolished in the name of urban renewal and interstate construction. But revival eventually came. The neighborhood was put on the National Register of Historic Places. Artists discovered the funky appeal of the largely abandoned Seventh Avenue, but they were displaced by developers who brought restaurants, nightclubs, and new housing to the neighborhood, the new Ybor.

To find just about anything you need with an Hispanic flavor, simply drive down Armenia Ave. or Columbus Drive between MacDill and Dale Mabry.

historic places

Tampa - Hillsborough County

North Franklin Street Historic District

Roughly bordered by Florida Ave., E. Fortune St., Franklin St. and E. Harrison St., Tampa

813-274-5690

A sparsely settled area of private wood frame dwellings and businesses, this neighborhood formed around 1900 and reached its peak during the 1930s. A segregated area until the 1960s, the F.W. Woolworth Department store was located at the corner of Franklin and Polk Streets and was the site of sit-ins in late February 1960 by the NAACP and students from Tampa's Middleton and Blake High Schools and from Booker T. Washington Junior High School. Today the building is vacant but has been designated a local historic structure and is scheduled for redevelopment as a residential unit.

Central Avenue

Most of the structures that comprised the city's historically black business district, from Cass Street to Seventh Avenue, are gone now, the result of neglect, urban renewal and fires set during a civil rights disturbance in 1968. But memories remain vivid of restaurants and movie theaters, nightclubs and offices.

Helping Hand Day Nursery

6406 N. 43rd St., Tampa

813-622-7500

Some of Tampa's best known political figures were students here. The nursery began in 1924 and thrived in the city's historically black business district, along Central Avenue.



La Union Marti-Maceo

1226 E. 7th Ave., Tampa

813-223-6188

The club, which was founded in 1900, provided medical and other support services to the Afro-Cuban cigar workers who were barred

historic places

by the practice of segregation of participating in the other Spanish and Italian clubs that cared for Ybor City's cigar workers. The club was named for Cuban patriot Jose Marti, who was white, and General Antonio Maceo, who was black, both were killed in the mid-1890s.

St. Paul AME Church

506 E. Harrison St., Tampa
813-318-0816

The church dates back to 1870. It was the setting for many gatherings of civil rights campaigners, and the church has preserved its rich history with photographs of many people who visited and served there.

St. Peter Claver School

1401 Governor St., Tampa
813-224-0865



The school, opened in 1894 in downtown, was burned down by white supremacists a year after it opened. It was rebuilt in its present location and remains the oldest black school in the county.



Oaklawn Cemetery

Morgan and Jefferson Streets,
Tampa
813-274-8615

Opened in 1859, this was Tampa's first public cemetery. Perhaps its most remarkable grave is that of the white man, John Ashley, the city's first

clerk, and his black slave Nancy, who lived as common-law husband wife, are buried here together.

historic places

The Jackson House

851 Zack St., Tampa

813-274-5690

The house was built around 1900 as a family's home, but it was eventually transformed into a 24 room hotel for black visitors who, no matter how celebrated there were, could not get a room elsewhere in town.

Belmont Heights Little League

2101 E. Martin Luther King Blvd., Tampa

Where Dwight Gooden, Floyd Youmans, Vance Lovelace, Gary Sheffield and Derek Bell learned to play the game.



Plant City

Bing Rooming House

205 Allen St., Plant City

813-737-3245 (private)

The rooming house was built in 1926 as a welcome rest for black travelers. The Bing family continued to run the rooming house until 1975. Plans call for it to be turned into a community museum displaying local African American history and artifacts.

Bealsville

Glover School

5104 Horton Rd., Plant City

813-737-3245

This part of Hillsborough County, seven miles south of Plant City, was settled in 1865 by freed slaves. The first of five churches, Antioch Baptist, was opened in 1868, and a wooden one room school house was built in 1933. Two other buildings were added in the 1940s, but the school was eventually closed. It operates today as a community center. Take Hwy. 60 east from Brandon and just before you reach the Polk County line, Bealsville will be to your north.

historic places

Pinellas County

Mt. Olive AME Church

600 Jones St., Clearwater

727-443-2142

This church, built in 1913 in the Gothic Revival style, is on the site of the original church, Mt. Olive AME, built in 1896.

1915 Union Academy

Heritage Village

11909 125th Street N., Largo

727-582-2123

This school, moved to its current site from Tarpon Springs, was one of the first “Negro schools” built in Pinellas County.

Bethel AME Church

912 3rd Ave. N., St. Petersburg

727-235-3458

This is the first and oldest continuing predominantly African-American church and denomination in the city. The church was such a fixture of the community around it that the neighborhood came to be known as Methodist Town, a name that stuck until the mid '70s.

Johnnie Ruth Clark Health Center at the Historic Mercy Hospital Campus

1344 22nd St. S., St. Petersburg

The community center is on the site of St. Petersburg's only hospital for blacks, Mercy Hospital, which operated from 1923 until 1966. The hospital was the site for numerous civil rights demonstrations on behalf of better health care for blacks in the 1960s.

historic places

Royal Theatre

1022 22nd St. S., St. Petersburg

727-327-6556

This movie theater, in the heart of what is now called Midtown, the city's historically black business district, was one of only two for blacks. The theater was in business from 1948 through 1966 and is now a community center with an emphasis on the arts.

Manhattan Casino

642 22nd Street S., St. Petersburg

727-893-7539

Although now closed for public use and owned by the city of St. Petersburg, the casino was the place to go to see the greatest black entertainers when they came to town – people such as Fats Waller, Count Basie and Nat King Cole. It closed as a theatre in 1966 and housed several small businesses until the 1990s. The city is searching for a major tenant to take over the property.

Trinity Presbyterian Church/ Happy Workers Day Care

902 19th Street So., St. Petersburg

727-894-5337

The church, that opened in 1928, and the day care facility, that opened a year later, played an important part of the life of this part of south St. Petersburg.

Rose Cemetery, Tarpon Springs

Jasmine Ave., off Keystone Rd., Tarpon Springs

The cemetery is a collection of unmarked plots that are being researched. So far, just one grave has been identified – containing the remains of J. Richard Quarls, a black man who joined the Confederate Army and served in the Civil War. A marker at his grave site was placed in 2003.



events calendar

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JANUARY

Annual National Martin Luther King Jr. Battle of the Bands and Drum Line Extravaganza

Tropicana Field, St. Petersburg
727-327-0085

Annual National Martin Luther King Jr. Drum Major for Justice Parade

Downtown St. Petersburg
727-327-0085

Martin Luther King Day Parade

North Blvd. behind the University of Tampa, Tampa

Tampa Bay Black Heritage Festival

Tampa Bay Convention and Visitors Bureau
888-224-1733 x143
www.tampablackheritage.org

Three Kings Festival

Ybor City Centennial Park, Tampa

FEBRUARY

Black History Month/ Ebony Fashion Show & Black History Pageant

727-893-7465
www.stpete.org/events.htm



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Celebrating the Community / City of Tampa Black History

813-274-8975

Florida African American Heritage Celebration

Heritage Village at Pinewood Cultural Park
11909 125th St. N., Largo
727-582-2123

Fiesta Day

Ybor City, Tampa

Flan Festival

Ybor City Centennial Park, Tampa
813-241-2442

Hillsborough County African-American Celebration

813-276-2637

Knights of Sant' Yago Night Parade

Ybor City, Tampa



events calendar

APRIL

Asia Fest

Channelside, Tampa
813-276-8623

Carnival Tampa

Florida State Fairgrounds, Tampa
813-770-2449
www.carnivaltampa.com

Festa Italiana

Ybor City Centennial Park, Tampa
www.festaitalianatampa.com

PhilFest

14301 Nine Eagles Dr., Tampa
813-925-1232

Puerto Rican Cultural Parade of Tampa

Curtis Hixon Park, downtown Tampa
813-949-2048

MAY

Historic Central Avenue Expo

Perry Harvey Park, Tampa
813-274-5833

Florida Emancipation Day Celebration

City of Tampa
813-276-2637

JUNE

Tampa Bay Caribbean Carnival

Vinoy Park, St. Petersburg
www.tampacarnival.com
727-327-1277

Juneteeth

100 Black Men of Tampa Bay
www.100bmtb.org

Juneteenth

Campbell Park & Community Center
601 14th Street S., St. Petersburg
727-743-6792
www.juneteeth-stpete.org

OCTOBER

Hispanic Heritage Month

Festival del Sabor

Ybor City Centennial Park, Tampa

NOVEMBER

Arte07

Tampa Bay's Festival of the Americas
Venues throughout Tampa Bay area

China Expo

www.ccctpb.com

Cigar Heritage Festival

Ybor City Centennial Park, Tampa

Conga Caliente

Al Lopez Park, Tampa



DECEMBER

Langston Hughes Black Nativity: a Gospel Song Play

Palladium Theater
253 5th Ave. N., St. Petersburg
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www.floridabuddhistvihara.org

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Masses in Spanish
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