



Experience the Many Family-Friendly Attractions in St. Petersburg/Tampa

Busch Gardens

Famous for its thrill rides and variety of wildlife, Busch Gardens Tampa is a perfect place for families to visit. Since the opening of SheKra in 2005, Busch Gardens Tampa offers a total of 4 intensive rides for rollercoaster enthusiasts. SheKra is one of the top-rated roller coasters in Florida. Its floorless train drops 90 degrees down, then into an Immelmann loop, creating a thrilling experience unique to the Busch Gardens.

Busch Gardens Tampa also features a range of Animal Attractions for everyone to enjoy. Some of the popular Animal Attractions include; Bird Gardens, Edge of Africa, Rhino Rally, and Jambo Junction where guests are invited to participate in animal feedings, lessons in husbandry, and behavior training.

Adventure Island

To take advantage of the Florida Sunshine, visit Tampa Bay's Adventure Island. 30-acres of water-soaked attractions provide great options for guests to relax or play. Many of the attractions and rides allow families to spend quality time together during their visit.

Some of the popular family-friendly attractions are; the Endless Surf, Paradise Lagoon, and Rambling Bayou. The Endless Surf is a breathtaking 17,000-square foot wave pool that creates waves up to five feet high every few minutes. Children's water paradise, the Paradise Lagoon, is a tropical scene adventure featuring a jump-off cliff, swing vine, cool pool, slides, waterfalls, and more. For a super relaxing experience, grab a tube and float through the Rambling Bayou. Enjoy the beautiful view of the colorful rainforest and cool mist while you take a break from the adventure.

Big cat rescue

A cat lovers' dream come true, the Big Cat Rescue, is a non-profit educational sanctuary providing homes to a diverse population of exotic wild cats. Some species include tigers, lions, liger, leopards, cougars, bobcats, lynx, ocelots, and caracals. Visitors to the Big Cat Rescue will be able to experience an exceptional guided tour and observe the rescued cats up close. Although there is no physical interaction with the animals, guests will be able to obtain precious information about each of the animals, only available at the Big Cat Rescue. Since many of the rescued species are endangered or extinct, a visit to the Big Cat Rescue will be certainly valuable.

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Florida Aquarium

Located in downtown Tampa, Florida Aquarium is a fun destination with many family-friendly activities. Children can enjoy *Explore A Shore*, a 2-acre outdoor water adventure zone featuring slides, a sandcastle, and a two-story pirate ship. Or look through a telescope for dolphins, manatees, and sharks. There are activities for the toddlers as well, while parents relax under the shade.

Ranked among the top 10 Aquariums in the country and top 5 Kids-friendly Aquariums, the Florida Aquarium exhibits more than 20,000 aquatic plants and animals. Galleries are laid out to show the journey of a drop of water from the Florida springs out to the open ocean. Guests will encounter many types of unique sea creatures in the Wetlands, Bays & Beaches, Coral Reef, and Ocean Commotion galleries.

Other fun activities include; Penguin Promenade, Behind the Scenes Tour, Dive with the Sharks, Swim with the Fishes, Wild Dolphin Encounters, and much more.

Ft. DeSoto Park

Ft. DeSoto Park has been named America's Top beach for two consecutive years. The park is open from 7am until dark, and fishing piers are open 24 hours a day with free admission. Beach facilities such as outdoor showers, canoe and kayak rental, campground, and picnic tables are provided for guests' convenience. There are sidewalks connecting all areas of the park, perfect for hiking or biking.

Ft. DeSoto Park includes five islands totaling 1,136 acres of land. It is the biggest park in the Pinellas County Park system. Plenty of free parking is available for visitors. There are many trees and grassy areas as well, perfect for picnics or for children to play. Pet lovers are welcome to the north of the Bay pier area that has a fenced dog playground.

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