

Things to Do: St. Pete Beach

For attendees who have spare time between meetings or have the family in tow, there's plenty to explore: award-winning beaches, major museums, one-of-a-kind shops, famous attractions and more.

No matter where in the area they're staying, memorable attractions and activities are abundant and easily accessible.

ST. PETERSBURG & SOUTHERN COMMUNITIES



1. Explore Downtown St. Pete

The area's cultural hub is home to several museums, galleries, chic boutiques and a range of dining and nightlife spots, from upscale bistros and trendy lounges to casual cafes. Parks and marinas line the scenic bayfront. The new Dali Museum and the one-of-a-kind Chihuly Collection are

two internationally renowned art attractions.

2. Stroll John's Pass Village & Boardwalk

In the small but lively beach town of Madeira Beach, this waterfront entertainment complex – styled like a rustic fishing village – is the place for strolling, shopping, waterfront dining and on-the-water excursions. Eating ice-cream on the boardwalk while watching for dolphins is a classic pastime here.

3. Relax at the Lobby Bars of Grande Dame Resorts

Unwind with a cocktail at the area's most famous, most distinctive resorts: the Renaissance Vinoy Resort & Club in downtown St. Pete and the Don CeSar Beach Resort, A Loews Hotel on St. Pete Beach. Besides great service and impeccable libations, these classy, pink-hued properties feature elegant Mediterranean Revival architecture and alluring 1920s ambiance.

CLEARWATER & NORTHERN COMMUNITIES



4. See Winter the Dolphin at Clearwater Marine Aquarium

The Clearwater Marine Aquarium – a fully operational marine hospital and aquarium – is the home of world-famous Winter the Dolphin, the dolphin with a prosthetic tail. Winter's incredible survival story made news around the world and inspired millions, and it's also the basis of the major motion picture *Dolphin Tale*.

5. Stroll and Shop in Dunedin

The city has Scottish roots and a quaint, walkable downtown with independent shops, restaurants, a brewery, a waterfront park and access to the Pinellas Trail, a multi-use recreational trail.

6. Go Greek in Tarpon Springs

Greek culture reigns in this historic waterfront town. Explore the sponge docks, shops and authentic Greek restaurants along Dodecanese Boulevard. Natural sea sponges and olive oil soap are some of the area's most popular souvenirs



BEACHES & BARRIER ISLANDS



7. Visit One of America's Best Beaches: Fort De Soto Park

The park's beautiful North Beach was voted America's #1 Beach in 2005 and TripAdvisor's #1 Beach in 2008 and 2009. Besides the amazing shoreline, the park is packed with options for enjoying nature, including kayaking, fishing, biking, hiking, birding and more.

8. Explore the Historic Beach Town of Pass-a-Grille

This tucked-away beach town at the tip of St. Pete Beach is popular for its laid-back and less commercial appeal. The Hurricane is a popular place for enjoying seafood and sunsets.

9. Experience Famous Clearwater Beach

The area's most active beach town offers fun in the sun for all ages. On and around the scenic Beach Walk promenade, find beach volleyball, casual seafood restaurants, souvenir shopping and energetic nightlife. Try to catch the nightly sunset festival at Pier 60, featuring street performers, vendors and family-friendly entertainment.

10. Visit Beautiful, Undeveloped Islands

Caladesi Island State Park has one of the area's most spectacular beaches. Visitors will find a serene shoreline, ultra-clear water, nature trails, kayak rentals, a small café and more. The island is accessible via the ferry from nearby Honeymoon Island State Park, which is home to a beautiful, crowd-free beach of its own.

