

## Island of St. Pete Beach

### Location

Annually voted as one of TripAdvisor's best beaches in the U.S., including #3 in 2017 and known as the "Sunset Capital of Florida," the island of St. Pete Beach is home to both TradeWinds Island Resorts – the TradeWinds Island Grand and RumFish Beach Resort by TradeWinds. Located on the Pinellas County peninsula on Florida's central west coast, just 30 minutes from Tampa, the island of St. Pete Beach is bordered on the east by Boca Ciega Bay and the Intracoastal Waterway and on the west by the Gulf of Mexico. St. Pete Beach provides a true island ambiance with quick access to everything the Tampa Bay area offers, as well as the surrounding major metropolitan areas. The Interstate exit for the TradeWinds is the quickest beach exit from the Tampa International Airport.

### Top-Rated Beaches

The St. Petersburg/Clearwater area is home to America's award-winning beaches, including Caladesi Island State Park – named #9 in 2016 (#1 in 2008) by Coastal Geologist, Dr. Stephen Leatherman, aka "Dr. Beach." Fort De Soto Park – a pristine, seven-mile beach just minutes from the TradeWinds – was also #1 in America in 2005 and has been recognized as the nation's "Best Family Beach" by Parents magazine.

### Average Temperature

Winter	High: 71°	Low: 50°
Spring	High: 82°	Low: 61°
Summer	High: 90°	Low: 73°
Fall	High: 83°	Low: 65°

The Guinness Book of Records credits St. Petersburg with the most consecutive days of sunshine – 768 to be exact – from Feb.9, 1967 to Mar. 17, 1969.

### Air Travel Access

#### Tampa International Airport

Tampa International Airport is consistently ranked among the world's top airports, serving nearly 19-million passengers with routes to more than 80 destinations around the world. In the past few years, the airport has received top awards on the state, national and international levels, including being named the No. 2 domestic airport in reader polls by both Travel + Leisure

magazine and Condé Nast Traveler. CNN also listed TPA as the only U.S. airport among ten of the world's most loved airports. Tampa International recently broke ground on the largest construction program in airport history as it expands its main terminal and builds a 1.4-mile people mover extending to a new, state-of-the-art rental car facility.

TPA is located 30 minutes from the resort, and offers extensive ground transportation, including most rental car companies, commercial taxi and shuttle companies.

### **St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport**

Located just 25 minutes from the resort, the St. Petersburg-Clearwater airport is serviced by several different international and domestic airline carriers and offers more than 50 direct flights from around the U.S. Car rental, shuttle and taxi transfers are available.

Both airports offer multiple direct flights daily from major and secondary cities.

## **Car Travel Access**

Located just 10 minutes off I-275 at Exit 17, St. Pete Beach is easily accessible from both I-75 and I-4.

30 minutes from Tampa  
90 minutes from Orlando  
Four-and-a-half hours from Miami

Rental car service is conveniently located at the TradeWinds Island Grand Resort.

## **Side Trips**

**Downtown Museums, Shopping & Dining** – Explore the world-renowned Dali museum - dubbed as “one of the top buildings you have to see before you die” by *AOL Travel News*, the Museum of Fine Arts, the Chihuly Collection at the Morean Arts Center and the Florida Holocaust Museum; all within walking distance of each other or a short trolley ride in downtown St. Petersburg. Spend a few hours exploring the downtown waterfront—complete with eclectic murals, trendy shops, multiple breweries and restaurant row where visitors can savor the flavors of the area in sidewalk cafes and unique restaurants.

**Clearwater Marine Aquarium** – About 30 minutes from the TradeWinds is the home of Winter and Hope, two of the area’s most famous residents and stars of the “Dolphin Tale” movies. The Clearwater Marine Aquarium is a nonprofit working marine rescue center that is home to rescue dolphins, sea turtles, river otters, stingrays, nurse

sharks and more. Guests can spend the day visiting animal exhibits or hop on a boat tour to explore the life aquatic.

**Tarpon Springs** – Spend the day in the Greek community of Tarpon Springs, where you can experience Greek traditions and history, authentic Mediterranean meals, and sponge diving demonstrations, or relax while hunting for the perfect souvenir.

**Sporting Events** – Catch the excitement at one of many professional sports in the area, including Tampa Bay Buccaneer’s Football, Tampa Bay Rays Baseball and Tampa Bay Lightning Hockey – all within a half-hour of the resort.

**Get Outdoors** – The St. Petersburg area is home to many outdoor adventures ranging from biking the 47-mile Pinellas Trail and speed boating in Tierra Verde to horseback riding on the beach and kayaking the mangrove-lined waters around Fort De Soto Park.

**Tampa** – Experience the excitement of Busch Gardens theme park, the Florida Aquarium and the Museum of Science and Industry. When night falls, catch a play at the world-class David A. Straz Jr. Center for the Performing Arts or enjoy dinner and live music at one of more than 50 bars and restaurants in the popular historic district and former “Cigar Capital of the World,” Ybor City.

**Orlando** – The TradeWinds Island Resorts are located within two hours of many of Florida’s most thrilling attractions, including the Walt Disney World theme parks, Universal Studios parks, SeaWorld Adventure Parks and LEGOLAND.

## Reservations

### TradeWinds Island Resorts

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