

Welcome!



HIGHLIGHTS

Location:

Sarasota, Florida 34243
Manatee County

Number of bedrooms:

Four, sleeps 10

Number of bathrooms:

Three

More:

Heated saltwater pool,
luxury linens, beach
equipment, yard games,
recreation room, baby gear
and more!

Explore Florida from our Saltwater Siesta!

Welcome to Florida! We hope your stay here is restful and fun. We are so excited you've chosen to stay at our home!

While Florida is known for its sunshine and beautiful beaches, we encourage you to take advantage of the great food and the awesome local attractions while you're here. We love our Florida home and want you to love it too.

We've listed some of our favorite recommendations in this booklet but are happy to add to it if you're looking for anything specific during your stay. You will find a lot more information at our home once you arrive, also. Feel free to message us at any time leading up to or during your stay. We're here to help! Make memories to last a lifetime!

Jason and Stephanie

Check in and out

Check in:

- Enter our home through the front door of the property with the keypad lock. To unlock, enter the **last 4 digits** to the phone number you used when booking your reservation.
- To lock, press the **lock icon** in the lower right corner of the keypad.
- **Wifi:** (given at check in)
- Passcode: (given at check in)
- Smart Roku **TV** - Log into your own streaming accounts. Be sure to enter your check out date and the tv will automatically log you out of your accounts upon check out.
- The Smart **Thermostat** is located in the living room.
- Please find all amenities in our home for your use. If you need anything, please reach out.
- Find more about our home and local area information including safety, emergency and our recommendations throughout this packet. We also have much more information and numerous pamphlets and maps for you to reference waiting for you when you check in.

Check out:

- *Do not* strip the **beds!**
- Place **used towels** in the showers.
- Please start the **dishwasher**.
- Throw out all **perishable foods**.
- Dump used **coffee** grounds.
- Place all **trash** and recycling in bins.
- Double check you gather all **your belongings**.
- Close and lock all **doors** behind you.
- **Travel safely!** And come back soon!

About us

Florida sunshine, sandy toes, salty hair and warm hearts! What more can you ask for? Florida has been our second home and we've been making family memories here for more than 30 years! We are a family of 5 and every time we visit we find more things we love about the Florida lifestyle.

During your stay:

If you have any special requests, please let us know and we will try our absolute best to accommodate you.

Website:

gemstonegetaways.net



Emergency info:

*Dial 911

Sarasota Memorial Hospital
1700 S Tamiami Trl Sarasota, FL

Anything else:

A fire blanket, fire extinguisher, and first aid kit are located under the kitchen sink along with any cleaning supplies you may need. Extra linens and toiletries are located in the bathrooms, laundry room, or closets.



Jason, Stephanie & family

ABOUT OUR HOME

- There are child safety alarms on each exit door to the pool area. Be sure to *arm or disarm* them to suit your situation best. These are for child safety.
- Our driveway has room for 2 vehicles.
- We adore our neighbors. Please limit extra noise after 9 pm.
- No smoking in the house or inside the lanai please.
- Please find board games, color books, Sudoku, and cards in the drawer under the TV console in the living room.
- Please report any mishaps or damages to us as soon as possible. This allows us to make arrangements to replace or service the issue as soon as we can and make your stay as comfortable as possible.
- Please leave our home tidy upon check out.
- The guests on your reservation are the only guests allowed in our home unless previously discussed. No parties please. This is for insurance and safety reasons.
- No pets of any kind, unless previously discussed.

SALTWATER POOL SAFETY

- Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times when in the pool area.
- Please leave all glass inside the house and only use non-breakables outside by the pool for the safety of all our feet!
- Please use swim diapers in the pool.
- Please, stay safe. No diving. Swim at your own risk.
- Our cleaners skim the pool between checkins and our pool maintenance is completed weekly.

BENEFITS OF SALTWATER POOL:

PROMOTES HEALTHY BREATHING,
GENTLE ON EYES AND
SKIN, RELIEVES SORE MUSCLES AND
JOINTS, REDUCES STRESS AND
ANXIETY, BETTER FOR THE
ENVIRONMENT.

Emergency Medical Information



Hospitals:

Sarasota Memorial Hospital ER (7 miles)

1700 S Tamiami Trl Sarasota, FL

HCA Florida Blake Hospital (8.4 miles)

2020 59th St W Bradenton, FL

Urgent Care:

Bayshore Urgent Care (3.4 miles)

941-909-7900

308 53rd Ave E Bradenton, FL 34203

Doctor 4U Urgent Care (4.3 miles)

941-758-0205

5318 34th St W Bradenton, FL 34210

Drug Stores:

CVS (2 miles)

6204 14th St W Bradenton, FL 34207

Walgreens (2.3 miles)

6003 14th St W Bradenton, FL 34207

Groceries



Publix

(5.1 miles) South - 1044 N Tamiami Trl Sarasota

(6 miles) North - 4651 Cortez Rd W Bradenton

Winn- Dixie

(2.9 miles) - 5802 14th St NW Bradenton

Walmart SuperCenter

(6.7 miles) - 5315 Cortez Rd W Bradenton

ALDI

(2.7 miles) - 5715 14th St W Bradenton

Detwillers Farm Market

(4.3 miles) - 3500 53rd Ave W Bradenton

Transportation

The Bayrunner Sarasota (download the app!)

www.sarasotabayrunner.com

Open air trolley that provides complimentary service 7 days a week with multiple stops along the way between Lido Key, St. Armands Circle, and downtown Sarasota. Continuous service throughout the day Sunday - Thursday 7am - 10 pm and Friday-Saturday 7 am - 11pm.

Breeze Trolley: (Breeze app)

<https://www.scgov.net/government/breeze-transit/breeze-routes>

76 Flyer - runs every 30 minutes between 7am and 8:30 pm. It's equipped with a luggage rack and costs \$2/passenger.

77 Siesta Islander- runs 8am to 10 pm everyday and everyone rides free! Embrace island life on the open air trolley that takes passengers to Siesta Key Village, Siesta Key Beach, South Village and Turtle Beach Park and Campground. The 77 Siesta Islander runs from 8am to 10 pm everyday of the week, with modified hours on holidays.

Breeze on Demand - In a Breeze on Demand zone, you set the pick up and drop off locations when you are ready to go for only \$2/passenger.

941-861-5000

Monkey Bus Anna Maria Island 941- 565-6542

themonkeybusami.com

\$5 /person anywhere on AMI, Village of Cortez or Palma Sola Causeway.

Kids 10 and under are free



Deliciousness

We recommend that you call ahead to be sure the restaurant is open.

Cha Cha Coconuts Fun atmosphere on St. Armands Circle.

chacha-coconuts.com 941-388-3300

417 St Armands Circle Sarasota

Walt's Fish Market, Restaurant and Tiki Bar 941-921-4605

4144 S Tamiami Trl Sarasota 34231

Stottlemeyer's Smokehouse -classic BBQ meets old-Florida! Live music under and open air tiki bar! 19 East Rd Sarasota

Duvals Fresh Local Seafood

1435 Main Street Sarasota

A Sprig of Thyme Intimate contemporary boutique Mediterranean restaurant

1534 State St Sarasota

Boo's Ice House and Dog Bar - A place for pizza, burgers and dog lovers.

(\$8/ daily dog pass)

Solorzano's Pizza 941-926-4276

3604 Webber St Sarasota

O'Leary's Tiki Bar and Grill - 941-953-7505 olearystikibar.com Live music,

5 Bayfront Drive Sarasota

Lido Beach Tiki Bar at The Ritz -Carlton Beach Club - Take the public beach access hiding just south of the Ritz Carlton Beach club to this historic little spot. Barefoot charm! Open noon until sunset.

Siesta Key Village - many fun beach shops and restaurants

5145 Ocean Blvd, Siesta Key



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North Shore Cafe northshorecafe.net

304 Pine Ave Anna Maria, FL 34216

Coffee, Espresso, Specialty Teas, Bowls, Smoothies, Avocado Toasts, Sandwiches, Beers, Wine, Champagne, Gourmet Pops

The Waterfront Restaurant thewaterfrontrestaurant.net

111 South Bay Blvd. Anna Maria, FL 34216

Premiere island dining and craft bar. Enjoy old Florida.

The Cheesecake Cutie and Cafe cheesecakecutie.com

3324 East Bay Drive Holmes Beach, FL 34217

coffee, breakfast, lunch, cheesecake, bakery items

La Creperie on AMI 941-251-7007

3216 East Bay Drive Holmes Beach FL 34217

Unique breakfast/brunch

blueberries cafe & wine en.blueberriesusa.com

5337 Gulf Drive #300 Holms Beach, FL 34217

The Acai House on Anna Maria Island

AMI Coconuts amicoconuts.com

Hand crafted fresh and delicious coconuts drinks and delivered directly to you!

Smoquehouse AMI smoquehouse.com

1701 Gulf Drive N Bradenton Beach FL 34217

Fast casual & BBQ fusion, Craft sandwiches and made from scratch sides.

Ventura's Italian Kitchen & Wine Bar

venturasitaliankitchen.com

941-312-4975

Outdoor deck on the canal. Kids eat free all summer long.

The Kokonut Hut at Gulf Drive Cafe- white sands on Anna Maria high tops just feet front the beach, Nightly entertainment.



More Fun in the sun.....

Sarasota Farmers Market - every Saturday, year round 7am - 1pm. Located in the heart of downtown centered at the intersection of Main Street and Lemon Avenue, extending to First Street on the north end and Pineapple Avenue on the south end with vendors also located on State Street.

Siesta Key Drum Circle - a weekly Sunday event on Siesta Key, starting an hour before sunset. Located by the pavillion by the main entrance, you will see and hear it!

Art Ovation Rooftop Pool and Bar 1255 N Palm Ave Sarasota

Westin Rooftop Pool and Bar 100 Marina View Dr Sarasota

Sage Rooftop Bar 1216 1st St Sarasota

Sharky's on the Pier - At the foot of the big beautiful Venice City Pier, Sharky's tiki bar serves up a rainbow selection of frozen concoctions or whatever else you like to drink. If you're planning to have dinner, we warned - the waits are long. A must visit on the south Sarasota party circuit. 1600 Harbor Drive S Venice 941-488-1456
sharkysonthepier.com

Evie's at Spanish Point - A big, popular spot recently aquired by the Evie's Tavern folks. New menu but the same funky ambiance and georgous views of the Intracoastal. Terrific sunset watching, frequent live music and you can come by boat. 135 Bayview Drive Osprey 941-218-6114

Casey Key Fish House - There's always a party going on at this tiki bar, where boaters park and beach bums share the bliss. Wander down to the little sand beach for live music on the weekends. 801 Blackburn Point Rd Osprey



Beaches



Siesta Beach

(13 miles) 948 Beach Road Sarasota, FL 34242

- Lifeguard towers, parasailing, grills, pickle-ball, volleyball, picnic and playground areas, restrooms, restaurant /concessions
- Siesta Key Village, Siesta Beach Drum Circle
- Parking fills fast, go early take the trolley or uber.

<https://www.scgov.net/Home/Components/FacilityDirectory/FacilityDirectory/521/>

Lido Key Beach

(8.7 miles) 400 Benjamin Franklin Drive Sarasota, FL 34236

- Lifeguard, Concession / Restaurant, Picnicking, Pool, Restroom, Rinse Station, Shelter / Pavilion, Swimming

Lifeguard Beaches on Anna Maria Island:

Cortez Beach, Anna Maria Island

(12 miles)

Coquina Beach, Anna Maria Island

(13 miles)

Manatee Beach, Anna Maria Island

(14 miles)

South Lido Key Beach -

Benjamin Franklin Drive Sarasota

One of our favorite little hidden gems!!

- Playground, showers, grills, picnic tables, trails, no lifeguard,
- *(use caution: can have strong currents!)*

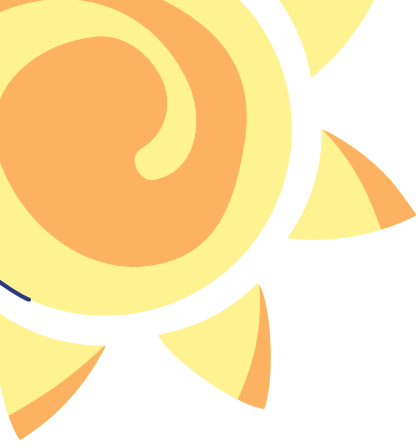
Venice Beach -

101 The Esplanade Venice, FL 34285

Sharks Tooth Capital! Day trip - 25 miles south.

- Lifeguard, Concession / Restaurant, Historical / Cultural Resource, , Picnicking, Restroom, Shelter / Pavilion, Swimming, Volleyball

<https://www.visitsarasota.com/article/guide-venices-shark-tooth-capital-world>



Outdoor Activities

Check out this website for up to date info and area happenings:
fun4sarasotakids.com

Pirate Adventure of Cortez

www.pirateadventureofcortez.com
4110 127th St W Cortez, FL 34215

Sarasota Jungle Gardens

sarasotajunglegardens.com

Better on Bikes

betteronbikesami.com
Explore AMI on ebike.

PopStroke Tiger Woods Miniature Golf

popstroke.com
195 University Town Center Drive
Sarasota, FL 941-500-9495

Tree Umph! Adventure Course

treeumph.com
941-322-2130

Big Cat Habitat and Gulf Coast Sanctuary

bigcathabitat.com
7101 Palmer Blvd Sarasota
941-371-6377

The Bay Sarasota - Family fun park, outdoor movies, nature walks, family events, kayaking!

thebaysarasota.org
<https://www.thebaysarasota.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/20231214-The-Bay-Evergreen-Trifold-Map-Side.png>

Rainy Day or Indoor Activities



Circus Sarasota circusarts.org

The Bishop Museum of Science and Nature

bishopscience.org

The largest natural history museum of the Florida's Gulf Coast.

*Fossil evidence of Florida's earliest animal inhabitants!

- **The Planetarium**
- **The Parker Manatee Rehabilitation Habitat**

Jumpin Fun Inflata Park jfipark.com

Mote Marine Laboratory and Aquarium mote.com

1600 Ken Thompson Parkway Sarasota.FL 34236

The Ringling Museum ringling.org

Clearwater Marine Aquarium - Home of the movie "A Dolphin Tale"

249 Windward Passage, Clearwater

University Town Center Mall 140 University Town Center Sarasota



Hidden Gemstones



local small business and areas we love!

Shiny Fish Emporium (check them out on Facebook, too)

306 Pine Ave Anna Maria, FL 34216

Retail store where classic 1950's Florida meet's artists flare with a touch of beach glam. Kids crafts and activities.

The Bazaar of Apricot & Lime- Facebook Page! Home to over 40 local creators and curators, award winning food truck, live music, classes and more.

Thursdays-Saturdays 10-3

821 Apricot Avenue Sarasota

Hidden Gem SRQ - www.hiddengemsrq.com Collections of crystals, gemstones, meteorites and minerals, custom handmade jewelry and art.

The Markery SRQ - themakersrq.com DIY art and pottery studio, all ages!

821 North Lime Ave Sarasota

Gulf Shore Charcuterie www.gulfshorecharcuterie.com

Grazing boards and boxes. Treat yourself to a grazing board or box. Great for beach or pool or boat day and can be waiting for you when you arrive!

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Watersports

LaBarge Tropical Cruises 2 Marina Plaza Sarasota 941-366-6116 -morning, mid day dolphin cruise, and sunset cruises on a double decker boat with music.
lebargetropicalcruises.com

Island Hopper Boat Tours islandhopperboattours.com
Customize your private 2-4 hour Gulf Coast Guided Tour, AMI

Surf Lessons!
wavewhisperersurfacademy.com
Gracyn Burby 941-779-4406

Shore Thing Tiki Cruises
shorethingtikicruises.com
941-279-4410

AMI Dolphin Tours
amidolphintours.com

Happy Paddler Kayak Tours and EcoVentures
happypaddler.com
941-773-1920





Beach Safety

**Daily beach conditions are updated at 10:00 am and 3:00 pm.
Go to visitbeaches.org or and select a beach on the map.**

Download : BCRS MOTE MARINE LABORATORY APP

Coquina Beach, Cortez Beach and Manatee Public Beach on AMI, and Siesta Beach and Lido Beach are the only beaches in Manatee and Sarasota Counties that provide beachgoers with professional lifeguards. Although the lifeguards are stationed at these beaches, they are dispatched by 911 operators to various emergency calls throughout Manatee and Sarasota counties and neighboring areas on and off the sand.

The Gulf of Mexico is normally a calm body of water, but caution must always be taken when venturing into the open ocean. Most rescues occur when people overestimate their swimming ability and underestimate the power of nature. Seasonal weather patterns and even abrupt changes in weather can create high winds, fast moving currents, strong waves and powerful rip currents. Remember, when in doubt, ask about dangers or concerns you may have.

Lifeguard Hours: 9:00am - 5:00 pm

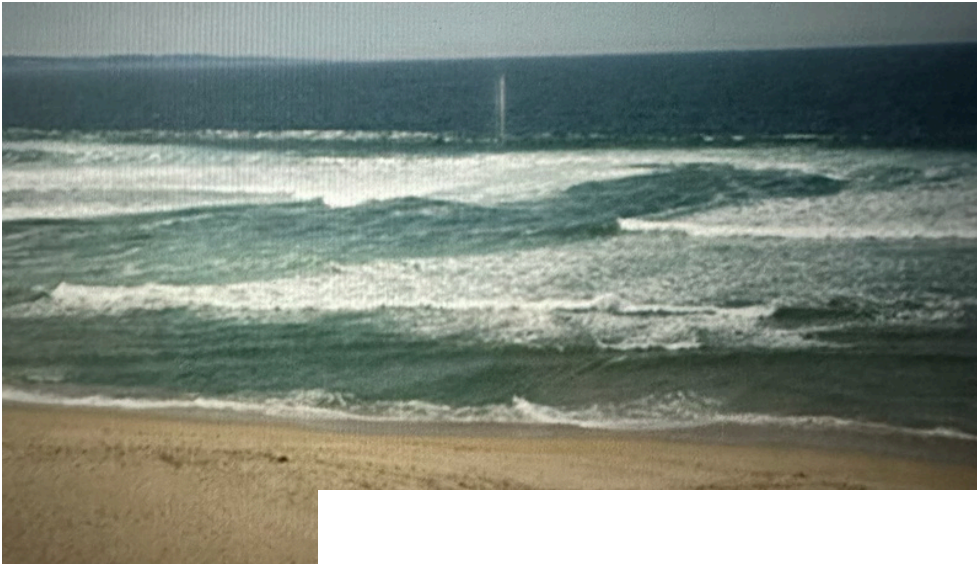
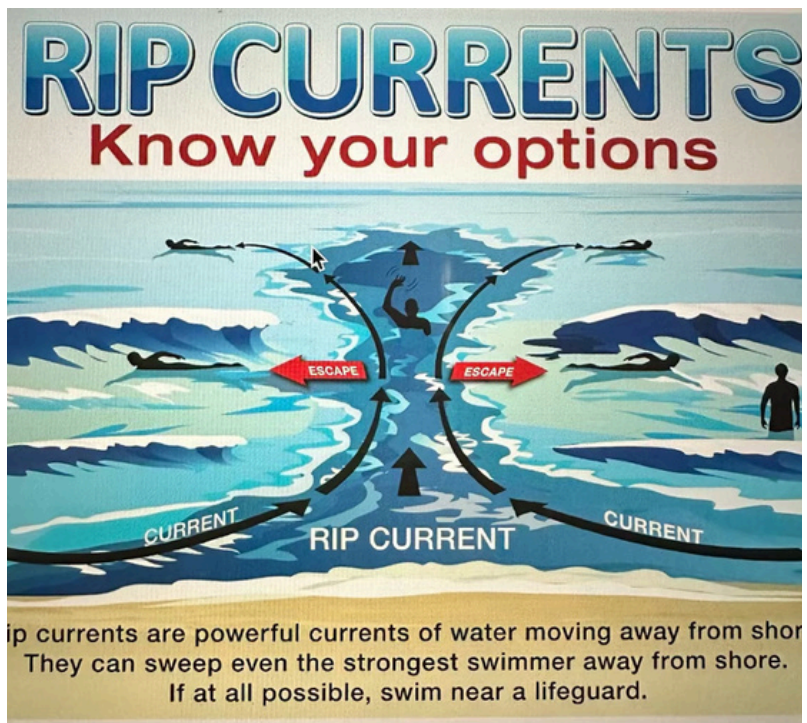
Tides: range from 1-3 feet under normal conditions

Sun exposure: at this latitude the sun may be more severe than you are accustomed to, so always take precautionary measures. *We provide and umbrella for your convenience.*


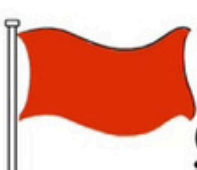
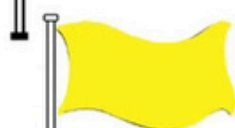


<https://oceantoday.noaa.gov/ripcurrentscience/welcome.html>



Good to know Info



BEACH FLAG WARNING SYSTEM

	Double Red Water Closed to Public Use		Red High Hazard (rough conditions, such as strong surf and or currents)		
	Yellow Medium Hazard (light surf and or currents)		Green Low Hazard (calm conditions)		Purple Marine Pest (jellyfish, stingrays & dangerous fish)

Manatee County Recycling & Waste Management

Info



Trash Pick Up *Mondays and Thursdays*
(trash should be in bags tied up and placed in cans)

Recycling Pick Up *Thursdays*

Please be aware of the extra noise and movement around the property on these days.

RECYCLING DO'S & DON'Ts

YES PLEASE	NO THANKS
 <p>PAPER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only clean junk mail, magazines, newspapers	 <p>PAPER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No wrapping paper, napkins or paper towels
 <p>CARDBOARD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only clean flattened boxes	 <p>CARDBOARD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No wet or spoiled cardboard
 <p>METAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only clean aluminum or tin cans	 <p>METAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No pots/pans, auto parts, fencing or hangers
 <p>PLASTIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only clean plastic bottles and jugs	 <p>PLASTIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Styrofoam, plastic bags, hangers or garden hoses
 <p>GLASS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only clean glass bottles and jars	 <p>GLASS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No broken glass, drinking glasses, light bulbs or mirrors

ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE CLEAN AND DRY

Save the Turtles

May 1st to October 31st



Sea Turtle nesting season is from 5/1 until 10/31. It is against the law to touch or disturb nesting sea turtles, hatchlings or their nests. Helps us protect these magnificent creatures.

While you are at the beach, please be sure to fill in all holes and remove all garbage from your beach location before you leave to ensure there is no dangers left for the nesting turtles to encounter as they venture onto the beaches. Also, avoid lights on the beach at night.

For more information about sea turtles or to learn how you can help them visit Anna Maria Island Turtle Watch & Shorebird Monitoring.

<https://islandturtlewatch.com/>



SAFETY SECURITY HOSPITALITY

Tampering with internet or outdoor security cameras will result in immediate eviction and cancelation of your reservation without refund.

Camera Info: Your safety is one of our top priorities. Outside cameras are for safety and our property care and management. We use these cameras to monitor pest control, lawn care, pool, propane tank, a/c maintenance, animal/reptile surveillance, cleaner hourly log tracking, and handyman service calls. The cameras also allow you to call us with an urgent need.

Outdoor cameras are located at the front door and gate entrances. There are no indoor cameras on this property. Cameras record audio and video of exterior entrances only. We completely respect your privacy and all cameras face exterior directions only.