



# St. Petersburg, FL



St. Petersburg, Florida, is situated on the Pinellas Peninsula and is surrounded by 244 miles of shoreline along Tampa Bay, Boca Ciega Bay, the Gulf of Mexico, and intracoastal waterways. In 1875, General John Williams purchased 2,500 acres of land that would become St. Petersburg. Thirteen years later, Peter Demens brought the Orange Belt Railway to the area which he named for his birthplace, St. Petersburg, Russia.

The Morean Arts Center annually curates more than 30 exhibitions of work in all media and is home to a dedicated Center for Clay and Glass Studio and Hot Shop. Dale Chihuly's freeblown functional and sculptural glass works are displayed in a building designed specifically for that purpose within the Center.

Other attractions in the area include the Deuces Live District's 19-marker African American Heritage Trail that honors St. Petersburg's notable African American residents, and more than 70 murals decorating buildings in the downtown Central Arts District.

The Museum of American Arts and Crafts Movement and the Tom and Mary James Museum of Western and Wildlife Art are currently under construction in downtown St. Petersburg.

Performing arts venues are located throughout the city. Duke Energy Center for the Performing Arts-Mahaffey Theater hosts Broadway, classical, pop, rock, comedy, dance, family, and Florida Orchestra performances. St. Petersburg College's Palladium Theatre is home to the St. Petersburg Opera Company and classical, jazz, blues, theatre, Celtic, comedy, dance, educational, literary, and community events. Many opportunities for community theater can be found at the American Stage, St. Petersburg City Theatre, freeFall Theatre, and A Simple Theatre Company in Residence at Eckerd College.

## NEIGHBORHOODS

Downtown St. Petersburg is a commercial and cultural center with residential options that include single-family homes and townhomes, apartments, midrise buildings, and luxury high rises.

St. Petersburg has several historic neighborhoods. The Old Northeast abuts downtown and features brick streets with granite curbs. Housing is a mix of Mediterranean and Bungalow styles set in a heavily landscaped setting. Roser Park has many single-family homes built in such styles as Frame Vernacular, Bungalow, Prairie, Foursquare, Craftsman, Mediterranean Revival, Colonial Revival, Neoclassical, and Tudor Revival. This neighborhood retains many original design features, including rusticated block retaining walls, brick streets, original hexagon sidewalk pavers and granite curbstones, and designed landscape spaces. Although many architectural styles are evident in the Kenwood neighborhood, bungalows, typically Craftsman, constitute more than 50 percent of the homes. In November, the neighborhood hosts Bungalow Fest, a two-day tour of homes and gardens. Kenwood also features brick streets, large trees, and garages facing alleys.

The Greater Pinellas Point neighborhood is surrounded on three sides by Tampa Bay. Pink concrete was poured to form the narrow, curvy streets in the oldest portion of this neighborhood giving it the name Pink Streets. Although many housing styles are available, ranch style homes built in the 1950s through the 1970s dominate. Tropical Shores is a waterfront community that features traditional ranch-style homes reflecting the style of the 1950s; contemporary, split level, two-story and neoclassic designs were added as more homes were constructed. Housing styles in Venetian Isles, which is a collection of manmade islands, include modest Florida ranch-style homes, luxury mid-sized Mediterranean residences, and mansions. Homes date from the mid-1960s and have private docks.

St. Petersburg has many gated communities. Consisting of two main man-made islands, new home construction began in the Bayway Isles in the early 1960s. Most of the homes have a waterfront view and were built in styles that range from modern to Spanish and European with lush landscaping. Featuring ten lakes, Placido Bayou has condominiums as well as single-family houses built in the 1980s and 1990s. A waterfront community with single family homes and condominium buildings, Dolphin Cay's site includes a wildlife preserve, nature trails, and boardwalks.

Located on non-waterfront high ground, Allendale Terrace is known for its giant oak trees and large estate homes built along cobblestone streets in the 1920s, 1930s, and 1960s.

## PARKS AND RECREATION

St. Petersburg had 130 parks and 5 beaches (Lassing Park, Maximo Park, North Shore Park, Spa Beach Park, and Treasure Island Beach). Park amenities include 6 dog parks, 2 skate parks, 2 disc golf courses, 77 athletic fields, 21 boat ramps, 77 playground areas, 13 regulation baseball fields, 76 tennis courts, 11 softball fields, 18 youth baseball fields, 33 football/soccer fields, 30 basketball courts, 9 volleyball courts, 9 swimming pools, 1 Jai-Alai court, 1 sprayground, and 2 nature preserves (Boyd Hill Nature Preserve and Clam Bayou Nature Preserve).

The 133.3-acre Walter Fuller Park features a playground, recreation center, pool, 2 lighted football/soccer fields, 2 non-lighted football/soccer fields, lighted outdoor basketball court, 5 non-lighted regulation size baseball fields, non-lighted youth size baseball field, 4 lighted tennis courts, dog park, picnic shelter, and a fitness trail. The 58.7-acre Jack Puryear Park is home to a playground, 5 lighted football/soccer fields, tennis courts, lighted racquetball/ handball courts, and a wilderness area. Crescent Lake Park is a 52.5-acre space with amenities that include a playground, non-lighted outdoor basketball half court, non-lighted regulation size baseball field, 4 lighted tennis courts, and a dog park.

More than 500 palms and cycads representing some 150 species from around the world grow in the Gizella Kopsick Arboretum-Palms and Cycads.

With more than 50,000 tropical plants and flowers and a walk-through butterfly encounter, the Sunken Gardens is St. Petersburg's oldest living museum and home to some of the oldest tropical plants in the region.

The Tampa Bay Rays (baseball) and Tampa Bay Rowdies (soccer) are professional sports teams in St. Petersburg.

## EDUCATION

Pinellas County Schools educate approximately 26,000 students in 25 elementary schools, 6 middle schools, and 4 high schools that are located within St. Petersburg. Students may attend a school located outside of St. Petersburg as the district offers 70 choice programs in neighborhood schools, magnet or fundamental schools, Pinellas Virtual School, and Pinellas Technical College, which offers courses for adults as well.

Higher education is available at the University South Florida St. Petersburg, which is a public university that offers bachelor's and master's degree programs. Eckerd College is a private liberal arts and sciences college that grants bachelor's degrees. St. Petersburg College provides industry-recognized workforce certifications, associate, and bachelor's degrees.

Galen College of Nursing is a private college that offers associate degrees in nursing and training as a licensed practical nurse.

## HEALTH CARE

- St. Petersburg is served by the following health care facilities:
- Bayfront Health-St Petersburg: 480 licensed beds
- Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital: 259 licensed beds
- Kindred Hospital-Bay Area-St Petersburg: 82 licensed beds
- Northside Hospital: 288 licensed beds
- Palms of Pasadena Hospital: 307 licensed beds
- St. Anthony's Hospital: 393 licensed beds
- St. Petersburg General Hospital: 215 licensed beds

## CITY STATS

**2015**

City Population	257,083
Metropolitan Statistical Area Population	2,975,225
Per Capita Personal Income, Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, MSA	\$43,008