



Tampa Bay

FALL GUIDE

A local's guide to Fall in Tampa Bay

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WELCOME

What fall *looks like* here

What is there to do here once the summer heat calms down? The honest answer is everything you were too melted to do in July- the humidity finally breaks (a little), the 7pm thunderstorms stop showing up uninvited, and Tampa Bay quietly wakes back up.

Patios fill in, events move back outdoors, and the whole bay starts moving at a pace you can actually enjoy.

If we haven't met yet, hi! We are the Tru Living Group. We have been showing people around Tampa Bay for 7+ years.

FALL HERE MEANS

Waterfront patios fill back up

Morning air you can actually breathe in

The Bucs become a weekend activity



Make the most of *the season*

Every year Fall sneaks up the same way: one month you're still in summer mode and it's incredibly hot, the next you're outside every weekend, and then suddenly it's the holidays.

September

HAPPENING:
Tampa Bay Boat Show
Sept 25-27

WORTH EATING:
Forbici Modern Italian
Downtown St. Pete

GET OUTSIDE:
Howl-O-Scream
Busch Gardens Tampa Bay

October

HAPPENING:
Tampa Pig Jig
Oct 16th 7PM

WORTH EATING:
Maru Rooftop Nikkei
Off Bayshore Blvd

GET OUTSIDE:
Oktoberfest Tampa
Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park

November

HAPPENING:
Savor St. Pete
Nov 7-8 1-4PM

WORTH EATING:
Fisk
Tampa Heights

GET OUTSIDE:
Gulfport Night Market
1st & 3rd Saturday



Slow mornings

The best mornings here don't always have a set plan. Coffee comes first, then wherever the rest of the day takes you.



COFFEE

Buddy Brew Coffee

The smell when I walk in gets me every time

BREAKFAST

Oxford Exchange

Delicious and beautiful at the same time. Make sure to explore while here.

BAKERY

Alessi Barkery

Cuban sandwiches and key lime pie

QUIET SPOT

Sunken Gardens

You are surrounded by 50,000 beautiful plants

Outside

The whole point of Fall is to end up outside for longer than you meant to.



TRAIL OR WALK

Weedon Island Preserve

Boardwalks through the mangroves, birds everywhere, almost no crowd

LOOKOUT

Ballast Point Park

Amazing sunrise views. Get there early

PARK

Lettuce Lake Park

Shaded river paths and worth the walk

BEST PATIO

Ulele

Waterfront patio with live music and a sunset

With the kids

Weekends with kids flow easier when you already know where you're going and what you're doing.



WEEKEND ACTIVITY

HarvestMoon Fun Farm

A corn maze, pumpkin patch, & cow train

PARK

Water Works Park

Splash pad, playground, and shady spots for a picnic

TREAT STOP

Bo's Ice Cream

Tampa staple you can't miss

DOG FRIENDLY

Fort De Soto Dog Beach

Off-leash beach where dogs can swim. Also has a fenced area with water for the pups

After dark

Evenings are way better in the Fall. Here are a few spots where I'd spend a free night.



DINNER

Bern's Steak House

No bad seat in the house and steak to die for

DESSERT

Harry Waugh Dessert Room

Top of Bern's- 50+ desserts + music. Can't be beat

DRINKS

EDGE Rooftop Cocktail Lounge

Skyline spot with great drinks

LIVE MUSIC

The Ritz Ybor

Historic theater with great lineups

When people visit

When someone is in town for a weekend, this is the short list I actually hand them.



FIRST STOP

Tampa Riverwalk

2.6 miles and connects everything downtown

THE VIEW

M. Bird

Rooftop at Armature Works. Beautiful river skyline and fantastic cocktails

THE ONE MEAL

Columbia Restaurant

Florida's oldest restaurant- a must try

ONLY HERE

Ybor City Cigar Factories

Hand-rolled cigars since the 1880s. Great gift for friends/family too

EVERY YEAR

Traditions

The things we locals look forward to every fall.

March of the Pumpkin King

Ybor City's Halloween Parade

Tampa Pig Jig

BBQ competition on the downtown waterfront

Bucs Sundays

Raymond James tailgates define our Sundays

Cuban Sandwich Festival

Ybor's yearly celebration of its sandwich

Howl-O-Scream

Busch Gardens becomes a haunted house

SAVOR St. Pete

Food & wine weekend

HarvestMoon Fun Farm

Corn maze and pumpkin patches

Oktoberfest Tampa

Steins & German traditions at Curtis Hixon



DON'T MISS THESE BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS

The *Fall* bucket list

- ☐ Pumpkin spice latte from Buddy Brew Coffee
- ☐ Corn maze at HarvestMoon Fun Farm
- ☐ Sunday tailgate before a Bucs game
- ☐ Wine tasting at Keel Farms
- ☐ Ghost tour through Ybor City
- ☐ Fall festival at Armature Works
- ☐ Sunset at Ballast Point Park
- ☐ Cider or Oktoberfest lager from Cigar City Brewing
- ☐ Saturday morning at the St. Pete market
- ☐ Donuts from Nicola's Donut Shop
- ☐ Corn maze and hayride, same farm trip
- ☐ Boat show weekend on the water
- ☐ Ybor Saturday Market stroll
- ☐ Concert at The Ritz Ybor
- ☐ Waterfront picnic at Vinoy Park
- ☐ Watch the sun set over Tampa Bay
- ☐ Pop-up market at The Heights Fall Festival



WORTH THE DRIVE

Weekend trips

Mount Dora

DRIVE TIME

1.5 hours

KNOWN FOR

A hilltop town with New-England style charm & packed fall calendar

WORTH THE STOP

Historic downtown district-antique shops & cafés

Micanopy

DRIVE TIME

2 hours

KNOWN FOR

Old Florida under a canopy of Spanish Moss

WORTH THE STOP

Micanopy Fall Festival on Halloween weekend

St. Augustine

DRIVE TIME

3 hours

KNOWN FOR

Nation's oldest city-beautiful cobblestone streets & coastal views

WORTH THE STOP

Castillo de San Marcos- 17th century fort





Hey there, we are Tru Living Group

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We love sharing about all the things that make Tampa Bay special. I hope you learned something new in this guide!

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