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— Brian Ries

GO SHOP**A GOOD YARN**7668 S Tamiami Tr, Sarasota • 941-487-7914
agoodyarnsarasota.com

Accomplished knitters will find everything they need to start a new project here. And with dozens of classes, you can learn to make anything from socks to Bella's massive knit gloves from the movie *Twilight*.

PICKLES AND PONYTAILS1821 Hillview St, Sarasota • 941-953-2024
picklesandponytails.com

Moms who are into matching mother-daughter ensembles and pregnant women who need a tailored look will love this Southside Village shop. It stocks adorable fashions from lines like Baby LuLu and Peppertoes.

ACQUA AVEDA ON THE BEACH5311 Gulf Dr, Holmes Beach • 914-778-5400
acquaaveda.com

Cap off a restful day at the beach with even more relaxation. Treatments range from massages and body treatments to facials and manicures. If you'd rather your chakra-balancing massage come to you, a masseuse will be happy to oblige at your resort, beachfront rental or any nearby accommodations.

GO SEE**VILLAGE OF THE ARTS**Bordered by 9th and 17th aves W and 9th and 14th sts W, Bradenton • 941-747-8056
villageofthearts.com

More than 35 artists call Florida's largest art community home. Most galleries, which occupy converted bungalows, are open Fridays and Saturdays, and the works include everything from jewelry and ceramics to fine-art paintings and stained glass. If you need a breather, stop by Charisma Café and Art for a cup of joe.

DESOTO NATIONAL MEMORIAL75th St NW, Bradenton • 941-792-0458
nps.gov/deso

In 1539, Hernando de Soto became the first official tourist to visit much of the Sarasota/Bradenton area (without the benefits of sunscreen or bug spray). Catch a reenactment of his first steps in Florida at the memorial's living history museum, Camp Uzita.

THE JOHN AND MABLE RINGLING MUSEUM OF ART5401 Bayshore Rd, Sarasota • 941-359-5700
ringling.org

Although he's known mostly for his Greatest Show on Earth, John Ringling was also a con-

summate collector of art. The museum holds his collection, which includes the largest number of full-scale Rubens paintings outside of Europe.

GO EAT**ORTYGIÀ**1418 13th St W, Bradenton • 941-741-8646
ortygiarestaurant.com

Tucked on a side street in the Village of the Arts, this tiny eatery serves up authentic Sicilian food inspired by the recipes of Chef Gaetano Cannata's ancestors. Ever the welcoming, energetic host, Cannata is known for checking up on diners throughout the meal. The small yet delightful menu includes wine pairings for almost every dish. \$\$

THE SUN HOUSE RESTAURANT & BAR111 Gulf Dr S, Bradenton Beach • 941-782-1122
thesunhouserestaurant.com

Schedule your meal to coincide with the sunset, when the staff hands out "green flash" shooters, picks a diner to ring the gong and joins together in song. Then dig into the Floribbean cuisine; the fresh catch is always a winner. \$\$\$

BEACH BISTRO6600 Gulf Dr, Holmes Beach • 941-778-6444
beachbistro.com

If you're celebrating an anniversary, or the fact that you're on vacation, head to this romantic restaurant overlooking the beach. Make the most of the meal by sharing a few plates from the cheeky menu. Top off the meal with the Makin' Bacon ice cream, "for the pig in you." \$\$\$\$

GO PARTY**PASTIMES PUB**

6540 Superior Ave, Sarasota • 941-924-7782

More than a dive, but less than a lounge, Pastimes is a happening spot that's on many bands' South Florida tours. The lineup includes everything from blues to punk.

COCK 'N BULL975 Cattlemen Rd, Sarasota • 941-341-9785
the-cock-n-bull.com

Claiming to offer the biggest brew selection in Florida, this bar is known for its meticulousness. Your choice will be served in the proper glass and at the correct temperature. It also hosts concerts in its massive backyard.

FUN FACT!

Transplanted Scot John Hamilton Gillespie began building Florida's—and arguably America's—first golfing ground on what is now Main Street in 1886.

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— Adem Tepedelen

GO SHOP**THE CLOG FACTORY**217 1st Ave S • 206-682-2564
clogheaven.com

Maybe it's due to the city's Scandinavian heritage, but this unique clog retailer—with more than 200 offerings from Sweden, Denmark and Germany—has been a Pioneer Square mainstay for decades. If you think clogs can't be cool, think again.

GO SEE**PUYALLUP FAIR**110 9th Ave SW, Puyallup • 253-841-5045
thefair.com/puyallup-fair

Western Washington's biggest fair is a two-week event that features everything from the standard county fair exhibits (animals, agriculture, crafts) to a concert series featuring big-name acts like Willie Nelson, John Legend and Dierks Bentley. Plus all the gut-busting fair food you can eat! Sept. 10-26.

FAIRHAVEN VIA CHUCKANUT DRIVE

102 miles north of Seattle

chuckanutdrive.com

This is less about the destination and more about the journey. Scenic Chuckanut Drive departs I-5 just north of Burlington and offers a bucolic fall excursion through golden maples as it winds its way along Puget Sound to historic, bayside Fairhaven.

GO EAT**POPPY**622 Broadway E • 206-324-1108
poppyseattle.com

Chef Jerry Traunfeld's small plates aren't for sharing. The thalis he presents are platters for one, loaded with seven to ten small dishes that change daily based on what's in season and locally available. \$\$-\$\$\$

GO PARTY**VESSEL**1312 5th Ave • 206-652-0521
vesselseattle.com

A lovely modern, two-level sanctuary, Vessel is like a temple dedicated to the fine art of the cocktail. Every aspect of this luxe lounge is as meticulously attended to as the care given its first-rate drinks.

FUN FACT!

There are 46,000 named tiles in the floor of Seattle's Pike Place Market.



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