



## Tampa, FL Attractions Near Saddlebrook Resort

With a convenient location just one mile east of I-75, Saddlebrook Resort offers easy access to a variety of Tampa attractions ideal for sports and shopping enthusiasts, culture buffs and guests looking to soak up the area's year-round sunshine.

### **Busch Gardens**

Busch Gardens Tampa Bay is the ultimate meeting group and family adventure park and one of the most popular Tampa, FL attractions, with its up-close animal encounters, live entertainment and world-class thrill rides.

### **Adventure Island**

Adventure Island offers acres of water-drenched fun. Water slides, tube rides, splash lagoons and more make this park an adventure meeting groups and the whole family will enjoy.

### **Glazer Children's Museum**

Located in downtown Tampa, the Glazer Children's Museum features over 170 fun "interactivities" designed to engage the imagination and teach kids about science, engineering and more.

### **Lowry Park Zoo**

Voted the '#1 family friendly zoo in America' by Child Magazine, Lowry Park Zoo combines nature, education and excitement for all ages. View more than 1,800 animals located in 56 acres of lush, natural habitats including Wallaroo Station and Safari Africa. The zoo also features water play areas, restaurants, live shows, rides, eco-tours and more!

### **The Florida Aquarium**

Featuring over 10,000 aquatic plants and animals from huge sharks to playful river otters, the Florida Aquarium allows visitors to experience life beneath the waves. Exciting exhibits include explore-a-shore, journey to Madagascar, coral reef, and interactive **programs like** swim with the fishes and dive with the sharks.

## Tampa Bay Arts & Culture

Located just a short drive away in downtown Tampa, you can catch a world-class performance at the **Straz Center** for the Performing Arts or discover the ancient and contemporary masterpieces at the Tampa Museum of Art. Across the Bay in St. Petersburg, the Museum of Fine Arts and the Salvador Dali Museum offer both traveling exhibits as well as impressive permanent collections. Other notable cultural attractions in the area include the Henry B. Plant Museum (where visitors are transported back to the Gilded Age), the Tampa Bay History Center and the Museum of Science & Industry (MOSI), which also features an IMAX theater, and historic Ybor City, a century old neighborhood with a rich history on cigar-making.

## Professional Sports in Tampa

Sports fan can take their pick of live sporting events in Tampa Bay. From the NFL Buccaneers to New York Yankee Spring Training at Steinbrenner Field and NHL games at Amalie Arena, there's always something happening near the resort.

### **Steinbrenner Field (NY Yankees)**

Visit the state-of-the art training facility that is the Spring Training home of the New York Yankees!! The 31-acre facility consists of two major league practice fields, and the 11,000-seat Steinbrenner Field, including 13 plush luxury suites.

### **Tampa Bay Lightning (NHL)**

The spectacular Amalie Arena in downtown Tampa is home to the 2004 Stanley Cup Champions, the Tampa Bay Lightning. The venue also serves as host to over 100 concerts and events each year.

## **Shopping in Tampa, Florida**

Located just 10 minutes from the resort, The Shops at Wiregrass is an open-air village with 800,000 square feet of retail, dining and entertainment options. Stroll through well-known department stores like Macy's, as well as over 100 specialty and designer shops in this pedestrian-friendly destination. Five minutes from The Shops at Wiregrass the new Tampa Premium Outlet Mall is anchored by Saks Fifth Avenue OFF 5<sup>th</sup>, plus 110 shops including Calvin Klein, Coach, J. Crew, [Michael Kors](#), Polo Ralph Lauren and Tommy Hilfiger. Thirty minutes away, International Plaza and Bay Street is home to Nordstrom, Neiman Marcus, Tiffany's and nearly 200 specialty stores as well as "Only at Bay Street", an open-air village with unique restaurants and boutiques.

## **Exploring the Great Outdoors**

Tampa Bay is home to year-round outdoor activity with countless parks, rivers and lakes just a short drive from the resort. Paddle down the Hillsborough River, pack a picnic lunch for a day in the park or enjoy the excitement of snorkeling, diving, sailing, fresh or saltwater fishing at the Gulf beaches, which are only about an hour away. If you are feeling adventurous, hop aboard an airboat tour and cruise across Lake Panasoffkee or marvel at the area's magnificent wildlife while on an inshore, backcountry-flats fishing expedition. If you're not sure where to start our knowledgeable Guest Activities team is happy to suggest local guides and charters.