

SARASOTA BREWING COMPANY

6607 Gateway Avenue
941-925-2337
www.sarasotabrewing.com

GULF GATE

BREW PUB

COST: \$\$

HOURS: Mon-Thurs, 11AM to 12AM • Fri-Sat, 11AM to 1AM
Sun, 12PM to 12AM

INSIDER TIP: They were “craft brewing” beer before it was fashionable in Florida. They offer a good selection of styles. Plus, a menu of brew pub fare and Chicago style pizza.

WHAT TO EXPECT: Brew pub • Lots of menu choices

SOME BASICS

Reservations:	NONE	Carry Out:	YES
Credit Cards:	YES	Delivery:	NO
Spirits:	FULL BAR	Outdoor Dining:	NO
Parking:	LOT	Online Menu:	YES

SARASOTA SAKE HOUSE

1987 Ringling Boulevard
941-312-6256

DOWNTOWN

ASIAN

COST: \$\$

HOURS: Mon-Thurs, 11AM to 10PM • Fri-Sat, 11:30AM to 10:30PM
Sun, 5:30PM to 10PM

INSIDER TIP: Not sure why a city the size of Sarasota is so sushi crazy. A full menu of sushi options here. Also, tempura choices. Downtown location.

WHAT TO EXPECT: Sushi • Tempura

SOME BASICS

Reservations:	YES	Carry Out:	YES
Credit Cards:	YES	Delivery:	NO
Spirits:	BEER/WINE	Outdoor Dining:	NO
Parking:	STREET	Online Menu:	NO

SARDINIA

5770 South Tamiami Trail
941-702-8582
sardiniasrq.com

NEW

SOUTH TRAIL

ITALIAN

COST: \$\$\$

HOURS: Mon-Sat, 5PM to 10PM • CLOSED SUNDAY

INSIDER TIP: Traditional Italian cuisine prepared with local ingredients. They have a wood burning oven for bread and braised meats. Veal chop alla brace & spigola al sale.

WHAT TO EXPECT: Good wine list • Intimate atmosphere

SOME BASICS

Reservations:	YES	Carry Out:	YES
Credit Cards:	YES	Delivery:	NO
Spirits:	BEER/WINE	Outdoor Dining:	NO
Parking:	LOT	Online Menu:	YES

SAVORY STREET CAFÉ INTERNATIONAL CAFE

411 North Orange Street
941-312-4027
thesavorystreet.com

DOWNTOWN

ECLECTIC

COST: \$\$

HOURS: Breakfast & Lunch, Daily from 8:30AM
Dinner, Nightly in season

INSIDER TIP: Savory is basically two places in one. A nice breakfast/lunch spot and during season a dinner place too. Homemade breakfast pastries are the order of the day.

WHAT TO EXPECT: Great for a quick breakfast • Casual dining

SOME BASICS

Reservations:	NONE	Carry Out:	YES
Credit Cards:	YES	Delivery:	NO
Spirits:	BEER/WINE	Outdoor Dining:	YES
Parking:	STREET	Online Menu:	YES



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RIGATONI QUATTRO FORMAGGI

Cafe Americano

INGREDIENTS

1lb package of rigatoni
1 oz. unsalted butter
2 oz. provolone, cubed
2 oz. fontina, cubed
2 oz. gorgonzola cheese
1/2 cup heavy cream
3 oz. parmigiano-reggiano, freshly grated
3 oz. pancetta
16 cherry tomatoes
White pepper
1 tbsp. olive oil

METHOD

Cook the pasta in a large pot of boiling salted water until al dente.

Meanwhile, in a large saucepan, heat the oil over a medium flame. Add the pancetta and cook until golden brown. Add the fontina, provolone, and gorgonzola cheeses and stir until they start to melt. Add the heavy cream and butter and stir again.

This is the ideal time to drain the pasta. After draining add pasta to the sauce. Toss together for 1 minutes in the saucepan. Add the half cherry tomatoes and cook for

another minute. Add parmigiano and pepper to taste. Do not add salt.

Serves 4

Cafe Americano is a contemporary cosmopolitan restaurant in the heart of downtown Sarasota. Dine inside or under shade on the street-side patio and savor the lively ambience of Sarasota's historic Five Points and the city's arts district. Breakfast, lunch and dinner, Happy Hour and nightly specials. Look for the chic red awnings at 1409 Main Street. 365-1026. For more information, please visit cafeamericanosrq.com.



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SEASON'S 52

170 University Town Center Drive
941-702-9652
www.seasons52.com

NEW

UTC

AMERICAN

COST: \$\$

HOURS: Lunch & Dinner Daily from 11:30AM

INSIDER TIP: Every item "475 calories or less". That's their thing. And, they make the most of it. Fresh ingredients and creative dishes. Sure it's a chain. But, their menu emphasizes healthy.

WHAT TO EXPECT: Low calories menu • UTC Mall • OpenTable

SOME BASICS

Reservations:	WEB/PHONE	Carry Out:	YES
Credit Cards:	YES	Delivery:	NO
Spirits:	FULL BAR	Outdoor Dining:	NO
Parking:	LOT	Online Menu:	YES

SELVA GRILL

1345 Main Street
941-362-4427
www.selvagrill.com

DOWNTOWN

PERUVIAN

COST: \$\$\$

HOURS: Mon-Thurs, 5PM to 11PM • Fri-Sat, 5PM to 11PM

INSIDER TIP: When downtown started it's upscale restaurant renaissance Selva was at the head of the parade. Great ceviche, tapas and Peruvian cuisine. Always lively atmosphere.

WHAT TO EXPECT: Great for a date • Main & Palm • OpenTable

SOME BASICS

Reservations:	WEB/PHONE	Carry Out:	YES
Credit Cards:	YES	Delivery:	NO
Spirits:	FULL BAR	Outdoor Dining:	YES
Parking:	STREET/PALM GARAGE	Online Menu:	YES

SEÑOR SIESTA

5110 Ocean Boulevard
941-349-0818
www.senorsiesta.com

NEW

SIESTA KEY

SPANISH

COST: \$\$

HOURS: Tues-Sun, 5PM to 10PM • CLOSED MONDAY

INSIDER TIP: The dishes of Spain and Portugal are featured. Not pricey. Great Siesta Village location. Some recommendations include, carne asada plato tipico & arroz con pollo.

WHAT TO EXPECT: Casual Siesta Key • Great parking for the village
Easy on the wallet • Good for kids

SOME BASICS

Reservations:	YES	Carry Out:	YES
Credit Cards:	YES	Delivery:	NO
Spirits:	BEER/WINE	Outdoor Dining:	YES
Parking:	LOT	Online Menu:	YES

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SERVING SPOON

1825 South Osprey Avenue
941-388-7235
www.theservingspoononline.com

SOUTHSIDE VILLAGE

AMERICAN

COST: \$\$

HOURS: Mon-Sat, 7AM to 2:30PM • Sun, 8AM to 1:30PM

INSIDER TIP: This place has changed hands a few times. But, they still have consistently good breakfast and lunch food. Good sized portions. Usually crowded on weekends.

WHAT TO EXPECT: Good breakfast stop • Busy during season
Parking can be a challenge • Good for kids

SOME BASICS

Reservations:	NONE	Carry Out:	YES
Credit Cards:	YES	Delivery:	NO
Spirits:	NONE	Outdoor Dining:	NO
Parking:	STREET	Online Menu:	YES

SHAKESPEARE'S ENGLISH PUB

3550 South Osprey Avenue
941-364-5938
www.shakespearesenglishpub.com

BRITISH

COST: \$\$

HOURS: Mon-Fri, 11:30AM to 11PM • Sat-Sun, 12PM to 11PM

INSIDER TIP: A pretty massive and intimidating beer list. It's BIG. This is a nice, little out of the way pub. Lots of authentic English fare. Bangers & mash, English dustbin lids & sausage rolls.

WHAT TO EXPECT: Great for after work meet-up • Lots of beer
Osprey, across from Paradise Plaza

SOME BASICS

Reservations:	NONE	Carry Out:	YES
Credit Cards:	YES	Delivery:	NO
Spirits:	BEER/WINE	Outdoor Dining:	YES
Parking:	LOT	Online Menu:	YES

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THE SHAMROCK

2257 Ringling Boulevard
941-952-1730
www.shamrock Sarasota.com

DOWNTOWN

IRISH

COST: \$

HOURS: Daily, 3PM to 2:30AM

INSIDER TIP: Interesting imported and local beer on tap. Selection is always changing. In the summer they feature local chefs cooking outside. Dishes paired with equally great beer.

WHAT TO EXPECT: Fun night out • You can watch soccer
Great St. Patty's Day party

SOME BASICS

Reservations:	NONE	Carry Out:	NO
Credit Cards:	YES	Delivery:	NO
Spirits:	BEER/WINE	Outdoor Dining:	NO
Parking:	STREET	Online Menu:	NO

SHARKEY'S ON THE PIER

1600 Harbor Drive South
941-488-1456
sharkysonthepier.com

VENICE

AMERICAN

COST: \$\$

HOURS: Sun-Thurs, 11:30AM to 10PM • Fri-Sat, 11:30AM to 12AM

INSIDER TIP: "Smack Dab on the Beach". That's their line. And, it's true. They have a fishing pier too! Casual beach-side dining. Lots of fresh fish on the menu.

WHAT TO EXPECT: Live music • On the beach • Very "Florida"

SOME BASICS

Reservations:	YES	Carry Out:	YES
Credit Cards:	YES	Delivery:	NO
Spirits:	FULL BAR	Outdoor Dining:	YES
Parking:	LOT	Online Menu:	YES

SHORE DINER

465 John Ringling Boulevard
941-296-0301
shorebrand.com

ST. ARMANDS

AMERICAN

COST: \$\$\$

HOURS: Lunch & Dinner Daily

INSIDER TIP: This is one of the Caragiulo owned restaurants. So, you're pretty assured of good food & service. Part of this restaurant is open air. Fun for groups. It's an adult bar scene.

WHAT TO EXPECT: OpenTable reservations • Busy during season
Good wine list

SOME BASICS

Reservations:	YES	Carry Out:	YES
Credit Cards:	YES	Delivery:	NO
Spirits:	FULL BAR	Outdoor Dining:	YES
Parking:	STREET	Online Menu:	YES

SIESTA KEY OYSTER BAR (SKOB)

5238 Ocean Boulevard
941-346-5443
www.skob.com

SIESTA KEY

AMERICAN

COST: \$\$

HOURS: Mon-Thurs, 11AM to 12AM • Fri-Sat, 11AM to 2AM
Sun, 9AM to 12AM

INSIDER TIP: When you hear locals talk about SKOB, this is it! They serve tons of oysters. Great live music and a festive island atmosphere await. Their daily oyster "Happy Hour" is a deal!

WHAT TO EXPECT: Vacation atmosphere • Live music
Siesta Village • Great for families • Busy in season

SOME BASICS

Reservations:	NONE	Carry Out:	YES
Credit Cards:	YES	Delivery:	NO
Spirits:	FULL BAR	Outdoor Dining:	YES
Parking:	LOT/STREET	Online Menu:	YES

S'MACKS BURGERS

2407 Bee Ridge Road

941-922-7673

<http://www.geckosgrill.com/smacks-burgers-and-shakes.php>

BEE RIDGE

BURGERS

COST: \$\$

HOURS: Daily, 10AM to 11PM

INSIDER TIP: Locally sourced burger joint. Think Shake Shack and you're on the right track. The burgers and the shakes are good. But, the garlic herb parmesan fries rock! Get them!

WHAT TO EXPECT: Casual burger joint • Shakes
Good for families

SOME BASICS

Reservations:	NONE	Carry Out:	YES
Credit Cards:	YES	Delivery:	NO
Spirits:	NONE	Outdoor Dining:	YES
Parking:	LOT	Online Menu:	YES

SMELL THE BREAD CAFÉ

3482 Clark Road

941-922-4515

www.smellthebreadcafe.com

CLARK/BENEVA

AMERICAN

COST: \$\$

HOURS: Mon-Sat, 8AM to 4PM • CLOSED SUNDAY

INSIDER TIP: Vegan and humanely raised ingredients. That's what this ecologically conscience eatery specializes in. Pastries, house made breads and salads make up the bulk of the menu.

WHAT TO EXPECT: Great for vegans/vegetarians • Breakfast & Lunch

SOME BASICS

Reservations:	NONE	Carry Out:	YES
Credit Cards:	YES	Delivery:	NO
Spirits:	BEER/WINE	Outdoor Dining:	YES
Parking:	LOT	Online Menu:	YES

SOCIAL EATERY & BAR

1219 First Street

941-444-7072

socialonfirst.com

NEW

DOWNTOWN

ITALIAN

COST: \$\$

HOURS: Sun-Thurs, 5PM to 12AM • Fri-Sat, 5PM to 2AM

INSIDER TIP: They feature a "Meatballeria" section on their menu. No other place in town can say that! Small plate options. Also, wood fired pizza. Obviously, you should try the meatballs!

WHAT TO EXPECT: Great for a date • Nice outdoor dining area
Good wine list • Young adult bar scene

SOME BASICS

Reservations:	WEB/PHONE	Carry Out:	YES
Credit Cards:	YES	Delivery:	NO
Spirits:	FULL BAR	Outdoor Dining:	YES
Parking:	STREET	Online Menu:	YES

SOLORZANO'S BROTHERS PIZZA

3604 Webber Street*

941-926-4276

www.solorzanobros.com

WEBBER/BENEVA

PIZZA

COST: \$\$

HOURS: Tues-Sat, 11AM to 10PM • Sun, 4PM to 10PM
CLOSED MONDAY

INSIDER TIP: Homemade pies. You can even get it by the slice. A Solorzano Supreme is delicious. But, for me a Red Tide (garlic, anchovy & black olive) is too much to resist!

WHAT TO EXPECT: Pizza • They Deliver • Lunch specials
"Flour Hour" specials

SOME BASICS

Reservations:	NONE	Carry Out:	YES
Credit Cards:	YES	Delivery:	YES
Spirits:	NONE	Outdoor Dining:	NO
Parking:	LOT	Online Menu:	YES

SOLORZANO'S RISTORANTE

6516 Superior Avenue
941-906-9444

GULF GATE

ITALIAN

COST: \$\$

HOURS: Tues-Sat, 5PM to 10PM • CLOSED SUNDAY & MONDAY

INSIDER TIP: If you're from Hoboken NJ then this is your go-to place. If you're not, you will still enjoy a great homemade Italian meal. Finish your meal with a slice of cheesecake!

WHAT TO EXPECT: Casual Italian • Good wine list • Quite atmosphere

SOME BASICS

Reservations:	YES	Carry Out:	YES
Credit Cards:	YES	Delivery:	NO
Spirits:	BEER/WINE	Outdoor Dining:	YES
Parking:	LOT/STREET	Online Menu:	NO

SOPHIE'S

120 University Town Center Drive (Sak's 5th Ave)
941-444-3077
sophies.com

NEW

UTC

AMERICAN

COST: \$\$\$

HOURS: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner, Mon-Sat, Opens at 10AM

INSIDER TIP: UTC mall shoppers will love this upscale dining option. Ladies especially. The small menu contains simple, delicious and well executed dishes. Nice outdoor dining space.

WHAT TO EXPECT: Excellent service • Ladies lunch spot
Upscale dining experience • UTC Mall (Sak's 5th Ave)

SOME BASICS

Reservations:	WEB/PHONE	Carry Out:	YES
Credit Cards:	YES	Delivery:	NO
Spirits:	BEER/WINE	Outdoor Dining:	YES
Parking:	LOT	Online Menu:	YES

SQUARE 1 BURGERS

1737 South Tamiami Trail*
941-870-8111
www.square1burgers.com

SOUTH TRAIL

BURGERS

COST: \$\$

HOURS: Sun-Thurs, 11AM to 11PM • Fri-Sat, 11AM to 12AM

INSIDER TIP: Burgers. The name says it. This is a mini-chain. But, it still maintains an independent feel. Burgers from Angus beef, turkey, chicken, buffalo and more. Rise & Shine Burger!

WHAT TO EXPECT: Good for families • Burgers, burgers, burgers
Busy in season

SOME BASICS

Reservations:	NONE	Carry Out:	YES
Credit Cards:	YES	Delivery:	NO
Spirits:	FULL BAR	Outdoor Dining:	NO
Parking:	LOT	Online Menu:	YES

THE STARLITE ROOM

1001 Coconut Avenue
941-702-5613
www.starlitesrq.com

NEW

DOWNTOWN

AMERICAN

COST: \$\$

HOURS: Daily from 4PM

INSIDER TIP: This is the old Broadway Bar. New owners, new feel. Lots of good small and large plate options. A convenient place to eat before a Van Wezel show.

WHAT TO EXPECT: Great before/after show • Small plate
Good cocktail list

SOME BASICS

Reservations:	YES	Carry Out:	YES
Credit Cards:	YES	Delivery:	NO
Spirits:	FULL BAR	Outdoor Dining:	NO
Parking:	STREET	Online Menu:	YES



SEAFOOD SUSTAINABILITY

By Chef Steve Phelps, Indigenous

In 2001 I moved to Sarasota with my wife from Cleveland to pursue my culinary mission of learning more about our oceans. Upon my arrival, I was intrigued to notice the lack of attention and detail to our best resource available, the Gulf of Mexico. As a chef, my vision of focusing on sustainable seafood was now clear.

My goals were simple. Work hard at the best establishments I could, develop a dedicated clientele and surround myself with the best employees available. I talked to, and in some cases annoyed everyone and anything I could in order to learn more about our fisheries locally and globally. With all the knowledge achieved through the past years here in South Florida, I opened Indigenous in 2011 focusing on local ingredients and our attempt to spotlight seafood that is sustainable and abundant.

In our efforts, we work closely with local Captains and seafood purveyors from the Keys to the Panhandle, putting emphasis on trace programs that identify in detail the species origin.

Thanks to our hard work at Indigenous, I was honored to be select to serve on the *2014 Chefs Seafood Watch Task Force for the Monterey Bay Aquarium* in California. Surround by some of the nation's top chefs and marine scientists, we were able to discuss the state of our oceans in detail. And, help plan for the future.

The data is alarming. It shows that currently 90% of the seafood in the USA is imported. We can do better. Much better. The workshops gave us as "ambassadors" a way to spread the word about where your fish comes from and how it was caught.

Just because you've eaten something "abundant" doesn't mean it was caught properly. This is a question you can ask your fish monger, sales person, servers and chefs. No answer, means no knowledge. As we know knowledge is power!

Know the source, know the methods.

Chef Steve Phelps opened Indigenous in 2011 to rave reviews, most recently earning a James Beard Foundation semi-finalist nomination for Best Chef, South. Keeping with their mission of conscientious sourcing, Indigenous' menu changes throughout the year based on peak ingredient availability. Indigenous restaurant is in Sarasota's historic Towles Court at 239 S. Links Ave. For more info call (941) 706.4740 or visit indigenoussarasota.com

STATE STREET EATING HOUSE

1533 State Street
941-951-1533
statestreetsrq.com

DOWNTOWN

AMERICAN

COST: \$\$

HOURS: Tues-Sat, 11:30AM to 11:30PM
CLOSED SUNDAY & MONDAY

INSIDER TIP: Love the feel of this place. Casual, but, big city at the same time. You could easily imagine this place in Seattle WA. Baked lobster mac & cheese". You could eat the whole menu!

WHAT TO EXPECT: Great for a date • Comfort food • Good wine list

SOME BASICS

Reservations:	5 OR MORE	Carry Out:	YES
Credit Cards:	YES	Delivery:	NO
Spirits:	FULL BAR	Outdoor Dining:	NO
Parking:	LOT	Online Menu:	YES