

RELOCATION GUIDE

TO TAMPA

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Welcome!



Welcome to Tampa! We are thrilled to have you join our vibrant and growing city. This relocation guide is designed to help you settle in and make the most of your new home. Whether you are moving here for work, family, or simply a change of scenery, Tampa offers a welcoming atmosphere, rich amenities, and a plethora of activities to enjoy.

In this guide, you'll find valuable information about local services, schools, healthcare facilities, and recreational opportunities. We have also included essential tips on navigating the area's transportation system, finding the best dining spots, and discovering the hidden gems that make Tampa unique. Our goal is to make your transition as smooth and enjoyable as possible, so you can start feeling at home right away.

Once again, welcome to Tampa! We hope this guide will be a helpful resource as you embark on this exciting new chapter. Feel free to reach out to our community center or local residents if you have any questions or need further assistance. We are all here to support you and look forward to seeing you thrive in your new surroundings.

HISTORY OF TAMPA

Located on the west coast of Florida, Tampa boasts a rich and diverse history that spans several centuries. The region was originally inhabited by Indigenous peoples, including the Tocobaga and the Calusa, long before European explorers arrived. Spanish explorers first landed in the area in the early 16th century, with Pánfilo de Narváez and later Hernando de Soto exploring the region.

In 1824, the United States established Fort Brooke at the mouth of the Hillsborough River, which played a crucial role in the Seminole Wars. By the mid-19th century, Tampa was officially incorporated as a town.

The late 19th and early 20th centuries saw a boom in Tampa's cigar industry, largely thanks to the efforts of Vicente Martinez-Ybor, a cigar manufacturer who relocated his operations from Key West.

In the modern era, Tampa has continued to grow and evolve, becoming a major metropolitan area with a thriving economy and vibrant cultural scene.

WHY WE LOVE *Tampa*

Tampa has everything to offer from shops and restaurants, to hiking and biking trails and world renown beaches. This community is a blend of vibrance and diversity, and provides the Florida-feel while only being a short drive to the Gulf beaches!

The continued development is truly exciting to watch and be a part of!



"Florida: where the sun shines, the rain surprises, and the sky paints a masterpiece every day."

WEATHER

On average...

51 inches of rain per year
0 inches of snow per year
246 sunny days per year

July is the hottest month with an average temperature of 90°F

January is the coldest month with an average temperature of 52°F

COST OF LIVING

Sales Tax Rate: 7.0%
Income Tax Rate: 0.0%

Avg. Individual Income: $40,962
**US average is $37,638*

Avg. Household Income: $59,893
**US average is $69,021*

Future Job Growth: 42.7%



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LIFESTYLE & RECREATION

The urban lifestyle in Tampa is enriched by a variety of cultural attractions. The city boasts numerous museums, theaters, and galleries that cater to diverse tastes. A highlight is the Tampa Museum of Art, which showcases both contemporary and classical art through a range of exhibitions and educational programs. For those who enjoy performance arts, the Straz Center for the Performing Arts stands out as a cultural hub, hosting Broadway shows, concerts, and local theater productions, making it a must-visit for enthusiasts.

When it comes to dining and nightlife, Tampa's culinary scene is vibrant and diverse. The city offers an array of dining options, from fine dining establishments to popular food trucks. Ybor City is particularly noteworthy for its historic charm and lively nightlife, featuring a variety of bars, clubs, and restaurants that make it a perfect spot for a night out.

Outdoor recreation is abundant in Tampa, thanks in part to its proximity to the Gulf of Mexico. Clearwater Beach, just a short drive from downtown, is famous for its white sand and clear waters, making it an ideal destination for swimming, sunbathing, and engaging in water sports. For boating enthusiasts, the bay area offers numerous charters for fishing trips, further enhancing the water-related activities available.

The Tampa Riverwalk is another gem, offering a scenic path along the Hillsborough River that connects downtown parks, museums, and restaurants. It’s perfect for leisurely walks or bike rides while enjoying the picturesque surroundings.

Sports fans will find Tampa an exciting city, as it is home to several professional sports teams that provide year-round entertainment. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers bring thrilling NFL action at Raymond James Stadium. Hockey enthusiasts can enjoy exciting games featuring the Tampa Bay Lightning at Amalie Arena, while baseball fans can catch a game with the Tampa Bay Rays at Tropicana Field, located in nearby St. Petersburg.



NEARBY ATTRACTIONS







BUSCH GARDENS

The ultimate family adventure, offering fascinating attractions based on exotic explorations around the world. A unique blend of thrilling rides, premier zoo, live shows, restaurants, shops and games.

ADVENTURE ISLAND

Adventure Island® is 30 acres of water-drenched fun in the sun featuring the ultimate combination of high-speed thrills and tropical, tranquil surroundings for guests of all ages.

MOSI

Explore a world of possibilities at Tampa's Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI) with more than 100 hands-on activities.

ADVENT CENTER ICE

With over 150,000 square feet, five-rink complex is the perfect spot for skaters of all ages to have fun out on the ice with their family and friends. From Public skating to Figure Skating and ice Hockey, they have something for everyone.

FLORIDA AQUARIUM

Fun is in the water at The Florida Aquarium, home to a variety of animals from dwarf seahorses to apex predators! Guests are invited on a journey to enjoy species ambassadors from Florida and beyond.

THREE SISTERS SPRINGS

This natural inlet in Crystal River contains three natural springs, with crystal-clear turquoise waters and an abundance of wildlife. In winter, look out for the manatees that migrate and seek refuge in the warm water.

ZOOTAMPA

ZooTampa at Lowry Park is home to more than 1300 animals and famous for having one of the most beautiful, tropical zoological settings in the world.

DINOSAUR WORLD

Go back in time - see over 200 life size dinosaurs at Dinosaur World! Dig for fossils and keep three at the Fossil Dig. Pan for real minerals and gems at the Dino Gem Excavation and crack your own geode with the Geode Cracker.

GLAZER CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Designed to inspire children and families by creating learning opportunities around innovative play and discovery, the 53,000 square foot Glazer Children's Museum has a combination of permanent and traveling exhibits, comprehensive programs and special events.

TAMPA BAY HISTORY CENTER

The Tampa Bay History Center - a Smithsonian Affiliate Museum - features three floors of exhibits exploring 12,000 years of Florida history.

EPPERSON LAGOON

Join us for a day in paradise! At over 7 acres in size and with crystal clear blue waters, there are endless ways for the whole family to enjoy the day at the Lagoon. The All Day Ticket gives you access to the nation's first Crystal Lagoon®.

NEIGHBORHOODS

With so many great areas to live in Tampa, it can be hard to decide where to call home. We've put together a list of some of the most popular communities and suburbs. Get your home search started with these top picks.

Wesley Chapel and Land O'Lakes

Wesley Chapel is a rapidly growing suburban community that offers the perfect blend of modern convenience and small-town charm. Known for its family-friendly atmosphere, Wesley Chapel boasts excellent schools, beautiful parks, and a variety of shopping and dining options. .

Westchase and Carrollwood

Westchase is a charming suburban community known for its family-friendly atmosphere and scenic landscapes. With its meticulously maintained neighborhoods, Westchase offers a perfect blend of urban convenience and serene living. Residents enjoy a variety of amenities, including beautifully landscaped parks, vibrant shopping centers, and an array of dining options.

Clearwater, Largo and St.Petersburg

Clearwater Beach and St.Pete Beach are consistently ranked among the top beaches in the United States, with their soft sands and picturesque sunsets drawing visitors from all over the world. The cities also boast lively promenade with shops, restaurants, and entertainment options, making them perfect destinations for family vacations and romantic getaways alike.

Riverview and Wimauma

Riverview offers a serene suburban lifestyle with easy access to Tampa's bustling city amenities. Known for its family-friendly atmosphere, Riverview boasts numerous parks and recreational areas that are perfect for outdoor enthusiasts. Wimauma is a charming rural community that celebrates its agricultural roots while embracing growth and development.

Odessa

Odessa, Florida is a charming community located in Pasco County, just north of Tampa. Known for its rural tranquility and scenic landscapes, Odessa offers a perfect blend of suburban and countryside living. This area is characterized by its sprawling horse farms, lush forests, and beautiful lakes.

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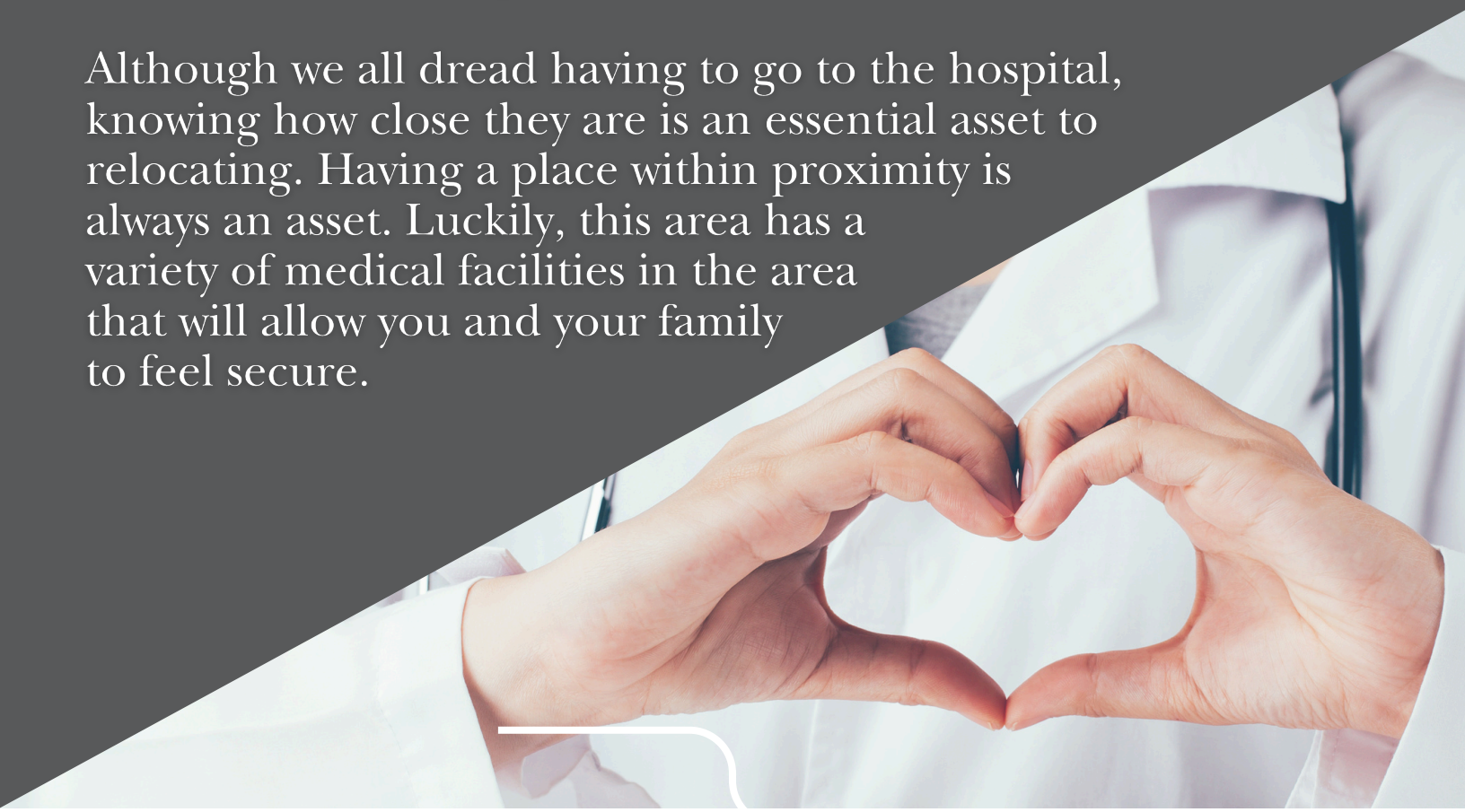




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HEALTH CARE

Although we all dread having to go to the hospital, knowing how close they are is an essential asset to relocating. Having a place within proximity is always an asset. Luckily, this area has a variety of medical facilities in the area that will allow you and your family to feel secure.



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TAMPA GENERAL HOSPITAL

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SHOPPING

Tampa Bay is a shopper's paradise, offering a diverse array of shopping experiences that cater to every taste and preference. From luxurious malls to quirky local boutiques, here's a guide to some of the best places to shop in Tampa Bay.

Located near the Tampa International Airport, International Plaza is a premier shopping destination in Tampa Bay. This upscale mall features more than 200 stores, including high-end brands like Gucci, Louis Vuitton, and Nordstrom. Bay Street, an open-air village connected to the mall, offers a variety of dining options and vibrant nightlife.

Hyde Park Village is a charming outdoor shopping district that combines modern retail with historical architecture. It boasts a mix of national retailers and local boutiques, including Anthropologie, Lululemon, and West Elm. The village also hosts seasonal events, farmers markets, and art fairs, making it a lively community hub.

Located in nearby Lutz, the Tampa Premium Outlets is the perfect destination for bargain hunters. This outdoor shopping center offers discounts on over 100 designer and name-brand stores, including Coach, Michael Kors, and Nike. With its beautiful architecture and scenic outdoor spaces, it's an enjoyable shopping experience for the whole family.

WestShore Plaza provides a convenient shopping option with a mix of popular retailers like Macy's, JCPenney, and H&M. This indoor mall also features a variety of dining options and a movie theater, making it a great place for a day of shopping and entertainment.



RESTAURANTS



Highly Rated Restaurants in Tampa

Casual Dining
1. Columbia
2. Ulele
3. Datz

Vegan + Vegetarian
1. Farmacy
2. Loving Hut
3. Bamboozle

Upscale Dining
1. Bern's Steak House
2. Edison
3. Mise En Place

Food Trucks
1. The Taco Bus
2. Mr.C's Grilled Cheese
3. Empamamas

Kid-Friendly
1. Glazer Family Cafe
2. Datz
3. Armature Works

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3. Bern's Steak House

SCHOOLS

When relocating, understanding the schools in the new area is crucial for several reasons. Being informed about schools helps you make a well-rounded decision, ensuring a positive transition for your family.



Preschool & Pre-K

West Tampa Elementary
Carrollwood Elementary
Alexander Elementary

Elementary

Metropolitan Ministries Elementary
West Tampa Elementary
Alexander Elementary

Middle School

Sligh Middle School
Dr Carter G Woodson

High School

Leto High School
Hillsborough High School

Private & Charter

Dr.Kiran C Patel Elementary

CONTACT US

Whether you're relocating for a job, lifestyle change or other reasons, you have questions that cannot be answered by this guide alone.

That's where we step in. Let's talk one-on-one. Tell us about your needs and what you desire in a community and allow us to connect you with the resources, the help and the answers you need to help you plan your relocation.



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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



Find out more about the areas surrounding Tampa with our guides.