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TAMPA BAY



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Fall is Calling You to Tampa Bay

Discover the trove of culinary, cultural, and outdoor treasures waiting for you in Florida's Most dynamic destination

Into the Outdoors | There may be a chill in the air elsewhere, but in Tampa Bay, the water awaits you. So bring your bathing suit and your sense of adventure to try [paddleboarding](#) or [water bikes](#) on the sparkling waterfront. Ride the Congo River Rapids at [Busch Gardens® Tampa Bay](#). Make a splash on [ZooTampa's](#) new Roaring Springs water ride or enjoy the wide-open bay on a Wild Dolphin Cruise from [The Florida Aquarium](#). You'll find easy access to the Hillsborough River and Garrison Channel from the [Tampa Riverwalk](#), which includes several spots for launching kayaks and paddleboards along with public docks for tying up motorboats.

Spectator Sports | Whether you want to wreak havoc at Raymond James Stadium or be the thunder at Amalie Arena, Tampa Bay's professional sports teams will give you something to cheer about this fall. The **Tampa Bay Buccaneers** have their first home game of the 2018 NFL season on September 16 when they host the Super Bowl LIII Champions the Philadelphia Eagles. **Tampa Bay Lightning** kick off their latest race for hockey's Stanley Cup on October 6 when they host Miami's Florida Panthers at home. Wave your green and yellow to cheer the **Tampa Bay Rowdies** as they take to the pitch through October 14. The road to the 2022 World Cup runs through Tampa Bay when the **U.S. Soccer's Men's National Team** takes on Colombia October 11 at Raymond James Stadium.

Food & Drink | Celebrate Tampa Bay's German heritage and love of beer with **Tampa Oktoberfest** in Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park October 12-14. The weekend features authentic German food, music, and games. So, break out the lederhosen and hoist a stein. Prost! Shuffle off to **Nebraska Mini-Mart** in hipster haven Seminole Heights for an afternoon of old-school shuffleboard and cutting-edge cuisine from Tampa Bay's rising culinary star Ferrell Alvarez. Fall is **Craft Beer Season** in Tampa Bay – the perfect time to explore the amazing array of locally inspired styles and flavors coming out of Florida's hub for craft brewing. Hop on the Brew Bus and leave the driving to them.

Sparkman Wharf | Dig into to new culinary discoveries in downtown's newest foodie location. Waterfront entertainment complex **Sparkman Wharf** opens this fall with incredible new restaurant concepts created by Tampa Bay's most popular chefs and restaurateurs. Partly built from shipping containers, the complex will be the new home of downtown's popular Fly Bar. It will also feature an outdoor biergarten designed to tap into Florida's hub for craft brewing, and enormous screens that will make it *the* place to catch a Tampa Bay Lightning game.

Arts & Culture | A touch of the infinite comes to Tampa Bay when **Tampa Museum of Art** hosts "Love Is Calling," an infinity room installation by famed Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama opening September 28. The stage is set for an autumn of the arts at the **Straz Center for the Performing Arts** (the largest theater complex in the Southeast), which kicks off its Broadway Season on October 16. "Hamilton" arrives in February.

New seasons of the **Florida Orchestra**, **Opera Tampa**, and **Jobsite Theater** also fill the Straz Center with music, song, and Shakespeare this fall.

Halloween Hijinx | Tampa Bay is a place that knows how to have a spooky good time! Busch Gardens Tampa Bay becomes a night-time house of horrors on weekends for teens and adults in September and October as **Howl-O-Scream** takes over after hours. Little ghouls and ghosts can get into the spirit with **Creatures of the Night** weekends in October at ZooTampa at Lowry Park. Halloween comes to downtown's **Glazer Children's Museum** on October 31 with indoor trick-or-treating for the little ones.

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