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Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach



**PUNTA GORDA
ENGLEWOOD BEACH**

The Charlotte Harbor Gulf Island Coast

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LIFE ON THE *Sunny Side*

Ready for an escape that's off the beaten path, laid-back and filled with every kind of outside fun imaginable? Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach is that pure Florida experience you're longing for, from relaxing on pristine beaches to boating across sparkling waterways. You'll also discover secluded islands, fascinating wildlife, scenic trails, top-ranked golf courses, world-class fishing and so much more. There's no greater place to enjoy the great outdoors.

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The Charlotte Harbor Gulf Island Coast

Seaside

Discover the prettiest and most peaceful beaches on the planet, perfect for relaxing and reconnecting.



You won't find big crowds on our beaches. Just plenty of white sand, gentle waves and native wildlife, from pelicans gliding across the sky to the occasional dolphins emerging from the Gulf to say hello. Swimming and snorkeling are a joy in the clear waters and if you love seashells, you'll find more sandy treasures than you've ever seen. Another fun activity is hunting for fossilized shark teeth – you won't believe how many you'll find along our shores.



Check out our live beach cam at Englewood Beach at PureFlorida.com/Beachcam.

Seaside

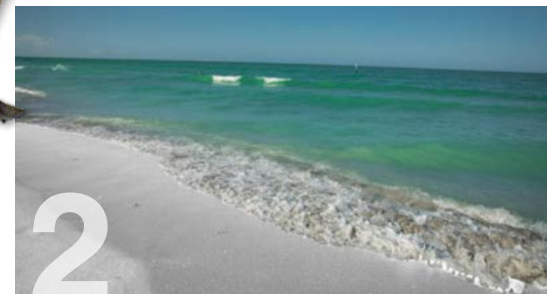
DON PEDRO ISLAND STATE PARK

This amazing offshore island park is accessible only by boat or kayak. Dock on the mangrove-lined bayside and explore untouched nature on its hiking trails. The Gulf side of the island is home to a mile of almost deserted white-sand beach. Enjoy swimming in the crystal clear water.



ENGLEWOOD BEACH PARK

You'll love the absolutely beautiful views here. In addition to pristine sand and thousands of seashells and fossilized shark teeth, there's a kids' playground, convenient facilities and rentals for beach chairs, umbrellas and more.



STUMP PASS BEACH STATE PARK

Rumored to be the luckiest place on earth, it's tradition here to add a shell to the driftwood stumps on the beach and make a wish. Hike the trail for a gorgeous view of the Gulf on one side and Lemon Bay on the other.



WHAT'S HAPPENING Seaside



ENGLEWOOD BEACH WATERFEST

Join the party in November for the Offshore Powerboat Association's World Championships. Enjoy a weekend of races, live music and more. See details and all events at PureFlorida.com/Events.



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KNIGHT ISLAND (PALM ISLAND)

Discover a true island paradise here with an unbelievable beach and views, accessible only by boat, water taxi (behind Leverock's Restaurant), or the car ferry. Your best bet to experience this magical place is to book a vacation rental at Palm Island Resort.

LITTLE GASPARILLA ISLAND

Get the true Little Gasparilla experience by staying on the island at one of many lovely vacation rentals scattered gulfside and bayside. No roads, no traffic, no high-rises and no regrets.



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MEET AN Outsider

How does a kid from Maryland end up as "The Beach Guy"? Scan to find out!



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GASPARILLA ISLAND STATE PARK

Enjoy a beautiful, dune-lined beach and the historical Port Boca Grande Lighthouse, the only lighthouse open to the public on Florida's West Coast. It's home to a museum where you can tour the lighthouse and learn about the island's rich history.

PORT CHARLOTTE BEACH PARK

This inland harborside park is conveniently located and easy to reach. A man-made beach offers a calm swimming area along with park amenities including a play area for kids, heated swimming pool, bbq grills, picnic tables, fishing pier, and lots of shade.



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Sidetracks

Sea turtle nesting season runs May through October on our beaches. Please remember to respect turtle nests, which are usually marked with stakes and flags, and fill in any holes dug on the beach. If on the beach at night, do not use flashlights or cell phone lights as they can deter nesting or confuse hatchlings heading to the water.



Waterside

A water wonderland awaits in 830 miles of shoreline and the Peace and Myakka rivers, which converge in Charlotte Harbor, Florida's second-largest estuary. 80% of its shoreline is preserved to remain a breeding ground for marine life and protected natural environment.



Whether it's boating, fishing, paddling or swimming, we offer more ways to make a splash with your Florida vacation. If you're an "old salt," you can bring your own boat or rent one. Or if you prefer to let someone else do the driving, kick back and relax on one of the area's many cruises or guided tours. Amazing fishing, dolphin-spotting and sunsets are just a few of the delights in store.



Water.
Water.
Everywhere!



Waterside

CRUISE IT

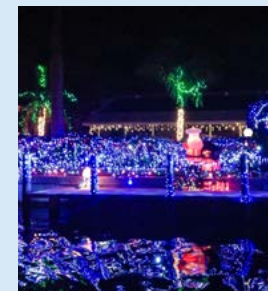
Whether you want to rent a motorboat, sailboat or jet ski, there are dozens of marinas and rental places throughout the area that'll ensure you and your passengers are comfortable operating the rental vessels. They'll also provide a map of the area if you bring your own boat. You can find many first-class marinas and boat ramps online.

PADDLE IT

The Blueway Trail system has nearly 200 miles of paddling trails, from freshwater rivers and creeks to saltwater coastal areas. Whether in a kayak, canoe, or on a stand-up paddleboard, you'll get a fascinating look at wildlife and breathtaking natural beauty.

TOUR IT

Attractions like **Riding the Waves** in Englewood give you the experience of piloting your own private catamaran while following a trusted tour guide through area waterways. Or for a completely laid-back experience, enjoy a narrated boating excursion by **King Fisher Fleet** in Punta Gorda. Visit a few of **Charlotte Harbor's Aquatic Preserves** for an eco-venture – snorkeling in the spring/summer and nature boat tours in the fall/winter. Take a trip to an isolated island, see dolphins in the wild and get lost in the beauty of a sunset. Plenty of guided tours await to give you the experience of a lifetime.



WHAT'S HAPPENING Waterside

CHRISTMAS LIGHT CANAL CRUISES

Experience a Punta Gorda tradition throughout December on a one-hour cruise around residential canals filled with Christmas lights on homes, boats, seawalls and docks. See details and all events at PureFlorida.com/Events.

Sunny Side SUP



Paddle Board and Kayak to Pristine Coastal Destinations



Join SUP Englewood for a Paddle Board or Kayak Eco Tour. Guided paddling trips are perfect for beginners. Instructors help first-time paddlers to develop skills needed for navigating local waterways safely and efficiently.

SUP Englewood offers guided tours in several Charlotte County Parks for access to the most pristine paddling areas. Expect to learn about the coastal ecosystem as you view marine life up-close. SUP Englewood also offers paddle board and kayak rentals. Delivery and pick up is always free to local Charlotte County parks and state park locations. Call us to reserve your next paddling adventure.



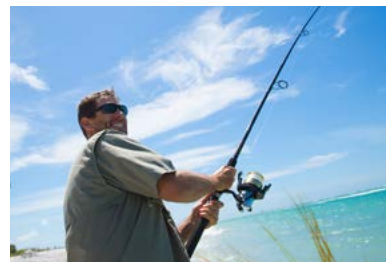
SUP Englewood
941.26KAYAK | 941.265.2925



Find the Fish



Anglers of all skill levels will love the variety of fishing found here – freshwater, saltwater, back bay, offshore and pier fishing. Hundreds of fish species thrive in Charlotte Harbor from the blending of saltwater from the Gulf of Mexico with the freshwater from the Peace, Myakka and Caloosahatchee rivers. Getting on the fish is easy with plenty of guides, charters, marinas and convenient launch areas. Learn more at PureFlorida.com/Fishing.



THE TARPON CAPITAL OF THE WORLD

The Boca Grande Pass is renowned as one of the best places in North America to catch a tarpon. This spectacular game fish puts up a challenging fight and is on many an angler's bucket list. Though tarpon can be caught year-round, April to October is prime time to catch one of these silver kings.

Side Trips

SIGHTSEEING CRUISES ON CHARLOTTE HARBOR

King Fisher Fleet invites you to explore our beautiful estuary on a trip with our knowledgeable crew. Enjoy romantic sunset cruises, picturesque river tours, off-the-beaten path island trips to Cabbage Key, Cayo Costa, and Boca Grande, private events, and more.



Located in Fisherman's Village
1200 W. Retta Espl.
Punta Gorda, FL 33950
941.639.0969
KingFisherFleet.com

Get on Board



We offer daily/half day/long term rentals for center console boats, deckboats, pontoon boats, kayaks and stand-up paddle boards. Enjoy a relaxing day on the water or on a secluded beach, or fish in one of the most prominent fishing destinations in the U.S.



HolidazeBoatRental.com
941.505.8888
1200 W. Retta Esplanade
Punta Gorda, FL 33950



FISHERMEN'S VILLAGE

DINE | STAY | PLAY



There's no place like Fishermen's Village. Dine, stay, and play at Punta Gorda's premier waterfront destination. Enjoy dining, shopping, entertainment, and Sunset Beach Club, where the endless horizon never goes unnoticed. Fishermen's Village, The Suites at Fishermen's Village and the Marina can fill a day, define an evening, or pack the itinerary of a family-fun adventure!

- Visit unique shops offering everything from fashion and beachwear to home décor and gifts
- Dine at waterfront restaurants and bars. Including delicious American Cuisine from Village Brewhouse or island inspired eats from The Pier
- Listen to live music at Sunset Beach Club or Center Court at Village Brewhouse
- Set out on the water with rentals for boats, paddleboards, kayaks, and surrey bikes
- Enjoy a harbor tour or sunset cruise all right from Fishermen's Village



Fishermen's Village
1200 W. Retta Esplanade
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800.639.0020
FishermensVillage.com

**Southwest Florida's Premier
Waterfront Destination**



MEET AN Outsider

*Brenda Hillberry
shares the delights
of a King Fisher Fleet
cruise. Scan to watch
her story.*



Trailside

Punta Gorda offers a free bike loaner program. Just check out a bike at one of the pickup locations along the Harborwalk and start exploring any number of planned trails through this quaint, harborside town.



Discover hiking and biking trails in more than 70 parks, nature preserves and recreational areas, from the Gulf Coast on Manasota Key in the north to wet pine flatwoods in the south. Breathtaking tropical beauty and fascinating wildlife await along the Great Florida Birding Trail, 60 Blueway paddling trails, remote beaches and more. Or follow your bliss along harbor-front trails, historic neighborhoods and downtown areas filled with colorful murals, cafés and shops.

A man and a woman are walking along a wooden boardwalk that stretches into a lush mangrove forest. The woman, in the foreground, is wearing a light blue sleeveless top and is smiling. The man, slightly behind her, is also smiling. The boardwalk has a metal railing on the right side. The background is filled with dense green mangrove trees under a clear blue sky.

Happy Trails to You

Trailside

Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach is home to seven sections of the **Great Florida Birding Trail**, featuring Florida's best wildlife viewing sites. The **Cedar Point Environmental Park** is located in the Lemon Bay portion of the trail and offers an easily walkable 3.5-mile hike with ample opportunities to see native wildlife, such as armadillos and nesting bald eagles, in their natural habitats. In Port Charlotte, the trail crosses through **Tippecanoe Environmental Park**, offering 380 acres of uplands and wetlands along the rim of Tippecanoe Bay. Keep an eye out for the Florida Scrub-Jay, an endangered species that's the only bird species unique to Florida. **Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park** is also a part of the Great Florida Birding Trail and Florida's third-largest state park, with more than 43,400 acres of wilderness. Enjoy a hike with a guide along six miles of trails or discover the area by the water via kayak and the two paddle trail systems running through it. The park's shallow water and mangrove forests provide the chance to see wading birds, dolphins, manatees and more.



Meet the Locals

A visit to the **Peace River Wildlife Center**, which specializes in the rehabilitation of our local wildlife, is a great way to meet native birds and reptiles, up close and personal. And don't miss one of the area's most spectacular wildlife encounters at **Babcock Ranch Eco-Tours**. This guided group tour will take you deep into Florida wilderness and swampland where you'll meet Bacon Bits, resident hog, and other wildlife, including alligators, deer, cows and turkeys.



READY TO REALLY GET OFF THE BEATEN PATH?

Several attractions offer exciting tracks and trails for ATVs, UTVs, motocross and bicycles - some with on-site camping, lakes and more and ranging from pro to pee wee with twists, turns and jumps. **Redneck Mud Park** is 800 acres, miles of trails and four mud holes to choose from depending on your riding preferences and experience. **74 MX And Offroad** is a family- and pet-friendly motocross park. And **Charlotte BMX** is a premier racing facility that hosts state and national races while supporting the local growth of young riders.



WHAT'S HAPPENING *Trailside*

TRUCKS GONE WILD FALL CLASSIC AT REDNECK MUD PARK

Enjoy ATV and truck races, pulls and mud bogging, camping, music and vendors at this fun annual festival. See details and all events at PureFlorida.com/Events.

A Fascinating Look at Wildlife



See native wildlife up close and learn how to keep them safe in their natural environments at our free education center. Any donation or gift shop purchase goes directly to the care of our wildlife patients and residents.

Bella, a great horned owl (above), and Luna, an eastern screech owl (left), are just two of many species of raptors, songbirds and shorebirds who reside at our center. You may also see resident opossums, squirrels and turtles.

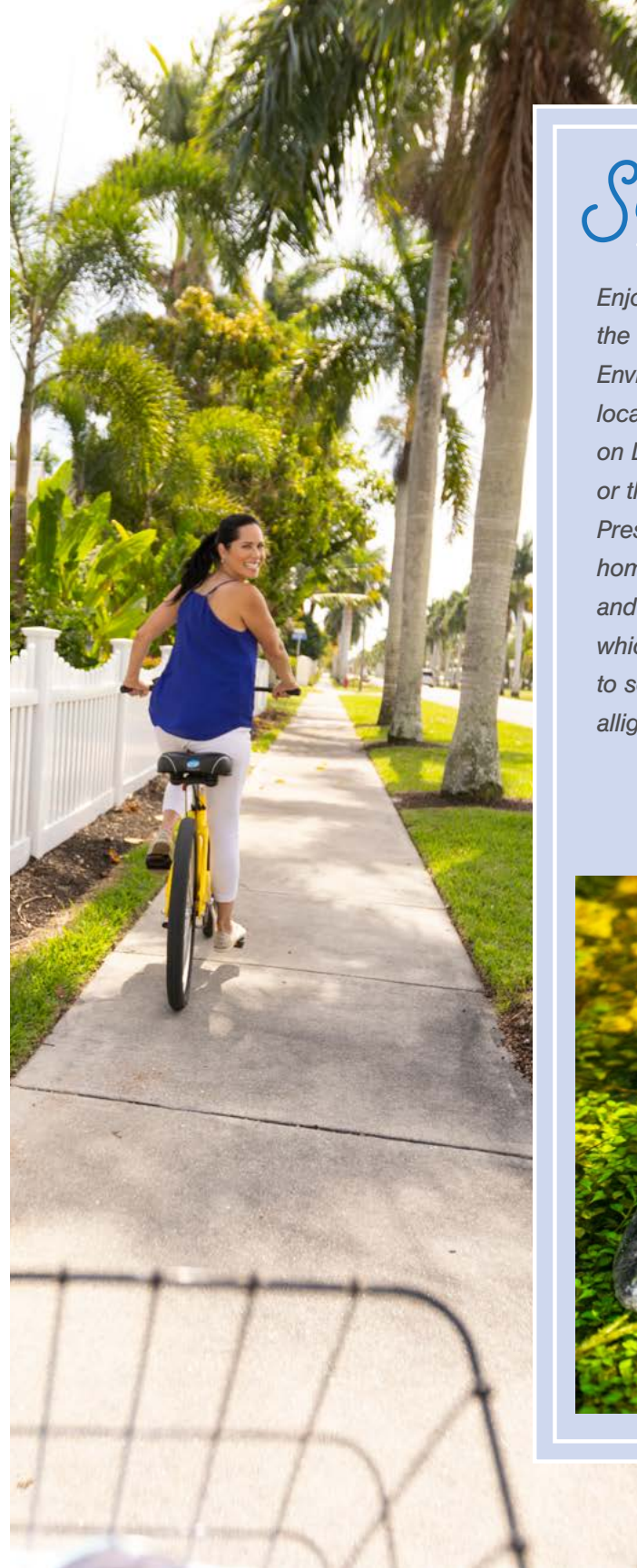


Come meet some amazing creatures and support a wild and wonderful cause.

Peace River Wildlife Center
3400 Ponce de Leon Pkwy
Education Center
Ponce de Leon Park
(GPS) 3400 W. Marion Ave.
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

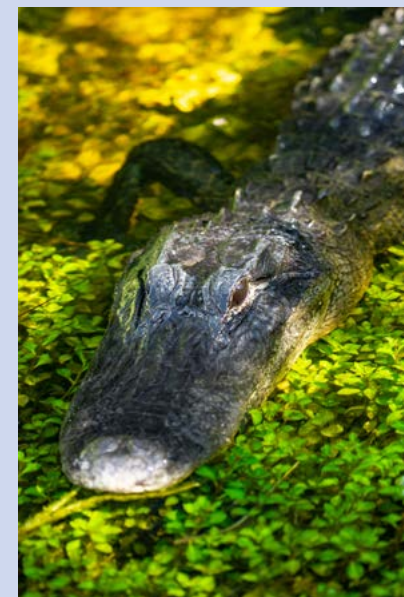


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Side Views

Enjoy a hike at one of the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center's two locations: Cedar Point Park on Lemon Bay in Englewood or the Alligator Creek Preserve in Punta Gorda, home to four miles of trails and a picturesque lake, which is a great place to see, you guessed it, alligators.



Cityside



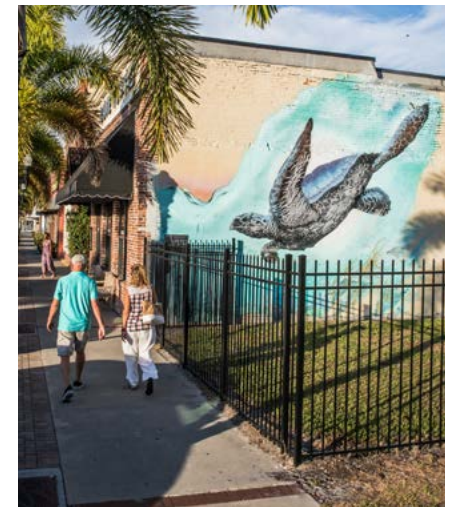
Visitors are often pleasantly surprised by the inviting atmosphere and warm welcome they receive when visiting each community throughout our area. But locals know, whether on the water or off the beaten path, the charming communities here are full of unique character you can't find anywhere else.



Punta Gorda



If you like towns filled with natural beauty and historic charm, then you'll be delighted by Punta Gorda. Located along scenic Charlotte Harbor, nearly everything is waterfront here, from hotels and restaurants to parks and bike paths. Discover a walkable downtown district with one-of-a-kind shops, art galleries, cafés and unique restaurants. As you wander throughout Punta Gorda, keep your eye out for the Historic Mural Society's 30+ murals dotted across town. Don't miss **Fishermen's Village**, where you can shop, dine, enjoy live entertainment and take a sunset cruise around the harbor.



WHAT'S HAPPENING *Cityside*

PUNTA GORDA DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET

Enjoy the Saturday weekly market that was voted the best small market in Florida, offering homemade treats, arts and crafts, live entertainment and more. Details and more events at PureFlorida.com/Events.

Punta Gorda

Discover Dynamic Arts and Culture



Take a stroll through the **Peace River Botanical & Sculpture Gardens** for an inspiring look at modern art in a setting of natural beauty.

Cultivate your “inner Beethoven” at the **Charlotte Performing Arts Center**, featuring concerts from The Charlotte Chorale, Punta Gorda Symphony, the Gulfshore Opera and more.

Explore three major galleries bursting with treasures from local artists at the **Visual Arts Center** and pick up something special in the gift shop.

See what the local art scene has to offer at the **Artisan Atelier**, a hip, modern creative space of working artists’ studios and a gallery.

Visit the **Sea Grape Gallery**, a cooperative fine art gallery, to peruse a variety of amazing, one-of-a-kind gifts and art pieces created by award-winning artists.

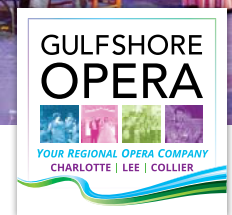
History buffs will appreciate several unique attractions, including the **Vietnam Wall of Southwest Florida**, **Blanchard House Museum** and the **Punta Gorda Historic Railroad Depot**. Also not to be missed is the impressive **Military Heritage Museum**, which offers everything from virtual reality flights on military aircraft in the Flight Ops simulator room to hearing personal stories from veterans who serve as guides at the museum. It’s a fascinating educational experience you won’t soon forget.



Add Some Inspiration to Your Vacation



Enjoy the finest live opera performances in the region as well as community concerts. Each year, a full-scale, grand opera production features nationally recognized soloists and directors. Visit us online to see our calendar of events and productions.



GulfshoreOpera.org
239.529.3925

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An Extraordinary Experience Honoring Our Military Heritage



With 20,000+ artifacts, veterans serving as museum guides, flight and ship simulators, virtual reality experiences, thousands of infographics, live performances and audiovisual displays, the Military Heritage Museum provides unique and innovative experiences for all ages throughout its 17,000-square-foot facility. Honoring all who serve and spanning the Revolutionary War through modern conflicts and five military branches, it's a must-see attraction unlike any other.



Military Heritage Museum
900 West Marion Ave.
Punta Gorda, FL 33950
941.575.9002



Military
Heritage
Museum

MilitaryHeritageMuseum.org

Gulf Islands

Though originally Knight/Palm, Don Pedro, and Little Gasparilla Islands were three separate islands, over time these Southwest Florida islands joined into one landmass; however, they're still considered to be three separate entities. You'll find that each has a unique character. Bordered by 12 miles of serene, silky sand beaches, they're warm, inviting and pristine. Wildlife far outnumbers the human population, so you can experience relaxation of the purest kind.



Experience Our Garden Bliss



Create your own backyard paradise with our tropical clumping bamboo plants, pottery handcrafted by families from all over the world, and garden decor. Shop on five acres of beautifully landscaped gardens, where you can see how delightful bamboo looks at maturity. Open seven days a



PotteryExpress.com
TropicalClumpingBamboo.com
941.505.8400
25370 Zemel Road
Punta Gorda, FL 33955

Port Charlotte

Discover great golf, dining, entertainment and hotel offerings in this friendly community at the north side of the harbor, which is home to the **County Fairgrounds** and exciting events year-round. Visit the **Gilded Grape Winery** for live music, delicious wine and onsite, do-it-yourself wine making. Several restaurants offer an evening of fine dining and a show, including comedy at the **Visani Italian Steakhouse and Comedy Theater**, and live music at **The Grill at 1951** and **Donato's Italian Restaurant**. Another great dining option is the **Twisted Fork Restaurant® and Bar**, conveniently located adjacent to Bert's **Black Widow Harley-Davidson®**, which features live music every weekend on Bert's Back Porch, bike nights and special events. Another live music hotspot is the eclectic **Bean Depot Café & Museum**. If dynamic community theater is your thing, you'll love the **Charlotte Players**. The new **Sunseeker Resort**, projected to open in 2023, promises to be a welcome addition to the area with expansive harbor views and world-class amenities including a full-service spa, resort-style golf course, nearly 20 food and beverage outlets, and meeting and event space for weddings, reunions and more.



Englewood & Manasota Key

You'll love the laid-back vibe of Englewood and Manasota Key. While the main attraction is breathtaking beaches, you'll never run out of things to do! In addition to being home to two state parks, this is a watersports mecca. Rent a boat, explore mangrove gardens by kayak, fish or take a SUP excursion. It's all here. And you can also take advantage of more than 180 holes of golf in the area. Don't miss daily morning beach yoga and the Sunday sunset drum circle on Englewood Beach, then relax at any of the nearby bars and restaurants near the giant shell roundabout.



Explore a Vibrant Arts Scene



As the area's premier professional orchestra, the Punta Gorda Symphony presents world-class musicians and revered symphonic works.



6210 Scott Street #213, Punta Gorda
941.205.5996 • PGSymphony.org



Charlotte Players is a dynamic community theater performing a fresh slate of new shows each season in their cozy performance venue.



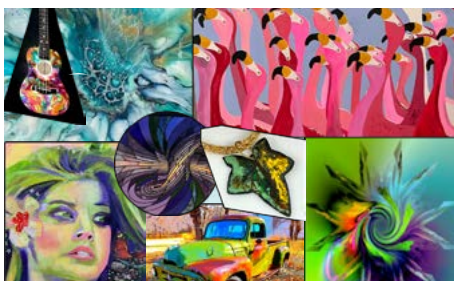
1182 Market Circle, Port Charlotte
941.255.1022 • CharlottePlayers.org



A sanctuary of art and nature, the Peace River Botanical & Sculpture Gardens features world-class sculptures and botanical gardens nestled along the Peace River.



5827 Riverside Dr., Punta Gorda
941.621.8299 • PeaceRiverGardens.org



The Visual Arts Center features original works of art from local artists in three major galleries, a gift gallery, classes, special events and more.



210 Maud Street, Punta Gorda
941.639.8810 • VisualArtCenter.org

Placida, Cape Haze & Boca Grande

Whether enjoying world-class fishing in the Gasparilla Sound or seeing manatees in the wild aboard your own kayak, these quiet communities enjoy an island vibe, but feature all types of amenities. You'll find plenty of fresh, local seafood and charming accommodations. World-class golf, boating of all kinds, biking, fresh and saltwater fishing, nature watching and of course, a variety of restaurants are all nearby. **Gasparilla Marina** is a convenient location to rent a boat and grab a bite at **Smokin' Jerry's Tiki Bar & Grill**. A visit to the historic village of Boca Grande is a favorite for its old-world charm, quaint shops and restaurants, and gorgeous beach views.



Babcock Ranch

This unique solar/natural gas-powered town features the largest solar farm that Florida Power and Light has ever constructed. Visit its downtown district, **Founder's Square**, for a growing number of excellent dining, shopping and entertainment options, as well as a bandshell and plenty of space for outdoor events.



Host Your Next Group Event in Our Outdoor Wonderland

From superb venues and sports facilities to gorgeous weather and beaches, Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach is the perfect place for destination weddings, sporting events and tournaments, meetings, family reunions and other special group gatherings. We're here to help with finding the right accommodations, booking venues and more.

Visit us online to learn more:
PureFlorida.com/Weddings
PureFlorida.com/Meetings
PureFlorida.com/Sports

Sideshows

Experience the thrill of a lifetime at Skydive SW Florida. Freefall and soar under the parachute while enjoying the beautiful views of the Gulf of Mexico, the Peace River and Charlotte Harbor. Bucket list, birthday, anniversary, proposal ... or just because, take the leap and fly like a bird!



Skydive Southwest Florida



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Punta Gorda, FL 33982
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SkyDiveSWFlorida.com

Tableside

*In 2020, Punta Gorda was ranked #2 in
USA Today's 10Best Small Town Food Scenes.*



Dining out is always one of the most enjoyable parts of any vacation, and the culinary scene in Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach is ready to satisfy every foodie's appetite. With a variety of cuisines, original restaurants, award-winning chefs and inspiring waterside views, your dining experiences here are sure to be unforgettable. Begin exploring at PureFlorida.com/Restaurants.

Foodie Finds

Here's a taste of just a few of our favorite original restaurants in Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach. Bon appétit!



The Captain's Table

THE CAPTAIN'S TABLE

Stunning views of Charlotte Harbor, fresh gulf seafood, hand-cut steaks, and mouthwatering dishes from an award-winning chef equals the perfect pairing of ambiance and seasonal fare.

88 KEYS

Contemporary American cuisine with a backdrop of local art in a sophisticated setting. Refined fine dining with locally sourced ingredients.

FARLOW'S ON THE WATER

A unique blending of tasty Caribbean flavors and splendid takes on Southern cooking means an experience to revel in. Admire the gorgeous water views and take a tour of the onsite herb garden to whet your appetite.

LEROY'S SOUTHERN KITCHEN & BAR

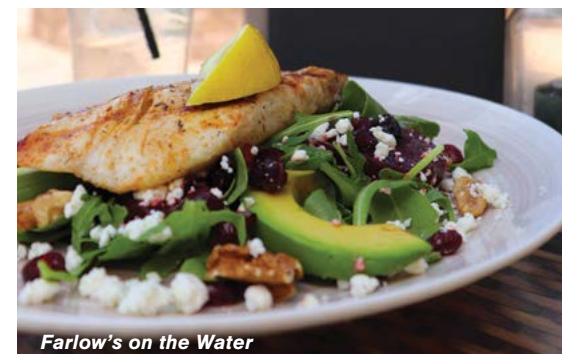
With the country-influenced and sumptuous comfort food menu, the mouthwatering aromas, the strum of blues in the background, and a truly cordial atmosphere, you'll feel right at home (but they'll do the dishes).

MAGNOLIAS ON THE BAY

This café and restaurant on Manasota Key features fine dining in the evenings and a café/coffee shop vibe during the day. Peaceful views of Lemon Bay from the covered back patio.



88 Keys



Farlow's on the Water



Leroy's Southern Kitchen & Bar



Magnolias On The Bay



Peace River Seafood Restaurant & Market

PEACE RIVER SEAFOOD RESTAURANT & MARKET

Authentic crabhouse set in an old Florida Cracker house. Known for fresh steamed blue crabs, caught right in Charlotte Harbor, shrimp, clams, stone crabs and more. Casual outdoor seating.

PRIME SERIOUS STEAK

Savor a variety of delicious dishes in a casual and comfortable atmosphere: the steaks are aged to perfection, the seafood is fresh, and the burgers are freshly ground in their own butcher shop, from only the choicest cuts.



Prime Serious Steak

Caribbean Cuisine with a Southern Flair



Enjoy an unforgettable dining experience featuring delicious food created with locally sourced ingredients, specialty cocktails and live music. Right on the water with spacious inside and outside dining, Farlow's is a favorite for locals and visitors to Englewood.



FarlowsOnTheWater.com
941.474.5343
2080 S. McCall Rd.
Englewood, FL 34224

The Best Food, Drinks and Sunsets in Englewood



Offering one of the best places to watch the sunset, this award-winning waterfront, Tiki-style restaurant and tropical bar is located in picturesque Englewood, right on Lemon Bay. Enjoy open-air dining with a variety of apps, sandwiches and entrees to please any palate and live music. Dog-friendly dining, too!

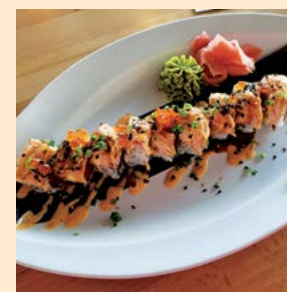
TheLighthouseGrill.net 941.828.1368
Channel Marker 17A • 260 Maryland Ave, Englewood, FL 34224

KEN & BARB'S GROVE CITY KITCHEN

Enjoy upscale pub-style cuisine or dive in to the separate, seafood-rich dinner menu in this beautiful chef-owned spot. The menus celebrate seasonal ingredients and are always evolving, while the atmosphere stays relaxed and welcoming.



Ken & Barb's Grove City Kitchen



WHAT'S HAPPENING *Tableside*

LET'S EAT ENGLEWOOD

Visit for this annual fall event to enjoy amazing meals at area restaurants at discounted prices. It's a culinary adventure without breaking the bank! See details and all events at PureFlorida.com/Events.

Craving Craft

If you love original libations made with heart and passion, you'll want to try all of these unique adult beverage tasting experiences.



ALLIGATOR BAY DISTILLERS

Small batch, handcrafted, award-winning Florida spirits (rum and whiskey) distilled from locally sourced molasses. Their rum production is cane-to-bottle. Tours and tastings available.

THE VILLAGE BREWHOUSE

Enjoy an incredible selection of craft beers, signature dishes and breathtaking views of Charlotte Harbor.

PEACE RIVER BEER COMPANY

Choose from over 20 rotating taps of craft beer while enjoying authentic Thai food and fresh sushi in a casual setting.

THE GILDED GRAPE WINERY & WINE BAR

Featuring several wines made on site as well as a global selection.



Side Dishes

Taste and see which one is your favorite.

PEI Mussels Provencal
F.M. Don's

Punta Gorda-Style Steamed Blue Crabs
Peace River Seafood

Pork Belly Tacos
The Perfect Caper

Wagyu Tenderloin Tartine
Magnolias On The Bay

Truffle Smoked Gouda Fondue
Perch 360

Crispy Wrapped Shrimp
Captain's Table

Smoked Mahi Dip
Lighthouse Grill

Momma's Chicken-n-Waffles
Twisted Fork

Blue Crab Quesadilla
Laishley Crab House



MEET AN Outsider

Alex Voss chose Punta Gorda as headquarters for his award-winning Alligator Bay Distillery so he could enjoy all of his favorite outside activities.

Scan to watch his story.



Nightside



The nightlife begins in Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach with a toast to a breathtaking sunset, preferably waterside at one of the area's many casual eateries or happy hour hotspots. The party continues with wining and dining, live music and dancing under the stars.

TT's Tiki Bar is *the* place to kick off your shoes and give your toes some well-deserved sand time while you enjoy one of their specialty cocktails or frozen concoctions.

Perch 360 is, yes, perched, on the roof of The Wyvern Hotel. You'll want to settle in for a bit to enjoy the best views in town, the tasty tapas, and something from their full bar in the relaxing and elegant décor.

Dean's South of the Border is one of the best places in the area to shake, as it were, your groove thing. This welcoming Tex-Mex joint is always jumping: they feature live music seven days a week.

Harbor Social PG offers a casual and comfortable atmosphere in the heart of downtown Punta Gorda. Enjoy live music (and Thursday Night Football in season!) and a creative menu in this unique open-air venue.

Dig into upscale comfort food while you enjoy some live music and a one-of-a-kind cocktail in **Leroy's Southern Kitchen and Bar's** homey and convivial atmosphere.

Sip and savor something delicious from **Hemingway's Grille**. Enjoy treats from their curated menu and a specialty cocktail next to the beautiful fountain on their charming outdoor courtyard or cozy up inside.

Housed in the historic Punta Gorda Train Depot, **Downtown Kava** has a fascinating drink menu and an after-hours Sober Speakeasy featuring re-imagined classic cocktails with none of the alcohol. You may even get to experience the train chugging by!

Experience an authentic British-style pub at **The Icehouse Pub**, featuring regulation dart boards and traditional pub games like snooker, billiards, Shove a Penny, and Shut the Box, as well as a legitimate British menu and 34 tasty beers on tap.

Whether you shake a tail feather to live music in the outdoor beer garden or hang inside with a Guinness and their world-famous Fish and Chips (do it, trust us), you're going to have a great time at **Celtic Ray Public House**.

Teeside



Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach is home to an impressive list of 15+ challenging courses. GolfPass Golfer's Choice 2022 ranked Riverwood in Port Charlotte at #7 and Heritage Landing at #9 in Florida. You can also enjoy pristine tropical scenery and wildlife on three Audobon-certified courses: Maple Leaf Golf and Country Club, Twin Isles Country Club, and Lemon Bay Golf Club. See the full list of courses online at PureFlorida.com/Golf.

Year-round gorgeous weather and superb courses make playing on our greens as irresistible as playing on our beaches.

Alongside


*Discover every kind of outdoor
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Funny how wide-open spaces can bring you so close together. And here, your family can relax and play on pristine beaches you'll have all to yourself. Hike trails that give you a fascinating look at wildlife. Zip around 830 miles of sparkling shoreline by boat. And enjoy family-friendly attractions, from a concert at Fishermen's Village to a Babcock Ranch Eco-Tour. Even the four-legged kids in your family are welcome – look for the small paw print within the hotel listings for pet-friendly accommodations.

Family Faves



 Craving something sweet? **Harbor Scoops** has a choice of 44 flavors of homemade ice cream. Pair it perfectly with a gorgeous sunset.

 The whole family will enjoy an incredible view of wildlife at **Babcock Ranch Eco-Tours**.




 Hit the playground, have a picnic and enjoy the sweeping views of the harbor at **Gilchrist Park** in Punta Gorda.




 Hang out at **Fishermen's Village** – find that perfect souvenir, grab some lunch or ice cream, and then enjoy views of our beautiful harbor.




 Enjoy laser tag, go karts, an arcade and more at **Kidstar Park** in Port Charlotte.

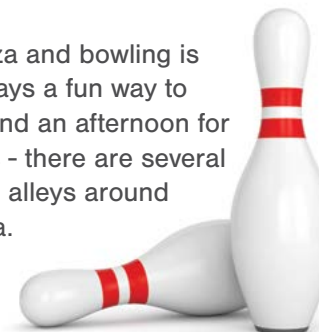


 Visit Luna, the leucistic screech owl, at **Peace River Wildlife Center**.

 Splash around at the **Laishley Park Interactive Fountain and Playground** in Punta Gorda.



 Pizza and bowling is always a fun way to spend an afternoon for all ages - there are several bowling alleys around the area.



Sidekicks

Enjoy hands-on, up-close interactions with 200+ fascinating creatures from around the world at Iguanaland, Florida's largest reptile zoo. It's an unforgettable adventure for all ages, open seven days a week.



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BY PLANE

The Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach area is serviced by five major airports – Punta Gorda Airport (PGD), Tampa (TPA), St. Petersburg/Clearwater (PIE), Sarasota-Bradenton (SRQ), and Southwest Florida International (RSW). All are convenient and well-serviced options. Punta Gorda also has private jet charters through AirTrek.

BY BOAT

Water taxis, private boats or charters, and canoes or kayaks are the connection between the mainland and captivating islands. Find many marinas with friendly staff and full-service amenities.

BY CAR

Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach is a great hub for exploring other parts of Florida. For example, you can be at Disney World in just 2.5 hours. Many visitors utilize our convenient location as a home base and make relatively short drives to see many of the state's other attractions.

BY BIKE

Punta Gorda is a bike-friendly community. You can bring your own or borrow one of the loaner bikes available.

PGD Is Your Southwest Florida Airport



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FlyPGD.com
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Punta Gorda, FL 33982

Bedside



With so many wonderful accommodation options throughout the area, you'll be able to find the perfect place to stay based on the location and price that's right for you. Find everything including resorts, top hotel chains, charming inns, vacation rental homes and condos, RV parks and even a campground. Many places are pet-friendly and offer full kitchens, free bikes or golf carts, and boat transport if staying on an offshore island. Find more information online at PureFlorida.com/Places-to-Stay.

Bedside

HOTELS/RESORTS

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American Inn
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american-inn.south-west-florida.com

Baymont by Wyndham
941.637.7200
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Budget Inn of Punta Gorda
941.639.8000
budgetpungatorda.com

**Four Points by Sheraton
Punta Gorda Harborside**
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fourpointspuntagorda.com

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pgwaterfront.com

SpringHill Suites by Marriott
941.347.4224
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The Suites at Fishermen's Village
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at 88 Keys, featuring contemporary American cuisine nestled in the backdrop of local authentic art and an art déco piano bar. Enjoy it all at the Wyvern in the heart of downtown Punta Gorda.

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Vacation doesn't mean you have to leave the comforts of home behind. Here, you'll find a variety of exceptional vacation rentals, from cozy cottages to spacious houses, many situated right on secluded beaches with breathtaking views.

Relax and reconnect in the privacy of your own space. Enjoy luxuries like having your own personal pool or hot tub. Or the cost-savings of sharing a home with multiple bedrooms or cooking in a fully equipped kitchen instead of dining out. You'll also discover special touches that make you feel right at home, from a welcoming bottle of wine to beach chairs and bikes to use during your stay.

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TMI Real Estate Company & Rentals, Inc.
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Global Vacation Rentals
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Punta Villas Cottages 
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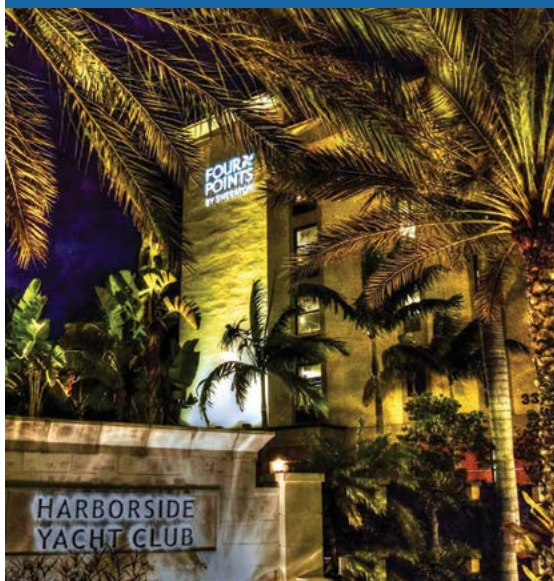
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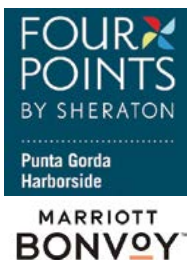
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