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The Charlotte Harbor Gulf Island Coast

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Englewood Beach and share your vacation  
adventures with **#BestSideOutside**



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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](http://PureFlorida.com/Beachcam).

# Seaside

## 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.



## KNIGHT ISLAND (PALM ISLAND)

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



## 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](http://PureFlorida.com/Events).



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#### **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. Accessible only by boat.



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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.



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#### **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 a playground, heated swimming pool, boardwalk, fishing pier, kayak/canoe launch and picnic shelters.

#### **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.



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## *Eats at the Beach*



*Find the perfect spot for a meal or a chilling cold drink, just steps from the beach! Scan to find great beach dining options.*



## *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 sunset or tiki 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 businesses 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](http://PureFlorida.com/Events).

# Sunny Side SUP



## Paddle Board and Kayak to Pristine Coastal Destinations



Discover the beauty of the barrier island waters with SUP Englewood – your go-to for unforgettable paddle adventures! Our main location is Don Pedro Island State Park. We also feature exclusive sunrise paddles at Stump Pass Beach State Park.

Our paddle board and kayak rentals are available for spontaneous outings or extended rental service. Join one of our tours and see the wonders of nature come alive. New to paddle boarding? Our expert-led lessons ensure a smooth start.



**Don't just dream about it,  
paddle it! Book today!**

SUP Englewood  
8450 Placida Road  
Placida, FL  
941.26KAYAK | 941.265.2925





### **NO EQUIPMENT? NO PROBLEM!**

With all the sparkling blue water surrounding the area, getting out on it is inevitable. There are a number of rental options to choose from as well as instructors and guides. From glass-bottomed kayaks to free diving equipment, you'll be like a local in no time. Find your perfect rental at [PureFlorida.com/Boating](http://PureFlorida.com/Boating).



Cruising Charlotte Harbor's vast, protected waters is sure to be one of the highlights of your stay. And if you're coming by boat, many marinas are ready to welcome you. Shop marinas at [PureFlorida.com/Marinas](http://PureFlorida.com/Marinas).



# 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](http://PureFlorida.com/Fishing).



## THE TARPON FISHING 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 Shows

### 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](http://KingFisherFleet.com)

# 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 has her hands clasped on the railing. The man, slightly behind her, is wearing a light blue polo shirt and is also smiling. The boardwalk is made of wooden planks and has a metal railing. The surrounding vegetation is dense and green, with some water visible on the left side. The sky is a clear, bright blue.

*Happy Trails to You*

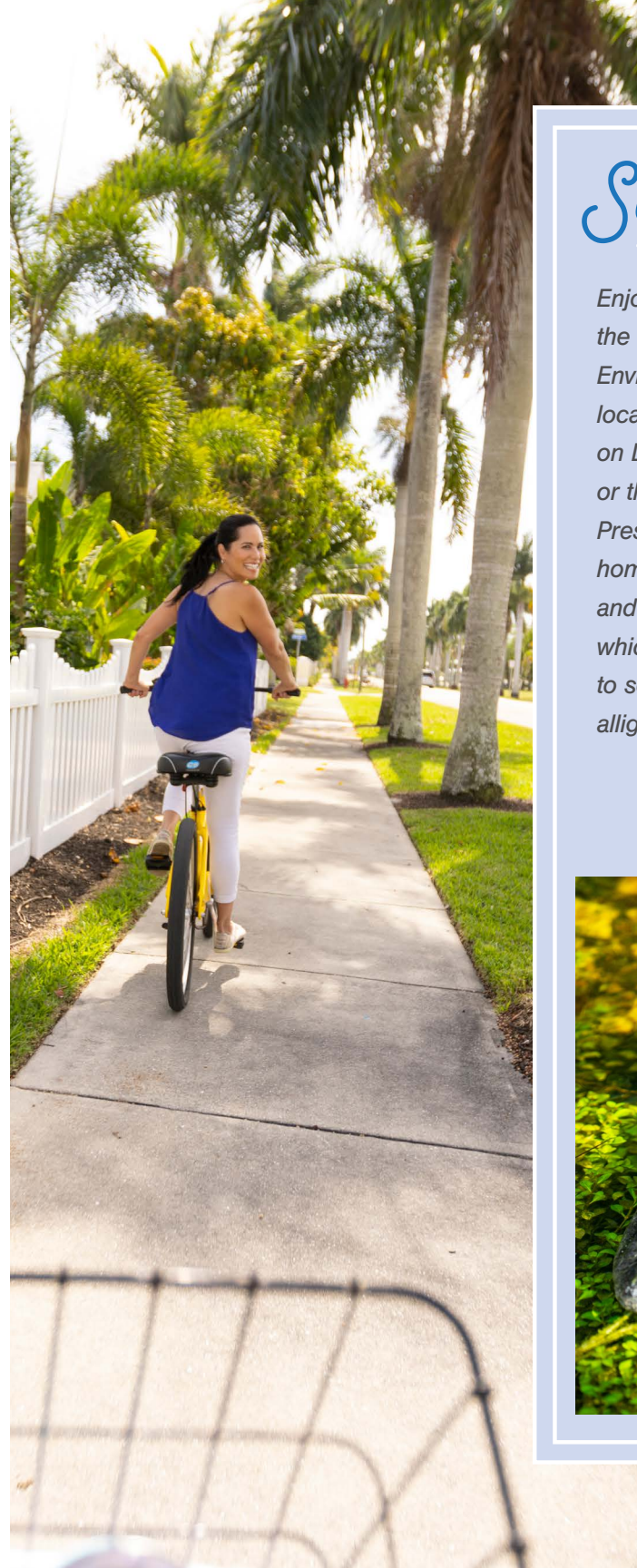
# Trailside

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.



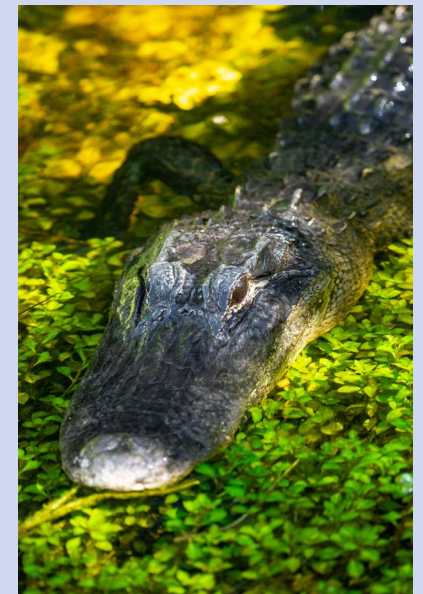
## Meet the Locals

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 90-minute "Swamp buggy" tour will lead you through Florida's four eco-systems while viewing alligators, deer, cows, and turkeys among other wildlife on the Crescent B Ranch, a working cattle ranch.



## 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.



## A Fascinating Look at Wildlife



See native wildlife up close and learn how to keep them safe in their natural environments at our 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  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950



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# Annual Events

The Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach area is absolutely bursting with fun and entertaining events for all ages, all year round. For a complete calendar of upcoming festivities check out [PureFlorida.com/Events](http://PureFlorida.com/Events).

## FEBRUARY

**Tampa Bay Rays Spring Training**  
Charlotte Sports Park

**Snowbird Baseball**  
Centennial & South County  
Regional Parks

## MARCH

**Tampa Bay Rays  
Spring Training** (cont.)

**Snowbird Baseball** (cont.)

**Annual Taste of Punta Gorda  
and Beyond**  
Laishley Park

**Annual Babcock Ranch Art Show**  
Babcock Ranch Founder's Square

**Peace River National  
Art Festival**  
Laishley Park

## JULY

**Fishermen's Village  
Independence Weekend  
Celebration**  
Fishermen's Village

## SEPTEMBER

**Let's Eat! Englewood  
Restaurant Week**  
Englewood



## NOVEMBER

**Florida International Air Show**  
Punta Gorda Airport

**Englewood Beach Waterfest**  
Englewood Beach

**Festival of Lights**  
Fishermen's Village

## DECEMBER

**Gardens Aglow**  
Peace River Botanical  
and Sculpture Gardens

**New Year's Eve Celebration  
and Fireworks Display**  
Fishermen's Village



Scan to find  
more great  
events.

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# Cityside



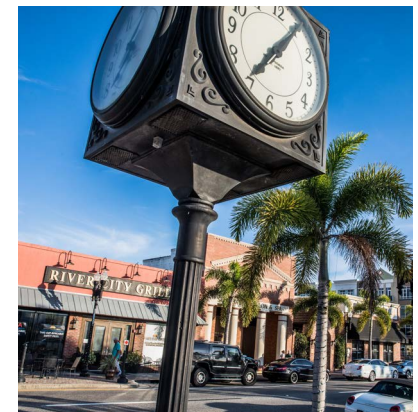
Visitors are often pleasantly surprised by the inviting atmosphere and warm welcome they receive when visiting each community throughout our area. But locals know, whether on the water or off the beaten path, the charming communities here are full of unique character you can't find anywhere else.



# 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. 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 FARMERS MARKETS

Enjoy the Saturday market downtown (voted the best small market in Florida) or the Sunday market at History Park. Both offer local produce, homemade treats, arts and crafts, live entertainment and more. Details and more events at [PureFlorida.com/Events](http://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. The Gardens regularly host touring exhibits.

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. The newest addition is a Bell UH-1 Iroquois, affectionately known as the "Huey." It's a fascinating educational experience you won't soon forget.

# Punta Gorda



As you wander throughout Punta Gorda, download the Otocast audio app and enjoy the Historic Mural Society's 30+ murals dotted across town. Stop and indulge in gourmet hand-crafted chocolate at **Punta Gorda Chocolate & Wine**. Take in dinner and an amazing sunset at **TT's Tiki Bar** or a live band at **Celtic Ray Public House**.



# 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.



## Explore a Vibrant Arts Scene

The Visual Arts Center features three galleries, a gift gallery and classes in most mediums by professional instructors and designed for all ages and skill levels. Exhibits are free to the public and wheelchair accessible.

**VAC** VISUAL ARTS CENTER

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210 Maud Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950



# Port Charlotte & Charlotte Harbor



Discover great golf, dining, shopping, 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** which features live music every weekend on Bert's Back Porch, bike nights and special events. If dynamic community theater is your thing, you'll love the **Charlotte Players**.

The new **Sunseeker Resort** is a welcome addition to the area with expansive harbor views and world-class amenities including premium rooms and suites, 20 original food & beverage outlets, full-service spa, 18-hole golf course exclusive to guests of the resort and meeting/event space for weddings, reunions and more. If you're looking for outdoor adventure, the area boasts a number of parks to explore.



# 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.

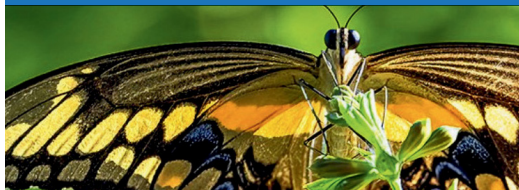


# Placida, Cape Haze & Boca Grande

Whether enjoying world-class fishing on Gasparilla Sound or seeing manatees in the wild aboard your own kayak, these quiet communities enjoy an island vibe and plenty of ways to get on the water. From ramps and rentals to tours and tide charts you'll find all you need to make it a great day. Plus, you'll find world-class golf, biking, nature watching and of course, a variety of restaurants 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 timeless charm, quaint shops and restaurants, and gorgeous beach views.



## Add Some Inspiration to Your Vacation



From wetlands to wonderland, explore the beauty of Peace River Gardens.

- Native butterfly house
- 21 world-class sculptures
- 1.5 miles of walking trails
- 4,500 flowering trees and plants
- Boardwalks for ecosystem viewing
- Art Gallery & Giftshop
- Koi ponds



PEACE RIVER  
BOTANICAL  
& SCULPTURE  
GARDENS

[PeaceRiverGardens.org](http://PeaceRiverGardens.org)  
941.621.8299  
5827 Riverside Drive  
Punta Gorda, FL 33982



# Babcock Ranch

This is the first solar powered town in the country with an 870 acre solar farm. 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.



## Side Trips

### WATERSPORTS CHARTERS • EXCURSIONS

*Take in the breathtaking views of Charlotte Harbor with our kayak eco tour or jet ski rentals. For a more relaxed adventure, set sail aboard one of our yachts and catch the stunning Gulf Coast sunset. Or, step up the excitement with a day trip to the beaches on our motor yacht.*



Departing from various locations  
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[PuntaGordaAdventures.com](http://PuntaGordaAdventures.com)



## 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](https://www.pureflorida.com/Weddings)  
[PureFlorida.com/Meetings](https://www.pureflorida.com/Meetings)  
[PureFlorida.com/Sports](https://www.pureflorida.com/Sports)



"Catch some Rays" takes on a whole new meaning with an afternoon of baseball at the Charlotte Sports Park, proud home of Tampa Bay Rays Spring Training. Visit during spring training season (Feb. – Mar.) and enjoy an atmosphere where the pop of a ball hitting a glove and the crack of the bat can be distinctly heard from every corner of the stadium. This intimate stadium experience and proximity to these professional athletes is something you won't get elsewhere or during the regular season.



# Tablesideside

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](https://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!



Magnolias on the Bay

## 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.

## LIGHTHOUSE GRILL AND TIKI BAR

Savor fresh, sustainably- and locally-sourced seafood, "Signature Smokehouse" meats, and a great selection of craft beers while marveling at the views from one of the top sunset viewing spots in the area.

## MAGNOLIAS ON THE BAY

This upscale restaurant on Manasota Key offers all outdoor seating and a menu that changes monthly. Choose to dine on the bistro-style front patio or the covered back terrace for a stunning view of Lemon Bay.



The Captain's Table



88 Keys



Farlow's on the Water



Lighthouse Grill and Tiki Bar



Peace River Seafood and Botanicals



Visani Italian Steak House and Comedy Theater



Ken & Barb's Grove City Kitchen

### PEACE RIVER SEAFOOD AND BOTANICALS

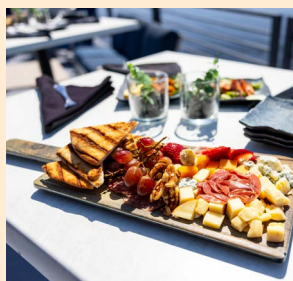
Authentic crabhouse set in an old Florida Cracker house. Known for fresh steamed blue crabs, caught right in Charlotte Harbor, shrimp, clams, stone crabs and more. Casual outdoor seating.

### VISANI ITALIAN STEAK HOUSE AND COMEDY THEATER

Dive in to hearty and authentic Italian cuisine, hand-cut wood-grilled steaks, and indulgent desserts. Opt for a meal only or add a show ticket to experience nationally-known comedians, touring tribute bands, and other live entertainment.

### 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.

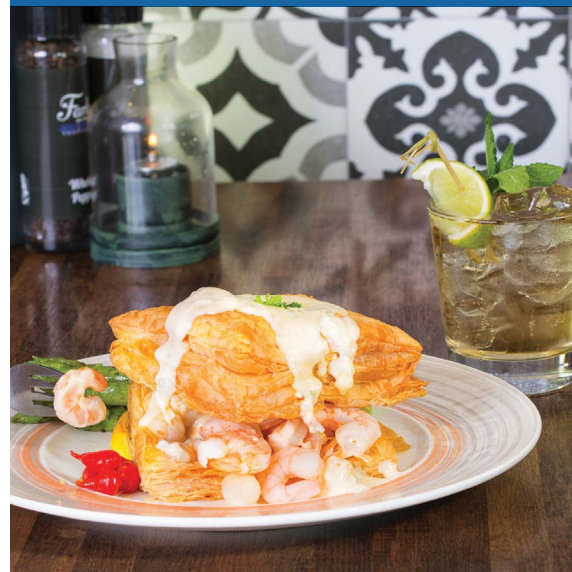


## WHAT'S HAPPENING *Tableside*

### 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](http://PureFlorida.com/Events).

## 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](http://FarlowsOnTheWater.com)  
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2080 S. McCall Rd.  
Englewood, FL 34224



# Crawling 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.*

**Escargot Crostini**  
**Provençal**  
*F.M. Don's*

**Bison Burger**  
*Burg'r Bar*

**Pork Belly Tacos**  
*The Perfect Caper*

**Chilean Sea Bass**  
*Magnolias On The Bay*

**Sexy Lobster Roll**  
*Fin Sushi & Grill*

**Bada Bing Pasta**  
*Carmelo's*

**Fish & Chips**  
*Landy's Restaurant*

**Shamalama**  
**Smothered Chicken**  
*Twisted Fork*

**Blue Crab Cakes**  
*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.





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. This is a great spot for harborside sunsets and live music under the swaying palms.

**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.

**All-Star Sports Grill** in Port Charlotte is a casual indoor/outdoor venue with sports pub menu and great vibe. It's open late (2am) on weekends, with live music six nights a week.

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.

**Celtic Ray Public House** is not to be missed. Enjoy 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.

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.

Experience **The IceHouse Pub**, an authentic British-style pub featuring regulation darts and games, a full menu of British themed staples and American favorites plus 34 tasty beers on tap.

**Sandbar Grill & Tiki** is the place to be on Manasota Key for great food, atmosphere and people. Live music every night.

# Alongside

*Discover every kind of outdoor fun imaginable  
and share moments you'll never forget.*



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.



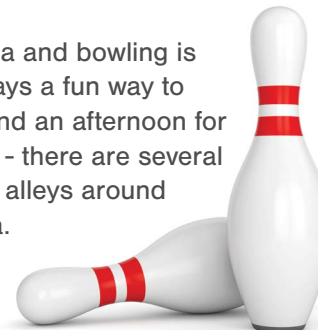
Visit Luna, the leucistic screech owl, at **Peace River Wildlife Center**.



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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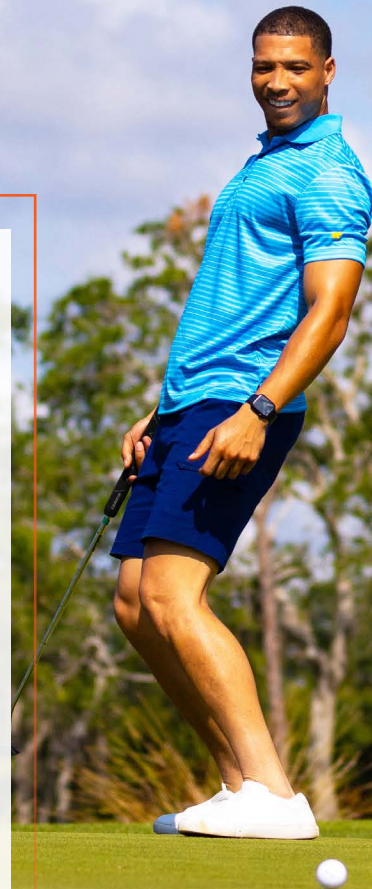
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# Teeside



Punta Gorda/Englewood Beach is home to an impressive list of 15+ challenging golf courses. GolfPass Golfer's Choice 2022 ranked Riverwood Golf Club in Port Charlotte at #7 and Heritage Landing at #9 in Florida. You can also enjoy pristine tropical scenery and wildlife as you spend a few rounds sharpening your skills. See the full list of courses online at [PureFlorida.com/Golf](https://PureFlorida.com/Golf).



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

# Airside & Roadside

*Getting here and getting around is easy,  
no matter how you're traveling.*



Fly nonstop to 50+ destinations with convenient, low-cost air service through Punta Gorda Airport.



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28000 A-1 Airport Road  
Punta Gorda, FL 33982

#### 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 options. Punta Gorda also has private jet charters through AirTrek.

#### 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 BOAT

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

#### BY BIKE

Punta Gorda is a bike-friendly community. You can bring your own or borrow one of the free loaner bikes available. You can also enjoy the Cape Haze Pioneer Trail, an 8.5 mile trek along a circa 1907 railway easement in Englewood.

# 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](https://PureFlorida.com/Places-to-Stay).

# Bedside HOTELS/RESORTS

## PUNTA GORDA

American Inn	941.637.1376	american-inn.south-west-florida.com
Baymont by Wyndham	941.637.7200	wyndhamhotels.com/baymont
Budget Inn of Punta Gorda	941.639.8000	budgetpuntagorda.com
Four Points by Sheraton Punta Gorda Harborside	941.637.6770	fourpointspuntagorda.com
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Punta Gorda	941.205.8002	holidayinnexpress.com
Knights Inn Punta Gorda	941.505.5701	redlion.com/knights-inn
SpringHill Suites by Marriott	941.347.4224	springhillsuites.marriott.com
The Suites at Fishermen's Village 🐾	941.621.6046	fishermensvillage.com/stay
Wyvern Hotel 🐾	941.639.7700	thewyvernhotel.com

## PORT CHARLOTTE

Comfort Inn & Suites 🐾	941.421.7548	choicehotels.com/flg39
Country Inn and Suites by Radisson 🐾	941.235.1035	countryinns.com/portcharlottefl
Days Inn by Wyndham Port Charlotte 🐾	941.627.8900	wyndhamhotels.com/days-inn
Extended Stay America Premier Suites	941.246.0133	esa.com/PTC
Hampton Inn - Port Charlotte	941.627.5600	portcharlotte.hamptoninn.com
Knights Inn Port Charlotte	941.743.2442	redlion.com/knights-inn
Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham Port Charlotte 🐾	941.787.3348	wyndhamhotels.com/microtel
Sleep Inn & Suites 🐾	941.613.6300	sleepinnportcharlotte.com

## CHARLOTTE HARBOR

Sunseeker Resort Charlotte Harbor	833.914.7300	sunseekerresorts.com
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## ENGLEWOOD

Beach Croft Motel 🐾	941.474.6509	beachcroftmotel.com
Sun Coast Inn 🐾	941.475.6533	suncoastinn.com
Manasota Key Resort 🐾	941.474.3431	manasotakeyresort.com
Sun Life Beach Hotel	941.525.2227	sunlifebeachhotel.com

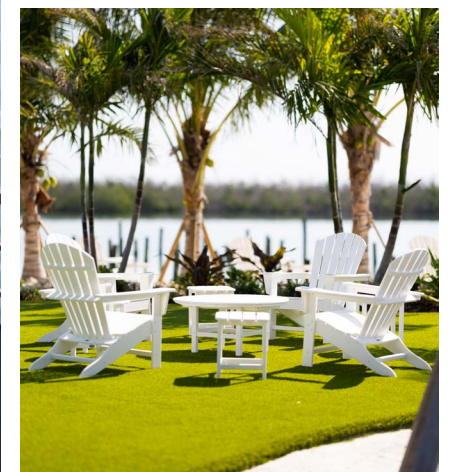
## CAPE HAZE

Palm Island Resort	941.697.4800	palmisland.com
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## BOCA GRANDE

Boca Grande Hotel	941.964.4443	bocagrandehotel.net
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# Bedside VACATION RENTALS

*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.

## ENGLEWOOD

<b>Avant Properties</b>	941.637.4900	<a href="http://flwestcoastrealty.com/property-management/seasonal-properties">flwestcoastrealty.com/property-management/seasonal-properties</a>
<b>Castaways Condominiums</b>	941.474.4078	<a href="http://castawayscondos.com">castawayscondos.com</a>
<b>Chadwick Cove Resort &amp; Marina</b>	941.474.8577	<a href="http://chadwickcove.com">chadwickcove.com</a>
<b>Conch Out Vacations</b> 🐾	941.474.9536	<a href="http://englewoodfl.com/conch-out-vacation-rentals">englewoodfl.com/conch-out-vacation-rentals</a>
<b>Gulf Realty Rentals, Inc.</b>	941.475.1036	<a href="http://gulfrealtyinc.com">gulfrealtyinc.com</a>
<b>House Hunters Property Management</b>	941.681.3422	<a href="http://househunterspm.com">househunterspm.com</a>
<b>Island House on the Beach</b>		<a href="http://islandhouseflorida.net">islandhouseflorida.net</a>
<b>Islander Properties, Inc.</b>	941.697.2000	<a href="http://islanderproperties.com">islanderproperties.com</a>
<b>Manasota Key Condos</b>	908.500.2158	<a href="http://manasotakeycondos.com">manasotakeycondos.com</a>
<b>Pelican Shore Cottages</b>	941.474.2429	<a href="http://pelicanshorecottages.com">pelicanshorecottages.com</a>

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<b>Pineapple Gulf Property Management</b>	941.743.0333	<a href="http://rentenglewood.com">rentenglewood.com</a>
<b>Rent Me Florida</b>	941.474.2882	<a href="http://janlee.biz">janlee.biz</a>
<b>Sea Oats Beach Club</b>	941.474.3611	<a href="http://seaoatsbeachclub.com">seaoatsbeachclub.com</a>
<b>Sunburst Condominiums</b>	941.474.9534	<a href="http://sunburstcondos.com">sunburstcondos.com</a>
<b>The Highview at Stump Pass Place</b>	941.548.6145	<a href="http://stumpsspassplace.com/the-highview">stumpsspassplace.com/the-highview</a>

## PUNTA GORDA

<b>Five Star Realty of Charlotte County</b>	941.637.6116	<a href="http://fivestarrealty.com/rentals">fivestarrealty.com/rentals</a>
<b>Global Vacation Rentals</b>	941.265.8598	<a href="http://globalresorthomes.com/vacation-rentals/charlotte-harbor">globalresorthomes.com/vacation-rentals/charlotte-harbor</a>
<b>The Cottages at Punta Villas</b> 🐾	407.353.3001	<a href="http://Puntavillascottages.com">Puntavillascottages.com</a>

PLACIDA

Little Gasparilla Vacation Rentals	813.310.0902	littlegasparilla.com
Palm Island Vacation Rentals 🐾	920.664.1089	palmislandvacation.com
Place in the Sun Vacation Rentals	941.697.2175	placeinthesun.com
Tarpon Real Estate	941.697.9797	tarponrealestate.com/ vacation-rentals/

BOCA GRANDE

Boca Grande Real Estate, Inc. 🐾	941.964.0338	bocagranderealestate.com
Boca Grande Vacations	941.964.2080	bocagrandevacations.com
Grande Escapes	941.786.7076	grandeescapes.com
Parsley-Baldwin Realty	941.964.2700	rentals.pbgrande.com/off-island

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# Bedside RV PARKS AND CAMPGROUNDS

## PUNTA GORDA

Creskide RV Resort 🐾	941.833.3334	creskidevresort.com
Encore Gulf View RV Resort 🐾	941.639.3978	rvonthego.com/florida/gulf-view-rv-resort
Shell Creek RV Resort 🐾	941.639.4234	shellcreekrv.com
Sun-N-Shade RV Resort 🐾	941.639.5388	sunnshade.com
Harbor Belle RV Resort 🐾	941.639.2010	harborbellervresort.com
Babcock-Webb Campgrounds		myfwc.com/recreation/lead/babcockwebb/things-to-do/camping

## PORT CHARLOTTE

Harbor Lakes RV Resort 🐾	941.624.4511	rvonthego.com/florida/harbor-lakes-rv-resort
Myakka River Motorcoach Resort 🐾	941.740.2599	myakkamotorcoachresort.com

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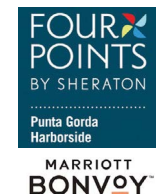


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