

# Family Getaway

IN SARASOTA COUNTY

Sarasota County boasts all the natural beauty you could want for a relaxing getaway, while also offering plenty of excitement. Search for shark teeth, play a game of beach volleyball, or camp at a state park. Paddle through mangrove tunnels to spot wildlife, or venture offshore on a boat charter to reel in a catch. Kids won't realize they're learning at local museums, gardens, and historic sites – and they'll be wowed by circus acts and inspired performances. This is the place where everyone from kids to grandparents can find fun to discover and explore together.

## Family Getaway Highlights



- › Southern Living magazine named Siesta Key Beach the most family-friendly beach in Florida in 2022.
- › When you step inside the Butterfly House at Marie Selby Gardens' Historic Spanish Point, you'll become surrounded by hundreds of native Floridian butterflies.
- › Take in a kid-friendly show from Sarasota Youth Opera, Venice Teen Improv Troupe, or Florida Studio Theatre.
- › Attend a hands-on educational program at Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium.
- › Locomotive-loving kids won't want to miss the historic Venice Train Depot, complete with a caboose and circus car.
- › Flamingo petting zoo at Jungle Gardens, one of the oldest continuously operated attractions in Florida, was established in 1939.
- › Sarasota County has over 45 public playgrounds and 10 libraries with children's activities.



Selby Gardens



Venice Fishing Pier