2024 BRAND GUIDE



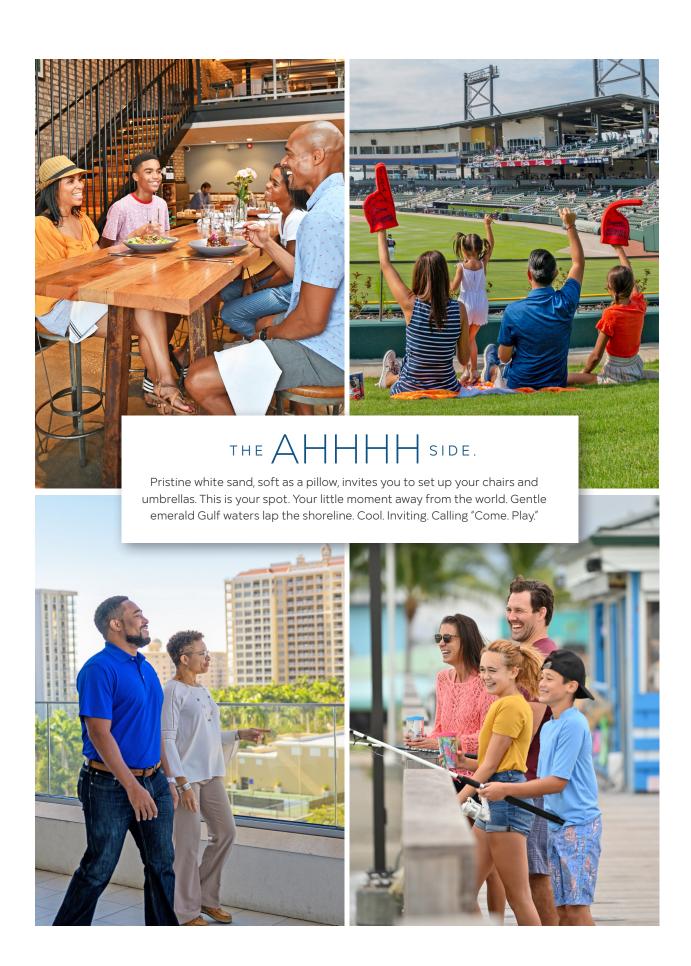


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The Visit Sarasota Brand

Brand position

Relaxed. A word that can describe most any beach destination. Yet in Sarasota, that word takes on a whole new dimension. It transcends beyond "rest" and attributes itself to an emotion. Visitors stated time and time again that compared to other beach destinations, Sarasota felt more inviting—a place where they were welcomed and free to vacation as they pleased without pressure to fit in or adhere to a schedule.

That small differentiator has an enormous impact on visitor appeal. Every vacationer has visions of arriving at a destination, setting down their bags and letting the world stop for a few days. However, that's seldom the case. There's a checklist of places to go. Questions of "Will I fit in?" Wondering if they are experiencing the most of their vacation. Sarasota alleviates those pressures. It's an open book. One day at a time. Do ... or don't. Visitors here truly make their time here their own. Sarasota is a vacation not only of body, but of spirit.

In short, Sarasota is a place visitors feel at ease.

Sarasota County is a beach destination where visitors feel at ease.

Brand application

Translating the brand position from the abstract to something tangible is not a simple task. While "at ease" is the message of the brand, it is unspoken. Rather, "at ease" is expressed through soft, colorful imagery that communicates relaxing, peaceful moments throughout Sarasota County. Copy is expressive, light-hearted and in few words creates a voice that invites rather than tries to detail and describe. We aren't trying to tell visitors our version of Sarasota; we are inviting them to make Sarasota part of their story.

The Sarasota visitor is intelligent and sophisticated. Brand executions should allow room for visitors to interpret the message in their own way. They'll get it.

Supporting the brand through research

Between August 2015 and September 2016, surveys and focus groups were conducted with both previous visitors to Sarasota and potential first-time visitors. In addition, similar studies were performed with local residents, community leaders and travel industry partners.

The studies were conducted in proven Sarasotainterest markets of New York City, Chicago and Washington, D.C. Local participants were interviewed in Sarasota.

These studies served as discovery for what differentiates Sarasota and as testing for conceptual executions of marketing materials.

An executive summary of the findings is available through the Visit Sarasota County office.

Sample research results







The Visit Sarasota Logo

The Visit Sarasota logo is the defining graphic that associates Visit Sarasota County promotional and marketing efforts. Consistent use is required to uphold clear identification and brand integrity. The logo and its variations contained within these standards are the only approved versions for use. No other variations or alterations of the logo structure are permitted.



About the Visit Sarasota logo

Free-flowing letterforms and the graduated blue color reflect Sarasota County's vast water attractions. The bright green adds an element of fun and highlights Sarasota County's natural settings.

The font used in the Sarasota name is a customized letterform and cannot be reproduced with standard keystrokes. Always use the logo as a placed graphic.

"VISIT" reinforces the official name for Visit Sarasota County tourism and equally serves as a call to action. The "wave" connecting the "ota" serves to distinguish the logo and represents our calm gulf waters.



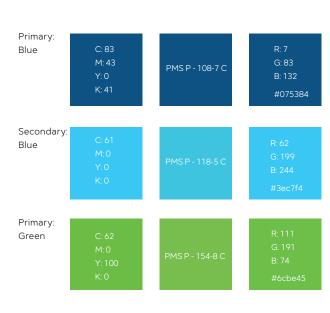
The byline "beaches and beyond" presents Sarasota County's largest attraction, our beaches, and offers readers a suggestion that there is much more to discover. The byline will change depending upon use as outlined further in this logo standards.

The Visit Sarasota logo colors

In order to ensure the most accurate color reproduction of the Visit Sarasota logo, the colors outlined to the right should always be used. PMS color or CMYK process builds should always be used for print, while the RGB color formula should always be used online or in video.

The gradient used in the Visit Sarasota logo is a blend of the Secondary Blue graduated to the Primary Blue.

Special care should be used when applying the Visit Sarasota logo to promotional items or textiles that involve embroidery or screen printing. The logo colors should be replicated in thread selection and specialty printing with the color outlined in the primary color palette section. Always ensure that legibility of the lettering will hold up at the proposed reproduction size.



Logo color options

When the full-color version of the Visit Sarasota logo cannot be used due to color or contrast restrictions, use of the non-gradient, solid blue, or black-and-white versions of the Visit Sarasota logo is permitted.

If the logo is to be used in reverse, it may be placed against backgrounds of 100% black or of a color with sufficient contrast to ensure legibility. If reproduction process allow, the preferred backgrounds should match the Primary Blue, Secondary Blue, Primary Green or a use of the gradient.











Primary Blue



100% Black



Secondary Blue



Gradient



Primary Green



Contrasting color if unable to use logo colors as a background.

Placement

Use of the Visit Sarasota logo against any encumbered background (such as a dark color, pattern or a complex photo) is not in keeping with the approved graphic standards. The logo should always be printed on a white or solid muted color background. If the logo must be placed over an image, it should be placed in an unencumbered area of the image so legibility is maximized.

All printing should be done on white or off-white paper stock. Printing on colored stock is not acceptable.



Acceptable



Acceptable



Not Acceptable



Not Acceptable

Minimum size

In order to ensure legibility of type in the Visit Sarasota logo, the width, measured from the left edge of the "S" to the right edge of the "a," should never be less than 1.25" in print or 150 pixels digitally.

1.25" print | 150 pixels digital



Minimum size using the two-line listing

When the logo is used with the islands and towns listing in the preferred two-line format, the width should never be less than 2.5" in print or 250 pixels digitally.

The two-line format is the preferred structure for the islands and towns listing. Always try to use the two-line format when space allows.

2.5" print | 250 pixels digital | Listing = 6 pt.



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Minimum size using the three-line listing

If using the islands and towns listing and a smaller size is required than can be accommodated by the two-line format, use the three-line format. The three-line format should never be a width less than 1.5" in print or 175 pixels digitally.

1.5" print | 175 pixels digital | Listing = 5.25 pt.



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Clear space

Any information that accompanies the Visit Sarasota logo, such as type, photos and other graphics, must be kept at a minimum distance from the logo and/or logo and island and town listing.

The surrounding clear space is defined as the height of the lowercase "a" in the word "Sarasota."





Distortion

Never stretch, squeeze, skew or rotate the Visit Sarasota logo.









Reproduction quality

To allow for optimum versatility and reproduction quality, the Visit Sarasota logo is provided in the both vector and raster formats. Please note, that EPS vector is the preferred format for commercial printing.

Vector

Vector uses mathematical points to draw curves and lines. As a result, vector files can be infinitely scaled with no loss in sharpness or quality.

The Visit Sarasota logo is provided in EPS, PDF and SVG vector formats.

EPS vector is the preferred format for commercial printing. However, not all software programs accept or recognize EPS.

PDF is recognized by almost all software and is the best alternative when not using EPS.

SVG is a relatively new file format intended primarily for web use. Not all software programs accept or recognize SVG.

Raster (Bitmap)

Raster files provide quick and easy placement in almost all software programs, including Word, Power Point and Excel, and are the most common format for web use.

Raster files have limitations because they are made of pixels and become blurry and/or jagged when enlarged or reduced. It is acceptable to reduce a raster image with minimal loss of quality, but raster images should never be enlarged.

The Visit Sarasota logo is provided in **JPEG**, **TIFF** and **PNG** raster formats.

JPEG is the most universally recognized; however, JPEG files retain solid backgrounds, making them difficult to place over colors or images.

TIFF is an uncompressed raster format that reproduces at higher quality than JPEG. File sizes are often much larger in size compared to JPEG.

PNG files place with a transparent background but may not be recognized by some software.

Visit Sarasota logo bylines

There are four approved variations of the byline under the Visit Sarasota logo graphic. Each is presented with and without the listing of Sarasota County's islands and towns. Determining which logo to use is dependent upon the type of visitor targeted in Visit Sarasota County's marketing communications.

"beaches and beyond"

Consider the "beaches and beyond" byline to be the default logo/byline combination for all Visit Sarasota County marketing and communications.

The use of all lowercase letters in the byline is intentional. Use this version when marketing Visit Sarasota County tourism to:

Out-of-State Visitors In-State Visitors General Audiences



"Florida's Gulf Coast®"

Use this version when marketing Visit Sarasota County tourism to:

International Visitors
Media (relative to international marketing)

The registered trademark symbol "®" must always be present at the end of the "Florida's Gulf Coast" byline.



"COUNTY"

The "COUNTY" byline is to be used for official business and representation of Visit Sarasota County as an organization.

The use of all uppercase letters in the byline is intentional.

Use this version when representing Visit Sarasota County tourism to:

Local and State Government Media Local Civic Groups Local Tourism Partners



"County Sports Commission"

The "County Sports Commission" byline is to be used for official Sarasota County Sports Commission business and when marketing the Sports Commission directly to sport organizations on an industry level.

Use this version when representing Sarasota County sports to:

Sports Marketing Organizations
Sports Industry Partners and Prospects
Local and State Government (relative to Sarasota sports)
Media (relative to Sarasota sports)

When marketing Sarasota County sport venues and attractions to visitors, always use the "beaches and beyond" byline.

The word "VISIT" is not used within the County Sports Commission logo.

A URL specific to the Sarasota County Sports Commission is provided. Always use this URL in substitution of "VisitSarasota.com."

A logo version including this URL is provided.



Islands and town listing

When possible, the islands and town listing should accompany the Visit Sarasota logo. The listing has been structured to fit the width of the logo in both a two-line and three-line format.

The listing represents Visit Sarasota County's locations in a specific geographic order. Always use the listing in the structure provided and not reordered, retyped, resized or altered in any way.

The islands and town listing is the same regardless of which Visit Sarasota logo and byline is used.

Always use the logo and islands and town listing as a placed graphic.



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Using a single-line listing

Use of a single-line format is primarily for creative brand advertisement use and should not be used for any other applications without approval from the Visit Sarasota County office.

The single-line format is not provided as a structured format.

When using a single-line islands and town listing, the Visit Sarasota logo may be placed flush left, centered or flush right.

The listing text can be tracked to match the width of the live area, provided that the text remains legible and does not appear crowded or too far apart.

Special care should be taken to ensure the size ratio between the listing text point size and the Visit Sarasota logo is well-balanced. As a general rule, begin with listing point size to match either the two-line or three-line placed graphic with respect to their minimum size requirements and adjust tracking accordingly.

SAMPLE



The VisitSarasota.com URL

There are no specific guidelines on placement for the VisitSarasota.com URL when the Visit Sarasota logo is used with the listing of Sarasota County's islands and towns. However, best practices for design, balance and scale should be used at all times when placing the URL as an extension to body copy or as a separate element.

When placing the Visit Sarasota logo without the islands and towns listing, use the supplied logo versions that have the incorporated URL.





This is the optimal logo to use on promotional items and/or placements where space is limited.



VisitSarasota.com



VisitSarasota.com



VisitSarasota.com



Sports.VisitSarasota.com

Visit Sarasota avatar and favicon

The Visit Sarasota avatar and favicon are only to be used in web browser and social media applications as graphic representions of the Visit Sarasota logo. No other use is permitted.

The favicon is specifically used for web browsers which display at 16x16 pixels. It's not recommended to use the favicon for anything larger than 36x36 pixels. When the use requires a size larger than 36x36 pixels use the Visit Sarasota avatar.

The avatar is for social media channels and small applications when the standard Visit Sarasota logo becomes too small to read properly. The maximum size allowed for the avatar is 250x250 pixels. When the use requires a size larger than 250x250 pixels use the Visit Sarasota logo.

FAVICON

Standard use: 16x16 pixels

Maximum size: 36x36 pixels

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AVATAR

Minimum size: 37x37 pixels

Maximum size: 250x250 pixels



Other Brand Logos

Savor Sarasota







Work Where You Want to Live

The text lockup for Work Where You Want to Live® may be used for headlines or as a standalone mark. In order to ensure the most accurate color reproduction, the text should be used in white or blue.







Visit Sarasota Partner Badge

As a Visit Sarasota County partner, you are entitled and encouraged to use the Visit Sarasota Proud Partner logo in your business consumer tourism marketing materials such as print advertising.

Please note usage does not include placement on products for promotion, retail sale or in conjunction with non-tourism marketing messaging. Only approved licensees are authorized to produce or sell Visit Sarasota branded products. The primary Visit Sarasota logo is reserved for exclusive use by Visit Sarasota County only.

Gain Access to Visit Sarasota Brand Toolkit

Sarasota County's Brand Toolkit makes it easy to request content and images that make Sarasota County such a special place to visit with people around the world. Whether you are a local business, travel media, a tour operator or a travel agent, you can find everything you may need. This includes:

- Logos
- Images
- Partner Resources
- Press Info

Visit the following link to learn more:

Visit Sarasota County Brand Toolkit

For more information about the Visit Sarasota County Brand Toolkit, contact: Kelly M. Defebo, CMP VP of Marketing & Communications 301 N Cattlemen Rd, Suite 203 Sarasota, FL 34232 kdefebo@VisitSarasota.com

The Visit Sarasota Brand Style

Visit Sarasota brand color palette

Main colors



CMYK:83/43/0/41 **RGB:** 7/83/132 **HEX:** 075384



RGB: 62/199/244 HEX: 3EC7F4



CMYK: 62/0/100/0 **RGB:** 111/191/74 **HEX:** 6CBE45

Supporting colors



CMYK: 10/20/100/0 **RGB:** 233/195/30



CMYK: 0/62/87/0 **RGB:** 245/127/56 **HEX:** E9C31E **HEX:** F57F38



CMYK: 15/90/76/1 **RGB:** 207/64/69 **HEX:** CF4045



CMYK: 9/45/81/42 **RGB:** 147/99/44 **HEX:** 93632C



CMYK: 35/64/0/0 **RGB:** 169/113/176 **HEX:** AB71B0



CMYK: 15/15/0/80 **RGB:** 73/72/83 **HEX:** 494853

Visit Sarasota brand typography

Typography_Print

Typography is a key component of the Visit Sarasota brand. The consistent use of fonts in print materials elevates brand awareness and recognition.

Primary

Mirai Regular

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890 ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

Headlines — Mirai Regular

Subtitles — Mirai Medium

Body Copy — Mirai Regular

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Typography_Web

The following are designated web-safe fonts to use in developing digital and online marketing materials.

Primary:

Mirai Regular

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Visit Sarasota brand photography

The primary style of photography is vibrant and colorful. Images focus on visitors participating in Sarasota County activities within a mood reflecting the brand's emotional attributes of relaxation and at ease.

In addition to the branded advertising imagery, Visit Sarasota County maintains a library of images for use in promoting Sarasota County tourism outside of primary advertising. These images specifically represent locations and activities within Sarasota County and are used primarily for public relations and editorial purposes.

Use of any Visit Sarasota County images for non-tourism promotion or personal use is strictly prohibited.

Images can be cropped to fit a specific image space, but cannot be altered or manipulated in any way that changes the original message and intent of the image.

Photo releases

Photos used in Visit Sarasota County materials are used to promote the Visit Sarasota brand. With few exceptions, any photograph that features people or private property and presents the subject in a way that he/she/it can be identified requires a signed release.







Visit Sarasota brand videography

Video captures a mood and tells a story like no other medium. The same colorful and relaxing style of the photography also applies to video.

Below are guidelines that will help aid in quality productions.

- Keep it simple. Let the focus be on a single action.
- Keep it moving. Video is about action. Avoid static scenes
 that appear as still photos. Movement can be as varied
 as the subtle movement of waves lapping against the
 shore to the more obvious, such as kayaking on the bay.
 Consider camera moves to help keep the story flowing.
 A small camera move can make a significant difference in
 enhancing a scene.
- Keep it varied. A mixture of wide shots, close-ups and angles keep the story moving and make it more dynamic.
 If the production features an interview, place the subject in his/her environment. Consider multiple camera angles during the interview and cut away to supporting B-roll images to add interest.
- Keep it concise. Don't hesitate to cut scenes. Short videos are more effective than long productions. Two- to threeminute videos are the ideal length.

Titles

Opening titles have creative freedom, provided they fit within the style of the Visit Sarasota brand.

Titles identifying interviews or locations should be positioned in the lower third of the screen. Keep titles short and with sufficient contrast to be able to be read in 3-4 seconds.

For interview and location titles, use the Mirai typeface.

The Visit Sarasota logo

For opening and closing titles, use the Visit Sarasota logo with the appropriate byline. Adhere to the guidelines for proper use of the Visit Sarasota logo.

Video releases

With few exceptions, any video that features people or private property and presents the subject in a way that he/she/it can be identified requires a signed release.







Sample closing title



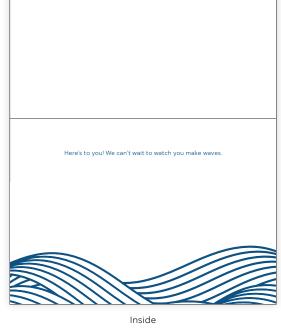
- Visit Sarasota Brand Creative

The following pages represent a sampling of creative developed for the Visit Sarasota brand.

Each of these samples reflect the processes outlined in this guide and can serve as reference in developing additional materials.

Greeting Cards



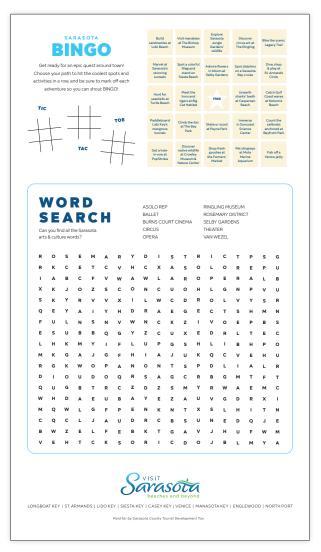


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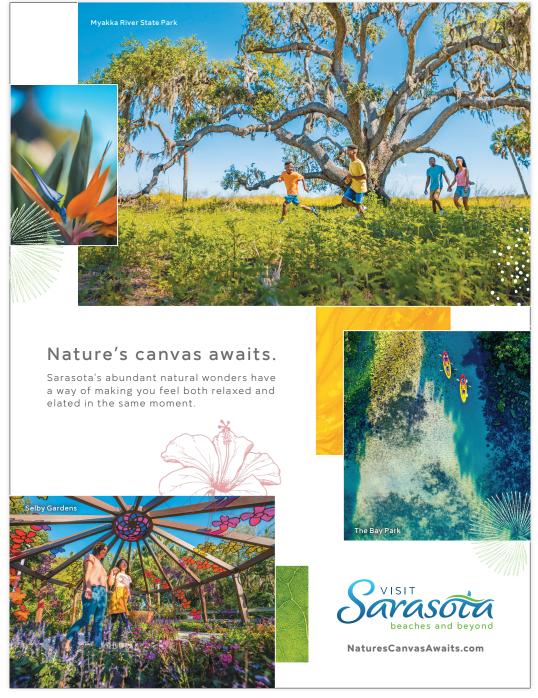
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Kids' Activity Page



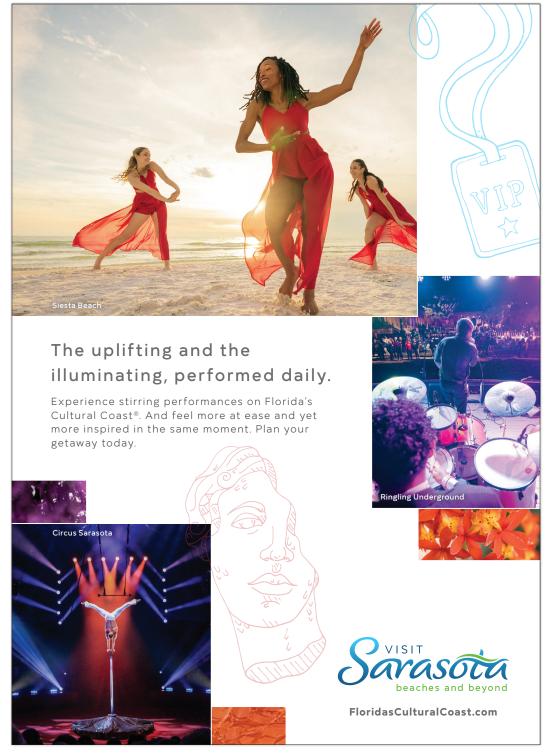


Print Media Creative - Outdoors & Nature



8"×10.5"

Print Media Creative - Arts & Culture



9.625"x13.5"

Print Media Creative - Meetings & Groups



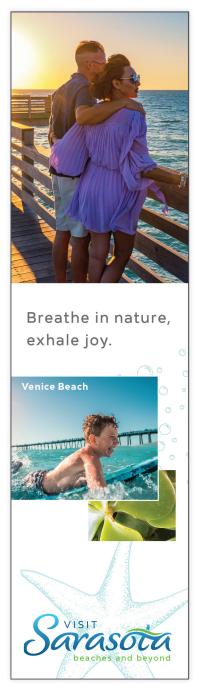
9"x11"

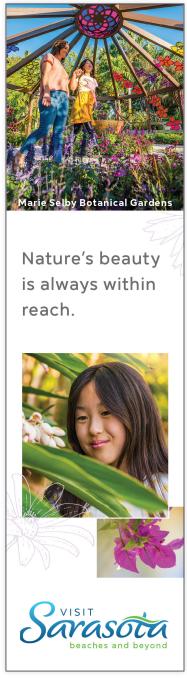
Print Media Creative - Relocation/Workforce Development



8.375"x10.875"

Digital Media Creative - Leisure







160×600 160×600 160×600

Digital Media Creative - Meetings



300×250

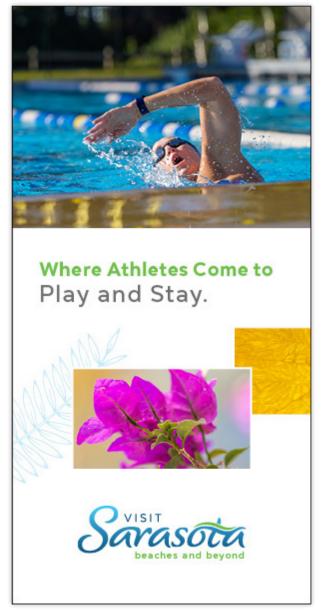


728×90

Digital Media Creative - Sports



300x600



300x600



The goal of this toolkit is to align arts organizations throughout Sarasota County to work towards the same goal of promoting arts and culture. By creating this toolkit, Visit Sarasota aims to get us all on the same page to consistently showcase our arts community.

To access the full Sarasota County Brand Toolkit for complete information on how to use the Visit Sarasota County brand, visit <u>SarasotaCountyBrandToolkit.com</u>. Here you can download logos and learn how to use the full VSC brand, as well as download VSC-owned images for free. And when submitting images to VSC, please ensure they are fresh, relevant and follow these brand guidelines, including ensuring VSC has the proper rights to your images.

Florida's Cultural Coast® Tagline

Florida's Cultural Coast® means Sarasota County is *the* place to go for arts and culture, including museums, galleries and performing arts venues.

We encourage you to use the phrase Florida's Cultural Coast® in your media placements and collateral, including the Registered symbol to show that Visit Sarasota County has ownership of the tagline ... and so do you!

The text lockup for Florida's Cultural Coast® may be used for headlines or as a stand-alone mark.



Florida's Cultural Coast text lockup

In order to ensure the most accurate color reproduction of the Visit Sarasota logo, the colors outlined should always be used.



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CMYK: 61/0/0/0 RGB: 62/199/244 #3ec7f4



CMYK: 62/0/100/0 RGB: 111/191/74 #6cbe45

- Tourist Development Tax Wording -

The following wording should accompany all printed materials for Visit Sarasota County:

Paid for in part by Sarasota County Tourist Development Tax revenues

OR

Paid for by Sarasota County Tourist Development Tax revenues



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