

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

- Locomotive-loving kids won't want to miss the historic Venice Train Depot, complete with a caboose and circus car.
- When you step inside the Butterfly House at Marie Selby Gardens' Historic Spanish Point, you'll become surrounded by hundreds of native Floridian butterflies.
- Mote SEA offers families an engaging journey beneath the waves, combining interactive exhibits, marine and animal habitats, and hands-on educational experiences that spark a lifelong appreciation for ocean conservation and discovery.
- Take in a kid-friendly show from Sarasota Youth Opera, Venice Teen Improv Troupe, or Florida Studio Theatre.
- Flaming petting zoo at Jungle Gardens, one of the oldest continuously operated attractions in Florida, was established in 1939.
- Set along Sarasota Bay, The Bay invites families to play, explore, and connect through waterfront green spaces, engaging children's activities, and a calendar of free events.
- The Children's Rainforest Garden combines interactive exhibits and nature-based play to help children learn about plants, wildlife, and conservation..

The Ritz-Carlton Beach Club



The Circus Arts Conservatory