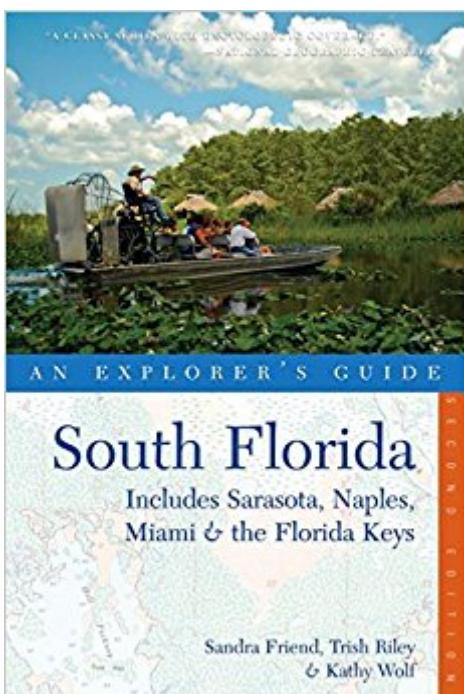


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# Explorer's Guide South Florida: Includes Sarasota, Naples, Miami & The Florida Keys (Second Edition) (Explorer's Complete)



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This completely revised second edition of the definitive South Florida guidebook offers coverage of Tampa, the Gulf Coast, South Beach, Miami, and the Keys. In diverse, exciting South Florida you might catch a glimpse of an endangered Florida panther in a nature preserve in the morning and visit a four-star restaurant and world-class nightclub that evening. This rich destination welcomes visitors from all over the world with its vibrant arts communities and multicultural historic sites, luxurious seaside resorts and lush forests, and some of the best fishing and diving in the United States. With cattle ranches and citrus groves all the way down to the mighty swamps of the Everglades and Big Cypress there are endless opportunities for exploration and discovery for singles, couples, and families. From eco-friendly establishments and environmental information about the region to its trendy nightlife, out-of-the-way attractions, and best beach hotels, Explorer's Guide South Florida is a thorough introduction to an alluring place that tourists as well as locals simply shouldn't miss. Detailed maps, an index, an alphabetical "What's Where" subject guide, and helpful icons that highlight places that offer special value, are pet-, gay-, and family-friendly, and are wheelchair accessible round out this incredible resource, your perfect travel companion. 100 black-and-white photographs and maps

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This book is one of the three-part Florida series by the same authors, and it is as good as the others. We get such a thorough treatment of the area, from writers who obviously know and love it, that it's hard to imagine a better book for this purpose. The coverage is comprehensive, from the major cities to small rural communities. Listings are selective, as the authors have done a fine job presenting the accommodations, restaurants and sites they know will be of most interest. I lived in Vero Beach for a time, and I know that the sites they chose from the town are the best options. Two things really stand out about this book. As with the other Florida guides, this one gives us a complete picture of the region's natural attractions. Obviously, those attractions are a major tourist draw. But what's even better is that the authors have gone so far as to present the reader with many fine historical facts and sites, which are frequently overlooked in South Florida. In that way, the book is really an excellent "beyond the beaten path" guide, giving us much more than the locations of the best beaches and seafood restaurants. I highly recommend the three Explorer's Guides for Florida (including this one), because they offer the best balance of history, culture, outdoors, and quality listing of all available guides. The traveler will get a balanced picture of the state, and will be presented with many more travel options than previously thought.

I spend a couple months in south Florida every winter, and the Explorer's Guide hasn't steered me wrong yet. I had the 1st edition and snapped up the revised 2nd edition as soon as it was available. Very good recommendations for off-the-beaten-path restaurants and places to visit. Based on the number of dog-eared pages, this is my most used guide!

Best South Florida Guide I've seen.

I am scheduled to visit Tampa Bay, the description states \*This completely revised second edition of the definitive South Florida guidebook offers coverage of Tampa \* Perfect, right? Not so much, Tampa is barely covered, just a couple of entries. Don't know who wrote that description, or the publisher, so misleading.

Great travel guide for non-touristy places to visit, eat, stay, hike, bike, etc. Really enjoyed how it was put together. Is a constant companion when travelling through south Florida.

Very helpful information and very nicely written. Great suggestions for further reading as well.

Very helpful in planning a trip to South Florida. Lots of interesting bits of info that are helpful

Very helpful...ended up sharing with others in my travel group.

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