

## Island Visitor

### SOUVENIR GUIDE

"Nothing But Good News"

Welcome

**FREE**  
Please Take One

**Check Out Our... "Idea Border"**  
Lots of good ideas of things to do & see while vacationing on Siesta Key. If you cannot find anything that interests you, maybe you should just go to the beach. Which, by the way, is not such a bad idea!

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- Siesta Key Churches
- Shopping Areas
- Distance Between Points
- Parks & Public Land
- Intracoastal Markers
- Traffic Lights
- Post Offices

**Siesta Key Churches**

- St Michael Catholic Church
- St Boniface Episcopal
- Phillippi Estate Park
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**Siesta Key Public Beach**  
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**Crescent Beach**  
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**Turtle Beach**  
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**Neptune Marine Preserve**

**Old Midnight Pass**

**Palmer Point Park N.**

**Florida**  
The Sunshine State

**Tampa Bay Area**

**The Greater Sarasota Area**

**Distance To Major Cities**

Albany NY	1340	Omaha NE	1500
Atlanta GA	507	Norfolk VA	866
Baltimore MD	1912	Chicago IL	1328
Boston MA	1432	Buffalo NY	1332
Cincinnati OH	987	St Louis MO	1059
Dallas TX	1213	Toronto ON	1435
Detroit MI	1245	Winnipeg MB	1435
Heartford CT	1332	Tampa FL	58
Houston TX	1332	Orlando FL	139
Los Angeles CA	2533	Miami FL	294
New York NY	1202	FL Myers	80
San Francisco CA	674	Bradenton FL	17
Washington DC	968		

## Siesta Key, Florida

Home of "The World's Whitest, Finest Sand Beach"

Siesta Key, Florida was chosen "Best Overall" in the 1987 International Sand Contest. The worldwide competition included entries from throughout the world. Exotic ports like the Grand Bahamas, Barbados and Antigua rivaled for the honored title of number one. The sand of Siesta Key was judged by David Aubrey, Director of Coastal Research of the renowned Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute in Massachusetts to be the whitest and finest in texture. The Siesta Key Beaches could perhaps be called "The Crystal Beaches", for they are composed of billions and billions of tiny crystals. The very type considered by many to possess mystical powers. The Geology Department of Harvard University found our sand to be 99 percent pure quartz. For hardness it was rated a 7, which means it cannot be scratched with the point of a steel knife. The grains are angular in shape and extremely fine, which gives it its powdery texture. Siesta Key is proud of this world class title, though not surprised, one walk on the sugary soft sands of our beaches will tell you why.

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**Siesta Key Tourism** In 1940 the population of Siesta Key was only 300, mostly comprised of farmers & fishermen. Today 12,000 full time residents with an average age of 46 call "The Key" their home. An additional 12,000 "Snowbirds" (or Winter Residents) and over 350,000 tourist visit annually.

**Florida Facts**

**NICKNAME:** "The Sunshine State"  
**SLOGAN:** In God We Trust  
**STATE MAMMAL:** The Manatee is the State Marine Mammal and the Porpoise is the State Saltwater Mammal  
**STATE BIRD:** The Mockingbird

**STATE ANIMAL:** The Florida Panther  
**STATE FISH:** Freshwater: Largemouth Bass  
Saltwater: The Atlantic Sailfish  
**STATE FLOWER:** The Orange Blossom  
**STATE TREE:** The Sabal Palm  
**STATE SONG:** Stephen Foster's "Old Folks at Home"  
**STATE FOOD:** Key Lime Pie

**Siesta Key's Climate**

	High	Low	Gulf	Rain
January	72	51	60	2.3
February	74	57	65	1.5
March	77	57	65	1.3
April	81	59	72	4.0
May	87	68	80	2.5
June	89	73	83	5.0
July	92	75	86	6.2
August	91	74	86	5.4
September	89	73	85	3.9
October	85	68	78	4.5
November	80	69	73	1.3
December	73	59	66	1.9

**Lighting Capital of the World**  
Be VERY Cautious During  
Before & After  
Thunder Storms!

**Hurricane Season:** June through November  
Most Storms in September