

We welcome you to join us for our return to the undeveloped, unhurried, and unpretentious

Pass-A-Grille

at the southern tip of St. Pete Beach
August 17th, 2015

It's just over a 2 hour drive to this well-kept secret, one of the most beautiful beaches in Florida. We feel this lovely town is ideal for August because of the short depth of the beach; there's only a short distance from the coach to the water, great for easily conveying your personal beach chairs and umbrellas.

The stunning beach is immaculate and the water a lovely shade of turquoise blue. The Paradise Grill is right on the beach, offering delicious fare, public restrooms/changing area, outside showers, and a little beach shop. There is a patio area with picnic tables and other seating. The chair/umbrella rental stand is right beside this building to the north. However, it is pricey; \$30 for a cabana and 2 chairs—that is, until we get on their case about the high price!

And, in the event of Florida's customary brief summer showers, the surrounding shops and restaurants are, again, just a few steps away. There is also an ice cream stand right across the street.

We'll enjoy a full day here; no hustling you aboard the bus 'til 6:00.

If you recall from our previous visit here in June 2013, this community has a Caribbean-type feel with its narrow side streets and pastel-colored buildings.

The adjacent 8th Avenue offers whimsical shops for a late afternoon stroll. At the end of 8th Avenue, just one block away, is the historic Merry Pier on the Boca Ciega Bay. It's a fabulous place just to chill out, watch the fishermen, chat with the locals, and chase pelicans. The whole deal! Unfortunately, the shuttle to Shell Island is going out of operation on this exact day for two weeks; however, it will save you another \$25; buy a lot of ice cream instead.

The Seahorse restaurant near Merry Pier which is open only until 2:30, would offer you the opportunity to have a bite to eat while watching boat traffic pass by.

But, if you're feeling too relaxed to walk even one block (you lazy American, you), adjourn instead to the Hurricane Restaurant or the Brass Monkey right across the street from the beach for lunch and/or dinner.

The third option would be to take the free golf cart shuttle (tip only) about 10 blocks north in Pass-a-Grille to several additional restaurants.

Info about the shuttle and websites for all of these restaurants are provided below for your consideration.

Finally, we are hoping to schedule a speaker from the Gulf Beaches Historical Museum to join us on the beach to present a short history of the island. If you are interested in attending, you can simply bring your chair over to the designated spot and join us for less than one hours. (Your eyes have permission, however, to drift far afield!)

The museum has installed the bell shown below to be rung at sunset.

In Pass-A-Grille, prepare yourself for a laid-back refreshing dip into the past. The city's motto is:

"Practice the Art of Loving Live"

For additional information about Pass-a-Grille go to: www.visitpassagrille.com

Restaurants in Pass-A-Grille - **Start Lickin' Your Lips !**

Right on the Beach

- Paradise Grille -- The Paradise Grille is literally on the beach! They serve breakfast, lunch and dinner, each with a wide variety of delicious options. 900 Gulf Way (727) 307-1495 Mon-Sun: 8:00 AM-Sunset

Across the Street from the Beach

- The Brass Monkey -- The Brass Monkey has a wide selection on the menu, from wings to burgers to pizza to sandwiches, including wraps. Seafood entrees and steak dinners also available. 709 Gulf Way (727) 367-7620 Sun-Thur: 11:30-9:00 www.thebrassmonkey.net
- The Hurricane -- Enjoy Florida sunsets from The Hurricane Watch rooftop deck after a great meal. Sunsets, seafood and Florida's great beaches. We've got it all! 807 Gulf Way (727) 360-9558 Sun-Thurs: 7:00 AM – 11:00 PM www.thehurricane.com
- Paradise Sweets -- Offers a wide selection of quality coffees and interesting sweets to please every taste! 709 Gulf Way (727) 360-5830 Mon-Sun: 9:00 AM-9:00 PM

On 8th Avenue

- Restaurant su Ottavo -- Highly rated pizza and seafood dishes. 118 8th Avenue 727 498 6570 (Hours ??) www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g34606-d2649164-Reviews-Restaurant_Su_Ottavo-St_Pete_Beach_Florida.html
- Vida de Cafe -- Vegan, vegetarian, and raw food. 120 8th Avenue Only open 11-2 p.m. (727) 289-7164 www.vidadecafe.com

On the Intracoastal Waterway - 1 Block Away

- The Seahorse -- The Seahorse is an ideal place for a beachfront breakfast! The beautiful view of the water, delicious food and a quaint atmosphere are sure to please! 800 Pass-A-Grille Way (727) 360-1734. **Only open til 2:30** www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g34606-d678301-Reviews-Seahorse_Restaurant-St_Pete_Beach_Florida.html

10 Blocks North at 20th & 21st Streets in Pass-A-Grille

Call 727-776-7553 for free shuttle (tip only) or visit www.freebeachride.com

- The Wharf Restaurant & Bar -- Enjoy the environment and good food at The Wharf. Located on the water, this is the perfect place for a refreshing drink and a bite to eat. 2001 Pass-A-Grille Way (727) 367-9469 Mon-Sun: 11:00 AM-11:00 PM www.wharfrestaurant.org
- Sea Critters Cafe -- Waterfront seafood restaurant with extensive menu including fresh fish, pastas, chicken, steak and salads. Enjoy with fresh squeezed Best of the Beaches Margaritas - the only fresh squeezed margaritas on the beach! 2007 Pass-A-Grille Way (727) 360-3706 Sunday-Thursday, 11:30 am - 9:00 pm www.seacritterscafe.com
- Gennaro's Italian Restaurant -- Gennaro's has everything you could want from an Italian restaurant. Fantastic entrees, pizzas, and deserts all made to please! 2004 Pass-A-Grille Way (727) 360-0563 Monday 4-10 p.m. www.gennarosstpetebeach.com