Regrettably, no alcohol or food can be brought onto this beach, but it sure can be purchased there!

We've chosen this site in part because of its shallow beach, calm waters, and indoor escape from the August sun.....along with the fact that they can't wait for us to arrive!!

Oh, yeah, then there's the beach

Make it easy and rent two chairs and an umbrella set up in advance for only a \$5 per item tip. They have cabanas now too as part of their recent renovation but they are quite pricey. Maybe you and ten of your closest friends would want to rent one. They have added more changing and restroom areas since we were last there as well. For more detail, go to <u>https://caddys.com/caddys-treasure-island/</u>.

For an <u>optional</u> trip that afternoon, you can enjoy a tour of a Florida winery, the Florida Orange Groves Winery.

Less than 10 minutes away from the beach, Florida Orange Groves Winery is Florida's original tropical fruit winery. Today they produce over 43 different varieties of premium tropical fruit wines, all of which are gluten free! If you are looking for a wine that tastes like the fruit it's made from then look no further. They are offering a free 30-minute tour, followed by a 30-minute tasting. To see their award winning wines.... Key Lime, Hurricane White Sangria, and Mango Mamma... visit their website at https://floridawine.com/.

Their TripAdvisor rating is 4.5/5 and a recent visitor posted this review:

"What a fun experience! As a self proclaimed food and wine snob who has traveled the world on luxury wine excursions, I didn't have high hopes. However, I was pleasantly surprised and found it to be more enjoyable that some Napa vineyards. Staff is friendly and wines are fun. Bought several bottles to use in cocktails and for cooking. Great adult outing option."

(We all qualify as 'adults'.....right?)

You may choose to have both lunch (because you can't bring your lunch and eat it on this beach) and dinner at Caddy's (https://caddys.com/caddys-treasure-island/). But if not, our buses will escort you a 1/2 mile in the afternoon to other restaurants in the area. They are:

Sea Hag Bar & Grill <u>seahagsbarandgrill.com</u>; rated 4.5 out of 5; while they are unable to handle a crowd, they would love to see a few of us.

Shrimpy's Blues Bistro (cajun seafood); <u>shrimpysbluesbistro.com</u> rated 4/5; Their happy hour/early bird runs from 3-5pm.

Taco Bus - <u>taco-bus.com</u>; rated 3.9/5; a converted school bus! Fun, fun and tacos.

Sea Dog Brewing (on the water); <u>seadogtreasureisland.com</u>; rated 4.5/5; these folks will be ready to accommodate any of us that venture to their establishment

Carino's Northern Italian Cuisine - <u>carinosrestaurant.com</u> rated 4.5/5; early bird from 3-5pm, they'll be ready for any of us that stop in.

Of course, the easiest thing to do is lounge on the beach, saunter up to Caddy's and order. The choice is entirely yours!

Just be sure to board your bus before we leave for home at 6:00pm. You'll be ready to sleep all the way home!