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**St. Pete Beach, Florida**

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## It's the beach for Pete's sake

**St. Pete Beach, Florida runs the length of Long Key, which is a barrier island in the Tampa Bay area of the Gulf of Mexico.**

Originally St. Petersburg Beach, locals voted to shorten the name in 1994, to fall in line with what everyone already called the place and to create an identity separate from that of St. Petersburg itself which lies just two miles away.

Whatever the name, the lure of this area remains very much the same.

Whether it's families frazzled from the non-stop thrills of the Orlando theme parks; snowbirds fleeing the biting cold of the northern states or couples looking for a romantic getaway.

And that's a beach break par excellence.

While the white sand beach and clear warm waters draw people morning noon and night, the hotels that line up alongside it offer everything else one could ask for.

Flagship among these is the TradeWinds Island Grand Beach Resort.

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**Fort de Soto Park**

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Although many visitors to St. Pete Beach decide there is no need to look beyond the sand on the doorstep, and I can understand why, I would nevertheless urge a short drive to the Fort de Soto park.

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## The Tradewinds Island Grand, St. Pete Beach, Florida

### Simply stunning

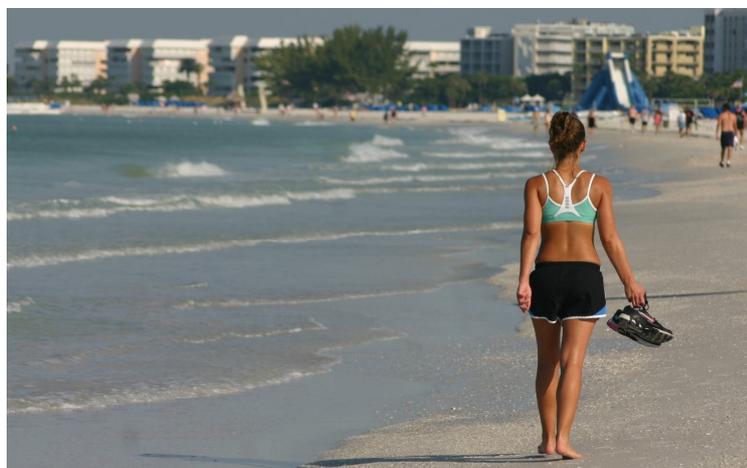
Every evening, regular as clockwork, the sun drops in a stunning, shooting, deep orange blaze of glory over the horizon at St. Pete Beach.

And every evening, we visitors join the pelicans, gulls and dippers shoreline to enjoy this spectacular end to the day.

While the seabirds search for one last morsel before roost, we enjoy a cold beer or a Margarita (on the rocks with salt) at one of the beach side bars or stroll through the warm waves that lap our feet.

And, when the last semblance of sun is extinguished, so the moon appears to throw a silvery hue over the water and create a serene atmosphere – until sunrise the next day.

And so this glorious routine continues.



For those looking for a beach break, Florida competes with the world and St. Pete Beach is a shimmering example of the best on offer in the Sunshine State.

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### The TradeWinds Island Grand Beach Resort

The Island Grand is a lushly landscaped, family-friendly resort sitting on 20 acres of beach.

It shares facilities with neighbouring sister property - the TradeWinds Sandpiper Suites.

The hotel is located 30 minutes from Tampa International Airport and 25 minutes from the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport,.



Beach facilities include :

- beach cabanas and hammocks
- five heated swimming pools
- paddleboats and banana boats
- snorkeling, shelling and dolphin watch cruises, and
- waverunners and parasailing.

For the kids there is a three-story inflatable slide on the beach.

The hotel's dining and entertainment includes a fine Italian restaurant, a seafood and steakhouse, a tavern with live music nightly, a comedy club and sand-in-your-toes beach bars.



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