

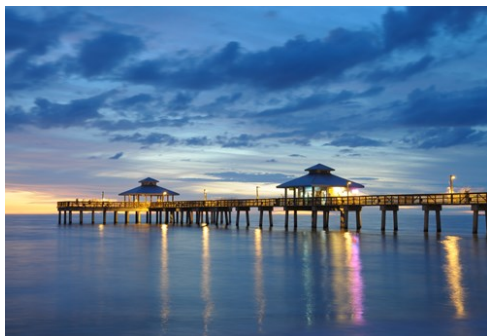


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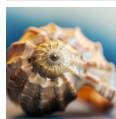
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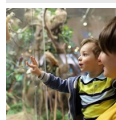
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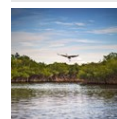
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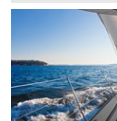
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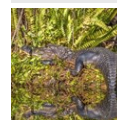
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THE CITY



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At first glance, Fort Myers obeys the clichés of Florida, with its palm-lined boulevards, colorful house fronts and white shores, but it's worth exploring further — there is much to discover.

Founded as a military base during the American Indian Wars and then abandoned, the town was revived in the 19th century by a ship captain who might also have been a pirate. Around 1880 it started attracting notable 'snowbirds', seasonal visitors who came here to escape the colder winters of the north and built elegant period villas. Among them, Thomas Edison and Henry Ford were probably the most famous, and left winter estates that are now open to the public.

Today, despite its natural beauty, the Fort Myers area is still a lesser known holiday destination, but it's gaining more and more popularity thanks to its lively atmosphere and a recent restyling of the town center.

When planning a stay in Fort Myers, it can be practical to think of the city as subdivided into two parts.

The Fort Myers town center, in the northern zone, is home to different museums and historical houses. It is also a good starting point for trips to the many natural parks and reserves

along the Caloosahatchee river.

For the most charming beaches, however, you'll have to head south, to the barrier islands. The smaller town of Fort Myers Beach offers plenty of beautiful shores and every kind of facilities: separated from mainland Fort Myers, it sits on Estero Island and can easily be reached by a causeway. A trip to some other islands also comes recommended: many of them, like Sanibel, hold a more natural, fascinating atmosphere.

Cultural and social hubs are very present in the center of mainland Fort Myers, but you'll find some unexpected hot spots on the islands as well.

DO & SEE



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A beach holiday can feel monotonous after a while, but Fort Myers provides many different pastime alternatives, from inland nature trips to sights, art galleries and social events.

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In September 2022, Hurricane Ian pummeled the coast of Florida. Many local beaches and attractions are still being restored to their pre-hurricane conditions. Folks from Visit Fort Myers (www.visitfortmyers.com) are diligently documenting the reopening of each tourist attraction.

Edison & Ford Winter Estates



The former winter residences of these two important Americans are today a cultural site that is worth a visit, whether you're interested in history, technology or nature: Thomas Edison set up a laboratory and a botanical garden which you'll be able to explore, together with the historic house interiors and a museum dedicated to the inventor.

Photo: Neil Lockhart/shutterstock

Address: 2350 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, FL

Opening hours: Daily 9am-5:30pm

Phone: +1 239 334 7419

Internet: www.edisonfordwinterestates.org

More Info: Wear comfortable shoes for the guided tours.

Centennial Park



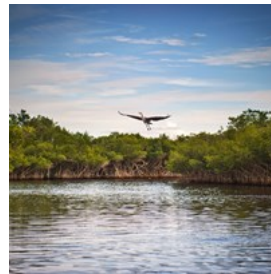
Stretching across 10 acres on the banks of the Caloosahatchee River, Centennial Park is a good location for a walk or a picnic in town, offering a playground and a fishing pier. Here you will also

find the Uncommon Friends, a sculpture commemorating the town's most famous visitors.

Photo: Nadezda Murmakova/shutterstock

Address: 2000 West First Street, Fort Myers, FL

J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge



The area around Fort Myers offers beautiful, diverse landscapes, which you can admire in the many nature reserves. It's not only about the ocean — inland, you'll find river banks lined by woods and coastal wetlands.

Bird watchers should head to J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Established in 1945 on Sanibel Island, it is home to 245 different bird species, along with mammals and marine creatures. It also offers activities for guests, like kayaking, tram tours and fishing.

Photo: shaferaphoto/shutterstock

Address: 1 Wildlife Drive, Sanibel, FL

Phone: +1 239 472 1100

Internet: www.fws.gov/refuge/jn-ding-darling

Boat Tours



Another popular way of getting to know Fort Myers' landscapes and nature is going on a boat trip. Manatee & Eco River Tours

(manateeandecorivertours.com) organize trips along the Caloosahatchee and Orange rivers, with a naturalist on board to tell you about the local flora and fauna. Different options are available — check out the manatee tours (only December to March), which allow visitors to get close to these uncommon sea creatures, or get

into a romantic mood with a sunset tour. Book your trip on their website.

Magic Wind Adventure Sailing (sailmagicwind.com) is run by an enthusiastic couple that offers sailing trips on the gulf for up to 6 passengers. Book your trip on their website or by phone.

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Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve



The 3500-acre-wide Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve also makes for good hiking grounds. On its 1.2-mile boardwalk, between dense trees and bayous, you'll meet herons, egrets, alligators, turtles, and other typical Floridian fauna.

Photo: Jim Schwabel/shutterstock

Address: 7751 Penzance Boulevard, Fort Myers, FL

Opening hours: Daily 7am-8pm

Phone: +1 239 533 7550

Internet: www.sloughpreserve.org

IMAG History & Science Centre



An eclectic venue for curious children and science lovers, Fort Myers' Imaginarium is an aquarium and hands-on museum with more than 60 interactive exhibits about sea life, fossils, Florida's history, nanotechnology and much more.

Photo: Pavel L Photo and Video/shutterstock

Address: 2000 Cranford Avenue, Fort Myers, FL

Opening hours: Sun noon-5pm, Mon 10am-5pm, Tue closed, Wed-Sat 10am-5pm

Phone: +1 239 243 0043

Internet: theimag.org

Email: info@theimag.org

Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum & Aquarium



The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum and Aquarium, located on Sanibel Island — famous for its abundance of seashells — houses a

fascinating collection of shells from around the globe. Explore the Great Hall of Shells, showcasing highlights from the museum's collection of over half a million shells. Discover the Beyond Shells living gallery, featuring aquariums teeming with over 50 species of marine life. Enhance your experience with a guided beach walk led by knowledgeable naturalists, who will share insights into the diverse shells and marine life that make Sanibel Island a unique coastal paradise.

Photo: Remus Rigo/shutterstock

Address: 3075 Sanibel Captiva Road, Sanibel, FL

Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm

Phone: +1 239 395 2233

Internet: www.shellmuseum.org

Email: info@shellmuseum.org

Art Walk & Music Walk



For some cultural entertainment, add Fort Myers' Art Walks and Music Walks to your agenda: these free happenings animate the

social scene of the downtown River District at fixed times every month, while shops, art galleries and restaurants stay open until late at night, providing drinks on the sidewalk.

The Art Walk takes place every first Friday of the

month, 6pm-10pm, and takes you to 13 art galleries that offer self-guided tours and meet-ups with the artists.

The Music Walk starts every third Friday of the month at 7pm, with bands and singers taking over the streets, performing in a wide range of music genres.

Photo: Simone Bernabe/shutterstock
Address: River District, Fort Myers, FL
Phone: +1 239 321 7104
Internet: www.myriverdistrict.com/events

Burroughs Home & Garden



This luxury mansion was a well-known social event venue among Fort Myers' elite at the turn of the century. Built in 1901 in an imposing Georgian Revival style, it is now open for historical tours, and it's also a popular location for marriages and private ceremonies.

Photo: Perry Correll/shutterstock
Address: 2505 First Street, Fort Myers, FL
Opening hours: Tours on Tue, Wed & Thu 11am-1pm
Phone: +1 239 337 9505
Internet: burroughshome.com
Email: tours@burroughshome.com
More Info: You have to book a tour in advance.

Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium



With a planetarium, a butterfly house, nature trails and an aviary for rehabilitated birds, the independent non-profit organization of Calusa

Nature Center provides environmental education for all ages.

Photo: Chubykin Arkady/shutterstock
Address: 3450 Ortiz Avenue, Fort Myers, FL
Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-4pm, Mon closed
Phone: +1 239 275 3435
Internet: www.calusanature.org

BEACHES & ISLANDS



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The Fort Myers area attracts American "snowbirds" for a reason — you'll find a myriad of beaches surrounded by spectacular nature, especially on the islands. As the shores can be very diverse and offer different attractions, it's a good idea to plan trips to different beaches throughout your stay. Also, don't forget to bring a camera to document the best sunsets.

Take into account that Lee County is still recovering from Hurricane Ian which struck Florida's coast in September 2022. Many beaches and beach parks have not been restored to pre-hurricane Ian conditions yet. You will encounter reduced facilities, limited access and occasional washed-up debris. Beach shoes are highly recommended.

Another piece of advice: parking spots might be limited, so arrive there on time to find a place. Also, expect parking to be a bit expensive in the most popular areas.

San Carlos Bay — Bunche Beach Preserve



A good introduction to Fort Myers' beach panorama, and an easy-to-reach spot if you're based on the mainland, Bunche Beach

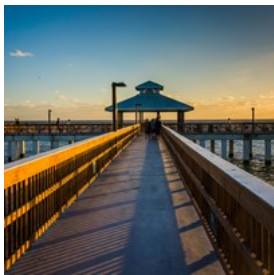
is part of a green natural preserve south of the Fort Myers town center. The natural scenery is wonderful, and the beach offers different amenities like kayaking and canoeing equipment.

Photo: Thomas Reville/shutterstock

Address: 18201 John Morris Road, Fort Myers, FL

Internet: www.leegov.com/parks/beaches/bunche

Fort Myers Beach & Lovers Key



The town of Fort Myers Beach on Estero Island has a relaxed summer party vibe, with its colorful Times Square and a more residential southern area.

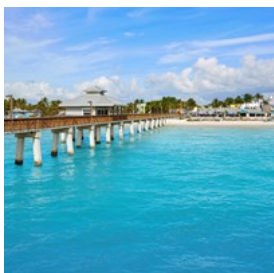
One of its best beaches is Lovers Key State Park: a bit away from the town center, it offers two miles of white sand lined by vegetation. It's great for swimming, and its shallow water is safe for children.

Photo: Jon Bilous/shutterstock

Address: Estero Island, Lee County, FL

Internet: www.fortmyersbeachfl.gov

Lynn Hall Memorial Park



Right in the center of Fort Myers Beach, Lynn Hall Memorial Park offers facilities for all tastes, from water sports, kayaking and sailing to

fishing. Visitors with a more contemplative approach can just indulge in people-watching and sunbathe on the clean white sand.

Photo: lunamarina/shutterstock

Address: 950 Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach, FL

Internet: www.leegov.com/parks/beaches/lynnhall

Sanibel Island



Three miles away from the mainland, the island of Sanibel is known worldwide by conchologists for being covered in an

extraordinary amount of seashells washed up by the tides: that's because of its peculiar position, stretching east to west in the middle of sea streams. While the island's beaches are some of the best in the area, the urban scene is also charmingly underdeveloped and looks frozen in time at the start of the 20th century. Inland lie the Six Cypress Slough Reserve and the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum.

Photo: ulrich missbach/shutterstock.com

Address: Sanibel, Lee County, FL

Internet: www.mysanibel.com

Lighthouse Beach



With its gaunt, rusty presence, Sanibel's lighthouse adds to the offbeat atmosphere of this beach, tucked away in a natural park on the

eastern part of the island. With its clean and shallow water, and seashells everywhere, the beach is a good spot for children. Since there are no bars or restaurants nearby, make sure you bring your own lunch and snacks.

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Address: Lighthouse Beach Park, 110 Periwinkle Way,
Sanibel, FL
Internet:
www.visitfortmyers.com/beaches/lighthouse-beach-park

Blind Pass Beach



Especially romantic at sunset, the less-crowded Blind Pass Beach on Sanibel island is completely enveloped in nature, with no buildings

in sight. It is not the best place for swimming — sea currents can be quite strong — but it's great for fishing and admiring seashells, especially at low tide.

Photo: JohnHancockPhoto/shutterstock
Address: 6491 Sanibel Captiva Road, Sanibel, FL
Internet:
www.visitfortmyers.com/beaches/blind-pass-beach-park

Captiva Island & Turner Beach



Pirate José Gaspar's coven and, in more recent times, the winter home of artists Roy Lichtenstein and Robert Rauschenberg, this

narrow island north of Sanibel is also covered in shells, and its beaches give the same impression of detachment from modern life.

You might start your exploration with Turner Beach — wide, lesser-known and undeveloped. Sea currents are often strong here, so swimming is not recommended.

Photo: Tory Kallman/shutterstock
Address: Captiva Island, Lee County, FL
Internet: www.leegov.com/parks/beaches/turnerbeach

Cayo Costa Island State Park



One of the main attractions of Cayo Costa Island is the possibility to mix regular beach life with a variety of activities. The shore is

lined by a forest of pine and mangrove trees, ideal for hiking and cycling, and the area teems with fauna. There are dolphins, manatees and a wide range of birds. Snorkeling and surfing are also very popular here. The island is only accessible by private boat or ferry, but it's worth the trip.

Photo: DrawingWithLight/shutterstock
Address: 4 nautical miles west of Pine Island, Cayo Costa, FL
Phone: +1 941 964 0375
Internet: www.floridastateparks.org/CayoCosta

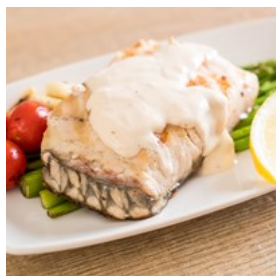
DINING



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Southern Florida cuisine (also known as "Floribbean") is, naturally, well-represented in Fort Myers, where regular seafood dishes such as shrimp and oysters mix with more peculiar specialties like gator tail bites. Dining here can also be a good opportunity to discover a variety of world cuisines, listen to live music, or just relax while enjoying the sunset.

The Veranda



Set in a beautiful location inside a turn-of-the-century mansion, The Veranda is a good option for an elegant dinner. It pairs

typical Southern cuisine with an extensive wine selection, and it's quite popular in Fort Myers and beyond.

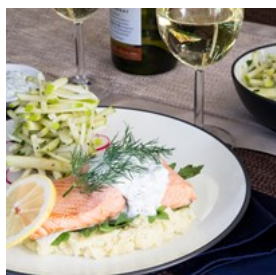
Photo: gowithstock/shutterstock

Address: 2122 Second Street (at Broadway), Fort Myers, FL

Phone: +1 239 332 2065

Internet: www.verandarestaurant.com

Blanc



A classy restaurant in mainland Fort Myers, Blanc offers a creative approach to French cuisine, with thoughtful and elegantly presented

dishes. When it comes to wine choice, consider asking for the staff's recommendations — they are very knowledgeable.

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Address: Cypress Square, 13451 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, FL

Phone: +1 239 887 3139

Internet: www.blancentertainment.com

Fresh Catch Bistro



Fresh Catch Bistro offers a sophisticated dining experience with a focus on local seafood. Enjoy the breezy ambiance of their swanky bar and

deck, overlooking the Gulf, while savoring fresh catches and expertly crafted cocktails, including their popular classic margarita. For a more

casual atmosphere, visit Junkanoo Below Deck, located in the same building and run by the same owner, where you can enjoy a relaxed vibe and delicious food with stunning waterfront views.

Photo: Mazur Travel/shutterstock

Address: 4761 Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach, FL

Phone: +1 239 488 2400

Internet: www.freshcatchbistro.com

Blue Pointe Oyster Bar



The main focus of this elegant bar and grill are fish and seafood specialties. Crab legs and dinner rolls are recommended. With an

elegant interior and an outdoor patio seating area, Blue Pointe is a neat spot for a memorable dinner full of character.

Photo: sbarabu/shutterstock

Address: Bell Tower, 13499 South Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers, FL

Phone: +1 239 433 0634

Internet: www.bluepointerestaurant.com

University Grill



University Grill's motto "Seafood. Steaks.

Martinis." sums up the typical experience at this cozily decorated restaurant very well.

Come for a friendly atmosphere, and when in doubt, choose ribs, the chef's most popular specialty.

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Address: University Crossing, 7790 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers, FL

Phone: +1 239 437 4377

Internet: www.theugrill.net

Artisan Eatery



The owners of Artisan Eatery, a well-loved sandwich shop, keep it casual, but are friendly and attentive to everyone's needs. They provide toys and fully equipped changing rooms for kids, and have earned good reviews by vegetarian guests. Eggs Benedict and the Impossible Burger are recommended. Be sure to stop by for weekend brunch.

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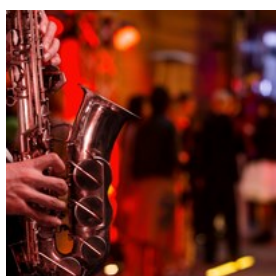
Address: 8951 Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers, FL

Opening hours: Daily 8am-9pm

Phone: +1 239 887 4844

Internet: www.artisaneatery.com

Roadhouse Cafe



Live jazz music in the perfected retro ambiance is the most notable attraction at Roadhouse, and their cuisine lives up to their style. With a

dancefloor and a well-reviewed bar, this restaurant provides good food and quality entertainment.

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Address: 15660 San Carlos Boulevard, Suite 280, Fort Myers, FL

Opening hours: Wed-Sun 5pm-9pm, Mon & Tue closed

Phone: +1 239 415 4375

El Gaucho Inca



A good choice for exotic cuisine, El Gaucho Inca offers Argentinian and Peruvian dishes cooked by a skilled chef from South America, and it's

particularly known for steaks and scallops, as well as for its signature dulce de leche.

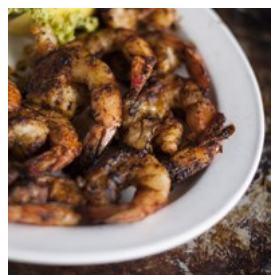
Photo: Christian Vinces/shutterstock

Address: 4383 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, FL

Phone: +1 239 275 7504

Internet: www.elgauchoinca.com

Traders Restaurant on Sanibel



The marine-inspired decor gives Traders on Sanibel Island a cozy, captivating atmosphere. Check out their freshly prepared sandwiches,

salads, and of course fish dishes and oysters. Complement your meal with a selection from their impressive cocktail menu, sure to satisfy even the most discerning palate.

Photo: Holly Rae Garcia/shutterstock

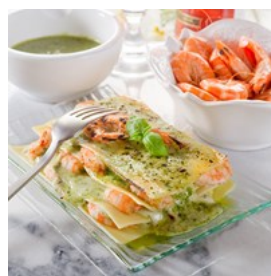
Address: 1551 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, FL

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11am-9pm, Sun closed

Phone: +1 239 472 7242

Internet: www.traderssanibel.com

Old Captiva House



With a good view of the sea on Captiva Island (which means great sunsets during dinner time), and often live piano music, this charming

restaurant has an intimate ambiance and specializes in seafood — their crab bisque and seafood lasagna are well-loved, and they also serve sushi.

Photo: Marco Mayer/shutterstock

Address: 15951 Captiva Drive, Captiva, FL

Opening hours: Daily 5pm-9pm

Phone: +1 239 472 5161

Internet: www.oldcaptivahouse.com

CAFES



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Whether you're looking for a quick and casual lunch, some breakfast under Florida's palm lines, or a stylish tea time, Fort Myers will surprise you with some interesting spots. Explore the city's cafes and discover hidden gems with unique menus and inviting atmospheres. From freshly baked pastries and specialty coffee to healthy salads and gourmet sandwiches, Fort Myers' cafe scene provides a delightful culinary adventure for every taste and occasion.

Wisteria Tea Room & Cafe



Set in a re-decorated old bungalow, Wisteria has the charming atmosphere of a classic English tea room. Their pastries come wonderfully

presented — it's worth ordering some along with your tea.

Photo: Magdanatka/shutterstock

Address: 2512 Second Street, Fort Myers, FL

Phone: +1 239 689 4436

Internet: www.wisteriatearoom.com

McGregor Cafe



As its name suggests, McGregor Cafe is located on the palm-lined McGregor Boulevard in downtown Fort Myers. Locally owned, it's particularly appreciated for its rich breakfast offers. Enjoy coffee, beer or wine on their casual, tree-shaded patio.

Photo: Dawn Damico/shutterstock

Address: 4305 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, FL

Phone: +1 239 936 1771

Internet: www.instagram.com/mcgregorcafe

Daddy Dee's Ice Cream Parlor



A vintage player piano and a travel-themed decor add to the quirky atmosphere of this ice cream shop, which has been in business for more than 50 years. Their servings are large, and Daddy Dee's Ice Cream Parlor often hosts live music events.

Photo: Leszek Glasner/shutterstock

Address: Plaza 41, 13161 North Cleveland Avenue, North Fort Myers, FL

Phone: +1 239 997 4021

Internet: www.daddydees.com

Email: icecream@daddydees.com

Sweet Bean Cafe



With a well-thought-out decor and local artworks showcased on the walls, Sweet Bean is located on McGregor's Boulevard and serves lunch and breakfast. Try their freshly baked pastries and seven different types of coffee. Omelets are a

favorite among many guests.

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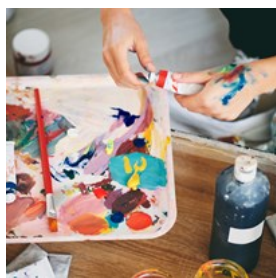
Address: 13251 McGregor Boulevard, Suite 110, Fort Myers, FL

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 7am-3pm, Mon closed

Phone: +1 239 834 9541

Internet: www.sweetbeanfl.com

Vino's Picasso



Offering a fun and creative experience, Vino's Picasso embodies the artsy and friendly atmosphere of Fort Myers, and is one of the most popular hangouts in the area. This art bar is operated by local artists, who will guide you through painting your own art piece while you paint and sip, and mingle with locals and fellow tourists.

Photo: Milan Ilic Photographer/shutterstock

Address: Plymouth & Regal Plaza, 15250 South Tamiami Trail, Fort Myers, FL

Phone: +1 239 240 1004

Internet: www.vinospicasso.com

Email: vinospicassofm@hotmail.com

More Info: All the painting materials are supplied.

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Fort Myers might be quieter than bigger cities of Florida at night, but it offers something for everyone — from mainstream clubs to live music diners, cozy classic pubs and beach bars.

The most vibrant nightlife happens on weekends, when locals and tourists gather in the quirky Times Square to admire the sunset while grabbing some cocktails. Monthly art walks and music walks also animate the social scene, and many art galleries offer drinks along the way.

Space 39 Art Bar & Martini Lounge



Adorned with works by local artists — that you can also buy from the bar's art gallery — Space Bar has an elegant atmosphere and a sophisticated choice of drinks. Here, you'll be able to dance to live music in a range of different styles, including funk, reggae and blues.

Photo: Maxim Blinkov/shutterstock

Address: 39 Patio de Leon, Fort Myers, FL

Phone: +1 239 204 9949

Internet:

restaurantguru.com/Space39-Art-Bar-and-Lounge-Fort-Myers

Point Ybel Brewing Company



Run by a local craft beer company, Point Ybel is a good spot to explore a thoughtful selection of beach-themed craft beers. They don't serve

food, but they organize live music events, open mic nights, and contests.

Photo: Kjetil Kolbjornsrud/shutterstock

Address: Kelly Crossing, 16120 San Carlos Boulevard, Unit 4, Fort Myers, FL

Phone: +1 239 603 6535

Internet: www.pointybelbrew.com

The 86 Room



The 86 Room, a Prohibition-era themed bar, offers a unique experience with its on-point decor, curated music selection, and

relaxed atmosphere. While the drinks may be a bit pricey, the ambiance alone makes it worth a visit. Guests consistently praise the friendly and attentive service provided by the knowledgeable bartenders.

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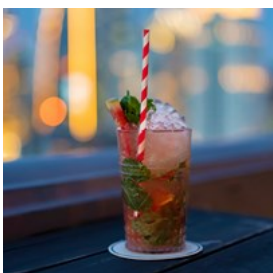
Address: 22 Patio de Leon, Fort Myers, FL

Opening hours: Daily 5pm-2am

Phone: +1 239 332 0014

Internet: restaurantguru.com/The-86-Room-Fort-Myers

The Firestone Skybar & Martini Bar



Firestone's Martini Bar and Skybar, a sprawling four-story establishment in downtown Fort Myers, offers a vibrant nightlife experience. Enjoy sunset

cocktails and dancing on the waterfront rooftop,

or savor delicious steakhouse fare in the cool, industrial-chic interior.

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Address: 2224 Bay Street, Fort Myers, FL

Phone: +1 239 334 3473

Internet: www.firestonefl.com

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Address: 15660 San Carlos Boulevard, Suite 280, Fort Myers, FL

Opening hours: Wed-Sun 5pm-9pm, Mon & Tue closed

Phone: +1 239 415 4375

Celsius Night Club



For a mainstream disco night in downtown Fort Myers, Celsius offers a neat light system and decor, and affordable prices. Cocktails and DJs

are well selected, as you'd expect from a good quality club.

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Address: 2213 Main Street, Fort Myers, FL

Phone: +1 239 980 7630

Internet: www.celsiusnightclub.com

City Tavern



A classic pub near the Fort Myers seafront, City Tavern has live music, a billiard and friendly service. The typical pub food they serve includes unmissable beer cheese pretzels.

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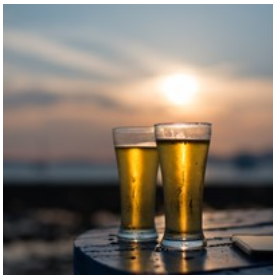
Address: 2206 Bay Street, Fort Myers, FL

Phone: +1 239 226 1133

Internet: mycitytavern.com

Email: info@mycitytavern.com

The Beach Bar



Right on the seafront of Fort Myers Beach, this pub is not very well-known by tourists and doesn't have a very elaborate decor. The

Beach Bar's location on the sand and inexpensive drinks make it a good spot for a relaxing evening on the island.

Photo: Regreto/shutterstock

Address: 1668 I Street, Fort Myers Beach, FL

Opening hours: Daily 11am-6pm

Phone: +1 239 224 4901

Internet: thebeachbarfmb.com

SHOPPING



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The Fort Myers shopping scene is pleasantly diverse. There are, naturally, some classic shopping malls that offer designer brands and outlet deals in a pleasantly air-conditioned setting. Many independent shops provide an alternative showcase of products, from local artwork and jewelry to vintage clothes and knick-knack souvenirs.

River District Farmers' Market



Held every Thursday in Centennial Park, the farmers' market offers many kinds of local produce, including fruit, bakery, seafood and

flowers. It is also a popular meetup for the people of Fort Myers — seize the opportunity to mingle with locals.

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Address: Centennial Park, 2000 West First Street, Fort Myers, FL

Opening hours: Thu 7am-1pm

Daas Co-op Art Gallery



An exploration of Fort Myers' art scene can start with Daas Co-op Art Gallery on Colonial Boulevard. You can

admire and purchase the work of over 30 local artists and also features other craft products. Here you will also find unique souvenirs to bring home.

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Address: 1400 Colonial Boulevard, Suite 84, Fort Myers, FL

Phone: +1 239 955 0422

Internet: daascoop.com

Periwinkle Place



One of the best shopping malls in the Fort Myers area, Periwinkle Place on Sanibel Island offers a relaxed atmosphere and pleasant setting, with

designer clothing items and accessories for men, women and children, as well as perfumery products and a wide range of souvenirs. Stylish and comfortable beachwear is, of course, readily available.

Photo: sabthai/shutterstock

Address: 2075 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, FL

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun noon-5pm

Phone: +1 239 395 1914

Internet: www.periwinkleplace.com

Remedies Parlor



Remedies Parlor is worth a visit for its very sophisticated atmosphere, along with its collection of curious decor. Specializing in

perfumery products and creative home furniture,

it also has a polished indoor garden, complete with a wine and beer bar.

Photo: Karen Culp/shutterstock

Address: 2541 Thompson Street, Fort Myers, FL

Opening hours: Wed-Sat noon-10pm, Sun noon-5pm, Mon & Tue closed

Phone: +1 239 887 4802

Internet: www.remediesparlor.com

Email: info@remediesparlor.com

Shipwreck Treasures



Small-scale plastic boat reproductions, whimsical gift ideas, unlikely message plaques, bold shirts which might require some bravery to

be worn back in the motherland — this souvenir shop in Fort Myers Beach will provide shoppers of every taste with a perpetual memory of their trip to Florida.

Photo: Igor Batenev/shutterstock

Address: Shipwreck Motel, 237 Old San Carlos Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach, FL

Phone: +1 239 765 1561

The Franklin Shops



An impressively eclectic collection of items: clothing, souvenirs, boxes of teas, scented candles, local artwork, and more are on offer at this locally

owned store. Some of them are truly one of a kind, and all are reasonably priced.

Photo: LightField Studios/shutterstock

Address: 2200 First Street, Fort Myers, FL

Opening hours: Mon-Wed 10am-8pm, Thu 10am-9pm, Fri & Sat 10am-10pm, Sun 11am-7pm

Phone: +1 239 333 3130

Internet: www.thefranklinshops.com

Email: info@thefranklinshops.com

Spirit of the Earth



A less common shopping experience might happen in downtown Fort Myers, at this fascinating gem gallery specializing in crystals. Spirit of the

Earth's collection is put together by gemologists, which guarantees some good ideas for home decor or souvenir gifts.

Photo: Christopher PB/shutterstock

Address: 2252 First Street, Fort Myers, FL

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11am-7pm, Sun 11am-5pm

Phone: +1 239 400 0813

Internet: www.spiritearthcrystals.com

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Passport & Visa



Citizens of the Schengen countries, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Japan, South Korea,

Taiwan and the Kingdom of Brunei can visit the United States for up to 90 days without applying for a visa (as well as citizens of Andorra, Lichtenstein, Monaco and San Marino). Citizens of these countries must obtain an ESTA

(Electronic System for Travel Authorization) before traveling. All other travelers must obtain a visa before visiting the United States. International travelers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip to enter the country.

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Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW)



The Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW) is located less than 17 miles from Fort Myers town center. Taxis at the airport are provided by

MBA Airport Transportation. The fares vary depending on zones; taxis aren't metered.

To reach the town by public transport, you can use the Route 50 bus service provided by the Lee Tran Company. The buses run seven days a week, but not at night. The timetable changes seasonally.

Many hotels offer shuttle services to and from the airport. See the airport's official website for the complete list.

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Address: 11000 Terminal Access Road, Fort Myers, FL

Phone: +1 239 590 4800

Internet: www.flylcpa.com

Best Time to Visit



The most pleasant months to visit Fort Myers are probably January to April when days are usually dry and sunny. The hurricane

season is between June and November, and it can get very rainy.

If your priority is having a quiet, relaxing holiday, keep an eye on academic calendars: Fort Myers Beach becomes a popular destination for college students during their Spring breaks (usually the first days of Spring), which can get very loud.

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Public Transport



Public Transport in Fort Myers and the rest of Lee County is operated by the LeeTran company. Various pass solutions are available if you're planning to use public transport for one or more days. There are discounts for students, people over 65 and passengers with disabilities.

You can purchase your ticket online at their website, or at one of LeeTran's Pass Outlets across town.

Photo: Dusan Petkovic/shutterstock
Phone: +1 239 533 8726
Internet: www.leegov.com/leetran
Email: rideleetran@leegov.com

Taxi



Find a selection of taxi companies in the Fort Myers area below: Night Owl Taxi +1 239 449

8118
www.fortmyers-taxi.com

Car Concierge Service of Fort Myers
+1 239 313 9005
www.ftmyerscarservice.com

A Better Taxi
+1 239 288 5587
www.abettertaxi.com

Lyft and Uber rideshare services also operate in and around Fort Myers.

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Post Office



If you don't feel like looking for a post office, you can buy stamps at supermarkets, pharmacies, or even online. To send a letter or a package under 16 oz, look for the blue post boxes around town. Pickup times are posted on top of the mailbox.

Photo: igra design/shutterstock
Address: United States Postal Service, 8841 College Parkway, Suite 105, Fort Myers, FL
Phone: +1 239 362 1322
Internet: www.usps.com

Pharmacy



Fort Myers has Walgreens, CVS, Walmart, Target and various independent chain store retailers.

Photo: Bonsales/shutterstock
Address: Fort Myers Prescription Shop, 3594 Broadway, Fort Myers, FL
Phone: +1 239 939 0249

Telephone



Country code: +1 Area
code: 239

Photo: Besjunior/shutterstock

Electricity



All power sockets in the
United States provide a
standard voltage of
110-120V with a standard
frequency of 60Hz. Plug
type A has two flat

parallel pins.

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Population

95,949

Currency

US Dollar \$1 = 100 cents

Opening hours

Since many shops in Fort Myers are locally owned, opening hours vary significantly from place to place. Many shops open at 10am and close at around 5-6pm; larger shops close around 8-9pm.

Internet

www.cityftmyers.com
www.visitfortmyers.com
www.visitflorida.com

Newspapers

Fort Myers Florida Weekly: fortmyers.floridaweekly.com
The News-Press: www.news-press.com

Emergency numbers

Ambulance, Fire & National Police: 911
Fort Myers Police Department: +1 239 321 7700

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