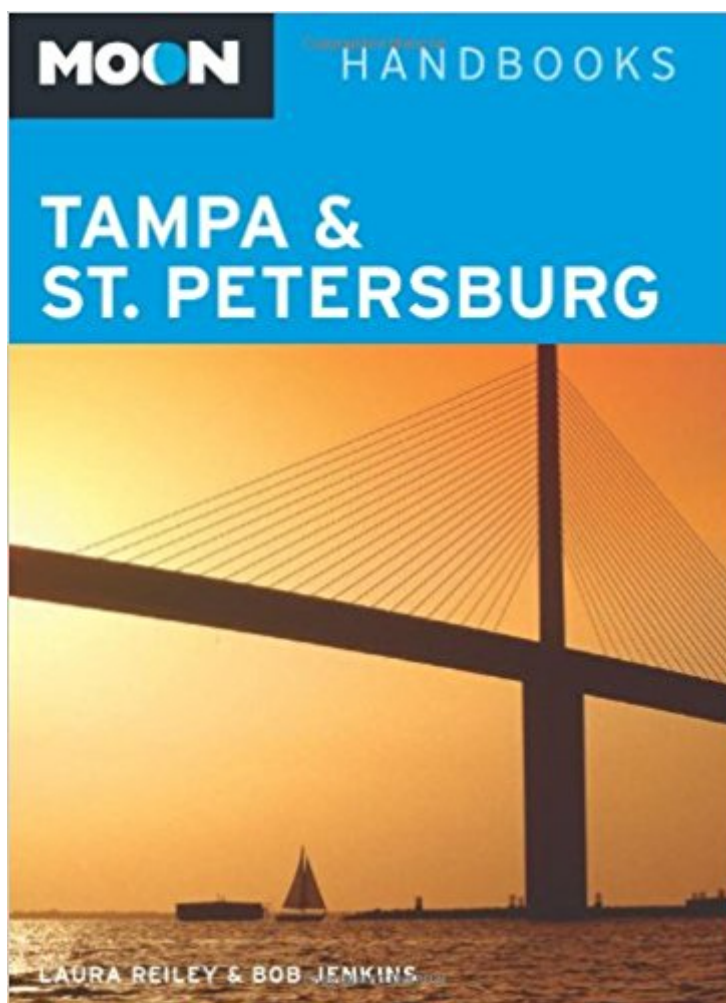


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# Moon Tampa & St. Petersburg (Moon Tampa And St. Petersburg)



## Synopsis

Tampa resident Laura Reiley and St. Petersburg resident Bob Jenkins offer their unique perspectives on Tampa and St. Petersburg, from exploring the Salvador Dali Museum to enjoying the quirky Gasparilla Pirate Fest. They include trip strategies for a variety of travelers, such as a "Nature Lovers Tour" and "Tampa Sports," covering the Yankees spring training. Including expert advice on the Museum of Science and Industry, Busch Gardens, and nightlife in historic Ybor City, *Moon Tampa & St. Petersburg* gives travelers the tools they need to create a more personal and memorable experience.

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## Customer Reviews

Laura Reiley entered the world of work on the heels of a two-year culinary school program. As a professionally trained chef, she was now qualified to draw discriminating conclusions about meals eaten and wines consumed. She did so with gusto, reviewing restaurants and writing about food for magazines and newspapers in Baltimore, San Francisco, and, most recently, St. Petersburg, Florida. A food writer must keep one eye on food, but it is somewhat inevitable that the other eye drifts to the anthropology of food—the folkways of the eaters and drinkers. After moving to Florida's Gulf Coast in 2003, Laura began to admire how Harriet Beecher Stowe once described her home state: "a tumble-down, wild, general happy-go-luckiness." There was no better way to explore her wild new home than with the first edition of *Moon Florida Gulf Coast*, for which she won first prize from the North American Travel Journalists Association. From there, she set her sights on other Floridian destinations; authoring *Moon*

Walt Disney World & Orlando and now focusing on Florida's central coast. Laura lives in the Tampa Bay area with her husband, a psychologist; her daughter, a sixteen-year-old; and her dog, a schnoodle. Bob Jenkins has sailed on more than 60 cruise ships and traveled extensively in Western Europe, in heartland America, and on six of the seven continents. Despite his global experience, Bob's greatest expertise is a result of all the years he made the 22-mile commute from St. Petersburg to Clearwater, discovering different ways to navigate the often-crowded roads, exploring the back lanes, and familiarizing himself completely with the area. Bob studied journalism in college and went on to work for the Grand Rapids Press and for Newsday. He moved to St. Petersburg in 1969, beginning a 39-year career with the St. Petersburg Times in a variety of roles, including 19 years as travel editor. Bob also served on the Board of Directors of the Society of American Travel Writers for almost a decade and was presented with its highest honor for service, the Marco Polo award. He now works as a freelance writer specializing in travel. Bob lives in St. Petersburg with his wife, Dianne. Along with being a Tampa Bay Rays fan, he loves to sail and fish in his free time. Visit him online at [bobjenkinswrites.com](http://bobjenkinswrites.com).

We used the kindle edition of this book on our February trip to Florida. I'm a firm believer that travel books are more user friendly in print because I like to flip through the pages randomly to see what catches my eye or to easily go back to some interesting travel tip that I'd seen before I left home. It is harder to do this in e-books and this is no exception. Ignoring my issues with e-book travel guides, this book was extremely helpful and contained some great suggestions. We'd been to the Tampa area before on another trip and didn't care for it much. With the help of the information in this travel guide we enjoyed this visit immensely. Not all the suggestions were for us and we didn't agree with all the reviews but I expect that in a travel guide; travel is highly subjective and enjoyment is in the eye of the beholder. There were plenty of gems in these pages and I was glad for the purchase.

We found this book very helpful and informative for our trip. I wish it had added little details that would of been helpful. Like the fact that there are no showers or changing rooms at Siesta Key Beach or that there is a charge to go on certain piers. Don't get me wrong, this book got us to enjoy the Ringling Museum and the Heritage Village, places we would of not discovered on or own. I would recommend this book!

Perfect!

Nice to have a book that I can mark up and bring to Florida. Wouldn't do that to a library book.

We just got back from our trip to St. Petersburg. This book is in perfect condition, because I didn't really use it very much. I didn't particularly care for the way it was organized. All the listings for a given category are in one section, encompassing the entire geographical area covered by the book and thus including places that were not really in the area we planned to visit. I also found the book wordy. I did not find the maps particularly helpful. And these days, black and white photos don't do it for me either. I found it much easier to use the free AAA guide for Central Florida, which lists attractions by town and then look at Trip Advisor online. I will donate this book to our library book sale. I would not recommend this book.

Like so many travelers, when planning a trip I read lots of blogs and pick up my AAA guide book to prepare for my adventure. But this time I decided to see what new books might be worth while and found this little jewel! What a handy resource, with more personality and local insight than any guide book I have ever used.

Too many guidebooks read like marketing brochures. Everything is great. But then you go and it's not and you waste a lot of time. Consequently, when planning upcoming trips, particularly when I don't know anyone who lives in a place, I appreciate insightful information. I was given this book when we were planning a trip to Tampa and really felt that it provided honest and useful information. The well-crafted prose also made for an enjoyable read. We haven't taken our trip yet, but I have held onto this book!

Not nearly enough detail enough air vacation or relocation.

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