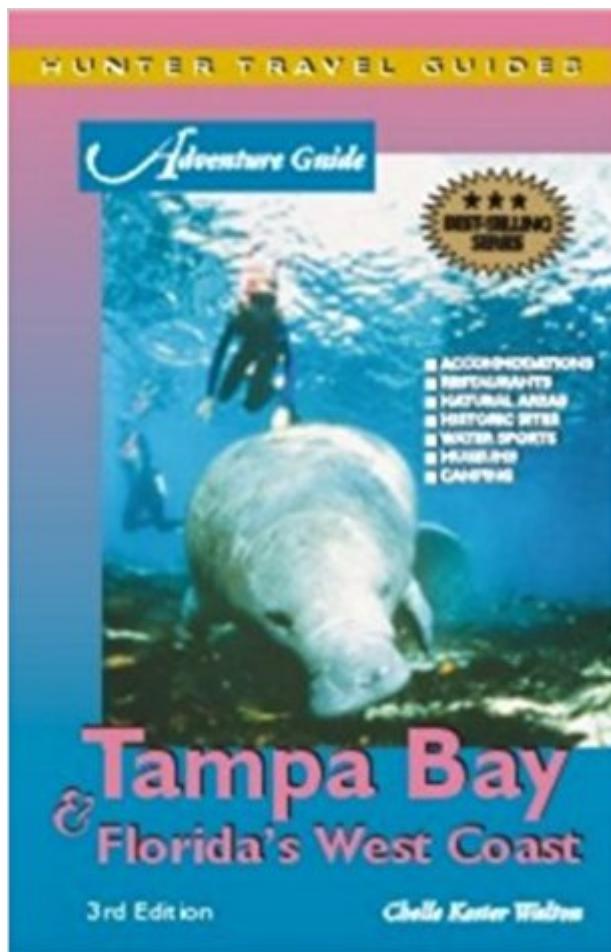


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# Adventure Guide To Tampa Bay & Florida's West Coast



## **Synopsis**

A guide to the cities, towns, nature preserves and sandy beaches that grace the Sunshine State's western shore. It covers the area from just north of Tampa Bay to Naples and Everglades National Park, demonstrating how you can participate in activities such as canoeing the Everglades, hiking on Gasparilla Island, and exploring the history of Tampa's Ybor City. This guide seeks to offer adventures and accommodations to suit all budgets and lifestyles. The series of "Adventure Guides" are about living more intensely, waking up to your surroundings and truly experiencing all that you encounter. Each book offers a mix of practical travel information along with activities designed for everyone, no matter what their age or ability. Comprehensive background information - history, culture, geography and climate - presents a knowledge of each destination and its people. Regional chapters take you on an introductory tour, with stops at museums, historic sites and local attractions. The volumes also cover: places to stay and eat; transportation to, from and around your destination; practical concerns; useful websites; e-mail addresses; and tourism contacts. Detailed regional and town maps feature walking and driving tours.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This easy-to-use book is packed with practical information and enticing facts that make it fun to read: "Sarasota owes its development and artistic reputation to, ironically, the circus, which wintered there beginning in the late 1800s. In contrast to circus raucousness, however, John Ringling was a man swayed by esthetics. The art he loved had a bit of three-ring showiness to it, nonetheless, as

shown by the baroque Italianate palace he built himself in Sarasota." A clean, attractive layout makes it easy to find what you're looking for within each of the book's six sections, whether it be suggestions for finding the best food, lodging, kayaking, fishing, or shopping; even driving directions are included. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This new edition of Walton's comprehensive guide... is a must for visitors. --Bon VoyageBursting with relevant and exciting information. --BooklistAdventure Guides aim to deliver content... Moderately-priced and truly user-friendly, they are packed with information that other series rarely cover. --Library Journal --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I've lived in the Tampa Bay for about 5 years and this book didn't have any suggestions that I hadn't already discovered on my own. I consider myself a pretty average individual, so if I didn't learn anything new then the information in this book is pretty easily discovered by anyone. I wouldn't give it as a gift which is my ultimate test of whether a purchase is worth the money.

A full update of this guidebook, previously called the Adventure Guide to Florida's West Coast. This book takes in all the cities, towns, nature preserves, wilderness areas and sandy beaches that grace the Sunshine State's western shore. Covers Tampa Bay to Naples and Everglades National Park to Sanibel Island. Canoeing the Everglades, hiking on Gasparilla Island, exploring the history of Tampa's Ybor City - it's all here! Plus it has good town and regional maps."These useful guides are highly recommended... " Library Journal "[Adventure Guides] direct you away from the theme parks and into the great outdoors... the information on trekking routes, canoeing, wildlife refuges - even golf courses - is well researched." The Sunday Telegraph "...intended for the adventure-minded travelers with special affection for the outdoors and nature. Each Adventure Guide packs in outdoor-oriented activities set in different regions. There's something for nearly everyone." Midwest Book Review

Everything met my expectations, the narrator "John Duncan" did an exceptional job, very informative!

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Chelle Koster Walton's third edition of *Tampa Bay & Florida's West Coast* is out, and it updates all the basics on accommodations, restaurants, natural areas and historic sites alike. This adventure-oriented guide outlines the best in inland and water trips, includes museums and shopping, and provides an outdoor focus and budget-minded focus which will appeal to trip planners.

It was very knowledgeable. Told about most of the activities going on in Tampa and St. Petersburg.

"This second edition of Walton's comprehensive guide... is a must for visitors." *Bon Voyage*

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