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The Historic Village of Boca Grande, on the island of Gasparilla is located at the southern tip of the Cape Haze Peninsula on Florida’s Southwest Coast midway between Sarasota and Ft. Myers.

Nature has blessed this lush barrier island with seven miles of powdery white beaches stretching the entire Gulf side and surrounded it with cerulean waters — the kind one usually finds only in the Caribbean. The adjacent estuaries fed by the Myakka and Peace Rivers converge to form one of the most pristine and productive coastal ecosystems in the world.

Just north of the island is Placida where “Old Florida” flourishes. An artists’ enclave of brightly colored cracker cottages are filled with creative delights. At the south end of the island lies Boca Grande (Big Mouth) Pass, one of the deepest natural channels in Florida where tarpon congregate to feast on the abundant nourishment provided by the waters of Charlotte Harbor before spawning in the Gulf of Mexico.
At the center of the island lies the nucleus of this little community, the Historic Village of Boca Grande. Here, “Main Street” still exists with no stop lights, no billboards, no high-rises and no fast-food chains. You will find, however, unique shops and art galleries; casual and fine dining establishments serving fresh seafood just caught by the local fishing captains and prepared by any of the islands classically trained chefs.

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Boca Grande is also easy to find if you are driving. The following are I75 exits to Boca Grande:

Exit 193 Jacaranda Boulevard to S.R. 776 to C.R. 775
Exit 191 River Road to C.R. 775 (Pine Street)
Exit 179 Toledo Blade to S.R. 776, to C.R. 771
Exit 170 Kings Highway to Veterans Blvd., to S.R. 776, to C.R. 771
Everything on Gasparilla Island is relaxed and moves at an island pace including the preferred method of travel about the island – golf carts or bicycles. The bike/golf cart path and an accompanying jogging/walking path are part of Florida’s Rails-to-Trails project, utilizing the old railroad right-of-way that carried phosphate to the southern tip of Gasparilla Island a century ago. These days it provides passage for bikers, joggers, and golf carts.

Many visitors come to the island just to spend the day cruising along the bike trail that meanders from one end of the island to the other, with breathtaking vistas at nearly every bend.

Golf carts are allowed on the bike path, but must give right of way to bikes and pedestrians. Golf carts are only allowed on the public roads between 1st Street and 18th Streets, and must give right of way to motorists and pedestrians. To gain access to points on the island not between 1st and 18th Streets, golf cart users must utilize the bike bath. Persons under 14 are prohibited by law from operating golf carts.

Points of Interest
1. The Courtyard Shops
2. Railroad Trestle
3. Johann Fust Community Library
4. United States Post Office
5. Railroad Depot
6. Banyan Street
7. Boca Grande Community Center
8. Coast Guard Range Light
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12. Whidden’s Marina Maritime Museum
13. Boca Grande Historical Society Museum

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Charlotte County Animal Control .............. 941-833-5690
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Acclaimed as one of the top ten sailing destinations in the United States by Sailing Magazine, Charlotte Harbor can be reached from the South via the Cross-State Waterway, which leads from the Atlantic side across Lake Okeechobee and down the Caloosahatchee River. At the mouth of the Caloosahatchee is the southern entrance to Charlotte Harbor from the Gulf of Mexico. The ICW leads up through Pine Island Sound weaving through mangrove islands offering spectacular views of wildlife and bountiful fishing opportunities.

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Sea Turtle season is from May through Oct., so please remember a few simple things to help protect these magnificent creatures and their habitat.

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• Please remove furniture from the beach at night. Nesting turtles can become trapped.
• While enjoying the beautiful beaches during the day, avoid disturbing marked sea turtle nests and please take your trash with you when you leave the beach.
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• Do not climb over the dunes or disturb the dune vegetation.

The West Indian Manatee is a large gray-brown aquatic mammal. Its seal-like body tapers to a flat, paddle-shaped tail. The upper part of its body has two small forelimbs with three to four nails on each flipper. The head and face are wrinkled and the snout has stiff whiskers. Adults have been known to reach lengths of over 13 feet and weights of over 3,000 pounds. Calves are three to four feet long and 60 to 70 pounds at birth.

Manatees are highly endangered gentle sea creatures; often referred to as sea cows, inhabit the inland waterways and warm bay waters. You can reduce your chances of harming a manatee by following these guidelines:

If you are boating, use extreme caution in "no wake" zones. Pole, paddle, or use a trolling motor when you are near sea grass beds.

Don’t be shocked to see Iguanas on Gasparilla Island. To the delight, and sometimes consternation of locals and visitors, they are part of everyday life here. Iguanas are usually harmless, and easily spotted at times, especially along the bike path south of town. Please don’t chase, harass or try to catch them. It is illegal to remove Iguanas from Gasparilla Island.

Bottlenose Dolphins
Bottlenose Dolphins thrive in the warm Gulf of Mexico waters. Just look out towards the water during your visit and you’re bound to catch these playful sea mammals frolicking in the waters. If you’re boating they often will play in the wake or around the bow of a moving boat. Please don’t feed them, keep in mind that they are highly intelligent, but are wild animals – not trained performers.

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Experience Boca Grande. From unspoiled nature that can change the way you see the world, to a lazy afternoon doing nothing more than shelling the white-sand beaches and letting the sun work its magic, summers here offer a sanctuary where you can live like a local, enjoy a laid-back lifestyle and embrace calm inside and out. Think less crowds and more peace and quiet. Think extraordinary weather, breathtaking sunsets and the thrill of spying a dolphin as you paddle the warm Gulf waters. Even a journey beyond the beach brings fun. Explore arts, culture and history at the many local museums and art galleries, indulge in retail therapy at quaint boutiques, or check out some of the area’s signature events.

There’s even more reason to visit Boca Grande and Placida during the destination’s Summer Sanctuary. This celebration of summer and all there is to do (or not) spotlights some of the area’s unique summertime activities with shelling, fishing, unique shopping and art galleries, waterside dining, kayaking and accommodations from quaint cottages to upscale resorts and everything in between, the Boca Grande and Placida area offer the best value this time of year and into fall and beyond. Special packages are designed to offer a chance to take advantage of this area when it is less crowded, the pace is slower and lots of great deals make it a perfect time to enjoy our island sanctuary. Check with many accommodations listed in this directory for a package that suits you.
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Gasparilla Island’s first inhabitants were the Calusa Indians. They were living on nearby Useppa Island by 5,000 B.C. and on Gasparilla Island by 800 or 900 A.D. Charlotte Harbor was the center of the Calusa Empire, which numbered thousands of people and hundreds of fishing villages. The Calusa were a hunting and fishing people who perfected the art of maritime living in harmony with the environment. They were a politically powerful people, dominating Southwest Florida during their “golden age.” Since the Calusa had no written language, the only record we have of their lifestyle and ceremonies comes from the oral history of the (much later) Seminoles, from written accounts of Spanish explorers, and from the archaeological record. The first contact the Calusas had with the white man came during Spanish explorations at the beginning of the 16th century. By the mid 1700s the Calusas had all but disappeared, the victims of European diseases, slavery and warfare.

Early Settlers Were Fishermen
Just like the Indians, the earliest settlers came to Gasparilla Island to fish. By the late 1870s several fish ranches were operating in the Charlotte Harbor area. One of them would later be at the north end of Gasparilla Island in the small village called Gasparilla. The fishermen, many of them Spanish or Cuban, caught huge catches of mullet and other fish and salted them down for shipment to Havana and other markets. In the 1940s the Gasparilla Fishery was moved to Placida across the bay, where it still stands today, and the fishing village died out. Today, many of Boca Grande’s early fishing families are still represented in third, fourth and even fifth generation descendants who pursue many different vocations, including fishing.

Phosphate and Tarpon put Boca Grande on the Map. In 1885 phosphate rock was discovered on the banks of the Peace River just above Punta Gorda, east of Gasparilla Island across Charlotte Harbor. It was this discovery that would turn the south end of Gasparilla Island into a major deep water port (Boca Grande Pass is one of the deepest natural inlets in Florida) and become responsible for the development of the town of Boca Grande. Wealthy American and British sportsmen began discovering the Charlotte Harbor area for its fantastic fishing (notably for the world class game fish tarpon) and hunting. It was these two discoveries - phosphate rock and fishing - that would put Boca Grande “on the map.”

Probably the only buildings on the island at this time were the lighthouse and the assistant keeper’s house at the extreme southern tip of the island. The railroad terminus with its 1,000-foot long pier would be built nearby. The Charlotte Harbor and Northern Railroad was completed in 1907. For the next 50 years phosphate would be shipped out of the state-of-the-art port virtually without disruption. Phosphate laden trains were off loaded directly onto ocean going freighters, and the ships took the valuable commodity to ports all over the world. In 1969 Port Boca Grande ranked as the fourth busiest port in Florida.

The railroad continued to bring the grand visitors from all along the eastern seaboard until the Boca Grande Causeway opened in 1958. The depot was restored in the 1970s and a number of shops, offices and a restaurant now occupy the old building. The railroad continued to run work trains to the south end until the phosphate port closed in 1979. The Gasparilla Island Conservation and Improvement Association transformed the old bed of the railroad into a new use, Boca Grande’s popular Bike Path. Boca Grande has become a unique community, with a large number of wealthy winter residents rubbing elbows with the fishermen and railroad and port workers who formed the permanent, year-round working class of the island.
DINING

The Village of Boca Grande offers many different restaurants to choose from for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and anything in between. Many restaurants, grills, and lounges offer happy hours, appetizers, meals and spirits with friends. Boca Grande has a recipe to please every palette.

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The Loose Caboose
The Loose Caboose has been family owned and operated since 2006 by Jacques and Blanche Boudreau. Jacques managed the restaurant before purchasing it. We’re located at the historic train depot in downtown Boca Grande. We serve fresh local fish and produce in a comfortable, family atmosphere. A large patio area for outside dining lets you watch the world go by. Interior air conditioned dining room. Lunch served 11-4pm daily, Dinner - Open for dinner 5:30-9pm Daily (closed Wednesdays) www.loosecaboose.biz.

The Outlet Restaurant
The Outlet Restaurant offers family friendly and casual dining on the bayou. Enjoy your favorite breakfast or lunch special on the bayou front patio! Serving breakfast and lunch from 7 am - 2 pm, Wednesday through Monday. Located at the Innlet Motel, 110 E. Railroad Ave. Please call 941-964-4610 for more information. www.theinnlet.com

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Temptation Restaurant
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The Waterside Grill
Waterside Grill is owned and operated by Gasparilla Marina, southwest Florida’s premier full service marina offering a unique environment and entertainment location serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. Enjoy a broad menu and full liquor bar serving tropical drinks, domestic and imported beer as well as your traditional favorites.

With its water view and breezy nautical trimmed deck, it’s easy to see why it is becoming a favorite refuge for seasonal travelers, area boating enthusiasts and local residents. www.gasparillamarina.com
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On Island

The Gasparilla Inn & Club (Private/Guests)
500 Palm Ave., Boca Grande, FL 33921
The Gasparilla Inn & Club features a magnificent Pete Dye Signature 18-hole Championship Course on Charlotte Harbor ... an island on the island and the crown jewel of the resort. The par 72, 6,811+ yards course is both beautiful and challenging. A driving range is available to all resort guests, and lessons from our golf professionals are arranged by appointment. Rental clubs are also available.

Long Marsh Golf Club (Semi-Private)
20 White Marsh Rd., Rotonda West, FL 33947
941-698-0918
Long Marsh’s gently rolling fairways meander through 450 acres of natural Florida scrub. Its fairways and greens invitingly framed by native pines, oaks and palms is a Ted McAnlis-designed course opened in February of 1999, and its latest 9 Hole addition in 2007 is enjoyable for golfers of all levels. At Long Marsh Golf Club in Rotonda West, each hole has its own distinctive character, set amid natural bunkers, lakes and marshes that are haven for wildlife. Four sets of tee boxes provide course distances ranging from 5257 yards to 7120 yards.

Riverwood Golf Club (Semi-Private)
22400 Glenelgues Terr., Port Charlotte, FL 941-625-4109
This Golf Digest 4 1/2 star Course is truly unique as a result of its design features, natural beauty and varying challenges. The front nine of this Gene Bates designed, par 72 championship course flows through heavily wooded terrain, rich in stands of natural pine. The back nine meanders amid salt marsh and wetlands. Surrounded by lush landscaping and native vegetation, each hole is a challenge, taking advantage of its natural setting.

Mainland

Rotonda Golf & Country Club (Semi-Private)
100 Rotonda Cir., Rotonda West, FL 33947
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Rotonda Golf & Country Club located on the Cape Haze Peninsula is just minutes from Boca Grande and Placida. This popular destination attracts visitors all year round.

Pinemoor Golf Club West (Public)
80 Clubhouse Rd., Rotonda West, FL 33947
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The 18-hole “Pinemoor” course at the Pinemoor West Golf Club facility in Rotonda West, Florida features 5,237 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 65. The course rating is 65.0 and it has a slope rating of 113 on Bermuda grass. Designed by Pete Dye, ASGCA, the Pinemoor golf course opened in 2004.

Lemon Bay Golf Club (Semi-Private)
6651 Oriole Blvd., Englewood, FL 941-475-0334
This unique layout by Ted McAnlis offers a significant challenge to golfers of every level. Ten out of the eighteen holes are parallel to water hazards or have a water hazard in front view. The bunkers are strategically placed to make each shot a thoughtful procedure.

Oyster Creek Golf Club (Semi-Private)
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This unique layout by Ted McAnlis offers a significant challenge to golfers of every level. Ten out of the eighteen holes are parallel to water hazards or have a water hazard in front view. The bunkers are strategically placed to make each shot a thoughtful procedure.

Coral Creek Club (Private)
13111 Gasparilla Road, Placida, FL 941-697-0820
Coral Creek Club is a private club, which features a world-class, Tom Fazio-designed golf course and a spectacular clubhouse rated in the “Top Five Clubhouse of the Year” by Golf Inc. Magazine’s annual competition in 2008. Often described as the best-kept secret in Florida, captivating landscape and inspiring wildlife surround members and their guests at Coral Creek Club. With the thoughtful location of five sets of tees, the golf course is immensely enjoyable for men and women of all skill and interest levels. The club offers fine cuisine in a relaxed, yet sophisticated environment where members and guests can enjoy a memorable dining experience and an exclusive level of service. Coral Creek Club recently started offering Social and Senior (over 70) Memberships in addition to its full Certificate Membership.
ORGANIZATIONS

Boca Grande Art Alliance
This non-profit is comprised of artists, sculptors and craftsmen who work in many different mediums. The group’s annual calendar includes demonstrations, classes, lectures and exhibits at the Art Alliance’s home, the Dishong-Bowen House at 236 Banyan Street. Call 941-964-1700 for more information.

Barrier Island Parks Society
At the southern most tip of the island lies the oldest structure on Gasparilla Island, the Port Boca Grande Lighthouse and Museum. The Lighthouse is one of six open lighthouse museums in the State of Florida and home of Barrier Island Parks Society (BIPS). BIPS mission is to provide support to our local island state parks including Gasparilla, Cayo Costa, Don Pedro and Stump Pass, their lighthouses, exhibits, personnel and natural assets. Their commitment is to conserve and preserve the environment and our local history through outreach and education. BIPS meets monthly November – April and welcomes volunteers and new members. For more information call 941-964-0060.

Boca Grande Chamber of Commerce
The chamber promotes and represents island businesses and merchants, and is active in many charitable and social annual island events. The address is PO Box 704, Boca Grande, FL 33921; the phone number is (941) 964-0568.

The mission of the Boca Grande Area Chamber of Commerce is to foster the development and prosperity of chamber member businesses and the economic growth of the Boca Grande area, positively affecting the quality of life for all area residents.

Boca Grande Fishing Guides Assoc.
The 60-plus charter captains who make up the non-profit BGFGA are dedicated to encouraging and improving the conditions and facilities available to anglers and guides in regard to sport fishing in the waters surrounding Gasparilla Island. One of the foremost goals of the BGFGA is to preserve our fishery and see that it is protected and productive for future generations. The BGFGA actively supports such programs as the Marine Fisheries Commission Advisory Board, the Florida Marine Research Institute, several tagging programs and various other endeavors. They respond to state and federal governmental agencies, and publish a pamphlet listing guidelines for safe boating practices both in Boca Grande Pass and the shallow flats and backcountry of Charlotte Harbor. Visit their web site at www.bocagrandefishing.com.

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Boca Grande Health Clinic
Medical care in Boca Grande is available at the Boca Grande Health Clinic at the corner of Park Avenue and Third Street in downtown Boca Grande. The clinic, which was built entirely through public contributions in 1990, is open Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 5pm. The clinic offers limited laboratory and x-ray facilities as well as an emergency room. In the event of an after-hours emergency not requiring ambulance or hospital service, call the clinic at 941-964-2276. Calls are forwarded to the doctor on call. In the event of a medical emergency requiring an ambulance and transport to a hospital, call 911.

Boca Grande Health Clinic Foundation, Inc.
Call 941-964-0099 for information.

Boca Grande Historical Society
The Boca Grande Historical Society is committed to enhancing understanding of the history of Gasparilla Island and its surrounding area. The goal of the BGHS is to provide personally rewarding opportunities to learn about the remarkable people and events that shaped our past. Dedicated to the collection and preservation of memorabilia and through various educational activities, the Society seeks to put the present into better perspective by improving our sense of identity and continuity with history’s unfolding panorama. Call (941) 964-1600 for more information.

Friends of the Boca Grande Community Center
A non-profit corporation formed in 1986 for the sole purpose of raising funds to support the programs and activities of the Boca Grande Community Center, the Friends organization has grown from a passive benefactor to an active participant in the management of the Center. An extensive renovation project was completed in 1995, which increased the usability and functional utility of this Lee County facility. The Friends continue to constantly improve the amenities of this, the center of all activities on Boca Grande. Please call 941-964-2564.

Gasparilla Island Conservation and Improvement Association, Inc. (GICIA)
Established in 1971, the GICIA speaks out on behalf of Gasparilla Island residents who rely upon the Association to preserve and protect their right to the quiet enjoyment of their community. A crowning achievement of the GICIA was securing of the Gasparilla Island Conservation District Act that was enacted by the Florida State Legislature in 1980.

Under the direction of Misty Nabers Nichols, Executive Director, and an 11 member board of directors, the GICIA is dedicated to promoting the general welfare of the Boca Grande community by preserving island atmosphere, enhancing quality of life, conserving natural resources, protecting the integrity of the Gasparilla Island Conservation District Act, and supporting other public and private initiatives that will shape the future of our community.

Johann Fust Community Library
At the corner of Tenth Street and Gasparilla Road is a lovely pink stucco building. This is the Johann Fust Community Library, opened in 1950, a gift to the people of Boca Grande by winter residents Mr. and Mrs. Roger Amory.

Walk through the cool arcade of native coquina and cypress into an open-air loggia and relax beside the fountain and gardens. The library grounds provide a lovely setting for art exhibitions, weddings, concerts and lectures. The library has over 12,000 volumes and has a charming children’s room. Call 941-964-2488 for more information.

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Royal Palm Players
The Royal Palm Players is in its fifth season of producing theater and bringing the performing arts to Boca Grande. The theater engages professional artists and provides education as well as opportunities in all aspects of theater production for community members and their children. The theater is in full swing between October and May. Holiday concerts, special events, and engaging productions can be found in their ambitious seasons of plays and musicals. Stop by their office in Cabbage Court, just off Park Avenue, or call 941-964-2670 for more information.

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