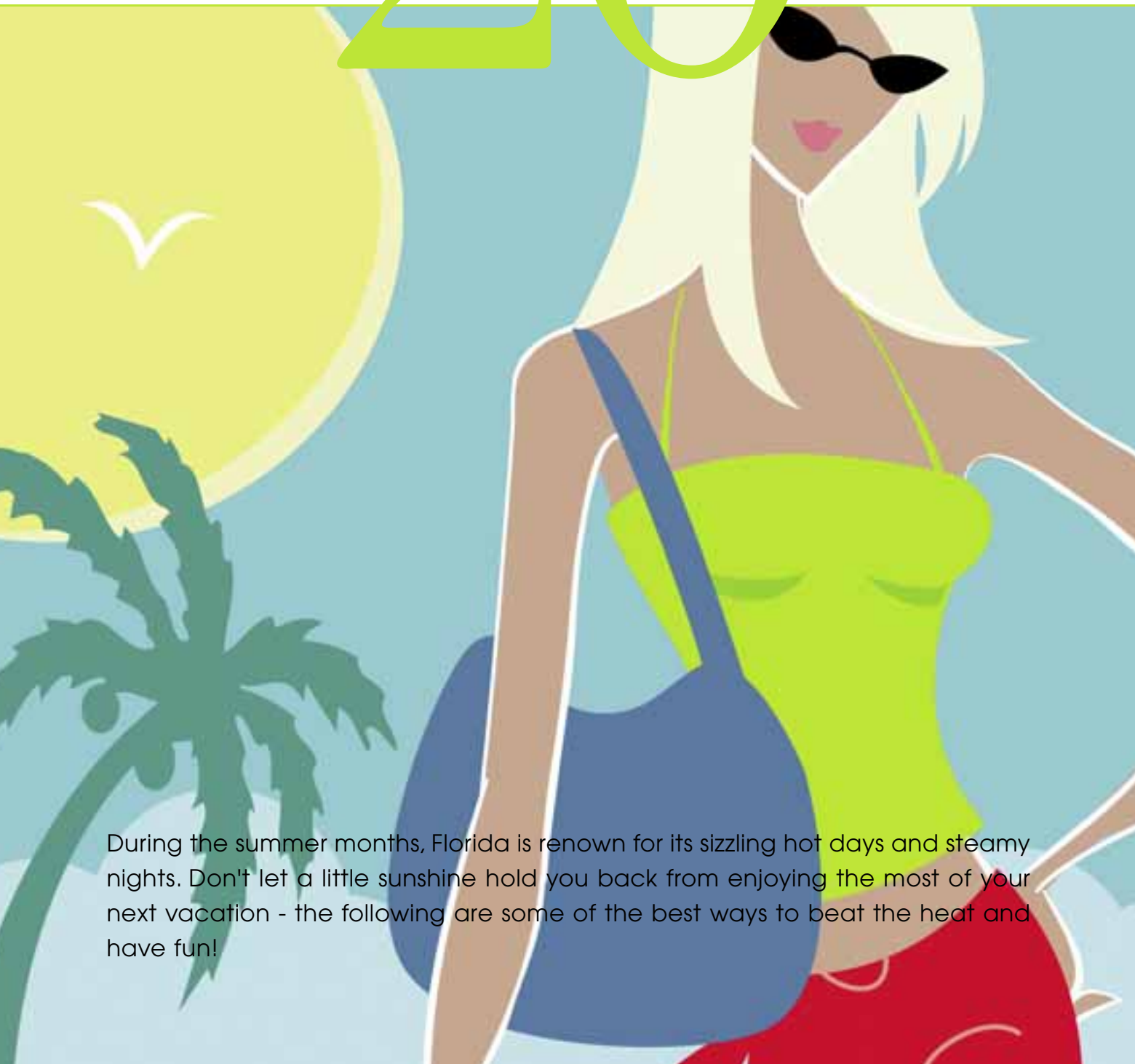


# 20 Great ways to beat the HEAT

A stylized illustration of a woman with long blonde hair, wearing black sunglasses, a lime green tube top, and a blue bikini bottom. She is carrying a red beach bag. The background features a large yellow sun, a palm tree, and a seagull flying in the sky.

During the summer months, Florida is renown for its sizzling hot days and steamy nights. Don't let a little sunshine hold you back from enjoying the most of your next vacation - the following are some of the best ways to beat the heat and have fun!

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"Best Place to take the Kids" by Gulfshore Magazine - NAPLES ZOO

**1** Panama City...Designed for Florida's younger visitors, the [Junior Museum of Bay County](#), encourages your child to learn and explore in a world made just their size. Created in 1967, the 12-acre site features indoor science and adventure exhibits in addition to their outdoor nature walk and pioneer homestead with replicated buildings from the 1800s. Exhibits include Reptiles, Fishing in St. Andrews Bay and Toddler Town. [850-769-6128](tel:850-769-6128) | [www.jrmuseum.org](http://www.jrmuseum.org)

**2** Miami...What visit to South Florida would be complete without an adventure into the Everglades? From one of the area's most complete airboat rides to the alligator filled inlets to a wildlife nature show, guests of all ages will discover the ecological importance of this vast area. All tours will include an airboat ride, alligator wildlife show, and a walking trail filled with crocodilian exhibits. [305-226-6923](tel:305-226-6923) | [www.evergladessafaripark.com](http://www.evergladessafaripark.com)

**3** Naples...Awarded designations as the "Best Place to take the Kids" by Gulfshore Magazine and winner of the "nature/education" category of the Naples Daily News Choice Awards, the [Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens](#) offers its visitors much more than animal interaction! The Naples Zoo is the only Florida zoo to display all four of Africa's top predators and is one of the few zoos in the nation that feature Malayan tigers. [239-262-5409](tel:239-262-5409) | [www.napleszoo.com](http://www.napleszoo.com)

**4** Orlando...Beautiful horses, dazzling costumes, heart-stopping acrobatics and a fabulous three-course meal are only the beginning of an unforgettable night of enter-

tainment at [Arabian Nights](#). Meals include Sirloin steak, Black Angus chopped steak or grilled chicken breast all served with dinner rolls, steamed vegetables and mashed potatoes. A children's menu is available. Meals include a house salad, unlimited soft drinks, Busch beer and house wine during the show and Chef's Choice of Dessert. [800-553-6116](tel:800-553-6116) | [407-239-9223](tel:407-239-9223) | [www.arabian-nights.com](http://www.arabian-nights.com)

**5** Orlando...[The Mennello Museum](#) of American Art showcases an outstanding permanent collection of paintings by Earl Cunningham (1893-1977) in addition to other great American artists. On the museum grounds is a beautiful biking and hiking trail that surrounds Lake Formosa and lets visitors view the extensive sculpture garden as they pass. [www.mennellomuseum.org](http://www.mennellomuseum.org)

**6** Plan a Water Park day! Statewide there are a number of wet and wonderful ways to stay cool!

**7** Orlando...[DisneyQuest](#) features a ton of indoor fun! Ventureport, a crossroads that leads to four distinct entertainment environments: the Explore Zone, a virtual adventureland where guests are immersed in some of their favorite Disney stories; the Score Zone, a super hero competition city where guests can match their game playing skills against the best; the Create Zone, a private "Imagineering" studio for artistic self-expression and invention; and the Replay Zone, a carnival on the moon where guests experience a retro-futuristic spin on classic rides and games. [www.disney.com](http://www.disney.com)

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**8** Fort Lauderdale...**Wannado City**®, America's first indoor role-playing theme park for kids, features an interactive playground that transports your kids and their imaginations into a world of their own where they can take on roles as a firefighter, archaeologist, actor, TV or news reporter, chef, judge, airplane pilot, doctor and a host of other professions. [www.wannadocity.com](http://www.wannadocity.com)

**9** Altamonte Springs...**Pinocchio's** is one of the very few full time marionette (string puppet) theaters in the USA. Each day there is a schedule of performances from a classic children's fairy tale or story. After a two month run of a title, Pinocchio's change shows. Pinocchio's currently has 10 different shows in its repertoire. [www.pinocchio.net](http://www.pinocchio.net)

**10** Orlando...Cool Pools! In Orlando, spend your day at the rock and roll-themed pool at **Universal's Hard Rock Hotel**® which features a 240-foot water slide and an underwater audio system. Swim the lagoon past the Royal Bali Sea, a fictional shipwreck situated in the sands of the zero-entry pool, at **Loews Royal Pacific Resort**. At the **Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress**, enjoy 12 free-form waterfalls, two waterslides and a swim-through grotto. At the **Grand Bohemian Hotel's** canopy-draped rooftop pool you can swim with crystal chandeliers positioned overhead.

**11** Fort Lauderdale...Extreme Indoor Karting! Play on the fastest indoor Karts in America! [www.xtremeindoorkarting.com](http://www.xtremeindoorkarting.com)

**12** Fort Myers...**Imaginarium Hands-on Museum and Aquarium**. Explore 60 interactive exhibits that include live animal encounters, hands-on shows and the new 3-D movie, SOS Planet! Discover the Hurricane Experience, forecast the weather, enjoy Hands-On Fun shows, explore energy and motion, visit three Sea-to-See Marine Touch Tanks and the outdoor Lagoon while littlest visitors can explore Tiny Town and more! 239-321-7420 | [www.imaginariumfortmyers.com](http://www.imaginariumfortmyers.com)

**13** Fort Myers...**Southwest Florida Museum of History**. Travel back in time to prehistoric Florida and see the giant creatures who lived with the first humans including a 12-foot Giant Sloth! Proceed through time to the 21st century via the people and events who shaped our area. Step aboard a 1929 private Pullman railcar, peek inside a Cracker House. Explore the museum in depth with a bilingual Audio Tour and the stunning traveling exhibit, Tutankhamun, featuring more

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**15** St. Petersburg...[Exploration's V Children's Museum](http://www.greatexplorations.org) is an ideal way for your kids to learn and enjoy their vacation. As one of Florida's top museums and one of America's top museums for children, Great Explorations provides fun educational experiences for visitors of all ages.

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**16** Sarasota...The [John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art](http://www.ringling.org) depicts the history and cultural influences this couple provided both Sarasota and the State of Florida. John Ringling left his art collection and estate to the people of the State of Florida at the time of his death in 1936. In 2000, the State of Florida transferred stewardship of the Ringling Museum to Florida State University, establishing the Ringling estate as one of the nations largest museum/university complexes. Today the 66-acre estate includes the Museum of Art; the Venetian-Gothic Ca d'Zan mansion and elaborate garden areas.

[www.ringling.org](http://www.ringling.org)

**17** Venice...Escape from the heat outside to the theatre! The 432-seat [Venice Theatre](http://www.venicestage.com) has been providing non-

stop entertainment since 1950 with a variety of live performances. Visit their Box Office for a complete list of upcoming events and theatre shows. [www.venicestage.com](http://www.venicestage.com)

**18** Orlando...At [SeaWorld Orlando](http://www.seaworld.com), The Beluga Interaction Program is one of the few programs in the world where guests can experience up-close, hands-on interactions with majestic beluga whales. Participants suit up and enter the chilly 55 degree water for a shallow-water encounter in the whales' habitat at Wild Arctic. Cost is \$149 and is limited to four guests per session, and includes an educational DVD on whales. Participants must be at least 10 years of age.

[www.seaworld.com](http://www.seaworld.com)

**19** Tampa...Fans of the television series CSI (Crime Scene Investigation) can star in the newest edition of CSI: The Experience at [MOSI](http://www.mosi.org). From DNA and firearms analysis to forensic anthropology and toxicology, characters from the show welcome visitors from a large video monitor then lead them through the experience. The exhibit runs through September 6, 2010. [www.mosi.org](http://www.mosi.org)

**20** Panama City Beach...Scheduled to open late June, [Wonderworks Panama City Beach](http://www.wonderworkspcb.com), will be the largest indoor attraction Panama City Beach and the second Wonderworks in Florida. Beginning the journey, guests enter an inversion tunnel where they have a sense of feeling like they've been turned upside down. Indoors visitors can experience Hurricane force winds, maneuver controls of a NASA spacecraft, make a 3-D impression of their bodies on the WonderWall; and much more!

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