

Because even the most loyal New Yorker needs to flee the greatest city on earth sometimes.

# Escape from New York



# St. Petersburg, FL

## Take a trip down Dali Lane

St. Petersburg's **Salvador Dali Museum** is this up-and-coming, art-conscious city's \$30 million pride and joy. Housing the world's largest number of Dali works outside his hometown museum in Figueres, Spain, the gallery has a comprehensive collection spanning the artist's career, including *The Hallucinogenic Toreador* and seven other masterworks. Visit Thursdays for \$10 admission after 5pm (regular entry \$24). → 1 Dali Blvd (727-823-3767, [thedali.org](http://thedali.org))

## Walk on the wild side

Take a Floridian walking safari through **Boyd Hill Nature Preserve**, where the \$3 admission grants you access to nearly six miles of trails, 245 acres and six ecosystems. Try to spot wild animals like nest-prepping bald eagles, white-billed coots, marsh rabbits and the state's official reptile: the American alligator. → 1101 Country Club Way S, (727-893-7326, [stpeteparksrec.org/boyd-hill-nature-preserve.html](http://stpeteparksrec.org/boyd-hill-nature-preserve.html))

## Have a cheeseburger in paradise

Established in the 1930s by an English expat, the casual, flip-flop-friendly **The Chattaway** serves the best burger in town according to locals. Eat outside on the pink and green patio, where you can enjoy a mix of eclectic old Florida decor, like hand-painted, flower-filled antique claw-foot bathtubs and Christmas lights, alongside London Underground signs. → 328 22nd Ave S (727-823-1594, [thechattaway.com](http://thechattaway.com))

## Feed the bookworm

**Haslam's Book Store** is one of the country's

## INSIDER SECRETS

Locals give it to you straight.



"Green Bench Brewing Co. is a fun place, especially on Thursdays when people gather to practice acrobatics." —Julie

"FreeFall Theatre is a must! Buy onstage seats if they're available." —Susan

"Avoid traffic, and take the new Cross Bay Ferry to and from Tampa." —Scott

"There are several amazing vintage-furniture and -clothing stores along Central Avenue." —Kevin

St. Petersburg Shuffleboard Club



## FUN FACT

St. Petersburg holds the Guinness World Record for most consecutive days of sunshine: 768 days of rays.

largest—and a St. Pete staple. Beloved and worn (like a good book), this 30,000-square-foot, family-owned store is a reader's haven for new and used titles. Time your visit with an author signing, or just flip through vintage issues of *National Geographic*, new hardbacks, childhood favorites and quirky gifts. → 2025 Central Ave (727-822-8616, [haslams.com](http://haslams.com))

## Get lost in the shuffle

Opened in 1924, **St. Petersburg Shuffleboard Club** is the oldest (and largest) club of its kind in the U.S.—and the inspiration behind Brooklyn's Royal Palms Shuffleboard Club. On Fridays, hit up the popular BYOB-only St. Pete Shuffle night, when all the courts are free (first-come, first-served), and local bands drop in.

→ 559 Mirror Lake Dr N (727-822-2083, [stpeteshuffle.com](http://stpeteshuffle.com))

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