

## DETAILS

Day 1 PGI to Pelican Bay

Short travel day, many of you will skip this stop

Night at anchor

Day 2 Pelican Bay to Venice

On outside approx. 30 nm; inside ICW approx. 28 nm, 5 bridges

Planned Stay at Crow's Nest marina; very good restaurant on site

Day 3 Venice to Longboat Key

Outside passage approx 25 nm

Small but nice anchorage

2 restaurants a short dinghy ride away, Mar Vista (beach dinghy on shore) and The Shore (has a dinghy dock)

Can also go up the inside, ICW 15 nm to Ringling bridge, I have never made that trip, then have options for marinas at Marina Jacks and Longboat Key Club Moorings at the bottom of Sarasota bay or come up Sarasota bay to the Longboat Key anchorage

Day 4 Longboat Key to Twin Dolphin marina

Outside is 20 nm including the manatee river; ICW passage 15 nm and 3 bridges

There is a very nice anchorage at Emerson Point on the Manatee river which is 4 nm from TDM

Day 5 Twin Dolphin marina for a second night

TDM is in Bradenton, there are several good restaurants within walking distance including Pier 22 which is on site

Good farmers market Sat morning, easy walk

Optional Extension

Day 6 Twin Dolphin marina to St Pete

St Pete municipal marina

Passage is 16 nm thru Tampa Bay

The municipal marina is a short walk to downtown St Pete, great restaurants and good shopping, there is also shopping and restaurants out on the St. Pete Pier which is walking distance from the marina

The Dali museum is a longer walk or a short Uber from the marina, there is a Publix not too far away.

Day 7 St Pete for a second night Sunday

Optional Optional Extension

Day 8 St Pete to Gulfport

Gulfport is a "drinking town with a fishing problem"; has a real Key West vibe to it

Inside and outside passages are available

Large anchorage, also a mooring field and a city marina available

Short dinghy ride to the city dinghy dock from the anchorage then several good restaurants and bars along the water front, some shopping, a great farmers market on Tuesday morning.

Day 9 Gulfport to the Manatee river

Short trip to Emerson point anchorage on the Manatee River. Very nice anchorage. Can go shore to Emerson point state park, some walking trails and Native American mound displays. Could stop at Egmont on the way, as well.

Day 10      Manatee river      Venice/Sarasota

Day 11      Venice      PGI