Fort De Soto Park
Recently named America's best beach by FamilyFun magazine, this 1,000-acre park features miles of pristine white sands across more than 1,000 unspoiled acres. Beyond the award-winning, family-friendly swimming beaches, the park's rich amenities include hiking and biking trails, fishing piers, waterfront camping andpicnic areas, and even a historic fort built during the Spanish-American War. Ferries depart from Bay Pier to Egmont Key and Shell Key.

Caladesi Island
A back-to-nature beach adventure awaits you on this secluded, barrier-island beach, complete with stunning views of St. Petersburg and the Gulf of Mexico. The 1,265-acre park boasts three miles of white sand along a gradual beach, with pleasant dunes along the north end. Ferries depart from nearby Honeymoon Island.

Honeymoon Island
A peaceful park (fee required) with four miles of white-sand beach, this slice of paradise is uniquely amenity-rich and crowd-free. Swim, sunbathe, collect shells, go kayaking or take an easy hike along the nature trail. There's a playground and dog park, too.

Clearwater Beach
Voted No. 1 U.S. Beach in the 2016 TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice Awards! The area's bustling and lively atmosphere offers a wide range of beach activities, from stand-up paddling to volleyball. Busy resorts and beach bars set an active pace. See and be seen along Beach Walk, a gulf-front promenade, and celebrate world-famous sunsets at Pier 60's nightly festival.

Sand Key

Caladesi Island

Clearwater Beach

Honeymoon Island

Fort De Soto Park

St. Pete Beach

Gulf of Mexico

Offshore Reef System
There are 42 reef sites along the area's gulf coast for divers to explore from Tarpon Springs to St. Pete Beach, ranging from 200 yards to 38 miles offshore. For information and maps, visit VisitSPC.com/Dive.