



WELCOME TO THE CITY GUIDE

Tampa

 Syracuse University
Alumni Association

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Welcome

Dear New Graduate & Generation Orange Alum,

WELCOME TO TAMPA & GENERATION ORANGE!

What is Generation Orange you ask? It is a cohort of Syracuse University alumni that have graduated in the past 10 years who are laying their roots as young leaders and professionals.

I'm sure you're excited but also a little nervous as you embark on this next chapter of your life. Well, have no fear, because we have put together this nifty little guide for you with some tips, tricks, and advice to help you get your feet on your ground as you transition to life in Tampa.

No clue how to start the apartment hunt? We've got you covered!

Feel like going on an adventure? No problem!

Need a new Instagram foodie picture? We have plenty of suggestions!

So, take a moment and skim through the content to follow. We're sure you'll find something worth your while. :)

Best of luck on your endeavors and as always, GO ORANGE!

The Generation Orange Leadership Council & Syracuse University Alumni Association

Alumni Organizations & Resources

- Join the [Tampa Bay Alumni Club](#) to meet alumni from metro Tampa Bay, Sarasota, Orlando, and the rural areas in between through social events, meetings, game watches, guest lecturers, public service activities and more. [Find them on Facebook](#), [Connect on Instagram](#) or [send the club an email](#)
- The [Generation Orange Leadership Council](#) focuses on ways to better engage with and serve Syracuse University's graduates of the past decade. The council strives to nurture relationships and encourage lifelong engagement among Syracuse University's young alumni through programming and communications that are uniquely tailored to their own needs and perspectives.
- Lifelong career support is one of the major benefits of being a Syracuse University graduate. Whether you're seeking career assistance, looking to connect with current students or fellow alumni, or want to #HireOrange and give back to others, [a variety of resources](#) are available to you.



Apartment Hunting

Resources to Find Apartments

- Looking for subleases or to move into an existing lease?
 - [Craigslist.org](https://www.craigslist.org)
- Looking for an apartment for you or have roommates?
 - [Apartments.com](https://www.apartments.com)
 - [Zillow.com](https://www.zillow.com)
 - [Apartmentguide.com](https://www.apartmentguide.com)



Things You'll Need Before You Go Apartment Hunting

When submitting a lease application, you'll likely need the following:

- Letter of Employment or Proof of Income Letter stating the length of work and annual salary.
 - Ask for this on your first day/orientation session at your job.
- Your two most recent pay stubs.
 - If you don't have pay stubs yet, explain that to your leasing office and the Letter of Employment should suffice.
- Latest bank statements.
- Copy of your photo ID or passport.
- Know your credit score.
 - This affects if you will need a guarantor on your lease.
- Bring a blank check or your checkbook.
 - You'll be surprised at how quickly some apartments come off the market, so if you find something you fall in love with, you'll be ready to make it yours.

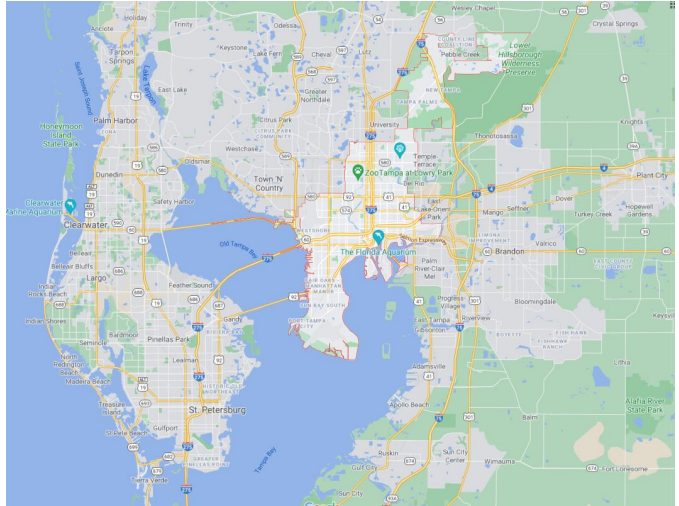


Things to Know When Looking for an Apartment

- Start your search by narrowing down what part of Tampa you want to be in
- Schedule viewings as soon as possible. Apartments are taken off the market quickly, so reach out as soon as you find a place you're interested in.
 - It would also be wise to spend a day viewing multiple apartments so that you can compare and contrast. Try to bundle viewings by neighborhood.
- Keep an eye out for places with "No broker fees." Brokers are individuals who will help you look for an apartment based on your criteria, but for a steep cost (usually one month's rent).
 - You can avoid this fee by joining an existing lease or looking at properties that are either rented by the owner or where a leasing company will pay the broker fee on your behalf.
- Many landlords require you to provide a security deposit, first month's rent, and sometimes the last month's rent to fully secure your apartment.

Major Neighborhoods

- Carrollwood
- Hyde Park
- Town n' Country
- Citrus Park
- Seminole Heights
- Ybor City
- Channelside District (Downtown Tampa)
- South Tampa
- St. Petersburg
- Tarpon Springs
- Dunedin



Must Eat/Drink Places

Brunch

- [American Social](#) (Downtown Tampa)
- [The Tree House](#) (Downtown Tampa)

Sweet Tooth

- [Alessi Bakery](#) (Tampa)
- [Mr. Penguin](#) (Hyde Park)

Lunch/Dinner



- [Black Rock Bar & Grill](#) (Carrollwood)
- [Terra Sur Cafe](#) (Carrollwood)
- [Columbia Restaurant](#) (Ybor)
- [Iavarone's Steakhouse & Italian Grill](#) (Carrollwood)

For A Drink or Two

- [Cepas Wine & Tapas Bar](#) (Carrollwood)
- [MacDinton's](#) (South Tampa and St. Pete)
- [Parks and Rec](#) (Tampa and St. Pete)
- [Mandarin Heights](#) (Seminole Heights)

Fitness + Outdoor Activities

Gyms

- Low Membership Fee Gyms:
 - [Crunch](#) (Various Locations)
 - [Planet Fitness](#) (Various Locations)
- [Mayweather Boxing + Fitness](#) (Tampa)
- [Title Boxing Club](#) (South Tampa)
- [iLoveKickboxing](#) (Various Locations)

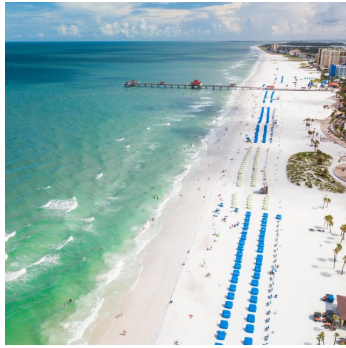
Yoga Studios

- [Kodawari Studios](#) (Tampa)
- [Sattva Yoga Seminole Heights](#) (Seminole Heights)



Beaches

- [Clearwater Beach](#)
- St. Pete Beach
- Siesta Key (Sarasota)
- Madeira Beach



Parks

- [Lowry Park Zoo](#) (Tampa)
- [Sparkman Wharf](#)
- [Armature Works](#) (Public Market)
- [Busch Gardens](#) (Theme Park)
- [Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park](#)

Things to Do

Big Events

- [First Friday](#) - Parade every first Friday of the month in Downtown St. Pete
- [Gasparilla](#) - Parade in Downtown Tampa, typically in January
- [Strawberry Festival](#) - A yearly festival in Plant City with rides, food, and entertainment Typically occurs from February to March. Located at 2209 W Oak Ave, Plant City, FL 33563
- [Florida State Fair](#) - Yearly state fair in Tampa, in the middle of February, located at 4800 U.S. Hwy 301 N, Tampa, FL 33610



Cultural Institutions

- [The Dali Museum](#) (St. Pete)
- [Clearwater Marine Aquarium](#) (Clearwater)
- [Morean Arts Center](#) (St. Pete)
- [Straz Center for the Performing Arts](#) (Tampa)

Helpful Apps

Entertainment & Activity Apps

- [Eventbrite](#) - Tickets to concerts, events, and parties as well as other fun things to do in Tampa
- [Groupon](#) - Discounted tickets for events in Tampa
- [UNation](#) - A great source for everything Tampa from lunch to nightlife to cultural and local events in Tampa

Transit/Navigation

- [Downtowner](#) - App that allows free rides within the downtown area of Tampa



General Tips & Tricks

- Keep your student ID with you. You never know when you can pull it out for a sweet discount - particularly at museums and other cultural institutions.
- Always check for a “first time user” discount code. This particularly applies to things like new apps that you download (ride sharing, food ordering, etc).
- If you’re looking for slightly used and inexpensive furniture, use Craigslist. You’ll find some gems on there that won’t cost you an arm and a leg. You can also keep an eye out in your neighborhood because people are always moving and oftentimes leave some great