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DISCOVERING SARASOTA IN 30 DAYS

30 Days of Discovery is Back in September 2010 with New Attractions

Discover Sarasota this September during the 2010 “30 Days of Discovery” event, a month-long promotion offering 2-for-1 admission to participating attractions throughout Sarasota County.

Whether you’re a visitor discovering Sarasota for the first time or a returning visitor or local looking to re-discover some of the county’s most exciting attractions, you’re eligible for the promotion—just inform the admissions representatives at the attractions that you’re there for the 2-for-1 admission special.

Joining last year’s “30 Days of Discovery” participants are the **Sarasota Classic Car Museum** (5500 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, 941-355-6228, www.sarasotacarmuseum.org) and **Warm Mineral Springs** (12200 San Servando Ave., North Port, 941-426-1692, www.warmmineralsprings.com).

Returning participants include **G. WIZ – The Hands-On Science Museum** (1001 Blvd. of the Arts, Sarasota, 941-309-4949, www.gwiz.org), **Historic Spanish Point** (337 N. Tamiami Trail, Osprey, 941-966-5214, www.historicspanishpoint.org), **Mote Aquarium** (1600 Ken Thompson Pkwy, Sarasota, 941-388-4441, www.mote.org), **The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art** (5401 Bay Shore Rd., Sarasota, 941-359-5700, www.ringling.org), **Marie Selby Botanical Gardens** (811 South Palm Ave., Sarasota, 941-366-5731, www.selby.org) and the **South Florida Museum** (201 10th St. West, Bradenton, Florida, 941-746-4131, www.southfloridamuseum.org).

About the Attractions

The **Sarasota Classic Car Museum** is the second oldest continuously operating antique car museum in the country. It showcases a rare collection of vintage automobiles, including immaculately resorted vehicles dating back over a hundred years. The museum will fascinate automobile enthusiasts and history lovers.

G.WIZ – The Hands-On Science Museum strives to be “the gateway for lifelong adventures in science.” The interactive, hands-on science museum provides programs for people of all ages. The center features science, technology, engineering and math displays and activities to educate youth and provide fun for the whole family.

Historic Spanish Point provides a fascinating look at 5,000 years of Florida's cultural history, from archaeological exhibits like prehistoric Indian mounds to areas that reflect on the pioneer homestead life. Outdoor trails and boardwalks offer glimpses into natural habitats. Situated across 30 acres on Little Sarasota Bay, Spanish Point is accredited by the American Association of Museums and was the first site in Sarasota County named to the National Register of Historic Places.

Mote Aquarium allows visitors to explore the depths of the sea, from shark, dolphin, manatee and marine life exhibits to viewable working laboratories and displays showing off the world-renowned research of the Mote Marine Laboratory. New exhibits include Fossil Creek, Seahorse Conservation Lab, and Sea Turtles: Ancient Survivors.

The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art is an impressive museum with spacious grounds and gardens. It is the lasting legacy of John Ringling of the Ringling circus and his wife, Mable. In addition to the art museum, the estate features the **Ca' d'Zan** mansion, the winter home of the Ringlings, the **Historic Asolo Theater** and the **Circus Museum**, which houses the world's largest miniature circus.

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens is a tropical oasis sprawling 9.5 acres along Sarasota Bay. The world's most impressive living collection of rare tropical plants can be found at Selby Gardens, as well as a conservatory, outdoor butterfly garden, banyan grove, bonsai, bamboo and tropical fruit gardens and art exhibitions. Selby's collection is comprised of plants from over 150 scientific expeditions to rainforests across the globe.

The **South Florida Museum** is the largest natural and cultural history museum along the Gulf Coast of Florida, featuring galleries highlighting archaeology and paleontology. There is also a planetarium and aquarium. The museum's galleries highlight fascinating pieces of Florida's history, such as marine and mammal life.

Warm Mineral Springs has been sought after for its relaxing, healing water for centuries. The spring produces 9 million gallons mineral-rich water daily, resulting in a fresh body of water every two hours. The water's mineral content is ranked as the richest of any spring in the U.S. The warm waters, which are consistently 87 degrees, provide a soothing atmosphere for swimming and soaking.

Hours and Admission

Sarasota Classic Car Museum: Hours- 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily; Admission-Adults \$8.50, Seniors \$7.50, Children \$6.50, 5 and under free

G.WIZ – The Hands-On Science Museum: Hours- Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Mondays when children don't have school, Sunday 12 p.m.-5 p.m.; Admission-Adults 19+ \$10, Children 3-16 \$9, Children under 3 \$7, Seniors, Students, Military \$9, G.WIZ Members free, \$1 off for Florida Residents

Historic Spanish Point: Hours- Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sundays 12 noon to 5 p.m.; Admission: Adults \$10, Seniors and Sarasota County Residents \$9, Children age 5-12 \$5, Members and children under 5 free

Mote Aquarium: Hours- Open 10 a.m. -5 p.m. daily; Admission- Adults (over 12) \$17, Seniors (over 65) \$16, Youth (4-12) \$12, Children (under 4) free, Mote Members free

The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art: Hours- 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. daily; Admission- Adults \$25, Seniors \$20, Active US Military \$10, Students and Florida Teachers w/ID \$10, Children 6-17 \$10, Children under 6 and Members free

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens: Hours- 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily; Admission- Adults \$17, Children 6-11 \$6, Children under 5 and Selby Gardens Members free

South Florida Museum: Hours- Tuesday-Saturday, 10-5 p.m. Sundays, Noon-5 p.m.; Admission- \$15.95 for Adults, \$13.95 for Seniors (60 & Older), \$11.95 Children 4-12 years of age, Children under 4 free

Warm Mineral Springs: Hours- Monday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Admission- Adult, \$20, Student \$14, Children 12 and under \$8

For more information, visit www.30daysofdiscovery.com.