

Englewood, Florida, #2 U.S. Destination to Visit in 2009

TripAdvisor Releases Top 10 Emerging Hotspots for 2009

Englewood, FL ([PRWeb](#)) December 18, 2008 -- Five natural beaches, world-class fishing, unusual boutiques, and ample golfing are some of the reasons luring visitors to Englewood so it is no surprise the town has been listed as the number two destination to visit in 2009 by TripAdvisor, the world's largest travel community. The Southwest Florida Gulf coast destination outranked two Hawaii destinations in the Top Ten U.S. Destinations for 2009 in the TripAdvisor TravelCast list released last month. The list predicts emerging travel hotspots by using an algorithm which includes monitoring search activity and member postings.

Charming independently-owned restaurants, motels, condominiums, and shops are the backbone of this Old Florida town and an emerging arts community feeds its creativity. Situated on Lemon Bay, Englewood has a natural appeal for those interested in fishing, boating, and bird watching. Fossilized shark's teeth are tiny treasures found at Stump Pass State Park on the south end of Manasota Key and Don Pedro Island State Park is ideal for picnicking or launching a kayak. The Lemon Bay/Myakka Trail Scenic Highway follows State Road 776 and highlight's Englewood's historical and natural points of interest, such as pioneer architecture in Historic Olde Englewood Village and wildlife watching at Tippecanoe Environmental Park.

Englewood's Dearborn Street comes alive the first and second Saturday nights each month with Cruizin on Dearborn Street and Saturday Night Live!, respectively. Galleries and boutiques stay open until 9 p.m., live entertainment fills the streets and visitors can mix and mingle with the Englewood locals.

Jon Bednerik, the Executive Director of the Englewood - Cape Haze Area Chamber of Commerce, knows exactly why his community received such a high rating, "Englewood has a charm unlike any other coastal Florida destination, one you really have to experience first hand to understand. The pristine beaches, the allure of the water, the variety of dining, and the laid back welcoming people make it the kind of place you just don't want to leave."

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Includes:

- Breakfast at The Village Diner on Dearborn St, downtown Englewood.
- Complimentary Beach Bag with assorted goodies.
- Shark Tooth finding excursion, with expert instruction, needed tools to use, and a Souvenir Sharks Tooth, See Fossilized Tooth the size of you hand.

- Choice of one of the following,
 - o Dinner for two at The Gulf View Restaurant over looking the gulf (perfect for sunset)
 - o Adventure on the water. Voucher toward choice of Kayaking, Pontoon boat tour, or toward Fishing.

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Includes:

- Breakfast at The Village Diner on Dearborn ST, downtown Englewood.
- Complimentary Beach Bag with assorted goodies.
- Shark Tooth finding excursion, with expert instruction, needed tools to use and a Souvenir Sharks Tooth, See Fossilized Tooth the size of your hand.
- Choice of one of the following:
 - o Dinner for 4 at The Gulf View Grill, over looking the Gulf (Perfect for sunset).
 - o Adventure on the Water. Voucher toward choice of Kayaking, Pontoon Boat Tour, or toward Fishing.

No Black out dates. Based on Availability, Through January 2009

About Charlotte Harbor & the Gulf Islands:

Located halfway between Tampa and Naples on the Southwest Florida Gulf coast, Charlotte Harbor & the Gulf Islands is a charming collection of nine coastal communities surrounding the state's second largest harbor. Florida's premier year-round eco-tourism destination, Charlotte Harbor & the Gulf Islands offers a pristine unspoiled beauty that has served as the backdrop for seven major feature films as well as countless memorable vacations. A haven for outdoor enthusiasts, Charlotte Harbor & the Gulf Islands has been named to SAIL magazine's "10 Greatest Places to Sail in the United States," ranked by Golf Digest as "Third Best Place to Live and Play Golf in America," and rated by MONEY magazine as one of the "Best Places to Live in the South." Most recently, the city of Punta Gorda was named as one of "Top Ten Places to Retire Healthy" by U.S. News & World Report. For information about area events, activities and attractions, contact the Charlotte Harbor Visitor's Bureau, 18501 Murdock Circle, Suite 502, Port Charlotte, FL 33948; 941-743-1900, or call toll free at 1-800-652-6090 for a free Visitor's Guide; or visit the Web site at www.CharlotteHarborTravel.com.

About Sarasota & Her Islands:

Sarasota and her string of eight islands are located along Southwest Florida's Gulf Coast between Tampa and Ft. Myers. Sarasota and Her Islands is comprised of Sarasota, Longboat Key, Lido Key, St. Armands Key, Manasota Key, Siesta Key, Casey Key, Englewood, Nokomis, North Port, Osprey and Venice. In addition to sandy beaches, Sarasota and Her Islands also offer numerous cultural and ecological attractions. For more information, or to order a free Visitor's Guide, call the Sarasota Convention & Visitors Bureau at (800) 522-9799 or visit www.sarasotafl.org.

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