EXPLORE SARASOTA’S PAST
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1. Sarasota Classic Car Museum
5500 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota 34243
www.sarasotacarmuseum.org
The museum is the second oldest continuously operating antique car museum in the Nation! As you stroll through the museum, travel back in time and into the future of man's greatest invention, the automobile.

2. Ringling Museum of Art
5401 Bay Shore Road, Sarasota 34243
941.359.5700
www.ringling.org
In 1911, John and Mable Ringling purchased 20 acres of waterfront property in Sarasota and built their legacy for generations to enjoy. Learn about their lives through tours of the Ca d'Zan Mansion, the Circus Museums, and the Museum of Art.

3. Pioneer Whitaker Cemetery
1223 12th Street, Sarasota 34236
www.sarasotadثار.org/sarasadesotadar_cemetery.html
This historic first cemetery in Sarasota County is lovingly maintained by the Sara DeSoto Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. It is a quiet and peaceful spot, located a few steps from the busy North Trail and 12th Street.

4. Bidwell-Wood House and Crocker Memorial Church in Pioneer Park
1260 12th Street, Sarasota 34236
941.364.9076
www.hsosc.com
Explore Sarasota's Settlement Period at the Bidwell-Wood House (1882) and Crocker Memorial Church (1901), both open for docent-led tours with the Cracker-style house furnished to the period. A detached kitchen is a charming gift shop. Or, take a stroll through the garden.

5. Sarasota County Visitor Information Center and History Center Museum
701 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota 34236
941-957-1877
www.scgov.net/historycenter
Nestled within the historic Chidsey Library Building, the Sarasota County History Center maintains a museum to exhibit information about the county's history and prehistory. The museum is free and open Monday - Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm.

12,000 Years of Archaeology and History

Nokomis Beach Plaza
100 Casey Key Road, Nokomis 34275
941.861.5000
www.scgov.net/ParksandRecreation/default.asp
Sarasota County's first publicly funded beach pavilion has returned to its former sleek, minimalist appearance. This classic example of mid-century modern architecture, designed by Jack West, includes graphic displays depicting its architectural history.

EXPLORE VENICE

1. City of Venice Archives and Area Historical Collection
351 Nassau Street South, Venice 34285
941.486.2487
www.triangleinn.org
Located in the historic Triangle Inn building, the archives is a repository of Venice area history. The building, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, has a museum on the first floor and is open to the public on Mon-Wed from 10 am to 4 pm. Also, go to the links page on website for online database.

2. Heritage Park
727 W. Venice Avenue, Venice 34285
941.486.2487
www.venicefl.org
Located in the historic Triangle Inn building, the archives is a repository of Venice area history. The building, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, has a museum on the first floor and is open to the public on Mon-Wed from 10 am to 4 pm. Also, go to the links page on website for online database.

3. Venetian Waterway Park
200 East Venice Avenue, Venice 34285
941.486.2487
www.venicefl.org
Park info available at City of Venice Archives and Area Historical Collection. The park is a walking and biking path along both sides of the Intracoastal Waterway. The west section of the park south of West Venice Avenue has a historic timeline painted on the walkway and a mural depicting the history of Venice on the Venice Gondolier Sun building.

4. Venice Train Depot
303 East Venice Avenue, Venice 34285
941-412-0151
www.venicehistory.com
The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers built the original Venice Train Depot in 1927. Today, the depot is owned by Sarasota County and provides exhibits and docent-led tours that explain how the locomotive industry shaped Venice’s history. Look under Activities/Programs in our website for the schedule of tours.

5. Lord-Higel House
409 Granada Avenue, Venice 34285
www.lord-higelhouse.com
House built by Joseph H. Lord who was one of the early Venice settlers, this Queen-Anne vernacular style house is being restored to create a venue for depicting the lives and times of the pioneer settlers of the Venice area.

6. John Nolen Park
South Avenue des Parques, Venice 34285
www.venicegov.com/Park_links/john_nolen
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Near the Lord-Higel House, John Nolen Park has a paved path with descriptive and pictorial signs that circles the park.