

Welcome
to
Sarasota,
Florida, U.S.A.



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*arasota is located on the
West Coast of Florida*

- ◆ *60 miles south of Tampa*
- ◆ *212 miles northwest of Miami*
- ◆ *132 miles southwest of Orlando*



What Sarasota has to offer...

Lifestyle

- ◆ *Sarasota is a thriving, exciting community attractive to young professionals, families and retirees. Residents enjoy all the hospitality of a small town combined with the amenities and modern infrastructure of a large city. According to the 2000 census, the population was 325,937, and is expected to exceed 378,000 by the year 2010.*

Culture

- ◆ *Ringling Center for the Culture Arts ◆ The John & Mable Ringling Museum of Art ◆ Museum of the Circus ◆ Cà d'Zan ◆ Marie Selby Botanical Gardens ◆ Museum of Asian Art ◆ Mote Marine Laboratory ◆ Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall ◆ Sarasota Opera House ◆ Sarasota Ballet of Florida ◆ Florida Studio Theatre ◆ Florida West Coast Symphony ◆ FSU / Asolo Theatre Company.*
- ◆ *Sarasota is Florida's "cultural capital" with its own ballet, symphonies, opera, state museum, chamber chorus and world-class performing arts hall. The community offers something for everyone, playing host to a wide variety of music and movie festivals, theater, art, dance, and galleries.*





Bradenton Beach



Sarasota Bay



Casey Key



Siesta Key

Recreation

- ◆ *From 60 golf courses to an abundance of water sports, the area offers every recreational opportunity under the sun. The average year-round temperature of 72 degrees provides plenty of opportunity for outdoor activities.*

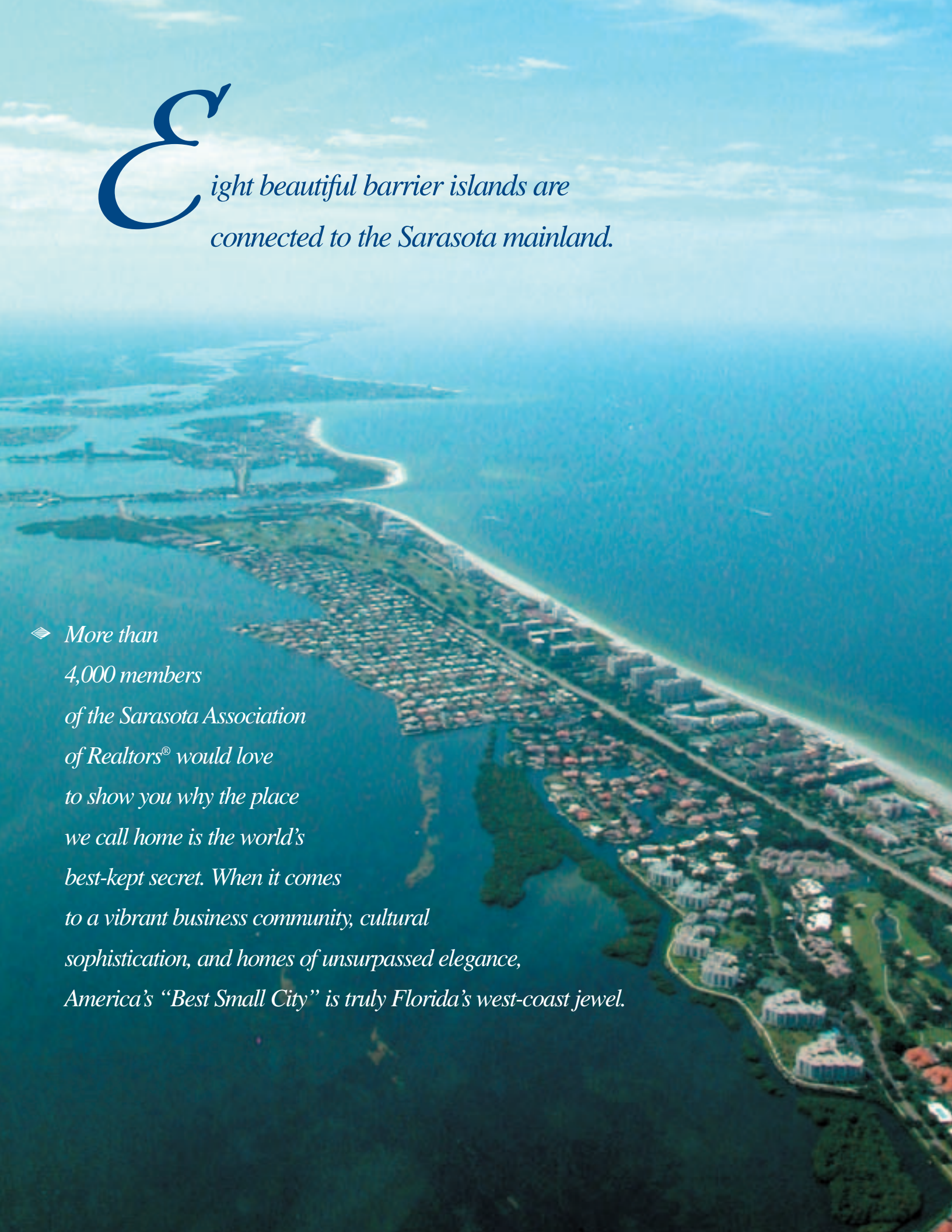
Beaches

- ◆ *Siesta Key ◆ St. Armands Key ◆ Anna Maria Island ◆ Bradenton Beach ◆ Longboat Key ◆ Lido Key ◆ Casey Key ◆ Manasota Key*

Education

- ◆ *One of Sarasota's greatest assets is its education system, from public schools top-ranked in the state to nationally recognized institutions of higher learning.*
- ◆ *USF New College of Florida ◆ Ringling School of Art and Design ◆ Argosy University ◆ International College ◆ Keiser College ◆ Eckerd College ◆ FSU College of Medicine*





*E*ight beautiful barrier islands are
connected to the Sarasota mainland.

◆ *More than
4,000 members
of the Sarasota Association
of Realtors® would love
to show you why the place
we call home is the world's
best-kept secret. When it comes
to a vibrant business community, cultural
sophistication, and homes of unsurpassed elegance,
America's "Best Small City" is truly Florida's west-coast jewel.*

Sarasota Style...

- ◆ From family-affordable to waterfront mansions, whatever your taste and wallet dictate, you'll probably find it here. Looking for a waterfront getaway? A home on the golf course? A care-free condo? Sarasota has it all! Housing costs compare favorably to those of many other desirable metropolitan areas in the U.S. The average sold price for a residential single-family home is \$489,997. The median sold price for a residential single-family home is \$329,250. Single-family homes in the Sarasota area have appreciated over the last year at a rate of more than 25 percent. (Prices from 1/1/2005 to 3/31/2005)

Business

- ◆ Best Place to Live and Work ◆ Best Small City in the United States ◆ Third Best City to Retire ◆ Third Best Metropolitan City for Business Relocations
- ◆ Sarasota is a smart business choice. No longer simply a resort destination, Sarasota has a friendly business environment that helps companies flourish.
- ◆ Sarasota is easily accessible by air, sea and highway.

Healthcare

- ◆ Sarasota boasts an extensive network of health maintenance organizations that provide quality healthcare at costs below the national average.

Shopping & Dining

- ◆ Sarasota has an abundance of retail and dining opportunities that take advantage of Florida's natural beauty and excellent weather.

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Sarasota ... a great place to live, work, and play.

