



Fall Festival & Events Guide 2025

Sarasota & Manatee County

Explore the best of autumn on Florida's Gulf Coast with this fun guide to fall events, festivals, and family-friendly activities happening throughout Sarasota and Manatee

Sarasota County Highlights:



St. Armands Circle Art Festival - Sept 13-14

St. Armands Circle, Sarasota A juried art show featuring local and regional artists with a craft marketplace, all set in a charming coastal setting.



Hispanic Heritage Fiesta - Sept 17

Lakewood Ranch Mariachi music, street tacos, cultural cooking demos, and a celebration of Sarasota's Sister City: Mérida, Mexico.



Sarasota Opera Food & Wine Festival - Sept 27

Downtown Sarasota Sample gourmet bites and wine while supporting the Sarasota Youth Opera at the Sarasota Opera House.



ROCKtoberfest Sarasota - Oct 17-19

Bayfront Park, Sarasota Free music festival with craft vendors, food trucks, and bayfront views.



Wellen Park Oktoberfest Oct 4

Venice Polka music, German eats, bratwurst, beer, and family fun in the growing Wellen Park community.



CoolToday Park Arts & Crafts Fest Oct 11

Venice Artisan crafts, food concessions, and kid-friendly activities at the Atlanta Braves' Spring Training venue.

Manatee County Must-Dos:



Hunsader Farms Pumpkin Festival Oct 11-12, 18-19, 25-26

Bradenton Hayrides, petting zoo, crafts, pony rides, food vendors, and more at this local fall favorite.



Palmetto Historical Fall Heritage Festival Oct 19

Palmetto Live reenactments, historic games, vintage vendors, and Palmetto charm.



Bradenton Blues Festival Kickoff Sept 28

Bradenton Riverwalk Blues music, bites, and river views at this lively early fall celebration.



Mixon's Harvest Festival Oct 26-27

Bradenton Tour the groves, sip fresh citrus juice, visit the wildlife center, and shop local treats