# live like a local **Sarasota, FL**

# About Andrea Stultz Wood

After growing up in Venice, FL, Andrea obtained her bachelor's degree in business administration from Furman University. After college, she sold real estate in Austin, TX under one of the top agents in the city. While she loved her time in Austin, she realized there truly is no place like home and moved back to sunny Sarasota. With her father working in commercial construction and her mother also working in real estate, navigating the real estate industry comes naturally. Andrea's ability to assess and understand the client's needs as well as her attention to detail sets her apart from other agents. She prides herself in her ability to deliver not only exceptional customer service but in developing lifelong relationships. When she is not practicing real estate, you can find her playing tennis, golf, or spending time with her husband and chocolate lab.

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# Living in Sarasota

I'm here to give you all the details you need to know about Sarasota. Whether you're just visiting or looking to make this your forever home, in this guide I've painted a picture of what it's like to live in Sarasota. There are so many lovely things about living here and I'm excited to share them with you!

#### **REASONS PEOPLE MOVE TO SARASOTA**

Small Town Charm

World Renown Beaches

Arts & Culture

Tight Knit Community Feel

Incredible Restaurants

SO Many Outdoor Activities + Ways To Stay Active

# where to get brunch In Sarasota

01

Libby's

1917 S Osprey Ave

02

### Boca Kitchen

19 S Lemon Ave

#### <sup>03</sup> The Breakfast House

1817 Fruitville Rd

04

## The Rosemary

411 N Orange Ave

05

### Station 400

400 N Lemon Ave



# where to get dinner **In Sarasota**



#### 01

#### Waterside Place

Agave Bandido Owen's Fish Camp LWR Bar Italia Kore Deep Lagoon Seafood

#### 03

#### **Rosemary District**

Spice Station Arts & Central Rosemary & Thyme Woflie's 481 Gourmet

#### 02

#### Downtown SRQ

Kojo Indigenous Element Steak. Seafood. Pasta Selva Grill Classico

#### 04

#### Hillview

Figaro Bistro Pacific Rim Origin Craft Pizza & Beer The 1818 Grill Veronica Fish & Oyster



# In Sarasota

01		
Sage		
1216 1st St		

02 Baker & Wife 2157 Siesta Dr

03

Shore Longboat Key

800 Broadway St

<sup>04</sup> Euphemia Hay

5540 Gulf of Mexico Dr

05

Siesta Key Summer House

149 Avenida Messina

# the best coffee In Sarasota



## 0 & A

01

Waterside & Downtown SRQ

A one-of-a-kind bodega-style shop, featuring a walk-up bar and ample outdoor seating close to the pedestrian bridge. Besides their exceptional coffee, O&A serves a variety of teas, hot chocolate, kombucha, growler subscriptions, and nutritious snacks.

### **Breaking Wave Coffee**

#### Downtown SRQ

Drawing inspiration from the vibrant coffee culture of Australia and New Zealand, Breaking Wave Coffee is an independently owned café and espresso bar located downtown Sarasota. 02

### Perq Coffee

#### Hillview

Enjoy espresso, specialty coffee, and light bites in a modern space featuring a blend of industrial and retro décor.

#### 04

### **Project Coffee**

#### **Burns** Court

Located in the charming historic neighborhood of Burns Court. It features large windows, a bright and airy ambiance, and a distinctive Ushaped bar that defines the space.

# THINGS TO DO

#### 01

#### Catch a Baseball Game

#### Spring Training Guide

Spring Training in sunny Sarasota brings two MLB teams to our slice of paradise, making Florida's West Coast the premier spot for MLB games.

#### 03

#### Visit our Circus Musuem

**Ringling Museum** 

The Ringling stands as one of the foremost arts institutions in the United States. Its exceptionally varied collections—spanning art, circus, history, architecture, performance, and gardens—mirror its distinctive origins.

05

#### Picnic By The Bay

#### The Bay Sarasota

The Bay is a signature public park along Sarasota Bay that transforms 53 acres of city land into a sustainable, inclusive oasis for community gatherings, free programs, and diverse park experiences. 02

#### Have a Laugh!

#### McCurdy's

Established in 1988, McCurdy's Comedy Theatre in Sarasota/Bradenton offers world-class stand-up comedy showroom, a vibrant Green Room with a full bar and menu, and uniquely themed restrooms, including the "Tinkled Pink" bathroom dedicated to breast cancer awareness. 04

#### Enjoy Selby Gardens

#### Marie Selby Botanical Gardens

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens spans 45 bayfront acres, connecting visitors with air plants, native nature, and regional history.

#### 06

#### Go To The #1 Beach In The Country

#### Siesta Key Beach

Siesta Beach, renowned for its nearly 100% quartz-crystal sand and consistent top rankings among global beaches.



# small businesses to support In Sarasota

#### 01

#### Driftwood Beach Home

Incredible Clothing & Home Boutique Longboat Key

#### 02

#### Morton's Gourmet Market

Gourmet Grocery Store Hillview

#### 03

#### Artisan Cheese Company

Artisan Cheese Shop Rosemary District

<sup>04</sup> Binjara Traders

Women's Clothing Boutique St. Armands Circle

# Buying A Home In Sarasota, FL

#### STEP 1

#### Connect With Me

If we haven't set up a time to meet, reach out now. We'll establish your goals and desires. Assessing your needs and wants is the first and most important step in the home buying process.

STEP 2

Determine Your Budget + Get Pre-Approved

Getting pre-approved for a mortgage is vital prior to beginning your home search. It will give you a clearer idea of your borrowing capacity and help you in your search. A lender can help you determine how much you can afford to spend on a home. I'd be happy to share my list of recommended local lenders.

#### STEP 3

#### Start Your Home Search

We'll set up an MLS search so that you are notified immediately of any properties that come to market. I'll work hard to find homes before they even come to the market. You'll attend open houses and together we'll tour properties. STEP 4

### Write The Offer

Once you find a property you love, I'll guide you in preparing a competitive offer. We'll consider market conditions, recent comparable sales, and the property's condition. I'll negotiate on your behalf to secure the best possible terms.

STEP 5

#### Under Contract

Once we're under contract, it's crucial to conduct inspections and perform all due diligence. I'll coordinate the inspection process and we'll review the inspection report. I'll guide you through any necessary negotiations with the seller. We'll work through any contingencies stipulated in your contract and ensure financing and closing preparations are taken care of.

#### STEP 6

#### Settlement

Before the closing, we'll conduct a final walkthrough to ensure the property is in the agreed-upon condition. At the closing, you'll sign the necessary documents, pay the closing costs, and officially take ownership of the property.

# Next Steps Are you ready to start your home search in Sarasota?

I hope this neighborhood guide was valuable to you as you consider the various neighborhoods in Sarasota. Now that you're more acquainted with the areas that may suit your family, let's choose a time to discuss your goals.

You can schedule a time with me at the link below or give me call to set up a time!

sincerely, Andrea Stultz Wood

SCHEDULE A TIME TO TALK

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