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The 15 Best Burgers in Sarasota-Manatee

From brilliant mash-ups to simple classics, the 15 best burgers in Sarasota-Manatee.

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2. Steakhouse Burger, \$12

Alpine Steakhouse

Bypass the traditional bacon cheeseburger in favor of one stacked with pork jowl at Alpine Steakhouse, which gilds the lily with a couple of onion rings. The thick strips of jowl, what the Italians call guanciale, deliver intense smokiness, and the rich beef is ground in-house and cooked to the exact temperature you request. This bad boy isn't always listed on the menu, but the staff promises you can order it anytime.



Made's eponymous burger.

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6 Boss Butcher Shops

Our guide to local meat spots that are a cut above.

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Meat maniacs, take note: The Sarasota area is home to a handful of terrific butcher shops, with friendly, knowledgeable meat merchants you should get to know ASAP. Developing a rapport with your butcher is a key step toward improving your home cooking skills. The best butchers are those who are eager to share tips and recipes and demystify some of their rarer specialties like pork brains and veal sweetbreads. Here are six of our favorite local meat magicians.



IMAGE: PIXARAY

Alpine Steakhouse

4520 S. Tamiami Trail Sarasota, (941) 922-3797, alpinesteak.com

This combination restaurant and butcher shop is famous for its turducken (a chicken stuffed into a duck stuffed into a turkey), but it's been wowing Sarasota residents with its simpler beef classics for over four decades. The menu includes dry-aged steaks, veal, lamb, chicken and even seafood, alongside German sausages and schnitzels.



IMAGE: PIXARAY

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The French Fry Hall of Fame

Almost any fry is a good fry. But these are all-time greats.

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A fried potato is basically a perfect food.

IMAGE: EVERETT DENNISON

Steak Fries at Alpine Steakhouse

You'd expect great steak fries at a steakhouse, and Alpine's wrist-thick steak fries deliver on all counts: salty, with a crispy shell that shatters when you bite into it and a creamy interior.

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