

WELCOME TO THE TAMPA INSIDER COLLECTION

Truly memorable meetings and events with authentic local flavor – that is the inspiration behind the InterContinental Insider Collection.

Our network of hotels and resorts is global; our knowledge and expertise local, giving planners guaranteed choice, range and depth to add to any meeting or conference. Each hotel offers its own selection of services which are firmly rooted in their location and are responsibly guided by our partnership with National Geographic's Center for Sustainable Destinations.

The options are limitless, the local knowledge rich, the service professional and faultless, the delegate experience enriching and rewarding every time.

Sample for yourself some of our wonderful Tampa experiences.

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INSIDER LOCATIONS

Choose an InterContinental venue for your event and a world of possibilities opens up. As locals, your hotel team hold the key to a side of your locality tourists never see. What and who they know gives you an exclusive mix of authentic venues and experiences to play with.

INSIDER SPEAKERS

Bring your event to life with an inspirational speaker – someone who can really strike a chord with your delegates and enrich their experience beyond measure. Fascinating and engaging, motivating Insider Speakers range from celebrities and cultural experts to sporting heroes. Whatever their passion, they all have a local connection and you will discover that their unique insights and local know-how make your event one to remember.

INSIDER COMMUNITY

There's nothing quite like immersing yourself in the community to gain an added depth and understanding to your experience in a new destination. Insider Community has been designed to benefit local people and create truly memorable and meaningful experiences for your delegates too.

INSIDER INTERACTIONS

This team-building experience will help your delegates connect with each other as never before. Using the unique character, heritage or geography of your destination to inspire interaction, each experience, whether based on or off-site offers an original way to engage delegates and motivate them to build effective working relationships.

INSIDER BREAKS

With Insider Collection even your breaks are fulfilling experiences. From serving up a delicious lunch of provincial dishes for a taste of regional cuisine to spending some quality time with your Concierge team to get their best insider tips, a few minutes out of your busy schedule becomes a whole experience in itself.

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ENRICHING EXPERIENCES FOR OUR GUESTS AND OUR ENVIRONMENT

We believe that a responsible meeting is not only what you experience in the meeting room but also knowing that your hotel respects the destination around it.

We're proud to partner leaders in geotourism, the National Geographic Center for Sustainable Destinations. Our ambition is that guests enjoy enriching experiences that reveal what makes a place truly special – its heritage, culture and tradition – and the importance of protecting it.

At InterContinental we use a holistic approach to being a responsible business: to work from the grass roots up, recognizing each individual hotel team as the experts best placed to use their local knowledge for developing community and environmental initiatives that meet the specific needs of the destination. This Insider Collection gives delegates access to some of these unique experiences, and for those meetings that stay in the meeting room, you can be assured our hotel is working behind the scenes to protect what is special about the place for fellow travelers.

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HOST A SPECTACULAR EVENT AT THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM

At your disposal is over 200,000 square feet of fun with this fantastic venue! Ranked as one of the top aquariums in the country, the Florida Aquarium features more than 20,000 amazing aquatic plants and animals from Florida and around the world. It also provides a unique and interactive atmosphere to host a stunning and memorable event to suit your needs. The site can cater anything from an elegant dinner for 30 to a gala reception for 3,000.

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SPEND PART OF YOUR MEETING AT THE TAMPA BAY HISTORY CENTER

We invite you to come and explore fascinating exhibits about the places and people who shaped the Tampa Bay area. The waterfront History Center boasts a stunning atrium, interactive and immersive exhibits, theaters, map gallery, research center, event hall, an eclectic Museum Store and the signature Columbia Café. The history of the Tampa Bay region comes alive within these walls, offering you a variety of spaces to create the event of your choice from special to spectacular for 10-500 delegates.

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MAKE YOUR OWN CIGARS

Tampa is the Cigar Capital of the World, which makes it the perfect place to learn all about the history of cigar rolling, locally in Ybor City and globally. Our Guest Speaker will introduce your delegates to the tobacco growing industry, defining the different vitilas (blends), preparing the binders, formatting the cigar, understanding tobacco and wrappers, creating the body of the cigar, learning to cut the leaves, understanding the molding process, the final wrapping stage, quality control and finally, perfecting the rolling technique. A fun new skill to share with friends and family back home.

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GO ON A ROUGH RIDERS ADVENTURE

Ride back in history with our Guest Speaker who will introduce your delegates to the fascinating world of the Rough Riders.

An all cavalry regiment raised in 1898 by Theodore Roosevelt when the United States declared war on Spain, the original Rough Riders were a cross section of America – college students, policemen, coal miners, sportsmen, a real life western sheriff and a few outlaws. Most of the men were ex-cowboys who recognized a great adventure and a good cause when they saw one. After a period of training in San Antonio, Texas, the Rough Riders and horses made their way by train to their embarkation point in Tampa and camped in what is now the Tampa Heights area. Your delegates will be on the edge of their seats from start to finish.

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FEEDING AMERICA TAMPA BAY

For some rewarding, team-building time together, we invite you to help out at Feeding America Tampa Bay. Last year, over 6,000 volunteers donated more than 25,000 hours to this fantastic cause.

You too can make an amazing difference to the lives of thousands of needy people in the Tampa Bay region. During your session delegates will be tasked with sorting and bagging food, stocking shelves and helping to distribute food and spreading hope in local communities.

This is a great way to re-energize and inspire your delegates. All you need are willing hands and a caring heart.

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HANDS ON TAMPA BAY

Connect with the local community with HandsOn Tampa Bay (HOT). This is a great way to mobilize your delegates to help build a strong, caring community by engaging in meaningful service projects across Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties.

Delegates can get involved in all kinds of activities from helping to put together Snack Packs for Ronald McDonald House residents, to creating greeting cards for patients in nursing homes, VA hospitals and shriners. Depending on the time of year, there is also the opportunity to gather in leftover crops by hand to feed the hungry. Or delegates may like to work in an assembly line packing food cups that will later be delivered to the homebound clients for Meals on Wheels.

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EXPLORE AND DISCOVER WITH THE YBOR SCAVENGER HUNT

Delegates can have great fun with this customized Scavenger Hunt that will allow them to discover the colorful diversity of this National Landmark neighborhood. In this diverse district you can enter into different worlds with its Italian, Spanish and Cuban heritage, many of whose traditions have not changed despite over 100 years in this country. Spend a leisurely afternoon exploring the unique mix of architecture this area has to offer, from nationally registered buildings and classical facades, to historic cigar factories and charming 'Shot-gun' style cottages and the Ybor State Museum. This is a great way to really get to know the local area and its many attractions.

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YBOR SCAVENGER HUNT

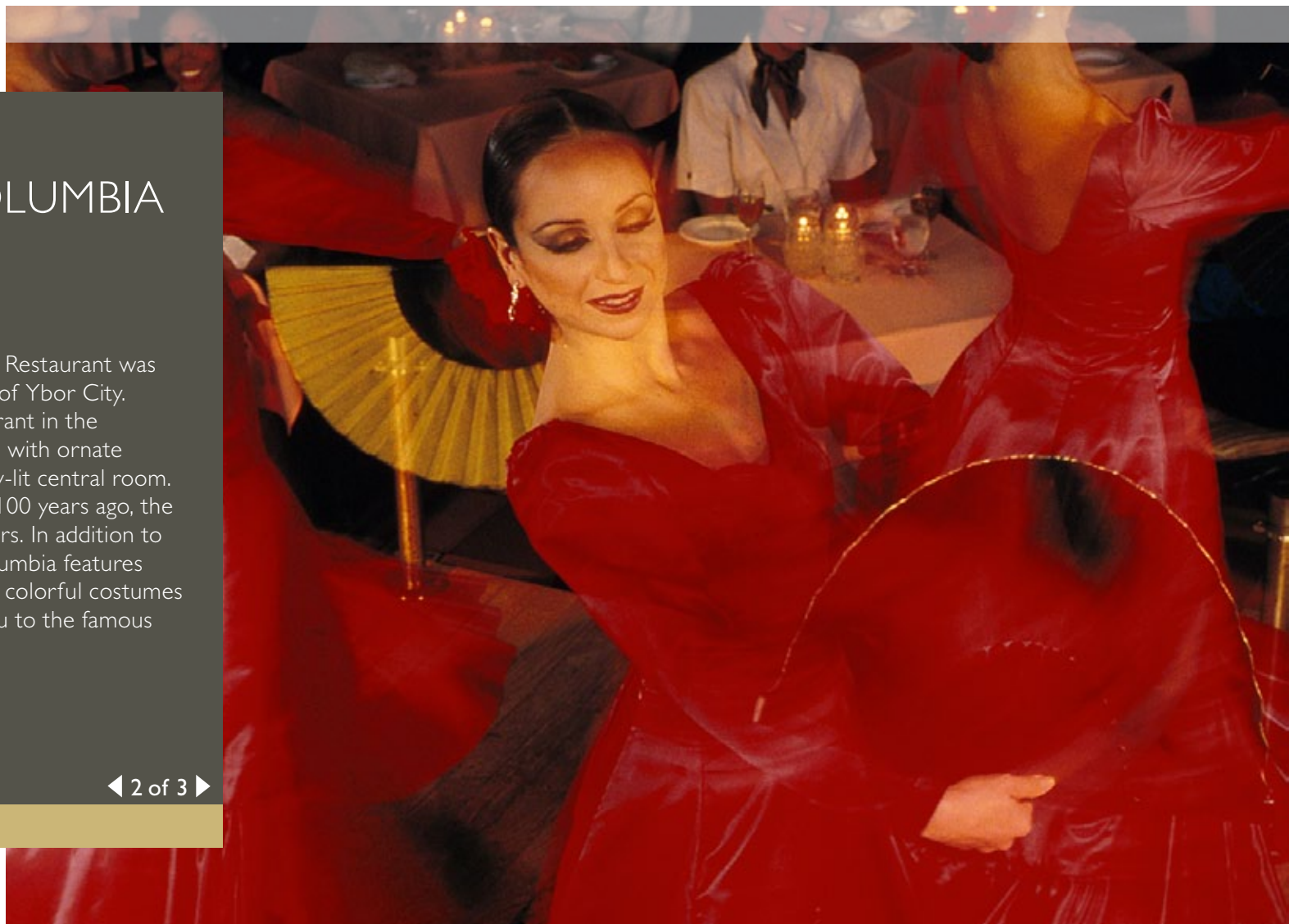
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ENJOY FLAMENCO DANCING AT THE COLUMBIA RESTAURANT

Step back in time to 1905 when the Columbia Restaurant was established in the historic cigar industry town of Ybor City. As both the oldest and largest Spanish Restaurant in the country, the Columbia is exquisitely decorated with ornate Spanish tiles and statues and has a stunning sky-lit central room. When opened as a humble corner café, over 100 years ago, the Columbia was frequented by local cigar workers. In addition to award-winning Spanish/Cuban cuisine, the Columbia features flamenco dance performances. The music, the colorful costumes and the passion of the dance will transport you to the famous Spanish Flamenco cafés.

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TEST YOUR SKILLS WITH THE CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA

For the perfect team building activity get ready for our Cardboard Boat Regatta! Teams are challenged to build floatable boats out of corrugated cardboard and then race them in our rooftop pool. While competition is always a component, team building, strategy, involvement, and *sheer fun* are the primary focus. The creativity, imagination, and construction strategy of each team is put to the full test to win the coveted 'Fastest of the Fleet' Award. We also award two additional teams for their efforts with the 'Best Team Spirit' and the 'Titanic Award', for the most spectacular or memorable sinking! (Our safety crew will be standing by in case of an unexpected sub-mergency!) The rewards come to the successful teams but the fond memories are for everyone.

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TASTE OF TAMPA BREAK

Enjoy all that is Tampa through a menu rich in Cuban Cuisine. A member of our culinary team will be available to share recipes and discuss the Latin influenced culture while delegates enjoy the subtle music of the Spanish guitar.

Our delicious menu selection includes:

Miniature Cuban Sandwiches

Guava and Cheese

Beef and Chicken Empanadas

Yuca Fries with a Cilantro Mayonnaise and a Tortilla Espanola, enjoy with a Materva Soda

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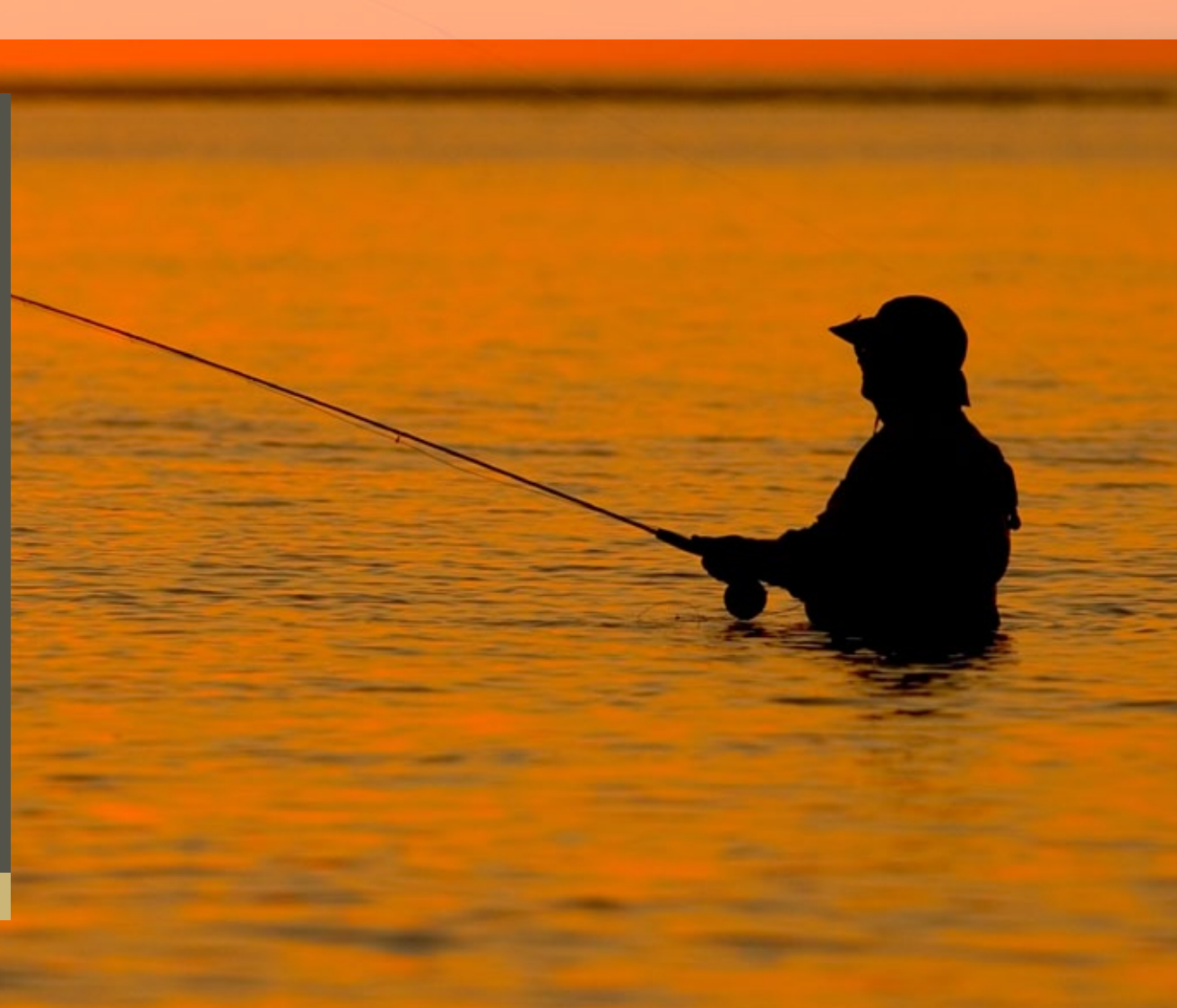
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CATCH OF THE BAY

Experience local seafood fresh from the boat – Stone Crabs, Gulf Coast Oysters, Fresh Grouper and Snapper as well as other seasonal items. Let us create a nautical theme for you around an array of deliciously fresh gulf delicacies, as a local fishing charter captain delights and amuses with his tall Fish Tales!

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CITRUS SUNSATIONS

With mouth-watering oranges and fruits fresh from sunny Florida groves, our Executive Chef will create citrus muffins and breads, cookies and refreshing smoothies made from what Florida is all about. Enjoy your refreshing break and discover Florida's rich folk tradition as you listen to the lilting tunes of a local musician.

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THANK YOU

Contact us to learn more about the Tampa Insider Collection and how we can help you create a truly memorable experience with authentic local flavor.

Whichever Insider Collection experience is right for you, you can be assured that it reflects the best principles of Responsible Business, a commitment demonstrated by our partnership with the National Geographic Center for Sustainable Destinations.

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