

Tampa/St. Pete, Florida

Since I live in Ohio and DJ frequently, I take a break around January to go hibernate with my family in the Tampa/St. Pete area. Last winter I toured Florida for a whole month. I bounced around from the west coast of Florida to the east coast and best believe I ate a lifetime full of fresh tangerines.



While in Tampa; my aunt took me to a place called, “Club Joy”. I was shocked when I walked in, not because it was a new club. It was that the club was packed on a Wednesday! That doesn’t happen to clubs in Ohio until Saturdays! Club Joy was full of salsa, merengue and bachata. There is never a shortage of dance partners. I was told to get there early because ladies drink free from 8-11p.m... My bartender could’ve just kept that source of information to herself, because Mijas, by midnight, this girl was dancing merengue to bachata. Aw goodness how embarrassing. The sad part was I woke up the next morning with a neon blue necklace on...and laughed to myself then asked my aunt, “How did I get that?” Now I know how some girls can be on those “Girls Gone Wild” commercials. I had an awesome time in Tampa.

While in St. Petersburg, where my mom resides, we went to this place that looks like an upside down Rock n Roll Hall of Fame called “The Pier”. This place has everything! Festivals, car shows, there are many specialty shops, plus an aquarium. Afterwards, I went back to my aunts’ house where we went to eat at the exclusive, “Arigato” a Japanese steakhouse. I have never been to a Japanese eatery that cooked right in front of you; the cook never missed a target and he was quite comedic. I wish I didn’t eat all my food because later on he came back and wrapped everyone’s leftovers in aluminum foil to make it look like different animals i.e. swans, dragons ect.

I will definitely go back to Tampa/St. Pete in 2005. I would go now, but I think I still haven’t recuperated from Club Joy yet!

P.S. Don’t tell my dad any of this.

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