

# The Dark Continent Busch Gardens, Tampa

The Dark Continent,® Busch Gardens,® Tampa is the best of romantic Africa, right here in Florida. Wild jungle animals, wilder thrill rides, delicious food and fascinating shows await visitors who explore the seven regions which comprise The Dark Continent.

## CONGO RIVER RAPIDS

The latest adventure at The Dark Continent is the Congo River Rapids™—raging, roaring, white-water raft ride. You and your family will be swept away on a thrilling voyage down rushing river rapids, past gushing geysers and through a mysterious cavern with cascading waterfalls. But watch out: you may get drenched!

## THE CONGO

Gaze down upon the rare white tigers of Claw Island, 2 of only 51 in captivity in the world! Whirl through the air on the Swinging Vines, then lose yourself in the clutches of the Monstrous Mamba. Take a deep breath and conquer The Python®, 1200 feet of twisting, turning, tortuous steel roller coaster.

## STANLEYVILLE

Shoot the rapids at the Stanley Falls Log Flume, the largest ride of its kind in Florida. See amazing animals perform throughout the day at the Stanleyville Theatre. Enjoy some hot Barbeque Beef

Ribs and Roasted Corn-in-the-Husks, then catch the train for a rail safari through the rest of Africa.

## NAIROBI

Alligators, crocodiles and scores of wild monkeys can be observed up close, face-to-face. Inside Nocturnal Mountain, under the soft glow of lights used to simulate nighttime, you can see strange creatures who roam during the night. Such as the Nile monitor lizard, the African crested cupine and the owl monkey. Children who visit Nairobi can ride an elephant, then feed and touch some smaller animals at our Petting Zoo.

## THE SERENGETI PLAIN

Here you will find one of the largest exotic animal collections in the United States. Giraffes, zebras, elephants, gazelles and rare Cape buffalo roam the plains and waterways of the vast Serengeti. And you can meet these magnificent animals, literally on their own ground, via steam train or monorail.

## BIRD GARDENS

Meet the most beautiful birds in the world—pink flamingos, blue and gold macaws, black swans, scarlet macaws, cockatoos, Amazon parrots—hundreds of rare birds can be seen here among the lush foliage and peaceful waterways. And the Bird Theatre, you'll see some of these magnificent creatures perform amazing feats in an unforgettable show.



Stacy Bellamy enjoys her ride on the elephant at Busch Gardens.

## TIMBUKTU

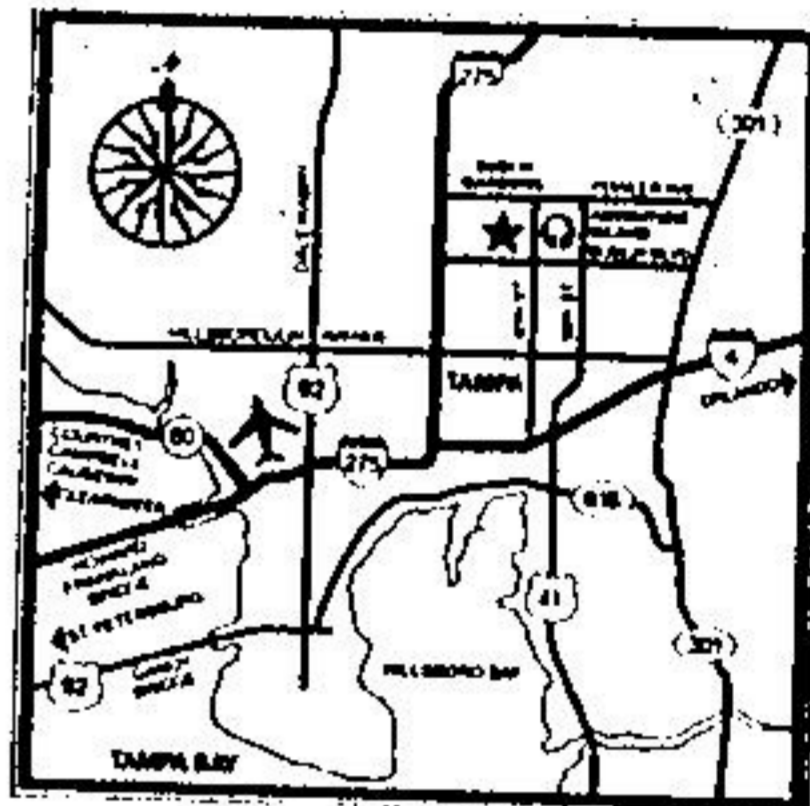
Here, in the fabled walled city, you can stroll through the exotic shops and bazaars and see brilliant bottle-nosed dolphins obey the commands of humans. You'll encounter savory German fare and rousing German entertainment in Das Festhaus, a gigantic festival hall inspired by early African trading posts. And, if you're brave enough, you can take a nerve-shattering ride on the Scorpion™, a swift, sinister, vertical-loop coaster that rockets folks over the sands of Timbuktu.

## MARRAKECH

Home of beautiful belly dancers. Skilled native craftsmen displaying wares from round the world. Tasty treats at the Boujad Bakery and the Zagora Cafe. And even a sensuous snake charmer whose body intertwines with live serpents.

## LOCATION

Open very day of the year, The Dark Continent is minutes from downtown Tampa, only 90 minutes from Walt Disney World and less than an hour from the Gulf Coast beaches. For operating hours and any additional information about The Dark Continent, call (813) 971-8282 or Roos Travel 877-0138.



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