



## **2017 World Rowing Championships**

### **Sarasota - Bradenton**

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept – Sunday 1 Oct 2017**

Since 2000, HOT Events provided expertise in sports travel arrangements and as supporters you can be assured that your travel arrangements will be managed to your 100% satisfaction.

HOT Events has an in-house dedicated team of professionals experienced in the specific field of sporting travel as well as creating an inspiring total holiday experience. We will take the hassle out of travelling so you can focus on having an amazing experience at the World Rowing Championships 2017 and incorporating any other destinations you choose to visit. We aim to create life time memories with all our travel services.

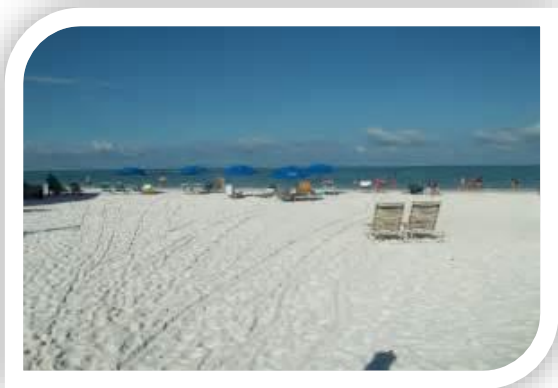
Getting there - we work with airlines and can ensure that you have the best option for all your travel requirements. Kyla is able to customise a total travel package for you giving you inspiring travel options, just let her know your requirements.

On the ground - we will source comfortable and affordable accommodation in locations near the event and amenities for you the supporters.

#### **Dedicated Consultant - Kyla Strahl**

Kyla is a Senior Consultant who has recently been on stage at our Annual House of Travel awards for her amazing sales achievements last year. Kyla has crewed on luxury super yachts for over 6 years throughout the Mediterranean, Baltic, Adriatic, Caribbean, Pacific and North Seas, and with several Atlantic Ocean sailing crossings under her belt, as well adventure travel to India, South America and South Africa. She has also travelled to this area so has lots to share - Kyla has a lot of destination knowledge first hand and is excited to be able to assist you with your travel to the World Rowing Championships this year.





### **Destination**

Sarasota is a city south of Tampa on Florida's Gulf Coast, it is the gateway to miles of beaches with fine sand and shallow waters, such as Lido Beach and Siesta Key Beach. It was once the winter home of the Ringling Brothers Circus. Today, it hosts a number of cultural institutes, notably the Ringling Museum of Art, which showcases old masters and modern art. The Rowing site Nathan Benderson Park is approx. 8 miles from the City Centre and easily accessible. Nathan Benderson Park is a unique 600-acre community park slated to become North America's premier 2,000-meter sprint rowing course and Regatta Center. One of a handful of sites in the United States identified as having all of the natural attributes that make up a world class rowing and recreational facility, Nathan Benderson Park began hosting organized regatta competitions in 2009.

### **Getting There**

The closest Airport is Tampa. Sarasota is approx. 100km south of Tampa airport and you can catch a shuttle, bus or you can hire a car and drive. We can organise either of these options for you. Taxi would be approx. USD150 or Uber approx. USD80. As most of you will have your own ideas on when you want to arrive and leave as well as adding in other components for your travel please come through to us and we will customise an itinerary for you.

### **Tickets to the Event**

We can also access these for you through Rowing New Zealand so please also let us know what your requirements are for tickets so we can order these for you and will advise costs once we know your requirements.

### **Accommodation**

With this amazing city having such varied accommodation options we are holding allocation space at two different properties.

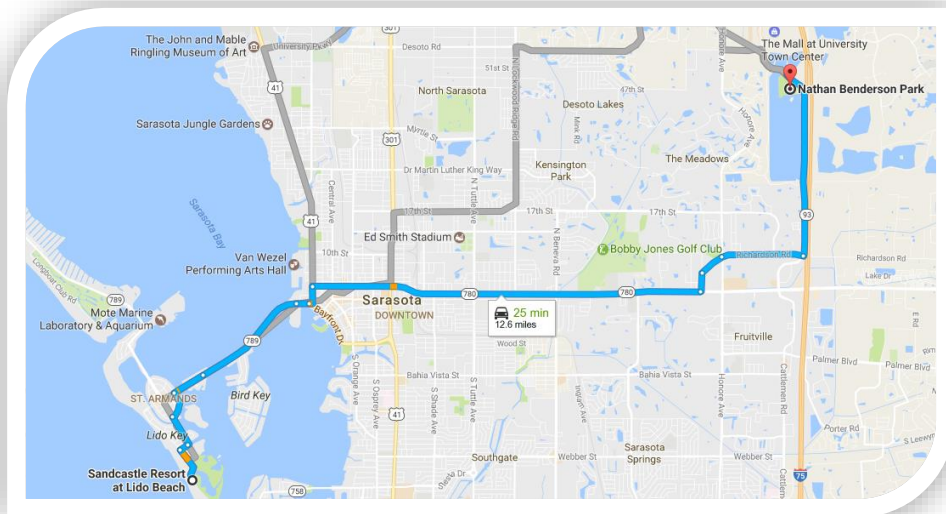
Sandcastle Resort at Lido Beach is located right on the beach and the biggest asset with this hotel is the location. It is close to St Armand's Circle which is very well priced for its location but the rooms are a bit outdated and the hotel is due for a renovation at the end of the year so just keep this in mind and the other place the Westin Hotel. This hotel is in the City Centre and is a brand new build so will have the facilities of a 4-5 star property. Both are located within 13 miles of Nathan Benderson Park.

We have an allocation of 15 rooms at both properties and can hold these until 20 June.

## Accommodation

### **Sandcastle Resort at Lido Beach**

This property is located right on the beach and the biggest asset with this hotel is the location. It is close to St Armand's Circle which is full of shops and restaurants. Locals love this place and foreign even more! The Rooms are a bit outdated, but the price reflects this for being in this location and but is rated as one of the best hotels for Sarasota based on best value and location.



Location is right on the beach and approx. 13miles from the rowing site at Nathan Benderson Park.

We can offer Standard Room with Two Double Beds with view of Courtyard or Pool area.

**In: 23 September 2017   Out: 2 October 2017 - 9 Nights**

**Cost Standard Double (2 x Double Beds): NZ\$ 387.00 per room per night**

Inclusions:

- 🍷 Accommodation
- 🍷 Resort Fee and 12% Tax

## **Accommodation**

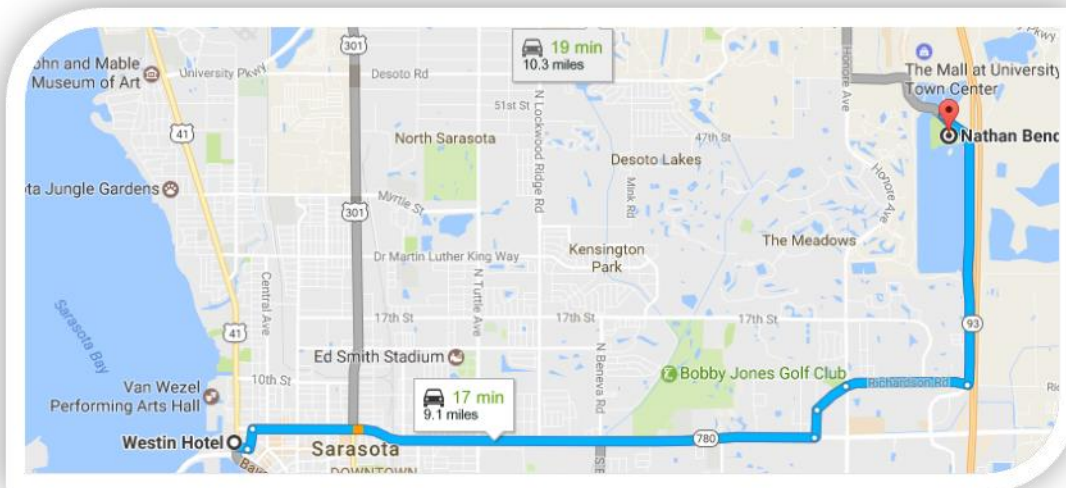
### **The Westin Sarasota**

This property is brand new!!

It is in a great location in the middle of the city and has a lot of restaurants and facilities close by.

Sarasota is renowned for having some of the best beaches and clearest waters on the Gulf Coast. The Westin Sarasota is just across the street from Sarasota Bay in the vibrant arts district, and also within walking distance of beautiful parks, the marina, fishing spots, and watersports.

The resort is a short drive from Lido Key, St. Armands Key, and a few other lively, beautiful islands known for their beaches and shopping and dining scenes. Corporate offices, university campuses, golf courses, and Sarasota Memorial Hospital are also nearby. See the impressive collections and sites at the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art and Historic Spanish Point. Watch the Orioles in spring training at Ed Smith Stadium. Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport (SRQ) is only 5 miles away. The large rooftop pool boasts stunning sunset views and ample deck space with fire features.



Location is approx. 9 miles from the rowing site at Nathan Benderson Park.

We can offer Standard Room with Two Double Beds with view of Courtyard or Pool area.

**In: 23 September 2017 Out: 2 October 2017 - 9 Nights**

**Cost Standard Double (2 x Double Beds): NZ\$ 385.00 per room per night**

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