

## **DINING**

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### **InterContinental Tampa Serves Sophisticated Cuisine with Authentic Local Twist** *Fine Dining and Catering at InterContinental Tampa*

Offering contemporary comfort in the heart of Tampa Bay, InterContinental Tampa is located right in the middle of a vibrant city and offers exciting culinary experiences for all occasions ranging from lavish affairs and corporate meetings to intimate dining and lively cocktails.

Guests in pursuit of the perfect steak dinner find no need to venture outside the hotel to experience the finest in dining. Recently presented the *Wine Spectator* "Award of Excellence," Shula's Steak House offers its famous Premium Black Angus Beef, fresh seafood and heavenly desserts right inside InterContinental Tampa. Servers provide each diner with a personal experience by rolling out the finest cuts of meats right to the table for diners to choose from. Those who want to eat fresh and still have a big appetite, menu items such as *South African lobster tail, cowboy steak* and *molten lava chocolate cake* make Shula's truly unbeatable. More ambitious diners can attempt to finish a Shula's 48oz porterhouse steak and will be rewarded with a spot in Shula's exclusive 48oz Club. Designed around the Miami Dolphins 1972 perfect season, guests can sip specialty cocktails like the *Two Minute Warning* or a *Tampa sunset* while dining in a sophisticated space. Bountiful breakfast options are also served daily at Shula's where guests can pick from favorites such as *buttermilk griddlecakes* or *lobster sausage and eggs*. During the work week, players on the go can enjoy the new Half-Time Express Lunch for just \$10.99, offering a variety of entrees ranging from *unlimited soup and salad* to *prime rib sliders*.

For more casual fare with a sophisticated twist, guests head to Shula's No Name Lounge for drinks and light meals that are still high on taste. The *tenderloin sliders* and *seared ahi tuna* are just the thing for a quick lunch or dinner. On the day of the big game there's no need to rough it tailgating in the outdoors when fans can tailgate in style and comfort at Shula's No Name Lounge. The extensive cocktail and appetizer menu hits the spot with selections like *colossal shrimp cocktail* and *blackened tenderloin tips*, while plasma TV's showcase the NFL Sunday Ticket and all the major sporting events year round. Friendly and knowledgeable bartenders are on hand to ensure a spirited game day atmosphere.

Coffee connoisseurs and early birds alike can get their java fix at Caffé conveniently located in the lobby and serving Illy coffee products. An authentic Italian brand that has roasted coffee for generations, Illy brings coffee back to its roots with a single perfect blend of coffee handpicked from nine different growing regions around the world. Founded in 1933 in Treiste, Italy, Illy has garnered a devoted following due to their dedication and pursuit of the finest coffee blend. The perfect accompaniment to Illy specialties are the sandwiches and salads offered at Caffé. Featuring selections like *specialty deli sandwiches* and *caprese salad*, guests will be left feeling satisfied with tasty and healthy options.

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The exclusive catering team at InterContinental Tampa showcases the finest in hotel cuisine with innovative menus and varied selections to please all palates. With cuisine to match events ranging from glamorous black-tie events to beach themed barbeques, no detail is overlooked by the experienced staff. To help brides-to-be put together the perfect menu from the cocktails to the cake, a wedding coordinator is also available to work hand-in-hand with the bride and catering staff.

Meeting planners don't have to think twice about epicurean services while getting down to business at InterContinental Tampa. Conference services managers work closely with the catering team to provide intimate and professional attention to meet the needs of every attendee. While brainstorming the next big deal, meeting attendees can look forward to exploring global cuisine, recharging with healthy fare, or simply enjoying some satisfying comfort food on their much-needed breaks.

A lazy morning with breakfast in bed is always a treat, especially when enjoyed in one of the plush pillow-top beds in an InterContinental Tampa guest room while watching the 42-inch plasma TV. Gourmet in-room dining is available 24 hours so guests will never have to go hungry or sacrifice taste when on the go.

For the adventurous epicurean who wants to explore some of the "best kept secrets" of the city, one stop at the InterContinental Tampa "In The Know" concierge is all it takes to head in the right direction. Whether it's eclectic cuisine, authentic Cuban dishes, or the local watering hole guests are seeking, the concierge has the insiders scoop on where to go for an authentic Tampa experience.

InterContinental Tampa is centrally located in the heart of Tampa Bay offering guests the most convenient access to world-class shopping, dining, entertainment, sports and the area's most memorable attractions. Touting all of the amenities that the InterContinental name commands, the hotel offers 17,000 square feet of flexible meeting space, complimentary wireless high-speed internet in guestrooms and public areas of the hotel, state-of-the-art fitness center, full-service concierge program, as well as rooftop pool with spectacular views of the bay and city. Rooms and suites blend sophisticated urban ambiance with authentic local charm, featuring fresh decor, pillow top mattresses with luxurious linens, functional working areas, and flat-screen plasma TV's with jackpots for a variety of multi-media hook-ups.

For more information on the InterContinental Tampa, please call (866) 915-1558 or visit [www.intercontampa.com](http://www.intercontampa.com).

Shula's Hours of Operation:

- Breakfast: Mon.-Fri.- 6:30am – 10:30am; Sat.-Sun. – 6:30am-11:30am
- Lunch: Mon.-Fri. - 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- Dinner: Mon.-Thur. - 5:30pm - 10:00pm, Fri.-Sat. - 5:30pm – 10:00pm

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No Name Lounge Hours of Operation:

- Sunday to Thursday 11:30am – 12:00am
- Friday to Saturday 11:30am – 1:00am

Caffé Hours of Operation:

- Monday to Friday 6:30am – 2:00pm
- Saturday to Sunday 7:00am – 12:00pm

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**InterContinental Tampa Background:**

**The 323-room hotel is owned by an affiliate of Lowe Enterprises Investments and is managed by the wholly owned Lowe subsidiary Destination Hotels & Resorts.**

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