

Pirate Soul

Pay tribute to the swashbucklers of the high seas.

Johnny Depp made Captain Jack Sparrow famous, but what about Black Caesar or Calico Jack? To learn about these real-life pirates of the Caribbean, you'll have to visit Pirate Soul, a one-of-a-kind museum in Key West, Florida.

Entering Pirate Soul transports you back to the golden age of piracy, from 1690 to 1730. Intricate re-created environments like a captain's cabin on a pirate ship allow visitors to imagine the life of a scallywag. Wander a street lined with shops in Port Royal, Jamaica; and examine authentic guns, swords, and maps. Then drop by Rogue's Tavern to learn about the pirate of your choice with the aid of a touch screen.

A "passion for pirates" prompted entrepreneur Pat Croce to open this unique museum three years ago and fill it with his personal collection of more than 500 rare artifacts, including a real treasure chest and a blunderbuss that belonged to Blackbeard himself. The \$10 million facility combines cutting-edge technology with memorabilia and informational exhibits. Drop by on the 19th of the month to get a tour from "real" pirates, or opt for an audio tour narrated by Croce himself any time. Then finish your day at the adjacent Rum Barrel for ribs, burgers, and a selection of "the finest rums in the world." Yo-ho-ho and a bottle, indeed. piratesoul.com

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Eyepatch, peg leg, and blunderbuss not included.

