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It's Strange That Where You Live Could Be Exotic

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Saturday was a very important milestone in my young adult life. I drove over **five hours** to and from an airport in the middle of nowhere to pick up my friends from England. (Because if you have to pay \$3+ in tolls, you have definitely gone too far from home, okay?)

Ask me why. (The truth is that I have no idea)

They booked the flight here on Thursday night. No “*head’s up*” in advance for me. Just a “Hey, get on chat! We’ve not spoken in ages!”

“Whereabouts is Tampa?” He asked me.

“Would you be able to get us?” He asked me.

“**Would you drive for ages to get us?**” Is what he **SHOULD** have asked because the flight was not even coming in to Tampa. After that whole ordeal was over, it was quite a relief.

Sunday I took the English boys around the lovely expanse of [Downtown St. Pete](#) known as the **600 Block**. This is easily my *favorite* area of Downtown because it’s a **hot spot** for **art and music**. There are **vintage** shops, concert venues, a tattoo parlor, one of the few remaining record stores in the area, and a radical karaoke bar.

Unfortunately, BLUELUCY (one of the studios located on the 600 Block) hasn’t updated the website in quite some time, BUT the facebook page *is* updated often, so you can check that out.

Just across the street is the Morean Arts Center, where I used to go to Art Camp during the summer. We visited this particular jewel to see the **Urban Art** on display and it was really fantastic (see this link for more than the above photo). And I took them to **The Lucky Dill Deli** for lunch before I gave them a tour of the school. They were really impressed with it, and apparently “**everything is bigger here**” (in America) than it is in England.

About the blogger



I'm a student in the Honors program. I'm also one of the younger bloggers, an opinionated and sarcastic sophomore who is more interested in food (at times) than my studies for pre-majoring in Graphic Design. A mocha frappuccino and hair dying addict, it's a rare occurrence to see me with a solid natural color.