

Grand Florida & the Keys



Orlando - Ft Lauderdale - Key West



January 11-27, 2017 (17 days)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit St. Augustine with tour
- Kennedy Space Center Tour
- Everglades Airboat Ride
- Epcot Admission
- Intracoastal Waterway Cruise
- Ft. Lauderdale
- 2 Nights in The Keys
- Trolley Tour in Key West
- Sunset Cruise in The Keys
- Edison/Ford Estates
- Manatee Park
- 2 Nights on St. Pete's Beach
- Sponge Diving Demonstration
- Wakulla Springs State Park Boat Ride
- Civil Rights Museum in Memphis



MAP AT A GLANCE



Fly option available! 

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Everglades Airboat Ride!

Day 1 - Home to Bloomington, IL

Today we begin our journey south in search of warmth & sunshine. Enjoy an included noon lunch at a delicious restaurant. Relax at the hotel this evening in Bloomington, IL.

Included Meals: Lunch
Hotel: Comfort Suites

Day 2 - Bloomington to Nashville

After breakfast we pass through the landscapes of Illinois and Kentucky to Nashville. An option this evening is to visit the famous Opryland Hotel.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Manager's Reception
Hotel: Drury Inn & Suites

Day 3 - Nashville to Valdosta, GA

Breakfast is served at the hotel this morning before we board the coach & motor south to Valdosta; this city is also called the Azalea City because azaleas grow in profusion here.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Manager's Reception
Hotel: Drury Inn

Day 4 - Valdosta to Titusville, FL



After breakfast we motor along to America's oldest city, St. Augustine, Florida. Climb aboard the open air trolley for a tour of this wonderful town. Stroll along this remarkable area and enjoy a special lunch in historic St. Augustine. Later we will travel down the coast for an overnight stay in Titusville. (The fly group arrives late this afternoon)

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel: Hampton Inn

Day 5 - Titusville to Orlando, FL

Our day begins at the Kennedy Space Center where we will gain insight on America's accomplishments in the space program. Later we travel to Orlando and check into our hotel for a relaxing two-night stay. Enjoy the hotel's reception with your fellow travelers or have dinner at a nearby restaurant.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Manager's Reception
Hotel: Drury Inn & Suites (2 Nights)

Day 6 - Orlando

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before we travel to Epcot Center for the day. Your included ticket is good for "exploring exciting attractions, enchanting international pavilions, and special events & tours. Cel-

...ebrates the human spirit, Epcot has 2 distinct realms: Future World, which features technological innovations, and World Showcase, which shares with Guests the culture and cuisine of 11 countries: Mexico, Norway, China, Germany, Italy, the United States, Japan, Morocco, France, United Kingdom and Canada." Remember your walking shoes for this great day of exploring an incredible park!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Manager's Reception

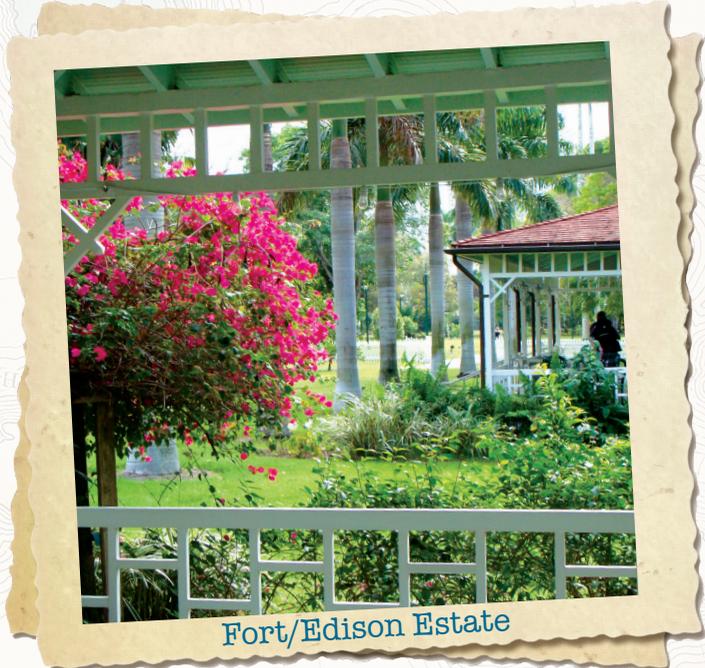
Day 7 - Orlando to Ft. Lauderdale

Today we travel to Fort Lauderdale. Lunch will be served along the intercoastal waterway at the Chart House, where we'll thoroughly enjoy the food and view! The rest of the afternoon will be free to enjoy the spectacular beaches of Ft. Lauderdale! Our hotel this evening is beautifully located on the white sandy shores of the Atlantic Ocean.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel: Courtyard by Marriott Ft. Lauderdale Beach

Day 8 - Ft. Lauderdale to "The Keys"

This morning we take a memorable cruise on the Jungle Queen, which travels the spectacular intra-coastal waterways. Following our



Fort/Edison Estate

cruise, we're in for a spectacular drive as we follow U.S. Highway 1 down to The Keys. We will travel about half way down The Keys to Marathon where we are guests for the next two nights. This evening enjoy a beautiful sunset cruise!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express, Marathon (2 Nights)

Day 9 - Key West

This morning we head to Key West, a colorful and breathtaking place full of old town charm & history. R&J has arranged a trolley tour of exciting Key West. You may choose to continue to explore the area by bicycle, trolley, or foot as you admire Casa Antigua, the former residence of Ernest Hemingway built in 1931. The shopping is endless, the history is unique, and the swaying palm trees calming. Enjoy your free time before we travel back to Marathon for the evening.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Day 10 - The Keys to Fort Myers

After breakfast we bid The Keys good-bye and board our coach to head to Fort Myers on the Gulf Coast. We will drive through the everglades - alligator country! An everglades airboat ride is our afternoon adventure; keep your hands in the boat as the alligators are hungry!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express

Day 11 - Fort Myers to St. Pete's Beach

After breakfast at the hotel, we visit the Edison/Ford Winter Estates with the opportunity to see some of Edison's incredible inventions and his lovely botanical garden. Lunch is arranged at a waterfront restaurant before we stop at Manatee Park to get a glimpse of these magnificent sea creatures. Then it's on to St. Pete's Beach for a two night stay at your all-suite hotel on the beach.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Hotel: Sirata Beach Resort

Day 12 - St. Pete's Beach

Sleep late and enjoy a free day at the resort on the sunny Gulf Coast. Take a dip in the sparkling pool, pull up a chair on the sandy beach, ride the trolley, or do some shopping, the choice is yours. This evening join us for dinner at a favorite waterfront restaurant.

Included: Breakfast, Dinner

Key West Trolley Ride



Day 13 - St. Pete's Beach to Perry, FL

The fly group departs out of Tampa Bay today. The remaining group will motor past Clearwater to beautiful Tarpon Springs, the "Sponge Capital of the World." This charming village was founded back in 1907 and is a Mecca of Greek culture. Stroll around this charming seaside village where divers bring in sponges from off the Gulf floor. Walk the fishing docks and do some browsing in the local shops. We'll take a Sponge Cruise and see just how the sponge divers of old collected the sponges. We'll have lunch at a Greek Restaurant, before making our way to Perry for a restful evening.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

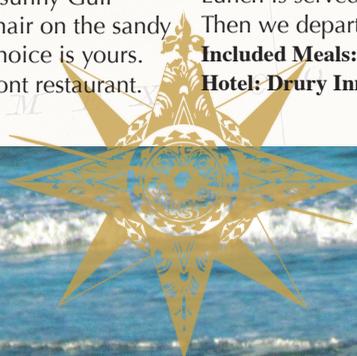
Hotel: Hampton Inn & Suites

Day 14 - Perry to Montgomery, AL

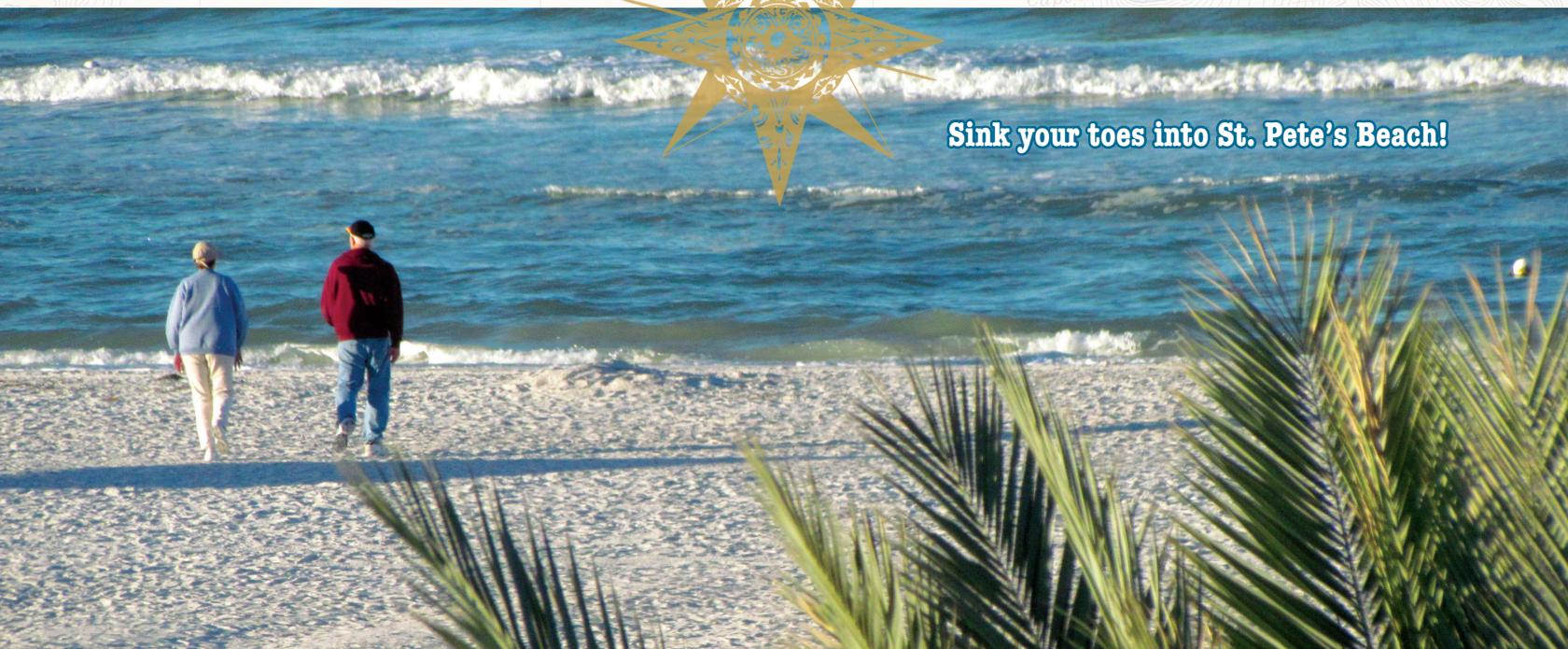
After breakfast we make a short drive to Wakulla Springs State Park, home to one of the largest and deepest freshwater springs in the world. This park plays host to an abundance of wildlife which includes alligators, turtles, manatees, deer, and birds. We'll board a river boat for a fascinating ranger-led tour along the Wakulla River. Lunch is served right here at the Spring, providing wonderful views! Then we depart Florida and make our way to Montgomery, AL.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Manager's Reception

Hotel: Drury Inn & Suites



Sink your toes into St. Pete's Beach!

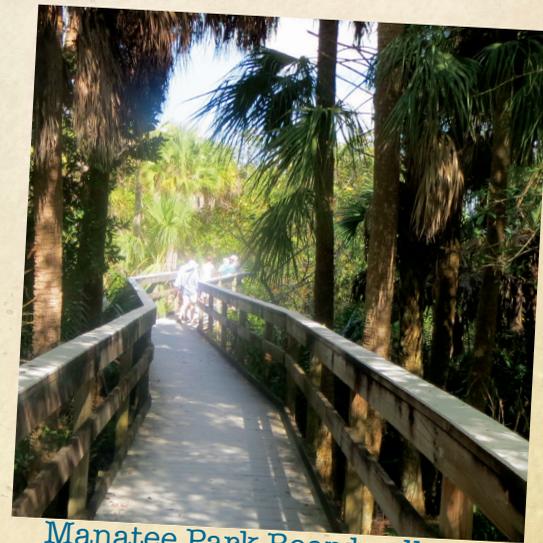




St Augustine



Intracostal Waterway Cruise



Manatee Park Boardwalk

Day 15 - Montgomery to Memphis, TN

Today we travel to Memphis, Tennessee and tour the Civil Rights Museum at the Lorraine Hotel. Then we visit famous Beale Street, which was in its heyday in the roaring 20's when it took on a carnival atmosphere. Beale Street is rich in history and of blues music. Dinner is included tonight.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Comfort Suites

Day 16 - Memphis to Hannibal, MO

Breakfast is served at the hotel before we depart, making our way through St. Louis and on to Hannibal for our last overnight.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 17 - Hannibal to Home

We journey the rest of the way home today, making an included lunch stop along the way. What wonderful memories and new friends we've made on our grand tour of Florida & the Keys!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

2017 DATES & PRICES

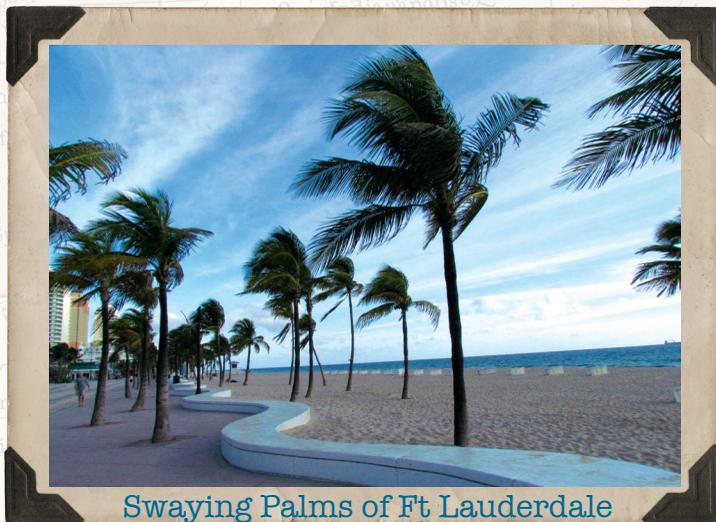
DATES:	January 11-27, 2017 (17 Days) Motorcoach	
PRICE PER PERSON:	\$3,999 Double \$3,779 Triple	\$5,199 Single \$3,549 Quad
PRICE INCLUDES:	29 Meals & 5 Manager's Receptions, Activities & Hotels as stated, Luxury Motorcoach	
DEPOSIT DUE PER PERSON:	\$100 deposit per person at time of reservation. Full payment due 30 days prior to departure.	
OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION P/P:	\$254 Double p/p	\$338 Single

FLYAWAY TOUR DATES & PRICES

DATES:	January 14-23, 2017 (10 Days) Flyaway	
PRICE PER PERSON:	\$3,999 Double \$3,799 Triple	\$4,799 Single \$3,599 Quad
PRICE INCLUDES:	Roundtrip airfare from MSP including all baggage fees, taxes & surcharges (approx. \$80 per person included), 14 Meals & 2 Manager's Receptions, all activities as stated in brochure, Luxury Motorcoach	
DEPOSIT DUE PER PERSON:	\$200 deposit per person at time of reservation. Full payment due 45 days prior to departure.	
OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION P/P:	\$270 Double per person	\$340 Single

ADDITIONAL TOUR INFORMATION

TRAVEL BUCKS:	\$50 per person on future travel with R & J
NEEDED TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:	A Valid Photo ID is required for those flying
TOUR PACE:	Light to Moderate Walking



Swaying Palms of Ft Lauderdale

"The balancing of the meals & hotels were so well planned. Hats off to R&J for their excellent choices. It really makes traveling more memorable. We will see you again in March for another time to go on the Deep South trip & more in the future!"
Arvid & Carol Baumgartner, New Brighton

