

# Grand Florida & The Keys

January 13 - 29,  
2016

Fly Option Available!

## HIGHLIGHTS

Visit St. Augustine with tour

Kennedy Space Center Tour

Airboat Ride

Epcot Admission

Intracoastal Waterway Cruise in  
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

Enjoy swaying palms & sandy beaches!

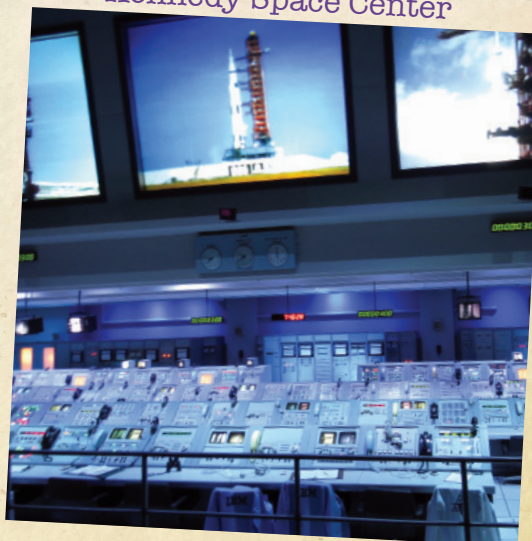


Wakulla Springs



Kennedy Space Center

## MAP AT A GLANCE





## Stunning Sunset at Sirata Beach Resort



**St. Augustine**

### 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!)

**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. Next we take an unforgettable airboat ride on the legendary St. John's River, sliding across marshes on our wildlife adventure! Keep your eye out for gators, eagles & more! Later we travel to Orlando and check into your 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)**



**Airboat Ride!  
See the Gator?!**

## 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. Celebrating 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 intracoastal waterways. Following our cruise, we are 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. Be sure to watch the beautiful sunset from the hotel!

**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 a stunning sunset cruise.

**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! - stopping to see the gators and other sights along the way.

**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**

## View of Fort Lauderdale Beach for Hotel



## 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**



## 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



Wakulla Springs Boat Adventure



Epcot



Ford/Edison Estate



Intracostal Waterway Cruise

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**

### 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**



Sink your toes into St. Pete's Beach!



Sponge Diver!

"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

### 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**

## 2016 DATES & PRICES

DATES:	January 13-29, 2016 (17 Days) Motorcoach	
PRICE PER PERSON:	\$3,799 Double \$3,599 Triple	\$4,999 Single \$3,399 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:	\$240 Double p/p	\$324 Single pp

## FLYAWAY TOUR DATES & PRICES

DATES:	January 16-25, 2016 (10 Days) Flyaway	
PRICE PER PERSON:	\$3,599 Double \$3,399 Triple	\$4,399 Single \$3,249 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	\$305 Single p/p

## 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