



**“Whatever you do -
don't miss this tour!!!”**
Larry & Doreen Nelson, MN
Fort Myers Getaway Travelers



**Cruising the
Naples Waterways**

Fort Myers Getaway

February 2 - 19, 2024 (18 days)

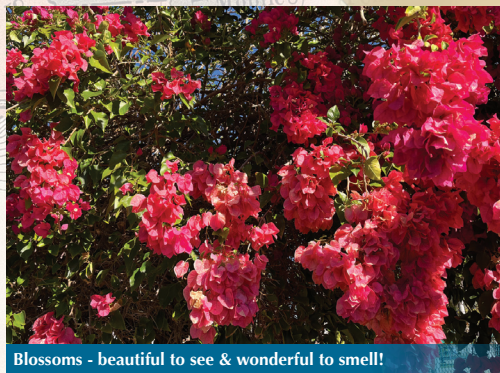
HIGHLIGHTS

- Sanibel & Captiva Islands including National Shell Museum**
- Naples Botanical Garden**
- Naples Sightseeing Cruise**
- Fort Myers Beach**
- Mystery Dinner Train Experience**
- Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre Production**
- Edison Ford Estate Tour**
- Everglades Airboat Adventure**
- Incredible Fleamasters Flea Market**
- Ringling Museum in Sarasota**
- ECHO Sustainable Farm**



Take an airboat ride through the unique Everglades!

MAP AT A GLANCE



Blossoms - beautiful to see & wonderful to smell!



**“A wonderful winter getaway with
such interesting, memory making
highlights. Loved it all.”**

Mary & Randy Lennon - Kasson, MN
2023 R&J Fort Myers Getaway Travelers

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Fly option available!



Day 1 - Home to Normal, IL

Board our motorcoach and get to know your fellow travelers as we make our way to Normal, IL. We will enjoy a great lunch along the way. This evening we will check into the Hampton Inn.

Included Meals: Lunch

Hotel: Hampton Inn

Day 2 - Normal to Nashville, TN

After breakfast we will continue to travel south on our way to Nashville. We will check into the Drury Inn & Suites and enjoy the Manager's Kickback Reception.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Manager's Reception

Hotel: Drury Inn & Suites

Day 3 - Nashville to Valdosta, GA

Breakfast is served at the hotel, then we depart and take in the beautiful country as we make our way to warmer weather. Our stop for the night will be at the Drury Inn & Suites in Valdosta, GA.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Manager's Reception

Hotel: Drury Inn & Suites

Day 4 - Valdosta to Fort Myers, FL



Today we will be arriving in Fort Myers and after picking up the fly-in group, we'll check into our hotel for an eleven night stay! After a welcome dinner, the remainder of the evening is at your leisure to explore your new home away from home. R&J Tours has chosen the newly renovated Homewood Suites for their wonderful service and full breakfasts each morning.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Welcome Dinner

Hotel: Homewood Suites

Day 5 - Fort Myers

Breakfast is served at the hotel this morning. Board the motorcoach and we will make our way to charming Sanibel and Captiva Islands where we visit the Sanibel Shell Museum and then get a chance to sink our toes in the sand as we hunt for shells! Then we enjoy an included lunch at the very unique Bubble Room before returning to our hotel. (Note: The Islands are working hard to rebuild. Pending anticipated progress, this day should all happen as planned.)

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 6 - Fort Myers

After breakfast today we will visit Naples, beginning with a tour of the beautiful Naples Botanical Garden, followed by lunch in Tin City. Next we will cruise the tropical Naples waterways. We will see multi-million dollar homes as well as a variety of wildlife-including dolphins playing (if we are lucky!) Later we will return to the hotel for the manager's reception and the evening.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Manager's Reception

Day 7 - Fort Myers

This morning after breakfast we visit ECHO (Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization). ECHO's large selection of tropical fruit trees, edible plants and crops educates visitors on sustainable farming and hunger issues. The only facility of its type, it highlights six different settings encountered by the Third World peasant farmers. Next, we'll enjoy a local BBQ joint, Hogbody's, for an included lunch. This afternoon, we will spend some time in downtown Fort Myers taking in the quaint shops and water views. This evening we'll board the Seminole Gulf Railway Mystery Dinner Train for a five course meal & great entertainment.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 - Fort Myers

After breakfast we will motor to the incredible Fleamaster's, Florida's largest Flea Market, to see what treasures we can

Beautifully renovated Homewood Suites

Our comfy "home away from home" - which has been carefully selected for its convenient & safe location with many dining, shopping, and entertainment options within easy walking distance.



Spectacular bingo prizes were ready for 2023's Valentine's Party!



Fun dolphin experience during Naples Bay cruise!



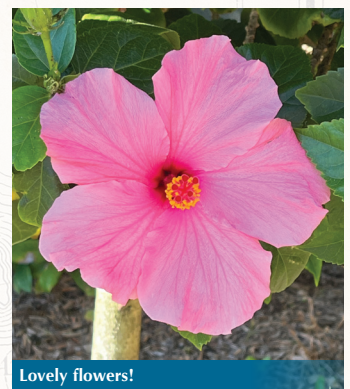
Mystery Dinner on Seminole Railway



ECHO Global Farm - plantains



Everglades adventures!



Lovely flowers!



Explore Ford & Edison's Winter Estates



Balancing act at Ringling Museum



Step aboard the Seminole Gulf Railway



Ca'D'Zan - home of John Ringling - Mediterranean Revival style



Naples Botanical Gardens

find! This evening we will be guests at the Broadway Palms Dinner Theater for dinner and a fantastic performance.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 9 - Fort Myers

Breakfast is served before a day of exploring Fort Myers Beach. Enjoy plenty of free time to walk along the sandy shore before returning to the hotel to freshen up for our dining experience at DaRuma's Japanese Steakhouse!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 10 - Fort Myers

We'll have the motorcoach available this morning for a couple church options near our hotel, or feel free to make your own arrangements. Tonight we'll dine together at a local favorite.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 11 - Fort Myers

Nearly 100 years ago, John Ringling, the legendary circus king, pledged, "I am going to make Sarasota one of the sights of the South...[it] will become one of the most beautiful cities in Florida." Today you will experience this when we take an all day trip to Sarasota. The Ringling Bros. Circus Museum will be a highlight! A refreshing lunch is planned at the Ringling Grill Room located on the premises.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 12 - Fort Myers

After breakfast we will visit the amazing Edison Ford Estate for a self-guided tour of the wonderful grounds and homes. Next we will

Soaking up the sun as we enjoy Homewood Suites' pool



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go to Miromar Outlet Mall for an included group lunch and some shopping time before returning to the hotel for an afternoon at your leisure. Tonight we will gather for a delightful R&J Pre-Valentine Dessert Party!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Valentine's Dessert Party

Day 13 - Fort Myers

Happy Valentine's Day! This morning sleep in, relax, or take a leisurely walk. Then this afternoon our guide will meet us at our hotel and as we head for the everglades he will share information about the everglades and alligators of Florida. Later we will hop aboard one of Bob's Everglades Hydro-boats for a ride that you will long remember.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Manager's Reception

Day 14 - Fort Myers

The day is at your leisure to soak up the sun, explore the beautiful hotel, check out the local sites, or perhaps even visit friends or family that are wintering in the area. You may want to enjoy the day with a round of golf, take a taxi to Hammond Field to watch the Twins practice, or make arrangements for a day of charter fishing! Your Tour Director may have some great options for you.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Day 15 - Fort Myers to Macon, GA



We bid goodbye to the fly-in passengers as they will be departing today. After breakfast we board our motorcoach and begin our journey for home. We will rest for the night in Macon after an included dinner together.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Holiday Inn

Day 16 - Macon to Paducah, KY

We continue on our way north. Tonight we will check into the Drury Inn & Suites in Paducah, KY. We will get a chance to enjoy the Manager's Kickback Reception.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Manager's Reception

Hotel: Drury Inn & Suites



Sorry Mr. Gator - your mud wasn't a good enough disguise!



Ringling's Big Top!



Puzzle Time!

Day 17 - Paducah to Rockford, IL

Today we will be traveling into Illinois. We will start to notice the snow covered scenery. Our last night on the road will be at the Radisson Hotel and we'll share a Farewell Dinner together.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Radisson

Day 18 - Rockford to Home

After we enjoy our last breakfast together, we will board the motor-coach and make our way to Minnesota. We are almost home! It will be time to exchange our good-byes and maybe addresses with the new friends we have come to know during our Fort Myers Getaway!

Included Meals: Breakfast

Fort Myers Getaway



National Shell Museum in Sanibel - bouquet is all shells!



Ford & Edison Estates



2024 MOTORCOACH DATES & PRICES

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| DATES: | February 2 - 19, 2024 (18 Days) | |
| PRICE PER PERSON: | \$5,399 Double \$4,969 Triple | \$7,299 Single \$4,659 Quad |
| PRICE INCLUDES: | 31 Meals plus 5 Manager's Receptions & 1 Valentine Dessert, 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: | \$352 Double p/p | \$485 Single |

FLYAWAY TOUR DATES & PRICES

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| DATES: | February 5 - 16, 2024 (12 Days) - Flyaway | |
| PRICE PER PERSON: | \$5,349 Double \$4,979 Triple | \$6,829 Single \$4,739 Quad |
| PRICE INCLUDES: | Roundtrip airfare from MSP including baggage fees, taxes & surcharges; 22 Meals plus 2 Manager's Rec. & 1 Valentine Dessert, all activities as stated in brochure, Hotels | |
| DEPOSIT DUE PER PERSON: | \$200 deposit per person at time of reservation. Full payment due 60 days prior to departure. | |
| OPT. FLY TRAVEL PROTECTION P/P: | \$407 Double per person | \$517 Single |
| NEEDED TRAVEL DOCUMENTS FOR FLYAWAY OPTION: | A valid driver's license, government issued photo id, or a valid passport. | |

ADDITIONAL TOUR INFORMATION

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| TRAVEL BUCKS: | \$65 per person on future travel with R&J |
| TOUR PACE: <small>(See page 9 for description)</small> | Light to Moderate Walking at own pace |

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