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#### **NOTES FOR TRAVEL CLUB MEMBERS:**

\*\*Time to RENEW TRAVEL CLUB for 2024, only \$15!, Don't miss your Mailings & Discounts!\*\*

The next Monthly Travel Club Meeting on Dec. 13th is held at FREEDOM SQUARE at 10901 Johnson Blvd. Seminole FL 33772 at 9:30 AM & THE BIG APPLE BUFFET in TYRONE GARDENS SHOPPING CENTER ON WEDNESDAY, Dec. 13th at 1:30 PM, and will also be presented on YOU TUBE LIVE! at 1:30 PM, don't miss it!! A link for the YouTube Live! presentation will be posted on our website at WWW.TIFTOURS.COM Come & enjoy a presentation on tours, fun & prizes! Our pickup location for both single & multi-day tours in Seminole is at Home Depot at 10550 Park Blvd Seminole FL 33772. We also offer parking/pickup for all tours at our Tyrone Gardens location at the corner of 58th St & 9th Ave N. in St. Petersburg.

#### **DECEMBER 2023**

<u>DEC. 3, SUN.</u> – "WHITE CHRISTMAS" matinee at Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater in Hudson with a terrific buffet lunch with a special dessert included. "Get into the Holiday Spirit with Irving Berlin's White Christmas the Musical, a timeless classic filled with love, laughter, and heartwarming melodies. Based on the classic film, this musical adaptation will transport you to a magical winter wonderland as two WWII veterans follow a pair of singing sisters to a Vermont Inn, owned by their former commander. With iconic songs such as White Christmas, Sisters and Blue Skies, this musical is sure to be a delightful treat for audiences of all ages." ...\$124

**DEC. 5, TUES.** - **BOK TOWER** It's always a great time to visit Bok Tower with its beautiful gardens in Lake Wales! This is your opportunity to see and hear the great Carillon Tower, one of about only 600 in the world. A Carillon is an instrument of at least 23 tuned bells in chromatic series. Cast from bronze, which is composed mainly of copper and tin, and then specially tuned. The bells do not swing, only the clappers move, which is controlled by a keyboard played within the tower. The instrument is fully mechanical (there are no electronics). During our visit you can enjoy a 30-minute concert of the enchanting Carillon bells. Also, while here <u>lunch is included</u>, the choices are - Chicken Blueberry Salad, Turkey & Smoked Gouda Sandwich, Chicken Salad Croissant Sandwich or Veggie Wrap. You may also visit **El Retiro** at Pinewood Estates - an enchanting 20-room Mediterranean-style mansion that transports visitors back in time to the 1930's. Don't' miss your chance to visit this historic, beautiful Tower, Gardens & Estate...\$104

<u>DEC. 7, THURS.</u> – MARIETTA MUSEUM OF ART & WHIMSY w/LUNCH AT CAPTAIN BRIAN'S We'll enjoy an included lunch at Captain Brian's then off to the Museum – delightful, magical & wonderous, so many different art styles and everything so uplifting...the gardens are fabulous. About half the artists are women and half are men and most of the artists are alive! \$89

<u>DEC. 7, THURS.</u> – THE JOHN & MABEL RINGLING ESTATE in SARASOTA Includes admission with access to The Museum of Art, Circus Museum, Bayfront Gardens, and a self-guided visit through the Ringling home – Ca' d'Zan first floor. Lunch is on your own with several choices from counter service, coffee shop or very nice table service meal...\$79

**DEC. 10, SUN.** - **ST. JOHNS RIVERSHIP** One of our travelers' favorites! This St. John's River Luncheon Cruise departs from Sanford and is a lovely three-hour, expertly narrated river cruise. This Paddle Wheeler is enclosed & climate controlled. Includes a fantastic served meal with delicious choices including Prime Rib, Chicken, Salmon & more...\$149

**DEC. 11, MON. - HARD ROCK CASINO TAMPA** Easy drop-off and pick-up at Casino entrance, time for lunch on your own...\$29

<u>DEC. 13, WED.</u> – RP FUNDING CENTER'S YOUKEY THEATER - <u>DIRTY DANCING</u> in CONCERT at 7:30 PM, HAVE THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE! THE FILM with LIVE BAND and SINGERS ON STAGE FOR A GREAT COMBINATION OF LIVE MUSIC & THE ORIGINAL FILM A buffet dinner is included prior to the show with fun specialties including "I carried a watermelon" Caprese Salad, "Mambo" Pasta, "No One Puts Baby Carrots in the Corner", "Foxtrot Braised Chicken w/mushrooms", delicious desserts too! \$149

<u>DEC. 14, THURS.</u> - LUNCH BUNCH with TODD at THE ITALIAN GRILLE in SARASOTA, a favorite of The Lunch Bunch! Choices will include: Spaghetti, Ravioli, Lasagna, Fettucine Alfredo, Shrimp Scampi + salad, bread & dessert...\$79

- <u>DEC. 16, SAT.</u> **SHOPPING WITH WENDY IN BRANDON** We will visit the **QVC/HSN Outlets** and Brandon Town Center...\$39
- <u>DEC. 21, THURS</u> HOLIDAY LIGHTS TOUR with Dinner at the Salt Rock Grill in Indian Shores We'll first enjoy a delicious dinner followed by a festive Holiday Lights tour, covering several areas...\$69
- **DEC. 23, SAT. TRANS SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA** at **Amalie Arena** 2:30PM Show With two stages --with pyro, light, and lasers-- on both sides of the arena, as well as in the crowd and the best sound they can find... There are no second-class seats at a Trans-Siberian Orchestra show. You will walk out of this show speechless and still not believing what you have seen was possible. Lower Level Seats...\$149
- <u>DEC. 28, THURS.</u> Sarasota's <u>SAILOR CIRCUS</u> HOLIDAY SPECIAL 2 PM show with lunch included at Der Dutchman Sailor Circus is the Circus Arts training program for students in Sarasota and Manatee counties. Known worldwide as "The Greatest 'Little' Show on Earth," the Sailor Circus is America's oldest youth circus, having been seen by more than 1 million spectators! Prior to the show we will be enjoying an included, great Amish-style buffet lunch at Sarasota's Der Dutchman Restaurant...\$99

## **JANUARY 2024**

- <u>JAN. 6, SAT.</u> RINGLING BROS. BARNUM & BAILEY CIRCUS The Greatest Show on Earth! **11:00 AM Showtime at Amalie.** We invite Children of All Ages to a spectacle of superhuman feats, pushing the limits of possibility and thrilling families and fans of all generations. No meal included, but, you'll have plenty of food & circus favorites available to purchase. Sec. 102..\$84
- <u>JAN. 13, SAT.</u> **HISTORY & MYSTERY in Clearwater with Wendy** Come along with Wendy to uncover and hear about Clearwater's Mysteries and History, with lunch on your own at **Sunset Grill in Clearwater**. Great choices & good prices...\$39
- <u>JAN. 18, THURS.</u> LUNCH BUNCH with TODD at the BACON STREET DINER in Clearwater Come try the delicious dishes at Bacon St. Diner, cash bar available too!...\$69
- <u>JANUARY 20, SAT.</u> "BEAUTIFUL The Carole King Musical" at the Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater in Hudson, includes a delicious, full buffet lunch. "Based on the life and career of legendary songwriter Carole King, this Tony and Grammy Award-winning show takes you on a journey through King's creation of the some of the greatest songs in pop music history. Featuring hit
- songs such as "I Feel the Earth Move," "One Fine Day," "(You make me Feel) Like a Natural Woman," and a talented cast portraying the Righteous Brothers, The Shirelles, James Taylor and many others." Don't miss this unforgettable Show! ...\$124
- <u>JANUARY 20, SAT.</u> **WEEKI WACHEE** includes admission to park and access to the **Mermaid Show, Wilderness River Cruise & Ranger Experience**. While here lunch is on your own with several meal options & an ice cream shop too!...\$69
- <u>JANUARY 21, SUN.</u> **SHOPPING with WENDY at ORLANDO OUTLETS** Come and enjoy a great variety of shops after lunch on your own at Icon Park with its many delicious lunch options. We'll visit several of Orlando's outlets for shopping & browsing...\$79
- <u>JANUARY 21, SUN.</u> ICON PARK ORLANDO this location has great attractions & restaurants including the The Wheel a Climate controlled Ferris Wheel with incredible view at 400 feet tall!, Madame Tussauds all arranged for great photos/selfies, Sea Life Orlando Aquarium. You'll find combo ticket packages in case you would like to experience several of the attractions. You'll find restaurants too, Ole Red, Sugar Factory, Carrabba's, Outback Steakhouse, Gordon Ramsay's Fish & Chips. All attractions and food are additional and up to you to pick and choose what you would like to do...\$79
- <u>JANUARY 23, TUES.</u> MARINA JACKS LUNCHEON CRUISE on BEAUTIFUL SARASOTA BAY Narrated sightseeing cruise with **terrific lunch buffet** aboard a beautiful 150' Yacht! Enjoy views of the Ringling property, Bird Key celebrity homes & more!... \$89
- <u>JANUARY 25, THURS.</u> HERRMANNS' ROYAL LIPIZZAN STALLIONS in Myakka City at 3:00 PM. Enjoy a training session with the Lipizzan Stallions at their Winter Quarters. These rare white stallions were bred in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century by the Hapsburg Royal Family of Austria. They were given as a gift more than 300 years ago to the Herrmann Family. Prior to the Stallions, we will pay a visit to Bradenton where you'll have time for lunch on your own at Cracker Barrel...\$69
- <u>JANUARY 28, SUN.</u> GERSHWIN CELEBRATION WITH THE FLORIDA ORCHESTRA at the STRAZ, 2:00 PM Show, John Russell Moris Conductor. Celebrate George Gershwin's 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday! An all-Gershwin tribute to the composer and pianist who ingeniously blended popular, jazz and classical genres to create a whole new style of music. Featuring *S'wonderful*, *The Man I Love*, *Porgy & Bess selections*, *An American in Paris and more*. Seats in the Orchestra section...\$79

<u>JANUARY 31, WED.</u> – MANATEES & MONKEYS with Lunch at CRUMPS The right time of year to enjoy an included boat ride on Island Girl Cruises in the area of Monkey Island at the Homosassa River. The monkeys will be enjoying their new home, and you may spot some manatees too! Lunch is included at Crump's Landing, which is also at the river with great food and views...\$119

### FEBRUARY 2024

- **FEB. 4, SUN. A DAY IN WINTER PARK** This is a quaint suburb of Orlando where you'll be enchanted by <u>Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art</u>, which houses the world's most comprehensive collection of <u>Tiffany</u> glass (fee applies). Winter Park features open park space, canals and a street-side shopping district along Park Avenue. This tour also includes a Scenic Boat Tour is offered through the canals. You'll find lovely restaurants too, for <u>today's lunch on your own...</u>\$99
- **FEB. 4, SUN.** "BREAKING UP IS HARD TO DO" A 2:00 PM MATINEE AT THE MUSICAL AT THE WINTER PARK PLAYHOUSE "This nostalgic, musical comedy celebrates the timeless songwriting magic of the legendary Neil Sedaka! Set in a Catskills resort in 1960, this humorous& heartwarming musical follows two friends from Brooklyn in search of good times & romance over one wild Labor Day weekend. Features twenty of Sedaka's most popular songs including *Laughter in the Rain, Where the Boys Are, Sweet Sixteen, Calendar Girl, Love Will Keep us Together and the Chart Topping title song!* "You'll have time before the show for <u>lunch on your own</u> with many great choices nearby, prior to the play which starts at 2:00 PM. ...\$119
- <u>FEB. 8, THURS.</u> "MAN IN BLACK- A Tribute to Johnny Cash" at The Capitol Theater in Clearwater 8 PM Show With his striking resemblance, spot-on mannerisms and baritone voice, Shawn Barker embodies the character & spirit of Johnny Cash...\$85
- **FEB 10, SAT. CAPONES in Kissimmee A FUNTASTIC, 7:30 PM DINNER SHOW!** Knock three times, give the secret password and discover the mysterious world of 1931's Capones Chicago. This entertaining, hilarious **all-new** show delivers loads of laughs, gangster action, audience interaction and toe-tapping musical productions. You'll enjoy a delicious Italian meal & drinks too!...\$109
- **FEB. 10, SAT. MEDEIVAL TIMES in Orlando** Come witness a battle of Champions, your knight awaits you. "In myth and in legend, the knight and the horse are forever linked. Few things are held in such great esteem by the Medieval Warrior than a stalwart horse, who possess the bold courage of his master and quiet strength of his ancestors." Dinner Show & great meal!...\$119
- **FEB. 12, MON.** HARD ROCK CASINO TAMPA Easy drop-off and pick-up at Casino entrance, time for lunch on your own...\$29
- **FEB. 12 MON. FLORIDA STATE FAIR in TAMPA**, this is transportation only, admission, food on your own, lots to see & do...\$29
- FEB. 14, WED. CALYPSO QUEEN VALENTINE'S DAYTIME CASUAL, TROPICAL BUFFET CRUISE featuring included Beer, Wine, Rum Punch & soft drinks and a Tropical Style Luncheon Buffet with assorted salads, chicken, pork, beef, fish and pasta, rice, vegetables, bread & dessert. See the beautiful sights of Clearwater Harbor on this smooth, inland water cruise with Captain's live sightseeing narration...\$89
- <u>FEB. 17, SAT.</u> "ELVIS A MUSICAL REVOLUTION" at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theater in Fort Myers, Matinee show w/buffet lunch & cash bar. "This official Elvis Presley bio-musical takes a closer look at the rock star and cultural icon whose impact shaped the history of music. Spanning from his childhood in Tupelo, to his triumphant 1968 "Comeback Special" and his ascent to be "The King." You'll hear iconic hits including All Shook Up, Heartbreak Hotel, Burning Love, Hound Dog, Don't Be Cruel, Jailhouse Rock, Blue Suede Shoes and more!"...\$149
- <u>FEB. 17, SAT.</u> "RUN FOR YOUR WIFE" at the Off-Broadway Palm Dinner Theater in Fort Myers, Matinee show w/buffet lunch & cash bar. "The hysterical Ray Cooney farce about London cab driver John Smith who has two separate lives, complete with two wives, He keeps his two lives separate by spending the morning with one wife and the evening with the other. Hilarity ensues when he is mugged and the Police return him to the wrong home at the wrong time."...139
- **FEB. 17, SAT. FLEAMASTERS in Fort Myers** You'll find over 900 unique stores with new & vintage art, jewelry, crafts & more! Twenty different food stands (lunch on your own) as well as an abundance of fruits & vegetables...\$75
- FEB. 22, THURS. LUNCH BUNCH with TODD at SHELL'S SEAFOOD in TAMPA...\$75
- <u>FEB. 27, TUES.</u> **MYSTERY TOUR** Come along and enjoy a fun activity (not too active), plus a delicious lunch included too...\$99

**FEB. 29, THURS.** – Leap Day at <u>Cirque du Soleil BAZZAR</u> at Tropicana Field at 7:30 PM "This extravaganza is an eclectic lab of endless invention where a joyous troupe of acrobats, dancers and musicians create an awe-inspiring display...\$79/\$99

# 2 DAYS AND LONGER TOURS/MULTI-DAY TOURS

CALL OR STOP BY FOR YOUR BROCHURE WITH ALL OF THE EXCITING DETAILS FOR THESE TOURS! DEC. 10, 6 DAY - COUNTRY CHRISTMAS at GAYLORD OPRYLAND RESORT NASHVILLE!...\$1369\*/\$1817 W/L

<u>DEC 25, 3 DAY</u> – A TROPICAL CHRISTMAS Includes: 6 Meals (2B, 2L, 2D) PLUS, two night's hotel accommodations at the Holiday Inn Express in Fort Myers with a full, hot buffet breakfast, included daily, Broadway Palm Dinner Theater for Christmas dinner and "ELF, THE MUSICAL", a musical comedy based on the popular film, BABCOCK WILDERNESS with lunch included! Dinner is included at Cracker Barrel. Includes an Amish buffet midday meal at **Der Dutchman** in Sarasota...\$569\*/\$671

<u>DEC. 30, 3 DAY</u> – SPECTACULAR NEW YEARS EVE Inc. 5 meals (2B. 2L, 1D), 2 nts. Holiday Inn Express Ft. Myers, visit Fisherman's Village, Peace River Botanical Gardens, visit Headpinz or Gulfcoast Town Center and the highlight of the tour – New Years Eve Dinner, show & Celebration at **Broadway Palm Dinner Theater featuring "Elvis – a Musical Revolution"**, plus a narrated cruise in Naples with at the **Riverwalk Restaurant**, lunch at Hot Pot Korean BBQ & Shell Factory too!......\$669\*/\$779

JANUARY 28, 4 DAY - KEY WEST, THE EVERGLADES & MIAMI Incl. 3 nt accommodations at Best Western Plus, Kendall, an airboat ride and Alligator & Wildlife Show in the Everglades plus a visit to the Ranger Station & Welcome Center in the Everglades! Plus a full day of touring the Keys and Key West made easier with the free Duvall Loop bus service in Key West! Plus a day in Miami including the Island Queen Boat tour, Millionaires Row, and Bayside Marketplace A great little get-away for you!....\$719\*/\$959 FEBRUARY. 6, 2 DAY - HAWAIIAN SPACE ADVENTURE, featuring Kennedy Space Center and an authentic Luau Show and Dinner. A fantastic 2-hour authentic Hawaiian Luau, experience with a Lei welcome, lunch stop (on your own) at the lovely Volusia Mall. Group tour of Daytona International Speedway and Motorsports Hall of Fame, Full Day at Kennedy Space Center, Also, our hotel for this adventure is the Hampton Inn Daytona in Daytona Beach with an included breakfast......\$429\*/\$499

FEB. 13, 3 DAY - AMELIA ISLAND/FERNANDINA BEACH VALENTINE'S ADVENTURE 2 nts. Hampton Inn Harbor Front with hot breakfast included each morning, Guided Historic tour, Beach Creek Boat Tour near Cumberland Island (we may see the Wild Horses), quaint town with great shopping, dining & more at your leisure......\$479\*/\$619

MARCH 14, 5 DAY – MACON CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL Incl. 7 meals (4B, 3D) 2 nt. stay (Hilton Garden Inn) in Macon during Cherry Blossom Festival with 100 times more Cherry Blossom trees than Washington DC!, with guided tour and visit to the Hay House, two Drury Inn nights (Atlanta Airport & Valdosta). Each area we visit will be in full bloom with flowers indigenous to that region. Plus a day at world famous ZooAtlanta to see the Pandas (while they are still here) and much more!...\$979\*/\$1299

MAY 20, 4 DAY – SPRINGTIME IN SAVANNAH 3 NTS. at Brand New Drury Plaza Savannah/Pooler plus a day with local guide and lunch at the Pirate's House and museum/historic home visits and a luncheon cruise on the Savannah River & more.......\$719\*/\$899

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