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### NOTES FOR TRAVEL CLUB MEMBERS:

>>> Please note **NEW location information** on the upcoming **Travel Club 1:30 PM meeting below and NEW TIME for Freedom Square meeting will now be held at 10:00 AM.**

The next **Monthly Travel Club Meeting** on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> is held at **FREEDOM SQUARE Roskamp Auditorium at 10901 Johnson Blvd. Seminole FL 33772 at 10:00 AM & SUPER BUFFET at 1:30 PM in Rutland Plaza Shopping Center at 1035 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave N St. Petersburg FL 33702 ON WED. Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>** 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](http://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** as well as parking/pickup for all tours at **Tyrone Gardens** location at the corner of 58<sup>th</sup> St & 9<sup>th</sup> Ave N. in St. Petersburg.

### SEPTEMBER 2024

**SEPT. 28, SAT. – BEARADISE RANCH** - "Bearadise Ranch" in Myakka City is home to the famous Welde family bears. Established in 1926 to educate and generate public awareness for habitat preservation and conservation for all bear species. Educational presentations are part of the tour offering plenty of photographic opportunities for the nature lover or bear enthusiast. You'll have a great time watching and learning about these talented bears. **Lunch is included** here...\$99

**SEPT. 28, SAT. - BIG CAT HABITAT** – Big Cat Habitat Conservation and Education Center is a diverse zoological park located just minutes from historic downtown Sarasota. On a lovely setting of 20+ acres they've welcomed over 50,000 visitors to encounter, experience and fall in love with over 350 animals spanning more than 60 different species. Be sure to check the schedule for animal presentations and opportunities to interact with an animal (for a small fee). Lunch available at Big Cat Bistro (on your own)...\$99

**SEPT. 29, 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...\$154

**SEPT. 29, SUN. - CENTRAL FLORIDA ZOO & BOTANICAL GARDENS** - Treat yourself to a day at one of the wildest places to visit in Central Florida. Your visit to the Zoo will introduce you to a variety of animals, including some of the rarest and most endangered species on the planet. From watching our greater one-horned Indian rhinoceros relax in his pool to feeding a giraffe and seeing snakes slithering up close (if you wish), discover many magnificent creatures during your visit to the Zoo! (food on your own)....\$99

### OCTOBER 2024

**OCT. 2, WED. – NHL Preseason Hockey – LIGHTNING vs NHL Champion PANTHERS at AMALIE ARENA in TAMPA...\$109** **OCT. 5, SAT. – "CHICAGO" at Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater, Matinee Show in Hudson** This matinee show includes a delicious buffet lunch and a served dessert, as well as a cash bar. "Set amidst the razzle-dazzle decadence of the 1920s, CHICAGO is still the one musical with everything that makes Broadway shimmy-shake: a universal tale of fame, fortune, and all that jazz, with one show stopping song after another and the most astonishing dancing you've ever seen. No wonder CHICAGO has been honored with 6 Tony Awards, a Grammy® and thousands of standing ovations. Whether you've seen the Academy Award®-winning film and want to experience the show live on stage or whether you've seen it before and want to recapture the magic, CHICAGO always delivers." Come along and enjoy a great afternoon of entertainment....\$119

**OCT. 6, SUN. – SHOPPING WITH WENDY in Downtown Venice** Join us for an exciting day of shopping, dining and exploring in downtown Venice! We will be going to W Venice Avenue to check out some shops and get some lunch (on your own). This location is a block west of historic Venice which you can also check out. This day is subject to change if the weather calls for it! There's tons of shopping in Venice so we will switch to a covered area, if needed...\$55

**OCT. 12, SAT. – TAMPA OKTOBERFEST at CURTIS HIXON PARK** Come celebrate with German cheer, dancing & singing, cooler weather and colder beer & food (for purchase) along the Hillsborough River downtown at the Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park...\$59

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**OCT. 13, SUN. – HARD ROCK CASINO TAMPA** – Easy drop-off and pick-up at Casino entrance, time for lunch on your own with many choices available – The Rise (deli, bakery), The Pool Bar (great food & ambiance), Sugar Factory or Brunch at the Rez. The casino now features **Live-Action Roulette and Craps tables** as well as 1000's of **Slot Machines, Poker & Black Jack too!**...\$29

**OCT. 15, TUES. – ST. PETERSBURG'S 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SHINE MURAL FESTIVAL** with stunning large-scale murals and special events recognizing the transformative power of a decade of public art. Join us in a community-wide event honoring the impact of mural art and artists in St. Pete. **w/lunch included at Doc Ford's at the Pier**...\$69

**OCT. 17, THURS. – LUNCH BUNCH with TODD at D'S BREAKFAST & BURGERS in Palmetto** w/breakfast & lunch choices...\$69

**OCT. 20, SUN. – "LIFE & MUSIC of GEORGE MICHAEL" a Stage Show at Van Wezel Hall in Sarasota** The **Life and Music of George Michael** chronicles the amazing journey of George Michael's early music from Wham to his illustrious solo career...\$109

**OCT. 26, SAT. – "MENOPAUSE, THE MUSICAL" at Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater, Matinee Show in Hudson** This matinee show **includes a delicious buffet lunch and a served dessert**. Finally, back, after 7 years! "Embark on a hysterically funny & relatable journey with MENOPAUSE the MUSICAL. Four women at a lingerie sale have nothing in common but a black lace bra and memory loss, hot flashes, and night sweats. This show is packed with catchy tunes from the 60's, 70's & 80's eras, side splitting humor, and empowering moments." Get your friends & enjoy a great afternoon of entertainment. ...\$119

**OCT. 27, SUN. – MT. DORA CRAFT FEST** Ranked the #1 ALL TIME FAVORITE Classic/Contemporary **Craft Festival** in America by Sunshine Artist Magazine. Many artist and crafter booths as well, visit local shops, live music too!...\$79

**OCT. 30, WED. – CROSS BAY FERRY**, includes Ferry from Port of St. Pete to Tampa Channelside area, w/trolley lunch on own...\$59

#### **NOVEMBER 2024**

**NOV. 2, SAT. – LAKE WALES MILES OF YARD SALES with WENDY** On this 39-mile scenic Highway Yard Sale with Five official locations in Lake Hamilton, Dundee, Lake of the Hills, Lake Wales & Frostproof. Enjoy this scenic ride through the countryside with stops featuring multiple sellers as well as a stop for lunch (on your own)...\$79 What will you find?

**NOV. 3, SUN. – INVERNESS FESTIVAL of the ARTS at Courthouse Square** This art festival has been held in Citrus County since 1971 with hundreds of Artists, Live Entertainment and Local Food and drink (on your own)...\$69

**NOV. 6, WED. – CYNDI LAUPER – "Girls Just Want to have Fun Farewell Tour" 8:00 PM** Don't miss this Iconic performer in her farewell tour. You will be moving and grooving to her infectious, fun music including "Girls Just Want to have Fun, Time After Time, True Colors and many more! Our seats are in the 100 Level (lower level)...\$199

**NOV. 7, THURS. – SNOOK HAVEN Legendary Riverside Eatery in Venice.** Come enjoy good food, great barbeque, full cash bar and the **Suncoast Banjo Society**. American music featuring banjos, saxophones, violins, harmonicas, horns & vocals. Enjoy the rustic setting with seating indoors or out. (lunch on your own) ...\$59

**NOV. 9, SAT. – Neil Simon's "BAREFOOT IN THE PARK" at the Off-Broadway Palm Dinner Theater in Fort Myers, Matinee show w/a delicious, complete buffet lunch, with soup and full salad bar + hot entrees & sides + dessert table & cash bar.** "Newlyweds Paul and Corie return from a six-day honeymoon only to be greeted by a surprise visit from Corie's eccentric mother. During dinner with their attic-dwelling neighbor Velasco, they attempt matchmaking where chaos ensues and everything that can go wrong, does go wrong."...\$139

**NOV. 12, TUES. – MANNHEIM STEAMROLLER at the Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg 7:30 PM,** experience the holiday enchantment like never before! This is a magical musical journey as they bring their iconic Christmas tunes to life. A great start to the holiday season with a night of musical splendor. Seats are conveniently located in the Loge level of the theater...\$119

**NOV. 14, THURS. – "BOWIE-SPACE ODDITY" – At The Capital Theater in Clearwater - The Quintessential David Bowie Tribute Experience** is a live, multi-media spectacle that takes you on a musical journey through the constantly evolving career of Rock n Roll's most celebrated innovator. David Brighton & his amazing band deliver a stunning concert event...\$89

**NOV. 16, SAT. – “RAT PACK HOLIDAY SHOW” at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theater in Fort Myers, Matinee show w/a delicious, complete buffet lunch, with soup and full salad bar + hot entrees & sides + dessert table & cash bar.** “Take a trip back to the 1960’s, when the Rat Pack – Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr. & Dean Martin brought fame & recognition to Las Vegas. They reunite on stage to belt out a few classics including *Luck Be A Lady, Lady Is A Tramp & New York New York.*”...\$169

**NOV 18, MON. – MYAKKA ELEPHANT RANCH** This is an educational, up-close experience with elephants. You’ll have an opportunity to touch an elephant and have a photo-op too! Lunch stop on your own at Cracker Barrel in Bradenton. **Must book early, as this experience sells out early and is one of the finest up-close elephant experiences we have ever visited...**\$95



**NOV. 21, THURS. – LUNCH BUNCH with TODD at MILLIE’S in SARASOTA...**\$74

**NOV. 23, SAT. – SHOPPING WITH WENDY** Visit the Ellenton Outlets (lunch on your own) and Detwiler’s Amish Market...\$54

**NOV. 28, THURS. – THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON/SIGHTSEEING CRUISE on the CALYPSO QUEEN** This cruise departs from Clearwater Marina and you’ll enjoy a buffet lunch with your Thanksgiving favorites & beer/wine & soda too!...\$109

**NOV. 30, SAT. – “SUNKICKS HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR” at Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater, Matinee Show in Hudson** This matinee show **includes a delicious buffet lunch and a served dessert.** This dazzling new production features the best mix of today’s holiday hits and timeless Christmas classic sung by Broadway’s best voices and starring the precision kick-line choreography of Florida’s toe-tappin’, dancin’-n-prancin’ SUNKICKS!...\$119

#### **DECEMBER 2024**

**DEC. 1, SUN. – “ANOTHER NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS” at the Off-Broadway Palm Dinner Theater in Fort Myers, Matinee show w/a delicious, complete buffet lunch, with soup and full salad bar + hot entrees & sides + dessert table & cash bar.** “Twas the night before Christmas and ...and there’s a “burglar” in the house, but his eyes twinkled, and his dimples were merry. A cynical social worker is about to have her humbug attitude turned upside down in this charming, musical comedy. You’ll be reminded of the true meaning of Christmas while you laugh ‘til you jiggle like a bowl full of jelly!”...\$139



**DEC. 3, TUES. –MINI HORSES at FALLEN PINE FARMS & a BUFFET LUNCH at DER DUTCHMAN in SARASOTA** Fallen Pine Farm, in Sarasota is home to over 100 Mini Horses on 40 acres, including the #1 Mare and #2 Gelding of the World Miniature Horse Championship Show 2022. Feel free to bring treats for the horses (apples & carrots) if you wish (your lunch is included)...\$89

**DEC. 7, SAT. – SHOPPING with WENDY at UNIVERSITY TOWN CENTER in SARASOTA,** this elevated shopping experience features over 150 stores and restaurants. The main stores are: Macy’s, Dillard’s & Saks Fifth Avenue. Lunch on your own...\$49

**DEC. 7, SAT. – NIK WALLEDA & THE CIRCUS ARTS CONSERVATORY PRESENT “A BRAVE NEW WONDERLAND”** – Through breathtaking performances by artists from diverse backgrounds, captivating narratives, and the shared spirit of Wallenda’s tagline “Never Give Up!” This show promises a blend of thrilling circus acts, mesmerizing aerial performances and uplifting holiday storytelling. Lunch on your own at University Town Center...\$99

**DEC. 8, SUN. – SARASOTA’S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE at First Sarasota Baptist Church.** The choir will assemble in a Christmas Tree formation and sing the Christmas music we all love, the true spirit of Christmas will be in abundance at this event! Lunch on your own at Connor’s Steak & Seafood...\$79 **This event must be booked early, space is limited.**

**DEC. 15, SUN. – Trans-Siberian Orchestra “The Lost Christmas Eve 2024 Winter Tour” at Amalie Arena...**\$TBA

**DEC. 17, TUES. – HOLIDAY LIGHTS TOUR with Dinner at Texas Roadhouse** We’ll first enjoy a delicious dinner followed by a festive Holiday Lights tour, covering several areas including Lake Park Estates...\$79

**DEC. 19, THURS. – LUNCH BUNCH with TODD at REECECLIFF FAMILY DINER in LAKE LAND,** delicious home-style food...\$75

## 2 DAYS AND LONGER TOURS/MULTI-DAY TOURS

CALL OR STOP BY FOR YOUR BROCHURE WITH ALL OF THE EXCITING DETAILS FOR THESE TOURS!

**OCT. 20, 6 DAY – FALL FOLIAGE/DOLLYWOOD In the Smoky Mountains** Includes: 9 meals (5B, 4D), tour the **Great Smoky Mountain National Park** with scenic stops at **Newfound Gap, Sugarland Visitors Center** & more, 3 nights in **Sevierville**, at the highly rated hotel - **The Inn at Apple Valley** as well as **first night at Drury Inn Atlanta Airport & last night at Drury Inn Valdosta GA**, dinner included at **Applewood Farmhouse, The Soul of Motown Show**, visit nearby **Gatlinburg** with free time in town with time for lunch on your own. Enjoy a long-time favorite Dinner Show **"The Hatfield's & McCoy's"**. Spend a **full day at Dollywood**, with many great shows & activities included. **Dollywood** has won first place **"Golden Ticket Awards"** in **Five categories** in 2023, including **"Best Park" & "Best Guest Experience"** from *Amusement Today!*.....\$1229\*/\$1558

**NOV. 10, 6 DAY – MYRTLE BEACH HOLIDAY Shows Tour! Beautiful, Oceanfront 3 NIGHT STAY AT BEACH COVE RESORT on NORTH MYRTLE BEACH in South Carolina. First & last night at the lovely, new Drury Plaza Savannah/Pooler.** 10 Meals, Our action-packed itinerary includes 3 great dinners and 3 exciting shows! While in Myrtle Beach we'll pay a visit to the downtown area with its Atlantic-front Boardwalk and the historic Bowery where the musical group Alabama got their start. Stroll the boardwalk, ride the 200' Ferris Wheel, if you dare! We'll also visit Broadway at the Beach and Barefoot Landing ...\$1177\*/\$1479

**DEC. 5, 3 DAY – St. Augustine Holiday "Night of Lights" & Christmas Parade** and more!...\$559\*/\$729 **W/L**

**DEC. 9, 3 DAY – St. Augustine Holiday "Night of Lights" Tour** and more!...\$539\*/\$659 **W/L**

**DEC. 15, 6 DAY – "A Country Christmas" at GAYLORD OPRYLAND in NASHVILLE TN** Incl. 10 Meals (5B, 1L, 4D) 3 nts. at **Gaylord Opryland Resort**. Enjoy your time at this magnificent resort, soak in the ambiance of more than a **million twinkling holiday lights!** Also included: General Jackson Showboat Luncheon Cruise, **Grand Ole Opry Christmas Show** & dinner at Paula Deens Kitchen, Nashville Nightlife Dinner Show. 1<sup>st</sup> & last nts. at Drury Inn Morrow GA...\$1439\*/\$1899

**DEC. 25, 3 DAY – 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 **"A CHRISTMAS CAROL - THE MUSICAL"**, a musical comedy based on the story of Ebenezer Scrooge. **NAPLES PRINCESS Luncheon/Sightseeing Cruise** & an Amish buffet midday meal at **Der Dutchman** in Sarasota...\$610\*/\$719

**DEC. 30, 3 DAY – NEW YEAR'S EVE SPECTACULAR! 2025!** Includes: 5 meals (2B, 1L, 2D) Visit the **Naples Zoo w/Florida Panthers** & more! An evening **Holiday Lights Train Ride** at SW Florida Railroad Museum. Bring in the New Year at Broadway Palm Dinner Theater with a delicious Buffet Dinner & **"Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story"** – bring your dancing shoes! Plus an exciting **Lake Okeechobee Airboat ride & barbeque**...\$689\*/\$789

**JAN. 21, 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 **Zoo Miami** and the **Gold Coast Railroad Museum** A great little get-away for you!....\$729\*/\$989

**FEB. 10, 3 DAY – AMELIA ISLAND & FERNANDINA BCH** 2 nts. Hampton Inn Harbor Front with hot breakfast included each morning, Guided Historic tour, Cumberland Coastal Boat Tour near Cumberland Island (we may see the Wild Horses), enjoy this quaint town with great shopping, dining & more within reasonable walking distance at your leisure...\$489\*/\$639

**FEB. 24, 6 DAY – NEW ORLEANS** Incl. 5 nights lodging including **3 consecutive nights in the New Orleans area**, 8 meals (5B, 3D), **guided tour of New Orleans**, Admission/visit to the **National WWII Museum**, **guided tour of a Louisiana Plantation**, admission/visit to **Mardi Gras World** (where the floats are built & stored), relaxing Mississippi Riverboat cruise, enjoy visiting the **Historic New Orleans French Quarter**...\$848\*/\$1078

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