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3 DAYS – December 30, 2024 – January 1, 2025

Includes: 5 meals (2B, 1L, 2D), Visit to the **NAPLES ZOO** with Florida Panthers & More, Evening **Christmas Lights train ride** at the Southwest Florida Railroad Museum, "**Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story**" New Years Eve Show at the **Broadway Palm Dinner Theater**, Plus an exciting **Lake Okeechobee Airboat ride** & Barbecue! And more!!!

Day One – We'll start our day exploring South Florida's highways and visiting the fabulous **Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens**. We'll arrive around 11:00AM to give you time to get lunch and explore one of Florida's most delightful animal attractions!

You can take a ride on the **Primate Expedition Cruise** to visit all the various Ape Islands in the lake, say hello to **Athena**, a rescued **Florida Panther**, Athena's story began in June 2017 when a litter of four kittens was first monitored by National Park Service biologists in Big Cypress National Preserve. Biologists later discovered the mother panther had moved three of the kittens but had left Athena at the original den site when she was just a few weeks old. Following an unfruitful attempt to reunite Athena with her family, the decision was made to remove her from the wild.



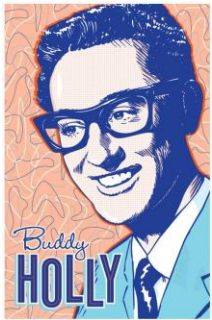
After a great day visiting the animals, we'll motor over to our home for the next two nights, **Holiday Inn Express Ft. Myers**. This hotel features a full breakfast buffet with hot and cold items including delicious, fresh baked cinnamon rolls and much more. You'll experience modern comfort at this new Holiday Inn Express. Spacious rooms have comfortable seating and a well-lit desk. Equipped with a microwave, fridge, in-room safe and a Kuerig coffee maker. The above bed lighting provides a nice ambiance while enjoying a program on the 50-inch smart TV. Enjoy the sparkling outdoor swimming pool and fully equipped fitness center during your stay!

After **dinner** at the fantastic **Farmers Market Restaurant** (included) we'll finish the day with a visit to beautiful **Lakes Park** and get a chance to check out the Railroad Museum of South Florida and take a ride on the incredibly popular **Christmas Lights Train Ride** around the park! It's a one-mile miniature train ride through model 1950s neighborhood, over a trestle bridge and through a 100-foot tunnel all decorated with thousands of sparkling Christmas lights! After our exciting first day it's back to the Holiday Inn Express for a good night's sleep.



Day Two – Today will be a relaxing day taking sights around Fort Myers. After a delicious breakfast we'll drive over to Manatee Park for good viewing of Florida's favorite cetaceans!

Manatee Park is a non-captive warm water refuge for the Florida Manatee. Optimum viewing months are late December, January, and February when the gulf temperature is below 68F. Manatees are generally not present during the warm summer months. After our trip to say Hi to the Manatees we'll go for a delightful lunch (on your own) at Mel's Diner! **LOCALLY OWNED, FAMILY-FRIENDLY!** Mel's Diner of Fort Myers, Florida is a favorite among locals and visitors, and we have been for over 35 years! Winners of many Best of Awards through the years, Mel's Diner is locally owned and operated. After enjoying a great lunch we'll give you a few choices, A peaceful afternoon back at the hotel, enjoy the pool or other amenities, a chance to do a little shopping at Gulf Coast Town Center with all its fantastic shops, or an afternoon enjoying the activities at Headpinz! Headpinz in Fort Myers is a popular entertainment venue offering a range of activities including bowling, arcade games, laser tag, axe throwing and more. We'll collect everybody by mid afternoon to get you some time to relax before this evening's festivities. We'll be ringing in the New Year with the toe-tapping show "Buddy - The Buddy Holly Story" at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theater! The theater will provide



an excellent buffet dinner, desserts, hors d'oeuvres, Champagne and new years noisemakers to celebrate at midnight! More than 50 years after "the music died", the story of this true rock and roll icon comes to life in this musical journey through Buddy's impressive rise to fame. Buddy's original sound and dazzling talent are highlighted with live renditions of his greatest hits. You'll be dancing in the aisles and cheering for more when you hear over 20 Buddy Holly hits including Maybe Baby, Every Day, Peggy Sue, That'll be the Day, Oh Boy, Rave On plus Ritchie Valens' La Bamba and The Big Boppers' Chantilly Lace. After ringing in the New Year, we'll go back to our Holiday Inn Express to get another great night's sleep!

Day Three – Time to wake up! It's a whole new year! Let's start it with a bang! We're going to drive over to Lake Okeechobee and have an enjoyable barbecue (included) and airboat ride! We'll cruise the edges of Lake Okeechobee watching for eagles, gators, snakes, and all the other Florida wildlife the everglades are famous for! After lunch we'll start driving back home and get ready to have a fantastic 2025!



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