



Tours & Tournoc

ST. PETERSBURG MUSEUMS WITH HISTORIC VINOY LUNCH

THURSDAY: OCTOBER 13th, 2011

Price: \$138.00 Per Person
Maximum: 100 People
Departure: 8:45 am Meet in the Marriott Hotel Lobby
9:00 am – 3:45/4:00 pm Deluxe Motor Coach, Destination Tampa Bay Guide, Admissions to the Dali Museum, Museum of Fine Arts, the Chihuly Gallery and lunch at Vinoy Resort.

St. Petersburg, once declared “America’s healthiest place to live” is the home of many treasures both historic and artistic. The city, named after St. Petersburg, Russia developed as a major resort area of the state and holds the Guinness World Book record of 768 days of consecutive sunshine.

Of the many cultural experiences on this tour, a highlight is the stop at the famous Salvador Dali Museum. Here you will see the largest collection of Dali’s work in North America. A docent will explain how and when the collection arrived in St. Petersburg and describe some interesting anecdotes about the paintings, Dali’s life and the influences on his work.

The Museum of Fine Arts is also on this tour and is one of the most beautiful museums in the Southeast. Among the major European artists represented in the museum are Cezanne, Monet, Morisot, Gauguin, Renoir and Rodin. Among the American artists represented are Whistler, Inness, Bellows and O’Keefe. There are 4,000 objects extending from antiquity to the present day, including Steuben glass, Asian art and pre-Columbian pieces.

We will also explore the brand new Chihuly Gallery at the Morean Arts Center. At this time the finalization of the 6 million dollar collection has not been determined, however Dale Chihuly himself is involved in the design and development of the display areas so as to insure a fantastic experience.

In between visits we will travel to the very beautiful and historic Renaissance Vinoy Resort, where we will have lunch in the upscale but comfortable Marchand’s Bar and Grill. Lunch includes your choice of one item from each of the following courses as well as coffee, sodas or iced tea.

Advisory: Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring money in case you’d like to shop in the museum shops.

First Course

*Creamy Cauliflower Soup
Raclette, Sage Oil,
or Clam Chowder Chorizo
with celery seed cracker*

Second Course

*Baby Greens with Maple
Roasted Pears, Bleu Cheese
Champagne Vinaigrette
or Classic Caesar Salad*

Entrée

*Hanger Steak & Black-Eyed Pea
Chili Porter Cheese Fondue
or Grilled Salmon Salad with
Braised Beluga Lentil Salad
Pinot Noir Vinaigrette
or Grilled Chicken Breast
Crayfish Mac & Cheese,
“Matignon” of Root Vegetables.*



Dale Chihuly
Mille Fiori (detail), 2010
10 1/2 x 33 1/2 x 10 1/2"
Chihuly Collection presented by Morean Arts Center
St. Petersburg, FL
Photo by Terry Rishel

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VIP TAMPA BAY ECO CRUISE WITH LUNCH AND TICKETS TO THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13TH 2011

Price: \$159.00 Per Person
Maximum: 36 People
Departure: 11:15am Meet in the Marriott Hotel Lobby
11:30 – 2:30 pm Eco Cruise With Lunch &
Florida Aquarium Ticket



To begin this fantastic voyage you will meet in the Marriott Hotel Lobby where you will be greeted by a DESTINATION TAMPA BAY Guide. The Guide will lead you out the back of the hotel for a special pick up from the hotel dock. We will begin our excursion on board the Bay Spirit with a wonderful lunch, including a Caesar salad with grilled chicken; rolls with butter; coffee, tea and ice water; and a special dessert.

Tampa Bay is home to more than 580 bottlenose dolphins and is one of the best places in Florida to see many different species of birds, endangered manatees and other wildlife. All of this wildlife thrives in a working, deepwater port, one of the busiest in the Southern United States. Jacques Cousteau said, "For most of history, man has had to fight with nature to survive: in this century he is beginning to realize that, in order to survive, he must PROTECT it." During your cruise, a Guide will educate you about the local wildlife in the bay and how important the bay is to the city, county and entire state of Florida.

After the cruise, you will be dropped back off at the Marriott's docking area, from which you may go to the Florida Aquarium on your own.

Advisory: Wear comfortable shoes and clothing. You may want a camera, sunscreen and money to shop in the museum store and its café.

GOLF at BAY PALMS, MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13TH 2011

Price: \$65 – Box lunch included
Departure: 11:30 am Meet in Marriott Hotel Lobby
1:00 Shot Gun Start
6:00 Return to Marriott
NO CARS will be admitted on the base.

NO CARS will be admitted at MacDill Air Force Base. You MUST ride the bus. The beautiful Bay Palms Golf complex was named the "Best Golf Program in the Air Force" for 2002. The tropical climate and wonderful surroundings make the two 18-hole, par 72 courses a golfers' paradise. This is a unique opportunity to play this historic and challenging golf course with many holes near or adjacent to and with great views of the bay.



Attire: Standard golf attire is required and golf shoes with soft spikes or flat-soled tennis shoes. No private coolers allowed. For club rental or other questions please call the pro shop at 813-840-6904.



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FLORA, FAUNA and HISTORY TOPPED WITH HIGH TEA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14th 2011

Price: \$104.00 Per Person
Maximum: 53 People
Departure: 9:00am Meet in the Marriott Hotel lobby
9:15am – 3:15pm Deluxe Motor Coach, Destination Tampa Bay Guide, Admission to the H.B. Plant Museum, the tour at the Florida Botanical Gardens, catered private High Tea at the Verandah in the University of Tampa.

After a scenic drive across Tampa Bay you will arrive at the Florida Botanical Gardens, which will inspire and educate its visitors by showcasing flora, fauna, and natural resources in motivational surroundings that promote environmentally friendly techniques. This local treasure includes more than 30 acres of cultivated gardens and 90 acres of natural areas. You can expect to see a variety of plants and flowers in bloom, such as Wild Olive, Plumbago, Pink Trumpet Tree, Frangipani, Lucky Nut, Crown of Thorns, Bird of Paradise, Hibiscus and Powder Puff...to name a few! The Guide will give you a tour and then you'll be on your own to enjoy the gardens further.

After visiting the gift shop at the Gardens, we will return to Tampa for a catered High Tea upon the Verandah of the Old Tampa Bay Hotel overlooking the Hillsborough River and the downtown Tampa skyline. Here you will enjoy a variety of lovely finger sandwiches, delicious scones, and a great sampling of wonderful teas. Pinkies up!

Following Tea, you will be transported to the Victorian era as you stroll through the incredible lavishly furnished rooms of the H. B. Plant Museum located on the University of Tampa Campus in the former Tampa Bay Hotel. The hotel was built by Henry B. Plant in 1891 as a palatial winter resort. "When you're building a railroad to nowhere...how do you make the journey worthwhile? You construct the most magnificent hotel of its day, then fill it with treasures from around the world." And that is exactly what Mr. Plant did, personally financing the staggering 2.5 million dollars to build it and another half a million dollars to furnish it. Each of its 511 rooms had electricity and a telephone, a first in Florida. This magnificent structure, with its eye catching silver minarets, was modeled after the Alhambra Palace in Granada, Spain and is on the National Register of Historic Places. Enjoy!

Advisory: Comfortable walking shoes and money for the gift shops.





SARASOTA'S RINGLING ESTATE WITH LUNCH AT TREVISO

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14th 2011

Price: \$121.00 Per Person
Maximum: 100 People
Departure: 8:45am Meet in the Marriott Hotel Lobby
9:00am – 3:45/4:00pm Deluxe Motor Coach, Destination Tampa Bay Guide, Admissions to the museums, mansion, grounds and parks & lunch at Treviso.

This tour has it all, a world class art collection, the mansion Ca d'Zan which was the winter residence of John and Mable Ringling (of the famous circus Ringling Brothers), lush parks and formal gardens and several museums. All of this was built on the 20 waterfront acres that John bought in 1911, and was always intended for the Ringlings to enjoy during their lifetime, but once they passed on, for all Floridians forever after.

The mansion is Venetian Gothic in style and has 30 rooms which are all lavishly decorated with art and sculpture from around the world. You can wander the mansion after your fabulous lunch in the restaurant Treviso, named for the Italian province in Asolo. Lunch will include your choice of appetizer, sandwich, coffee or tea and dessert.

In all, you will be led by a Destination Tampa Bay Guide to the Ringling Ca d'Zan Museum and The Ringling Circus Museum. A special art docent will guide you through the Museum of Art where among some of the finest sculpture is included a bronze cast of Michelangelo's "DAVID". Enjoy!

Advisory: Wear comfortable shoes, bring your camera (for outdoor pictures) and money for the wonderful gift shop.



Courtesy of The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, the State Art Museum of Florida

Appetizer

Chef's choice Soup of the Day or Treviso Salad—baby greens, reggiano cheese, tomatoes, endive & house balsamic dressing

Sandwiches

French Dip—thin sliced roast beef, provolone cheese on a sourdough roll, au jus or Grilled Gulf Grouper Sandwich—lettuce tomato & onion, chipotle remoulade or Grilled Portobello wrap—yellow tomato, avocado, roasted peppers, grilled Portobello mushrooms & spinach, creamy herb dressing, wrapped in a tomato tortilla

Dessert

Pannettone Bread Pudding— with fresh blueberries and vanilla bean sauce.

Please note that this is a sampling menu and may be altered due to product availability.

NCBJ FINAL NIGHT DINNER FEATURING:

Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons

Frankie Valli – a true American pop music icon. His incredible career as a solo artist and with the Four Seasons has produced 19 top ten hits and sold over 100 million records world wide. He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1990 and named longevity champ of the rock era by Billboard Magazine.

Frankie started singing doo-wop on the street corners of Newark and soon joined Nick Massi and Tommy DeVito in performing with their Variety Trio. Then began an association with songwriter Bob Gaudio and their relationship has continued for nearly forty years. Frankie Valli and Bob Gaudio began a lifelong handshake partnership.

“Sherry” was written in about 15 minutes and after performing “Sherry” on American Bandstand Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons were catapulted into rock and roll superstardom.

Come hear some of the greatest hits like “Sherry”, “Big Girls Don’t Cry”, “Walk Like a Man”, “Rag Doll”, “Oh What a Night”, “Can’t take my Eyes Off Of You” and more.

