

PALM BEACH A's CLEWISTON SUPER TOUR TRIP

Friday, January 26 - Sunday, January 28, 2024

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Friday:

1. Meet at Clewiston Historical Museum at 10:00 a.m. (Tour at your own pace.)
<https://www.theclewistonmuseum.org/>
2. Travel to LaBelle for lunch at the historical Forrey Grill. <https://forreygrill.com/>
(It's a 25-30 minute drive from the museum)
3. Tour the River Forest Yachting Center in Moore Haven. <https://riverforestyc.com/>
4. Dinner at the hotel.

Saturday:

1. Tour of Gatorama in Palmdale followed by lunch (to be determined).
<https://www.gatorama.com/>
2. Dinner at RiverFront Grille in Moore Haven. <https://www.theriverfrontgrill.com/>

Sunday:

1. Sugar Express shop tour at 9 a.m. Sugar Express Steam train ride to Moore Haven
10 - 12 p.m. \$48 fee per person (15% discount with a group.) <https://sugarexpress.com/>
2. Lunch at Roland Martin Marina in Clewiston <https://www.rolandmartinmarina.com/>
3. Head home.

There are a block of 20 hotel rooms reserved at the Holiday Inn Express. 16 of the rooms have been booked so far, but Dr. Dave can get more rooms in groups of 5. Breakfast is included. 24-hour cancellation policy. \$179 per night. Discounted rate ends December 1st. Call 863-983-5100 and ask to book in PBA's block. Dave said you need not be concerned about safety. You can come for the day or the weekend. The Fort Myers Model A Club is also invited.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES CLEWISTON

1024 West Sugarland Highway, Clewiston, FL 33440

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****YOU MUST RSVP TO KAREN KLOTZ. I will be the point of contact for Gold Coast to Dr. Dave Carlson as he is dealing with 3 separate clubs.**

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FRIDAY:

Start the day with a visit to the Clewiston Historical Museum where you will see remains of creatures that walked or swam along Rt 80 millions of years ago. Gold and treasure from South America were discovered in the Glades. There is a display of Native American and Clewiston history. During WWII, the Royal Air Force trained nearby. US Sugar sponsors a video of their industry. A short drive to LaBelle will take us to the Forrey Grill which is on the National Register of Historic Places. The history of the building and restaurant started in 1880! After lunch we will drive to the River Forest Yachting Center just east of the Ortona Locks on the Caloosahatchee River. This facility has indoor and outdoor storage, and a covered service/maintenance area for boats weighing up to 82 tons! Driving back to the hotel through Moore Haven we will relax with pizza and brew.

SATURDAY:

After breakfast at the hotel, we will drive to Palmdale and visit Gatorama. This is one of the last "Old Florida" roadside family-owned attractions. It is a working gator farm but has much more, including gators, crocs, bobcats, monkeys, peacocks and pythons. After sampling some gator, you may want to purchase some of the local meat! There will probably be time for some "Retail Therapy" on the way back. Dinner will be at the RiverFront Grill along the shores of the Caloosahatchee River.

SUNDAY:

Ending the weekend, we will have a tour starting at 9 AM at the restoration shop for the US Sugar Steam Locomotive No. 148. This is a 4-6-2 working steam engine built in 1920 and used by the Florida East Coast Railway. It traveled the "Overseas Highway" to Key West until the great hurricane destroyed what Flagler built. US Sugar has restored this train (literally a huge job) and put it back into service. At 10 AM, we will depart on the train for a ride to Moore Haven. The train returns to Clewiston at noon - just in time for a lunch at Roland Martin's Marina. The shrimp tacos are famous. Then it is rubber to the road to return home.