

Great Florida Circle November 6-14, 2021 9 Days

DAY 1 GEORGIA: Today we depart for our Florida Circle Tour. The first night is spent in Georgia.

DAY 2 HOMOSASSA SPRINGS / CLEARWATER BEACH: Today we continue south, motoring on down the west side of Florida to Homosassa Springs where we take a boat ride through Florida's most natural attraction. We see wildlife of all kinds: waterfowl, alligators, hippo's, sea lions, monkey's, deer, flamingo's and manatees. We can walk under the water into a large observatory where we can see thousands of fresh and salt water fish mingling together. Driving farther south, we arrive in Clearwater Beach, Florida for the night (B)

DAY 3 SARASOTA / FT MYERS: We board our motorcoach to continue south to Tampa then on to Sarasota, where we visit John Ringling's 31-room, million dollar Venetian Gothic mansion, patterned after the Doge's Palace in Venice, Italy. We also visit the Ringling Art Museum where we see one of the most distinguished collections of Baroque Art in the western hemisphere. We continue to Ft Myers to visit Thomas Edison's Riverfront Estate, where Edison spent most of his adult life. Many of his inventions are on display, along with memento's and a chemical laboratory. Also found here is the first modern swimming pool in the state and a beautiful tropical botanical garden. We overnight in Ft. Myers. (B)

DAY 4 NAPLES BOAT RIDE / KEY WEST: This morning we board our motorcoach and depart for Naples. Arriving in Naples at the Tin City where we will have a narrated sightseeing cruise of Naples Bay. You will enjoy views

of mangrove-lined islands as well as dolphins, manatees and such birds as bald eagles and pelicans. Following the cruise you will have time to shop and have lunch on your own in the Tin City. Leaving Naples we cut across the Everglades, the largest remaining subtropical wilderness in the nation. Over two million acres of land and water, it is home for millions of sea birds and water fowl. By afternoon we reach the Florida Keys and spend the balance of the evening driving more than 100 miles of islands and bridges. We spend the next two nights in Key West, Florida, the southern most point of the United States. (B)

DAY 5 OLD TOWN TROLLEY TOUR / SHOPPING: This morning we see Key West on the Old Town Trolley Tour. This is a 14-mile tour including an informative description of points of interest of old and new Key West. This afternoon is free to shop, sightsee, soak up some sunshine, go fishing, or just do what you would like. (B)

DAY 6 FT LAUDERDALE / JUNGLE QUEEN / DINNER: Today we depart our hotel and drive north toward Ft Lauderdale, where we will check into our hotel and freshen up. Tonight we will board the Jungle Queen Riverboat. We cruise up the New River to the Jungle Queen's own Tropical Island. Once we arrive we will get off the boat and be directed to a uniquely different dining room where a delicious dinner of "Bar-B-Q Chicken and Shrimp" and all the trimmings have been prepared. The highlight of the evening will be a hilarious variety show before we cruise back down the river. (B,D)

DAY 7 KENNEDY SPACE CENTER / ST AUGUSTINE: This morning we board our motorcoach and travel up the eastern coast of Florida to Titusville for lunch on your own. Following lunch we arrive at the Kennedy Space Center and Cape Canaveral Air Station. This is the Country's center of space operations. The 140,000-acre center is the home of the Atlantis, Discovery and Endeavour space shuttles. Departing Cape Canaveral we travel up the eastern coast of Florida to St Augustine for the night. (B)

DAY 8 TRAM TOUR OF ST AUGUSTINE / VALDOSTA / DINNER: Today

we wake up in St Augustine, Florida. Still preserving strong evidence of its Spanish origin; the old city is being restored to a likeness of its Colonial days. This morning we take a tram tour of St Augustine. Following the tour you will have time to shop and have lunch on your own in this historic town. Then we trek northward leaving Florida and travel into Georgia where we spend the last night and enjoy a farewell group dinner included this evening. (B,D)

DAY 9 HOME: Our bags are packed for the last time and today we make our way back home. (B)

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