



Winter Week in The Villages

9 Days February 15-23, 2026

Come visit two Florida Retirement Spots. The Plantation on Crystal River is an eco-friendly resort where you can swim with the Manatees and The Villages, America's Largest Golf Cart Community – here you have your own golf cart and free evenings to explore. There is live music and dancing every night in the town squares.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Two Nights at the Plantation on Crystal River
 - Scenic Narrated River Cruise
 - Afternoon for Resort Activities
- Four Nights Lodging in The Villages
 - Guided Orientation Trolley Tour
 - Four Days of Golf Cart Rentals
 - Free Evenings
 - Silver Springs Nature's Theme Park
 - Gypsy Gold Horse Farm
 - Appleton Museum of Art
 - Orange Blossom Opry Show
- Eight Nights Lodging
- Eight Breakfasts & Two Dinners
- Luggage Handling (as available)
- All Taxes & Tips on these services
- Motorcoach Transportation
- *Itinerary Subject To Change*

PER PERSON PRICES

\$1,895 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$2,595 SINGLE OCCUPANCY

\$200 per person deposit due with reservation

Final Payment due by December 26, 2025

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Day 1 – Chattanooga, TN – Today, travel takes you to Chattanooga, TN for the night. Dinner is on your own this evening.

Day 2 – Crystal River, FL - Plantation at Crystal River – Travel continues today to Crystal River, FL where you enjoy a two-night stay at the Plantation at Crystal River. This beautiful 50-year-old, 232-acre eco-friendly resort offers comfortable accommodations, a full-service spa, and is surrounded by the natural springs of Kings Bay. This bay in Crystal River is one of the largest aquifers in the state and home to more than 400 West Indian manatees that migrate each year to the warmth of the springs. Dinner is included at the resort this evening. **(B,D)**

Day 3 - Scenic River Cruise – Afternoon Resort Activities -

After breakfast at the hotel, your morning starts with a scenic narrated river cruise. Explore water in King's Bay, which is home to over 41 named springs such as the crown jewel of the Crystal River National Refuge, Three Sisters Springs. The bay is also home to the Florida West Manatee. Even in the summer there can be as many as 50-70 manatees in the bay. In the winter there can be up to 600!!

The afternoon is yours to discover what activities Crystal River has to offer. There are a variety of fishing, boating, watersports, and nature-based experiences off and onshore. There is also a golf course and full-service spa available. Dinner will be included again this evening at the hotel's restaurants. **(B, D)**

Day 4 – The Villages – Guide Tour of The Villages – Four Day of Golf Car Rental – Free Evening – This morning after breakfast, depart for The Villages, America's friendliest, and most active retirement community. For those who aren't ready to retire here, this is a wonderful vacation experience. Everything a mature adult could possibly want, need, or dream of doing is just a golf cart ride away.

On arrival, your group will take a trolley tour with a step on guide. It will provide you with a thorough orientation to this city of over 100,000 (age 55+). From the trolley you will see and learn about each of the Town Squares, and about the requirements of residency, plus you'll see the recreation opportunities available to you in the days to come.

When the Trolley Tour ends, you will pick up your Golf Car. One Golf Car per room. Golf Cars come standard with a roof, rain enclosure, headlights, directional signals and the 1st tank of gas free. The Villages have separate (safe from automobiles) golf car roads. (Note: Golf Cars are gas powered with a range of about 200 miles. Rental requirements state that one person in every room must be over the age of 55, and one person per car must have a valid Driver's License.)

Then check into your hotel for a four-night stay. Enjoy a free evening and dinner on your own. You'll discover that shopping and dining are an important part of the Villages lifestyle and there are literally hundreds of shops, boutiques, bistros, nationally known restaurants and stores to choose from scattered around the three Town Squares – all accessible by golf car!

At each Square you find FREE, live music and dancing, modern movie theaters, and a colorful assortment of events and activities. **(B)**

Day 5 - Silver Springs Nature's Theme Park – Free Evening in The Village – After breakfast, travel to Silver Springs Florida. This was one of Florida's first tourist attractions. It is also one of the largest artesian springs in the world, and the park quickly became renowned for the Glass Bottom Boat tour. It provides you a unique vantage point and the experienced Tour Guides will give you an up-close and personal look at Florida's amazingly diverse ecosystem! You have the best seats in the house for viewing wildlife, taking pictures, asking questions, and learning about the lore and history of Silver Springs!

Enjoy a free evening in The Villages. Cruise the streets, park at the Square and listen to live music from inside your carts or dancing by the bandstand. Dinner is on your own. **(B)**

Day 6 - Gypsy Gold Horse Farm – Appleton Museum of Art – Free Evening – After breakfast, travel to Ocala, FL. The area around Ocala is known for Thoroughbred Horse Farms and this morning you travel past many enroute to your tour at the Gypsy Gold Horse Farm. Meet the Gypsy Vanner horses in person, hear the history of the breed from its discovery in Great Britain to its growth in the United States.

This afternoon, visit the Appleton Museum of Art. The Museum has a large collection of European paintings, sculptures and decorative arts and boasts over 18,000 objects. Some of the permanent exhibits you can see are a collection of Florida Artists, an equine art collection that spans over 3,000 years of history as well as Colombian, Asian and African arts.

Your evening in The Villages is again one of fun, food and music. Choose the Town Square that has the music genre you prefer and enjoy yourself. Dinner is on your own this evening. **(B)**

Day 7 - Free Morning – Orange Blossom Opry Matinee – Free Evening - After breakfast, enjoy a leisurely morning to explore The Villages on your own. The afternoon features a matinee show at the "Orange Blossom Opry", they present a variety of musical styles including traditional country, new country, rock and show tunes, plus their own special brand of humor! (Show TBA pending 2026 schedule). Following the show, you will return to The Villages for dinner on your own, relax and enjoy live music at one of the Town Squares. **(B)**

Day 8 - Chattanooga, TN – After breakfast, depart The Villages and travel to Chattanooga, TN for the night. Dinner is on your own this evening. **(B)**

Day 9 - Depart for home - After breakfast at the hotel, depart for home. **(B)**