



ST. PETERSBURG, SARASOTA & TAMPA FEBRUARY 27- MARCH 4, 2019

Join our winter getaway to the **WEST COAST** of **FLORIDA**. Our itinerary is filled with museums, historic landmarks, gardens and the performing arts. Soak up the glorious **GULF OF MEXICO** sunshine in **ST. PETERSBURG, SARASOTA** and **TAMPA**, cities blessed with a fascinating variety of new and old architectural styles. Special highlights of this **EXCURSION** are the **RINGLING MUSEUM** in **SARASOTA** and the exciting **SALVADOR DALI MUSEUM** in **ST. PETERSBURG**. Also on the agenda is a visit to **WINTER PARK** to see the **CHARLES HOSMER MORSE MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART** featuring a world class collection of works by **LEWIS COMFORT TIFFANY**.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27 – Fly to **TAMPA** this morning, Florida's third largest city and first settled by Spanish explorers in the 16th century. Our first stop is the **TAMPA MUSEUM OF ART** whose collections focus on antiquities as well as modern and contemporary art. On view is a special exhibit, **ROBERT INDIANA: A SCULPTURE RETROSPECTIVE**. Lunch is on your own in its charming **RIVERWALK CAFE**. Then we visit the lavish Moorish-style home of railroad magnate **HENRY B. PLANT** and drive past mansions and bungalows in historic **HYDE PARK**. Enjoy coffee and pastries in **YBOR CITY**, Tampa's Cuban quarter, once the cigar capital of the world. Leave the big city behind and travel across the beautiful **SUNSHINE SKYWAY BRIDGE** toward **ST. PETERSBURG**. There we will spend five nights at the comfortable **HAMPTON INN & SUITES**, conveniently located near restaurants and museums. Dinner is included this evening in **ST. PETERSBURG**. (D)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28 – This morning we visit the **MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS** in **ST. PETERSBURG**, It houses extensive and splendid collections of American, European, Asian, Classical and pre-Columbian works of art. Special exhibits on view feature magnificent pieces by 20th century jeweler **JEAN SCHLUMBERGER** and the exquisite pottery of **DAISY MAKEIG JONES**. Later we will have a private tour of the **SALVADOR DALI MUSEUM**, designed by architect **YANN WEYMOUTH** who worked with **I.M. PEI** on the **LOUVRE** and the **NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART** in **WASHINGTON D.C.** This museum contains the world's largest comprehensive collection of this great Surrealist artist. On view at the **DALI** is **MAGRITTE & DALI**, a first ever exhibit dedicated to the world's two most celebrated surrealists. The exhibit was organized in cooperation with the **MAGRITTE MUSEUM** in **BRUSSELS**. Tonight we will head for **ST. PETE BEACH** for an included dinner and sunset over the **GULF OF MEXICO**. (B, D)

OPTIONAL PLANS WILL BE MADE FOR EACH EVENING WHEN DINNER IS NOT INCLUDED.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1 – A full day in **SARASOTA** begins with the **MARIE SELBY BOTANIC GARDENS**, with 20,000 tropical plants including 6000 orchids. The afternoon will be spent at the **JOHN AND MABLE RINGLING MUSEUM OF ART**, where you can enjoy lunch on your own before viewing the museum's collection which includes works by Rubens, Rembrandt, Velazquez and Titian. Walk in Mable Ringling's secluded **ROSE GARDEN** and explore **CA' D'ZAN**, the circus family's former waterfront home restored in 2002. The wonderful **CIRCUS MUSEUM** and historic **ASOLO THEATRE**, the opulent 18th century venue brought to **SARASOTA** in 2006 from Italy, are all part of the offerings at the **RINGLING**. Dinner is included in **SARASOTA** after which our bus will take you back to **ST. PETERSBURG** or you can attend an optional performance of **MOZART'S THE MAGIC FLUTE** at the **SARASOTA OPERA**. (B)

SATURDAY, MARCH 2 - Today is free to relax and enjoy **ST. PETERSBURG**. You could explore the unique shops and galleries downtown with its charming blend of Art Deco, Mediterranean and contemporary styles. You might visit the **FLORIDA HOLOCAUST MUSEUM** or the **SUNKEN GARDENS**, a botanical paradise in the midst of the city or enjoy lunch and shopping at **ST. PETE BEACH**, a mere fifteen minutes from downtown. We have also planned an optional afternoon in **SARASOTA** for lunch on your own in the **DOWNTOWN ARTS DISTRICT**, an area filled with bakeries, cafes and boutiques. This will be followed by a guided architectural tour of the city which will focus on modernist residences and public buildings. Featured are examples from the "**SARASOTA SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE**" active during the 1950s and 1960s and led by architect **PAUL RUDOLPH**. (B,D)

SUNDAY, MARCH 3 – Travel this morning to **WINTER PARK** where lunch is included and a visit to the **CHARLES HOSMER MORSE MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART**. It houses a spectacular collection of works by **LOUIS COMFORT TIFFANY** including artifacts from the artist's Long Island mansion and the chapel he created for the World's Columbian Exhibition of 1893 in Chicago. Also on view is the museum's collections of late 19th century and early 20th century American and European paintings, decorative arts, pottery, Art Nouveau jewelry and Arts and Crafts furniture. Dinner is included this evening upon our return to **ST. PETERSBURG**. (B, L, D)

MONDAY, MARCH 4 - The morning is free in **ST. PETERSBURG** for shopping, browsing and relaxation before returning to the **TAMPA** airport for the return trip to Philadelphia or your home city. Additional nights are available at the **HAMPTON INN AND SUITES** are available upon request. (B)

COST FOR LAND ARRANGEMENTS: \$2075 per person, double occupancy. The single supplement is **\$425**. We will make every effort to find a roommate if you are interested. Airfare is additional. We encourage you to reserve space early to ensure the best possible airfare. **SAVE \$100 IF YOU RESERVE BY NOVEMBER 15. AS ALWAYS, PAST TRAVELERS ON EXTENDED TRIPS FROM 2017 & 2018 WILL RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL \$100 DISCOUNT.**

INCLUDED IN THE LAND PACKAGE: Five nights' accommodations at the **HAMPTON INN & SUITES** in **ST. PETERSBURG**; all transportation for included sightseeing by motor coach, taxi or trolley; guides and entrance fees; four dinners, one lunch; five breakfasts; taxes and gratuities on included items. The trip will be escorted by a representative from **EXCURSIONS FROM THE SQUARE**.

SPACE IS LIMITED TO 25 PARTICIPANTS. To reserve a space, complete the coupon below and mail it with a deposit of \$600 per person to **EXCURSIONS FROM THE SQUARE**, PO Box 2189, Philadelphia, PA 19103. **FINAL PAYMENT** is due by, Monday, January 14, 2019. Full refund for land arrangements may be made up to January 14, 2019 less an administrative fee of **\$600**. Thereafter, the cost of land arrangements is non-refundable. Airline cancellations are subject to penalties imposed by the airline on which you are travelling. Trip cancellation insurance is available from **EXCURSIONS FROM THE SQUARE**.

For more information, call **EXCURSIONS FROM THE SQUARE** at 215/732 8487 ellenkay@prodigy.net www.squaretrips.com

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SINGLE _____ DOUBLE(TWIN)ROOMMATE _____

ENCLOSED IS MY DEPOSIT IN THE AMOUNT OF _____ FOR _____ PERSON(S).

I AM INTERESTED IN ATTENDING *THE MAGIC FLUTE* AT THE SARASOTA OPERA _____