



# Manatees, Mermaids & Marine Life

*Crystal River, Florida, and Beyond, "Manatee Capital of the World"*

***February 19-26, 2022***

*\$1849 Double-----\$2359 Single -----\$1710 Triple-----\$1590 Quad*

*\$150 Per Person Deposit, Final Payment 1/3/22*

*Departures from Fort Wayne and Decatur*

*Are you ready to get away from the cold Midwest weather? Join us in sunny Florida at the Plantation on Crystal River-----Manatee Capital of the World. Manatees are naturally curious and they are as affectionate and playful as a golden retriever. From MID-NOVEMBER through FIRST WEEK OF MARCH, water warmed by Crystal River's natural geothermal springs (constant temp of 72-74 degrees) attracts the largest concentration of manatees in the world. During peak season mid-December through Feb. there as many as 900+ manatees wanting to nuzzle, tickle and show off JUST FOR YOU. Nature lovers will really enjoy this tour.*

### *Attractions*

Plantation Resort History Presentation  
Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park & Manatee Viewing  
Three Sisters Springs, Winter Home of the Manatees – Tram Tour  
Shopping time lunch on own in Heritage Village  
Afternoon cruise Crystal River (with Manatees)  
Wild Bill's Airboat Ride  
Evening sunset cruise to dinner at Crackers and then cruise back to the resort  
Whispering Oaks Winery Tour and BBQ lunch  
Ferris Groves for shopping and tasting  
Weeki Wachee Springs State Park & Mermaid Show  
Shopping time in Tarpon Springs  
Dolphin Cruise in Tarpon Springs  
Seven Nights Lodging, Seven Breakfasts, One Lunch, Six Dinners  
Transportation

Driver & Guide Gratuities Not Included



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*Feb. 72 avg. high-----However, as we know, Mother Nature will do as she pleases. Come prepared for possible rain showers - plus it's always a little cooler on boats. Best suggestion ... bring layers to add or remove accordingly! ☺*

**Day 1 Saturday February 19, 2022**---All Aboard.....Florida Here We Come!!! Morning departures from Fort Wayne and Decatur. Rest stops and lunch break on the way. We will stop for evening in the Cleveland, TN area. Private Jimmy Buffett- style dinner included. Sweet dreams! D

**Day 2 Sunday February 20, 2022**----“On the Road Again”.....late afternoon arrival to the Plantation on Crystal River for a 5-night stay.

*A hidden gem tucked away on Florida's Nature Coast, the Plantation on Crystal River is a beautiful 50-year-old, 232 acre eco-friendly resort offering comfortable accommodations, a full service spa, all the modern amenities, and is surrounded by the natural springs of Kings Bay. **This bay is one of the largest aquifers in the state, and home to hundreds of West Indian manatees that migrate each year to the warmth of the springs.** This beautiful location, excellent dining, and onsite activities promise that there's always a great vacation waiting for you at Plantation on Crystal River!*



Welcome dinner at the resort. If the weather cooperates, we'll be served outside by the Gazebo surrounded by the gorgeous scenery. Following dinner, we'll enjoy a brief introduction to the property by one of the staff. Perhaps you'll choose to take a stroll around the enchanting waterfront before turning in! ~ Sweet dreams! B, D

**Day 3- Monday February 21, 2022**---Following breakfast, board the coach with our guide who will be introducing us to the “CRACKER TOWNS” and explanation. First stop is Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park. Among the many wonderful things to see is an excellent “Manatee Program” – you will love your time here!

*Visitors can see West Indian manatees every day of the year from the park's underwater observatory in the main spring. The park showcases native Florida wildlife, including manatees, black bears, bobcats, white-tailed deer, American alligators, American crocodiles, and river otters. For the Manatee Program, onlookers are seated either in the bleachers overlooking the Fish Bowl underwater observatory, or are presented alongside the in-ground manatee pool at the Manatee Care Center if weather so-dictates. At the Wildlife Encounter programs, snakes and other native animals are featured. The park features a Discovery Center, providing hands-on experiences about Florida's environment.*

Next stop is Three Sisters Springs Visitor's Center and Refuge in Crystal Springs. At the Visitor's Center, board trolleys and ride from the Center to the Springs where docents will narrate as you walk along a horseshoe boardwalk to see the gentle giants in their natural habitat! The vivid turquoise water in the Three Sisters Springs glows and glitters and offers a color impossible to capture on film but it holds the kind of radiant beauty that grips your heart and captures your soul.

*Three Sisters Springs is a world-renowned sanctuary for the West Indian Manatee. This 57-acre refuge provides a 1/4-mile walkway with viewing platforms to observe the springs and native wildlife. Manatee sanctuaries are regulated by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service under the Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge. Their goal is to protect this warm-water habitat for federally threatened Florida manatees when they are most likely to use the warmer spring water to avoid exposure to debilitating cold periods and meet their thermoregulatory needs. There are also nature trails at Three Sisters with views of Kings Bay, Magnolia Springs, Lake Crystal and wetlands.*

Lunch on own and shopping time at Heritage Village. Offering many unique gift and specialty shoppes, a charming Tea Bar 650, Café on the Avenue, plus a full-service restaurant at The River Ranch Bar & Grill (all restaurants are subject to change). All nestled among the canopied Oaks, Palms and Magnolia trees in the historic downtown of Crystal River Florida, on North Citrus Avenue. This Cracker town, still today, carries the reputation of a Fisherman Village from days gone by, so they strive to continue the theme of yesterday with today's creative additions.

Mid-afternoon, enjoy the River Ride at Kings Bay. (Boarding at Crystal planation).

Sail around the Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge and look for local wildlife as your captain shares the history of the area. Manatees, dolphins, otters, and turtles are often spotted in the area. The boat is fully covered for protection from sun and rain.

Depart resort for dinner. The leisurely drive to this evening's restaurant is a beautiful, scenic journey along the Ozello Trail. Bask in the landscape of "Old Florida" with views of saw grass, bridges, and fantastic marshland that is filled with the perfect combination of small islands and saltwater!



Back to resort for some free time to rest and relax.

Dinner is included at Peck's Old Port Cove. You will have choices at time of service of their fresh, specialty seafood entrees with all the trimmings, and also a beef and chicken option for the landlubbers.

Depart and return to the resort. This should be a beautiful drive with the sunsetting. Perhaps you'll want to stroll the grounds under the lights and enjoy one more visit to the Tiki Bar before retiring. B, D

**Day Four– Tuesday February 22, 2022**—After breakfast, we will once again board our bus for another adventure. First stop is Wild Bill's Airboat Tour on the Withlacoochee River.



*Away we go on a thrilling ride down the Withlacoochee River swamps looking for the Florida alligator, plus viewing all its little friends along the way! Tour through the vast unspoiled wilderness of the wetlands on the first airboat tour in Florida that is Coast Guard-approved. Come see why people have said "This is one of the best things I ever did in Florida"!*

Depart for lunch at the Whispering Oaks Winery (lunch included). An Award-Winning Healthier Wine – Creating all wines with the freshest Florida Blueberries. Blueberries are arguably the healthiest fruit, with high antioxidant values.

*Journeying a bit into rural Florida, you will discover sprawling vineyards where a Holland-born, fruit-loving entrepreneur has turned his 58-acre farm into one of the fastest-growing Florida wineries in the state. Since blueberry wine contains more antioxidants than white wines, and even most red wines, the rousing success of this unique output comes as no real surprise, perhaps only to its owner who did not start out to run a winery. Learn the story behind this unique enterprise, and perhaps enjoy a flight or two in the rustic tasting room converted from an old stable. ~Fun Fact: Each bottle of Whispering Oaks blueberry wine is made with a whopping 2.2 lbs. of blueberries, no water added.*

Following lunch experience a touch of "Old Florida" at Ferris Groves

*This is one of those places that still looks like the Florida most of us remember from our childhoods. In 1931, L.G. "Doc" Ferris began planting citrus trees in the rich, hammock soil of Duval Island, in historic Floral City, Florida. The trees took root in the fertile ground, and for 75 years, the land has produced all varieties of Florida's finest citrus. Group members can purchase fresh fruit or order fruit, so that it reaches your homes by the time you return*

Departure for the resort. MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR FREE DAY TOMORROW.

This evening the boat cruise from property and enjoy a sunset cruise to dinner and back!!!!

Dinner this evening at Cracker's Restaurant, a "local favorite". If Mother Nature cooperates, we may be able to eat outside on the back deck with captivating views of beautiful Kings Bay.

When we are finished, the boat will take everyone back to the Resort. B, L, D

Day Five– Wednesday February 23, 2022 Following breakfast, the day is yours to do whatever YOU want!! Our guide be available as well as the activities director at the resort

- Golf – 9 holes complimentary when staying at the resort
- Driving Range - complimentary
- Activities such as horseshoes, shuffle board, croquet, pickle ball, tennis, corn hole, giant chess
- Heated pool with beach chairs, umbrellas and towels.

Additional Activities available on site for nominal fees.

- **Swim with the Manatees -highly suggested. You will have a wet suit provided to wear to protect the Manatees**
- River Tours
- Scuba Lessons
- Fishing charters
- Boat rentals
- Kayak and Stand Up Paddle boards
- PADI certified Scuba
- 18-hole Championship Golf Course
- Golf Lessons
- Tennis Lessons
- Bike Rentals
- Spa Services

Dinner this evening is ON OWN. Resort offers a variety of places to dine. B

**Day Six- Thursday, February 24, 2022**—Breakfast included and off we go with our guide. First stop ....Weeki Wachee Springs State Park. Enjoy this ‘step back in time’ at your own pace, but don’t miss the ONE OF THE special shows, “The Little Mermaid”, performed live in the submerged 400-seat auditorium ~ How Fun



Departure for Tarpon Springs for lunch on your own. Guests will enjoy some shopping time following lunch in this fun bohemian little town. Very cute shops and very GREEK!!!

*Enjoy Dolphin Island Adventure Cruise aboard The Odyssey Sightseeing Boat 2-hour.....watch for Osprey Nests, Waterfowl, Dolphin, Manatee & Sea Turtles. Experience Historical Anclote Lighthouse - Stroll the beach, Look for shells!*

Description: *Come enjoy Tarpon Springs’ most popular and highest-rated, boat ride. A leisurely 2-hour cruise down the Anclote River into the Gulf of Mexico. Our captain will narrate the entire trip where you will learn about the history of Tarpon Springs and the famous Sponge Docks. The Dolphin Adventure Island Cruise includes looking for Dolphin, manatee, sea turtles, tropical foliage, and other local wildlife. Also see the restored & operational Historic Anclote Lighthouse on Anclote Island. We’ll land on the Island where you can get an up-close view of the lighthouse, stroll the beach, look for shells or even take a dip!*

Following cruise depart for resort. FAREWELL dinner at the resort. B, D

**Day Seven: Friday February 25, 2022**—After breakfast, it is time to say “good by” to our guide and the Sunshine State. Rest breaks and lunch stops on the way. Overnight once again near Cleveland, TN. Dinner is included after our long day of travel B, D

**Day Eight – Saturday February 26, 2022**—INDIANA..Here we Come!!!! B



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**Deposit \$150 Per Person**

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**Final Payment due 1/3/22**

\$1849 Per Person Double Occupancy --- Single \$2359/Triple \$1710/Quad \$1590

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**Gratuities:** Gratuities for the meals listed in the itinerary are included. Gratuities are NOT included for Florida guide and driver.

**If additional information is needed, contact Sheila Magsamen, 260-432-8488.**

## PASSENGER 1

## PASSENGER 2

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Name on Name Badge \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Name Badge \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate \_\_\_\_\_ Roommate \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Food Allergies or  
Special Dietary Needs \_\_\_\_\_ Food Allergies or  
Special Dietary Needs \_\_\_\_\_

Bed: King 2 Queens

Pick Up Location: Fort Wayne OR Decatur Pick Up Location: Fort Wayne OR Decatur

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### **Please submit completed form with deposit.**

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