



YOUR TRAVEL COMPANION

## SNOWBIRD IN SANIBEL

January 5-16, 2018

Price per person: \$3185 Double / \$2845 Triple / \$4335 Single  
12 Days / 11 Nights / 11 Breakfasts / 2 Lunches/ 6 Dinners

### PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- \* Overnight lodging in Richmond, VA
- \* Overnight lodging in Savannah, GA
- \* 7 Nights at the Pink Shell Beach Resort, Ft. Myers/Sanibel
- \* Discovery Nature Walk with local Naturalist-explore beaches and turtles of the area.
- \* Trolley for Fort Myers Times Square that picks up out in front of hotel
- \* Guided tour of Sanibel Island
- \* J.N. Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge Tour by Tram
- \* Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum
- \* Free time to do as you wish
- \* Edison & Ford Winter Estates-the “winter” homes of Henry Ford and Thomas Edison
- \* Jet powered catamaran ride to Key West. Free time to do as you wish while there.
- \* Trolley ticket for hop on/hop off while in Key West
- \* Everglades Safari Park and air boat ride
- \* Farewell Dinner Theatre on last night
- \* Luggage Handling
- \* Taxes and meal gratuities
- \* Motorcoach transportation
- \* Overnight Lodging in Charleston, SC
- \* Overnight Lodging in Fredericksburg, VA



### **Friday, January 5, 2018**

Arrive at in Richmond, VA early this evening where you will check into your hotel. Dinner is included this evening at a local restaurant. (pack an overnight bag for two nights)

### **January 6, 2018**

Enjoy breakfast prior to checking out. We will then depart for Savannah, GA for your second overnight stay. Dinner is included this evening at Mrs. Wilkes Dining Room.

### **January 7, 2018**

Enjoy breakfast at hotel prior to checking out. Later this evening we will check in to the **Pink Shell Resort on Fort Myers Beach, FL**. Tonight there will be a **Welcome Cook Out** poolside overlooking the beach!

### **January 8, 2018**

Enjoy breakfast this morning. Today we will meet a local Naturalist in the lobby and enjoy a **Discovery Nature walk**. We will explore the beaches and turtles of the area. The motorcoach will be available to take you to the grocery store so that you can stock your kitchen for the next few days. You will then have free time and lunch on your own. A trolley for Fort Myers Times Square picks up out in front of the hotel. Dinner will also be on your own this evening.

### **January 9, 2018**

Enjoy breakfast this morning, before meeting our guide. Today we will be going to **Sanibel Island** where we will visit J.N. Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge, a tour by tram where their naturalists will help you spot wildlife most visitors would never see. As the road meanders past tidal mudflats and mangrove forests, roseate spoonbills, white ibis, little blue herons, reddish egrets, brown pelicans, brown pelicans, osprey, and other colorful birds can be seen feeding, resting, and preening. View many other species that make the migratory stop-over of "Ding" Darling part of their annual flight corridor. And no trip on Wildlife Drive is complete without stopping by Alligator Curve, where you are almost sure to observe these prehistoric reptiles. It's not all about the wildlife, though. You'll also hear fascinating tales of the Calusa Indians and the early days of Sanibel and south Florida.

After the tour, lunch will be at **George & Wendy's Sanibelle Seafood Grille Menu**:

Choose from:

- (1) Beef on Weck-A Buffalo staple! The best roast beef sandwich in America! Thinly sliced rib-eye piled high on a Kimmelweck (salt & caraway seeds) roll served with a side of horseradish, Au Jus and French fries.
- (2) Classic Reuben-Thinly sliced corned beef served on Rye bread and grilled to perfection topped with Sauerkraut, swiss and 100 island dressing, and French fries.
- (3) Grouper Sandwich-grilled, blackened or fried, topped with lettuce, tomato and onion, side of tartar sauce, French fries and homemade coleslaw.
- (4) Fried Oysters-dozen lightly breaded and fried oysters served with cocktail sauce and French fries.
- (5) Coconut Shrimp-Five jumbo shrimp rolled in fresh coconut, lightly breaded and fried served with orange marmalade sauce and yellow saffron rice.
- (6) Pasta Primavera-fresh vegetables sautéed in garlic white wine sauce served with penne pasta (gluten free available) topped w/parmigiana cheese.
- (7) Fresh Seafood Platter- choice of haddock or salmon grilled and served w/rice pilaf and fresh seasonal vegetables. Dessert: Killer Coconut Cream Cake or Fifty Shades of Chocolate Cake. Non-alcoholic beverages are included.

After lunch we will visit **Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum** - The non-profit Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum features more than 30 exhibits of mollusks from around the world. Exhibits are devoted to shells in art and history, shell habitat, rare specimens, fossil shells, common Southwest Florida shells, and more. The learning lab features a hands-on play area for children, displays, games, and a tank with indigenous mollusks. Two videos, Mollusks in Action and Trails and Tales of Living Mollusks, are shown (on the hour and half-hour.) The museum store also offers a wide selection of shell books

Later this afternoon, we will arrive back to the hotel for a free evening.

### **January 10, 2018**

Enjoy breakfast included at the hotel. This morning we will visit **Edison & Ford Winter Estates**, the Fort Myers winter homes for inventor Thomas Edison and automobile industrialist Henry Ford. Take a guided tour of Edison's 14-acre riverfront estate, laboratory and experimental gardens. The three-acre winter home of Ford, nicknamed Mangoes, features a display of Ford vehicles dating to 1914.

This afternoon, enjoy lunch on own and free time to shop historic downtown Ft. Myers. We will then return to hotel for a free evening.

### **January 11, 2018**

Early morning for boarding the **Key West Express**, a luxury jet powered catamaran and enjoy your approximate 4 hour boat ride to Key West for a free day in Key West. Also you will receive a Trolley ticket for hop on or off.

### **Friday, January 12, 2018**

Enjoy breakfast included at the hotel. Today, we will depart for the **Everglades**, and enjoy the Everglades Safari Park and an air boat ride, which includes lunch and alligator show! Late afternoon we will return to hotel. Dinner this evening will be on your own.

### **January 13, 2018**

Enjoy breakfast included at the hotel. Today is your day to do whatever you wish! This evening we will enjoy a farewell Dinner Theatre.

### **January 14, 2018**

Enjoy breakfast this morning prior to check out. Baggage handling is included. This morning we will depart for Charleston, SC. Dinner is included this evening. We will check into the Hampton Inn Santee, SC. Baggage handling is NOT included.

### **January 15, 2018**

Enjoy breakfast prior to checking out. This evening we will check in to the Country Inn and Suites in Fredericksburg, VA. Baggage handling is NOT included.

### **January 16, 2018**

Enjoy breakfast this morning prior to checking out. We will then depart for home.

\$100 per person deposit due within 1 week of reservation. Balance Due: December 11, 2018

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