



Welcome to Day Tripping With ACE

We look forward to you joining us for another exciting term of travel destinations. Outings will be full-day field trips around Northwest, Central, and Southwest Florida.

A charter bus will take us on more distant travels, and the Blue Classroom On Wheels school bus for the short trips. Topics will have educational and entertainment value. Reservations are on a first-come basis. Please register before the cut-off dates.

BUS PICK-UP LOCATION

The bus will leave from the Suncoast Technical College campus located at 4748 Beneva Road. Enter the campus off Proctor Road MAIN ENTRANCE and turn left. The bus will be parked in front of the south side of Building 3 (where ACE classes are held).



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Vinoy Renaissance Hotel

History Tour & Luncheon

St. Petersburg, FL

Date: Saturday, February 15, 2020
Registration Deadline: Saturday, February 1
Approximate Schedule: 8:30 am – 3:00 pm
Board the charter bus: 8:30 am
Fee: \$75.00 (Lunch is included in the fee)

Historic Elegance for Your Valentine Day Pleasure – We will travel back in time with a **History Tour of the Vinoy Renaissance St. Petersburg Resort & Golf Club**. The Vinoy Hotel opened on New Year's Eve in 1925. It took only 10 months to build. The Vinoy was named after Aymer Vinoy Laughner., who “discovered” the property after having a few drinks with friends and hitting golf balls across the street. After purchasing the property, he spent \$3.5 million building the Mediterranean Revival-style hotel. Rooms rented for \$20 a night. It was the place to be seen by seasonal tourists.

We will learn the history with a 45 to 60-minute docent-led tour of this historic building and gardens, which includes tales of bygone gala events and the famous guests who frequented the hotel. Following the tour, we will enjoy a 3-course lunch in the historical Marchand's Bar & Grill before heading home.

Frank Lloyd Wright Historic Site

Florida Southern College Campus – Lakeland, FL

Date: Saturday, February 29, 2020
Registration Deadline: Saturday, February 22
Approximate Schedule: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Board the charter bus: 8:00 am
Fee: \$95.00 (Lunch is not included in the fee)

Child of the Sun -- **Frank Lloyd Wright** was an influential architect of the 20th century. In 1938, Florida Southern College president Dr. Ludd M. Spivey approached Wright with the task of transforming the 100-acre lakeside orange grove into a modern campus. The collection of Frank Lloyd Wright Architecture at Florida Southern College is called “Child of the Sun.” FSC is home to the largest single-site collection of Frank Lloyd Wright architecture. We will see the exteriors of all 12 structures and the water dome, and will be able to get inside of about half of the buildings, depending on those in use for classes on our tour day.

We will learn the history from a 2-hour docent-led tour, and afterwards we will enjoy a late lunch (Dutch treat) before heading home. Our visit will be outdoors, so dress according to the weather. Bring your own water, wear sunscreen, and take care of any other personal needs. Bring mad money for lunch and souvenirs along the way. You will be walking a lot, so wear comfortable walking shoes.

Tampa Theatre

Historic Tour

Tampa, FL

Date: Monday, March 16, 2020
Registration Deadline: Saturday, March 7
Approximate Schedule: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm
Board the charter bus: 9:30 am
Fee: \$59.00 (Lunch is not included in fee)

Balcony to Backstage –

We will visit the historic **Tampa Theatre**, one of America's most elaborate movie palaces when it opened October 15, 1926. The theater was designed by famed theater architect John Eberson and built by Paramount Pictures. Like other lavish downtown movie theaters around the country, Tampa Theatre was enormously popular when it opened. For 25 cents, the common person could escape into an opulent fantasyland, cooled by “man-made air,” to enjoy first-class entertainment and be treated like royalty by a platoon of uniformed ushers. For decades, Tampa Theatre remained a jewel at the center of the city's cultural gems.

Today the movie palace is managed by the nonprofit Tampa Theatre Foundation and has become a remarkable success story. It is one of the most heavily utilized venues of its kind in the country. Tampa Theatre's single auditorium hosts more than 600 events each year, including films, live concerts, special events, tours, and educational programs for adults and schoolchildren.

We will enjoy a docent-led 90-minute tour of Tampa Theatre, including a demonstration of the Mighty Wurlitzer Theatre Organ, followed by a late lunch before heading home.

Please note: There are stairs on this tour, and no elevator.



Weeki Wachee Springs State Park

Weeki Wachee, FL

Date: Saturday, March 28, 2020
Registration Deadline: Wednesday, March 25
Approximately Schedule: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Board the charter bus: 8:00 am
Fee: \$65.00 (Lunch is not included in the fee)

Mermaid Tales! Really? We will journey north of Tampa to **Weeki Wachee Springs State Park**, one of Florida's oldest roadside attractions. The park was opened in 1947 by a former Navy SEAL trainer. The Seminole Indians named the spring "Weeki Wachee." It means, "little spring" or "winding river." The spring is so deep that the bottom has never been found. Each day more than 117 million gallons of clear, fresh, 74-degree water bubbles up out of the subterranean caverns. The Weeki Wachee River winds its way 12 miles to the Gulf of Mexico.

You can settle into a comfortable submerged theater to watch the ballet-like moves of fin-clad performers. The **world-famous Mermaids of Weeki Wachee** breathe through an underwater tube. Deep in the spring, the surge of the current is so strong that it can knock a scuba diver's mask off. The basin of the spring is 100 feet wide with limestone sides. That is where the mermaids swim, 16 to 20 feet below the surface. The current of water runs a strong 5 miles per hour. It is quite a feat for the mermaids to stay in one place in such current. They perform three shows a day, 356 days a year.

You may also enjoy a **River Boat Ride** that runs daily on the Weeki Wachee River.

There is an air-conditioned café inside the park where you can get salads, burgers, etc. Bring your mad money for lunch and any souvenirs you may find. Naturally, this is an outdoor park, so dress for the weather. Bring your own water, wear sunscreen, and prepare for any other needs you may have. This is a walking tour, so wear comfortable walking shoes.



REGISTRATION BEGINS

PATRONS

Monday, December 2, 2019

ONLINE

Saturday, December 7, 2019

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Telephone/In Person

December 9 - 21, 2019

4748 Beneva Road

Sarasota, FL 34233

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We are located on the Suncoast Technical College (STC) campus, west end of Building 3.

ALL REGISTRATION RESUMES

Monday, January 6, 2020

ACE CATALOG DELIVERY

End of December

REFUNDS

Refunds are not offered for these one day classes!

QUESTIONS?

Contact instructor at

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