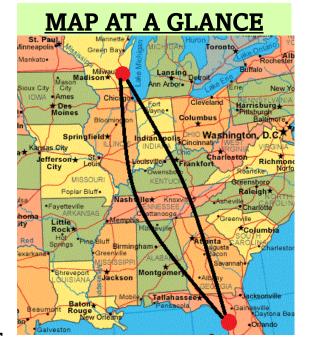
Florida's Cystal River

Feb. 19-24, 2023 (6 Days)

HIGHLIGHTS

- * Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park
- * Three Sisters Springs Visitors Center
- * Old Port Cove
- Ferris Grove & Duval Island
- Whispering Oaks Winery
- Weeki Wachee Springs State Park
- Dolphin Island Adventure Cruise
- Sunset Boat Cruise
- 5 Nights at the Plantation on Crystal River



Manatees are naturally curious and they are as affectionate and playful as a golden retriever. From mid-November through the first week of March, water warmed by Crystal River's natural geothermal springs attracts the largest concentration of manatees in the world. During peak season, mid-December— February, there are as many as 900+ manatees wanting to nuzzle, tickle, and show off just for you! This tour was offered as a mystery destination and was loved by all who attended. We are offering this destination once more.



<u>Sunday, Feb. 19</u> On this first day, we fly south and arrive at the Manatee Capital of the World, **Crystal River Florida**. Once we settle, we will meet our tour guide and ambassador, who will be with us throughout the rest of the tour in Florida. At the resort, we will be served our dinner outside, surrounded by gorgeous scenery. **(D)**

Monday, Feb. 20 After our filling breakfast, we board the motorcoach and head to the Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park. Among the many wonderful things to see is an excellent, "Manatee Program." The park showcases a great deal of native Florida wildlife. Following the state park, we travel to the Three Sisters Springs Visitors Center and Refuge. At the Visitors



Center, we board trolleys and ride to the Springs where docents will narrate as you walk along a horseshoe boardwalk to see the gentle giants in their habitat! The vivid turquoise water in the Three Sisters Springs glitters and offers a color that holds the radiant beauty that grips your heart and captures your soul. Next we are off to lunch on your own and shopping at many unique gift and specialty shoppes. In midafternoon, we will enjoy a river-ride at Kings Bay. This cruise sails around the Crystal



River National Wildlife Refuge. We enjoy the leisurely drive to this evening's dinner at Peck's Old Port Cove. (B,D)

<u>Tuesday, Feb. 21</u> Following breakfast, we depart from our resort and enjoy the sip, smell, and touch of "Old Florida" at Ferris Grove. Our next stop is at the Whispering Oaks Winery for lunch and wine tasting. Whispering Oaks is an Award-Winning Healthier Winery, creating all wines with the freshest Florida Blueberries. There will be entertainment from a local folk singer with lunch. We will then depart back to the resort for free time and dinner. (B,L)



Wednesday, Feb. 22 After breakfast, we head on over to Weeki Wachee in Spring Hill, Florida.

Weeki Wachee Springs State Park allows us to enjoy this 'atep back in time' at our own pace. You have the option to see one of the special shows, "The Little Mermaid," preformed live in the submerged 400-seat auditorium. We will also enjoy the Ranger Program as well as the River Cruise. We will then depart for Tarpon Springs for a Dolphin Island Adventure Cruise. This cruise is a 2-hour leisurely cruise down the Anclote River into the Gulf of Mexico. The captain will



narrate the entire trip where we will learn about the history of Tarpon Springs and the famous **Sponge Docks**. The cruise includes looking for dolphins, manatees, sea turtles, and other wildlife. Following the cruise experience, we return to the "Sponge Docks" for shopping and dinner. **(B)**

Thursday, Feb. 23 Succeeding our breakfast, you have a free day! The tour ambassador will be available at any time to give you unlimited suggestions on where to go and how to spend your day. To end our day, be ready for a sunset boat cruise to dinner and back. Dinner this evening is at Cracker's Restaurant. This restaurant is a local favorite that gives you a true taste of the area. (B,D)



Friday, Feb. 24 Today is our last day. Following our breakfast at the resort, we will bid farewell to our tour guide and depart back for home. (B)



TOUR PRICE: \$1,699* Per Person Double \$2,129* Per Person Single

*Airfare Not Included
Booked At Time Of Reservation*
TOUR INCLUDES:

- Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation In Florida
- Hotel Accommodations for 5 Nights
- All Attractions & Admissions per Itinerary
- 5 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 3 Dinners
- Baggage Handling for 1 Suitcase per Person
- Personalized Tour Director

\$500 Per Person Deposit Due with Reservation Final Payment Due December 19, 2022

TRAVEL PROTECTION IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

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