

Are You Ready to Go???????

From Oct. 21- 24 (Mon. thru Thurs.)

Barefoot Beachcombers will visit Jensen Beach, Vero Beach, Port St. Lucie, Stuart, and Hobe Sound on the SE Atlantic Coast

We'll stay 3 nights at

The Hilton Garden Inn at the PGA Village,

in Port St. Lucie at the exceptional daily rate of \$104 plus tax, negotiated by Dennis and Diane Rich during a research trip. Breakfast is included.

Our hotel also offers a fitness center and a social gathering room each evening.

Some of the places we will all visit before arriving there include:

Mel Fischer's Treasure Museum

Mel Fisher's Treasures is the world leader in historic shipwreck recovery and the source for authentic shipwreck treasure! We'd love to share Mel's story with you along our drive.

Then we'll proceed just 5 minutes away to lunch at Capt'n Butchers Waterfront Resort, Marina, Bar, & Grill, Sebastian, FL (where Bud, or his sister, Margarita may be awaiting your arrival).

Afterward, we'll enjoy the sun and sea at Humiston Park in Vero Beach.

After a few relaxing hours, we'll drive to our hotel in Port St. Lucie. Following well-deserved showers, you can dine at the hotel's on-site Sam Snead's Oak Grill & Tavern or at one of the many restaurants (to be named later) within 1 mile of the hotel. Our buses will circulate for a few early evening hours dropping off and picking up diners in that area.

On day 2 (Tuesday), following breakfast, we will offer our guests two optional morning excursions. We checked and none of you qualified for the PGA this year, so instead you can demonstrate your skill at the Popstroke Miniature Golf Course. \$8 - senior day !!

As you will note, there are no windmills or open-mouthed hippos there. Instead, they offer two courses including a less challenging one with embedded undulations, false fronts and numerous hidden challenges. Whereas The Jackson Trap course will test the most advanced golfer with 36 bunkers, false fronts, and severe breaks. (You may be able to shoot even par on Pebble but can you take on The Jackson Trap?)

Since it can be a bit challenging, you might require the aid of one of their 24 draft beers, wine, and hand-crafted cocktails ordered from one of their on-course servers. Afterward, cool down by briefly visiting their full-service parlor serving handspun milkshakes and premium homemade ice cream, on our way to the beach.

For those of you who have had “just about enough of golf,” consider reserving one of 34 seats available aboard the River Lilly pontoon boat trips on the St. Lucie Aquatic Preserve. You’ll cruise for 1½ hrs. on parts of the river so wild they were used in the James Bond film “Moonraker” to represent a tributary of the Amazon River. Each trip is different, but you’re sure to see alligators, turtles and lots of native birds, maybe even playful otters or gentle manatees. Cost \$23, including tax.

Then we’ll drive to Jensen Beach where you can visit the on-site Sand Dune Cafe for lunch.

When we’ve had enough sun, we’ll head to dinner at the Twisted Tuna in Port Salerno which has the most fabulous marina views in the region. You can choose indoor or outdoor seating

On Wednesday (day three), we’ll travel to Stuart Beach, stopping briefly at the Publix across the street to select and purchase your lunch. Enjoy that meal in the comfort of your beach chair while gazing—along with their lifeguard—into the mesmerizing ocean. After a refreshing swim, you might drift across the beach’s parking lot, to the renowned Elliott Museum.

The Elliott Museum houses almost 100 vehicles in its collection ranging from a re-creation of an 1885 Benz Motorwagen to a 2009 Rolls-Royce Phantom Sedan. You will also see a 1925 Rolls-Royce Springfield Silver Ghost Pall Mall Dual-Windshield Touring Car, a 1914 seven-seat Packard that was owned by Ralph Evinrude, a 1903 Stanley Steamer and 1903 Cadillac, 1930 & 1941 Classic Lincolns, and their Crown Jewel: a very rare 1953 Cunningham C-3 Continental Cabriolet, one of only 25 made! In addition to the collection of classical cars, you can also enjoy a collection of classic trucks, bicycles, and boats; baseball memorabilia; and local history Americana.

Then, with the touch of a button, a car that you wish to see is amazingly and automatically retrieved and lowered by an elevator to a rotating turntable on the lower level. It’s the technology behind, above, and around the display that steals the show. Multimedia displays then inform visitors about that car’s period history, with clips of headlines, movies, fashion, sports and other aspects of life during the time the vehicle was in use.

Admission price: \$12 (Seniors); AAA or AARP Members: present your card to save \$1; Veterans with ID – Free

If you'd prefer, you could instead visit the House of Refuge Museum at Gilbert's Bar.

The history of the House of Refuge dates to 1876, when the U.S. Life-Saving Service constructed ten "houses of refuge," or life-saving stations, along Florida's uninhabited Atlantic Coast. These houses were staffed by "keepers," who, with their families, led solitary lives in order to find, rescue, and minister to those who fell victim to Florida's treacherous reefs and shoals. Prior to construction of these houses, many shipwreck victims made it to the isolated Florida shore and then perished of starvation and thirst. As part of their duties, the keeper and his family walked along the shores as far as possible in search of shipwreck victims. This House of Refuge is the only remaining one of the original ten houses of refuge.

Admission price: \$7 (Seniors); AAA or AARP Members: present your card to save \$1; Active Military Personnel & Veterans - Free

Then we'll spend the early evening in downtown Stuart, a fun, quirky collection of shops and restaurants (to be named later) along the 3-block length adjacent to its river-side boardwalk.

As you will note, this boardwalk has no railings, so it might be best to avoid too many brews or cocktails before taking a pleasant evening stroll along this walkway. We wouldn't want to have to "fish you out" of the St. Lucie River.

On Thursday (our fourth and final day), on our way home, we'll visit one of our members' favorite beaches, the Senator Claude Pepper Park in Ft. Pierce.

Its unusually warm, mild, and crystal clear water seriously tempted our members not to return home from our last visit there. Both swimmers and snorkelers love it here as there are several shallow reefs located less than 100 yards off this life-guarded beach.

Last, but certainly not least, within this park is the U.S. Navy Seal Museum, a moving tribute to remind us of how indebted we are for the heroism of our valiant veterans. And while many of us visited there before, its incredibly moving story may surely tempt us back inside again. Admission is \$10

Or you might choose an optional excursion where you meander down to the Summer Crush Vineyard & Winery. The tour includes a brief history of the winery and Florida wines, a discussion about the growing of the grapes, and a tour of the cellar and how they make wine. The cost, including wine tasting, is \$14.

Finally, your household chef may be pleased to learn that we will enjoy dinner on our way home, relieving her/him--and the clean-up crew--of a burden that evening. We'll stop in Orlando where you can choose between Bahama Breeze, BJ's Restaurant and

Brew House, Landry's Seafood, Golden Corral Buffet, and Saltgrass Steak House (whew!) all within sight of each other.

After dinner, you'll probably be doggone tired and ready for bed.

If you think you're up to this much fun and sun, complete the below form and send us your fee of \$110 per person. (Hotel reservations will be made directly by each party only after you have been selected in our lottery.) NOTE: In order to allow you to budget for this cost, we will not cash your check until Sept. 1. Your check will simply allow you to request a seat at this time.

The lottery date will be July 24, giving you time to consider the cost and length of the trip. Again, your check will not be cashed until Sept. 1 and hotel bookings cannot be made until you have been notified that you have been selected in the lottery.

The trip application follows below.

I/We would like to go on the 4-Day Trip to the SE Atlantic Coast. Attached is my/our \$110 pp check.

_____ (names)

I will be sharing a room with _____

I/We want to be on a bus with these friends (up to 6 names)

Activity Survey

Please indicate which optional activities interest you. Payment will be accepted at a later time. You are responding only for the people submitting payment with this application.

On day 2 - I'd like to take the Lilly River cruise _____ (how many from your room)

The above needs to be a firm commitment for us to book the river cruise.

- I'd like to challenge Miniature golf _____ (how many from your room)

On day 3 - I'm interested in visiting the Elliott Museum _____ (how many from your room)

- I'm interested in visiting the House of Refuge _____ (how many from your room)

On day 4 – I'd like to tour the U.S. Navy Seal Museum _____ (how many from your room)

I'd like to go to the Summer Crush Winery _____ (how many from your room)

Enclosed is my/our \$110 fee for this trip. Your \$110 payment includes 4-day bus transportation, driver gratuity, admission to Mel Fisher Museum, and tip for hotel breakfast and front office staff. Your payment does not include meals, cost of optional activities, or gratuities of a personal nature (such as wait staff or room attendant).