

# Florida Packard Club Tour — Lakeland, Florida

March 13-16, 2025 (*Arrive Thursday and enjoy three days of touring Friday thru Sunday.*)

## REGISTRATION FORM (*Tour Itinerary is on next page*)

Names of Adults and Children participating \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone(s) for reaching you during the tour (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Are you bringing a Tour Car? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, please complete the following:

Make \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Series and Body Style \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to let a member ride in your car for part of the tour? \_\_\_\_\_

*This is a great service to members who are not able to bring a vintage car, but still wish to tour in one.*

Will you need Trailer Parking? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are *not* bringing a tour car, would you like to ride in a member's vehicle, if possible? \_\_\_\_\_

*(Limited availability, first-come first-served basis, but we will attempt to seat everyone.)*

Are you a member of the national Packard club? (*Packard Automobile Classics–The Packard Club*) \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance: Carrier \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

*(Note: It is mandatory that every participant vehicle have current insurance.)*

**Registration Fee:** (*Includes all tour materials, Welcome Party, Docent-lead Frank Lloyd Wright tour at Florida Southern College, admissions to Bok Tower and Gardens and the Florida Air Museum, and the Winter Haven Boat Tour. It does not include hotel.*)

\$115 for 1st Person (\$125 after February 10th) .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Plus \$95 per additional Adult .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Plus \$50 per Child (under age 18) .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **Florida Packard Club Tour**  
and mail to: **474 Groveland Hills Dr**  
**Tallahassee, FL 32317**

Host Hotel is: **Best Western Plus** phone: (863) 262-3900  
**4225 New Tampa Hwy**  
**Lakeland, FL 33815**

Call to make your hotel reservations by 2/20/25 to receive our special "Room Block" group rate of:  
Standard Room with two Queen beds (*complimentary hot breakfast is included*):

Thursday 3/13/25 - \$199/night

Friday 3/14/25 and Saturday 3/15/25 - \$229/night

Sunday 3/16/25 (*optional night, as Tour will end mid-afternoon on Sunday*) - \$199/night

**To get this rate, say you are with the Florida Packard Club.**

Tour Contact: Norm Madsen, phone: (850)322-6788, email: [flpackardclub@comcast.net](mailto:flpackardclub@comcast.net)

**CANCELLATION POLICY** (*applies to Registration Fees only—consult the Hotel about its policy*): If you need to cancel before 3/1/25, your Registration Fees will be refunded. There will be NO REFUNDS for cancellations 3/1/25 or later.

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**Host Hotel**—We chose the Best Western Plus in Lakeland because of its excellent reviews, helpful staff, location relative to our tour stops and destinations, available trailer parking, attractive group rates and complimentary hot breakfast. We're confident that you'll have a pleasant stay.

## ITINERARY

*Subject to Change*

**Thursday, March 13**—Hotel check-in begins at 3:00 p.m. and Tour registration begins at 5:00 p.m. in the hotel meeting room. Join us for the catered "Welcome Party and Driver's Meeting," 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the meeting room.

**Friday, March 14**—Florida Southern College is home to the largest single-site collection of Frank Lloyd Wright architecture in the world and is a National Historic Landmark. Our first stop will be at the college, where we will enjoy a docent-lead tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright designed buildings on campus. Next, we'll head to Lake Mirror for a visit to Hollis Gardens, followed by lunch (*on your own*). Then, we'll drive the rural roads to the Florida Air Museum. The Museum features a display of aircraft including one-of-a-kind designs, classics, ultra-lights, antiques and warbirds. It is home to the SUN n FUN Aerospace Expo and Fly-In, every April. Finally, we'll attend Lakeland's cruise-in and car show, to show the locals what great cars Packards are.

**Saturday, March 15**—We'll stop for coffee at the historic 1928 Polk Theatre on our way to the Mac Fuller car collection in Winter Haven. Then, we're off to Bok Tower and Gardens in Lake Wales. We'll arrive at Bok in time to hear the singing tower's fabulous 30-minute Carillon concert, learn about the tower and tour the world-famous gardens. Bok Gardens is also home to the historic El Retiro Mansion and to the Blue Palmetto Café, our suggested lunch stop.

**Sunday, March 16**—Our third day of touring will include a scenic guided boat cruise on the waters of historic Winter Haven. Then we will cruise in the Packards to the lakefront home and garages of Dan and Roseann Gernatt. Dan has a wonderful collection of award-winning cars, and is a giant in the touring hobby. You never know which cars will be in Florida, but they will all be impressive. After that, we'll drive to another lakefront stop—Cherry Pocket Steak and Seafood Restaurant, not far from the Gernatts' place. Tour activities officially end on Sunday in the mid-afternoon.

**Monday, March 17**—We'll say our goodbyes and wonder how the time flew by so quickly. And we'll look forward to next year's tour, in another lovely Florida town.

*Hope to see you there!*