

Does this look familiar? We had planned to visit here in June, but were rained out. Therefore, we're again offering you the opportunity to visit this lovely area.

Let's Journey South to

Lido Beach (Sarasota) and St. Armand's Circle

Monday, August 21 - 8:30 - 8:30

We're looking forward to finally basking in warm water at Lido Beach, located on Lido Key on the coast of Sarasota. There are lifeguards 7 days a week year-round protecting beachgoers on more than 3,000 feet of pristine white sand.

If you'd prefer, you could instead stroll the shore line, discover beautiful shells, relax with a good book, and/or join in an interesting conversation. Lido Beach's amenities include rest rooms, concessions, a gift shop, and beach umbrella and chair rentals (\$7 per chair, \$12 per umbrella). The Seabreeze concession (below) serves very good and reasonably priced food. Not your typical beach concession; all food is cooked to order. We have specifically requested that they serve their famed lobster rolls in addition to their hot and cold sandwiches, burgers and dogs. The concession also offers beer & wine. The only restriction on alcohol is no glass containers are permitted on the beach. You can also call in your food order ahead of time (941-388-0400) from the comfort of your beach chair. As always, you are welcome to bring your lunch from home.

If snack-bar food doesn't suit you, you could simply walk next door to the Lido Beach Resort, relax at their Gulf-front Tiki Bar, and choose from a tempting menu of satisfying sandwiches, salads and appetizers along with tropical libations.

At 3:00, you may be ready to adjourn to "celestial" shopping at St. Armand's Circle, an island shopping center, unique in concept, history, and beauty which provides an unforgettable experience for visitors from all over the world. Set amidst a tropical paradise, St. Armand's is an enchanting circle of fine shops and gourmet restaurants. Lush tropical plantings, courtyards and patios, antique statuary and contemporary architectural design skillfully contribute to an international atmosphere of friendly warmth, enduring

elegance, and timeless style. Relax in the restaurants and explore the shops ~ from trinkets to treasures, gourmet snacks to candlelight feasts.

Our non-shoppers (of the male persuasion?) may either go with us at 3:00 to relax at one of the many outdoor cafes and women watch (How dare they!!!) or they can be picked up at the beach closer to the dinner hour.

The shops are upscale and pricey, but it's a fun way, nonetheless, to spend the late afternoon window shopping and people watching. There is something at "the circle" for everyone from casual to fine dining, sidewalk cafes & pubs to ice cream or fudge dessert treat. Consider visiting this website to learn about some of the most favored ones.

https://www.tripadvisor.com/RestaurantsNear-g34618-d109809-St_Armands_Circle-Sarasota_Florida.html

About 5:45, we will jauntily climb--likely due to our thinner wallets--aboard our bus to snooze our way home, with pleasant memories--and those libations--swimming in our dreams.

If this trip interests you, print the reservation form (click on green button below) and mail it along with your check (made out to the BBC) for \$25 per person to the address below. On August 5th, we will conduct our lottery and you will be notified shortly thereafter of your seat confirmation or waitlist status.

I/we would like to go to Lido Beach with the BBC on August 21st. Enclosed is my \$25 check (pp).

Print your name(s): _____

I/we wish to be on the bus with these friends (name up to four)

I/we still have a credit with the BBC and I would like to use that credit.

I/we wish to rent chairs/umbrellas Yes/No _____ # of chairs _____

of umbrellas _____ (We are NOT collecting money for these rentals, just a number of rentals so the vendor can be prepared for us.)