

What are we going to do? Florida Fun 2019

- **Target Field** – Target Field is located in the historic warehouse district of downtown Minneapolis. On our guided tour we will visit areas of the ballpark guests don't normally get to; these may include the press box, clubhouse, dugout, and more! Following our tour we will enjoy a box lunch at the stadium.
- **Chickamauga National Military Park** – In 1890 the US Congress authorized Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, the first such park in the country. It was dedicated in 1895 and has since served as a model for most national military and historical parks. The park is located in the northwest corner of Georgia at the foot of Lookout Mountain and offers beautiful landscapes in the midst of a well-preserved battlefield. It encompasses more than 9,000 acres of battlefields, monuments, and forests.
- **Silver Springs** – Silver Springs is a group of artesian springs that feed into the Silver River in Florida. It is the largest artesian spring in the world. In 1971 it was designated as a National Natural Landmark. Since 1878, visitors have

enjoyed glass-bottom boat tours on the river.

- **Gypsy Gold Horse Farm** – Florida's most popular farm tour and the #1 Trip Advisor Activity in Central Florida. Owner, Dennis Thompson and his late wife Cindy are the discoverers of the fairytale, Gypsy Vanner Horses. Our tour will include education about the breed and the colorful British Gypsy culture, as well as walking the majestic grounds of the Gypsy Gold Farm where we will meet, America's first and most famous Gypsy Vanner Horses.
- **Busch Gardens** – Busch Gardens Tampa Bay opened on March 31, 1959, and has an African theme. The theme park is one of America's largest zoological institutions, with 335 acres and more than 12,000 animals from 300 different species. You will also find thrilling rollercoasters and rides as well as live entertainment from world-class performers; all included with your admission. You will also benefit from an included all-day dining pass (providing up to one entrée, one side item or dessert and one beverage each hour) as well as exclusive "buy one, get one free" offers on all snacks, bottled soda, beer and wine all-day long). For adventure seekers, you can add safaris and special tours to enhance your experience!

- **Sunken Gardens** – The Sunken Gardens are 4 acres of well-established botanical gardens, located in the Historic Old Northeast neighborhood of St. Petersburg. The Gardens are a botanical paradise in the midst of a bustling city. This 100-year-old garden is St. Petersburg's oldest living museum and home to some of the oldest tropical plants in the region. Unwind as you stroll through meandering paths, lush with exotic plants from around the world. Explore cascading waterfalls, beautiful demonstration gardens, more than 50,000 tropical plants, and flowers.
- **Ca d'Zan Mansion** – One of America's wealthiest couples, the Ringlings started building their summer home in 1924 and completed it shortly before Christmas in 1926 at the then princely sum of \$1.5 million. The 36,000 square-foot house sits on a waterfront site 1,000 feet long and 3,000 feet deep. It is five stories tall and has a full basement.
- **Ringling Circus Museum** – Walk the wire. Squeeze into a clown car. Snap photos with a ferocious (faux) tiger. Wonder at the must-be-seen-to-be-believed 44,000-piece Howard Bros. Circus Model and the Greatest Show on Earth Mural celebrating the

entertainment that has delighted packed houses in great cities and small towns across America for generations.

- **Sun Harvest Citrus** – began in 1940 when their first citrus grove was planted in Vero Beach. The Sun Harvest Citrus retail store and packinghouse opened in 1990 offering the family’s delicious Indian River citrus, fresh-squeezed juices, gourmet foods, candies, gifts and more!
- **Hammond Stadium** – recognized as one of Baseball America's Top-5 Spring Training facilities. This is the MN Twins home field in Fort Myers. It was renovated in 2015, increasing its seating capacity to over 8,700. We will enjoy lunch before each game in The Bullpen Picnic Pavilion (a field level covered area with picnic tables next to the Twins bullpen, great for pre-game action!!!
- **Broadway Palm** – a 450-seat dinner theatre that entertains over 170,000 guests annually. **“Guys & Dolls”** – The story of the unlikely romance between Miss Sarah Brown, a pure-at-heart urban missionary, and a slick Broadway gambler, Sky Masterson.
- **New Orleans, Louisiana** – Discover neighborhoods where culture and creativity come to life. From the historic French Quarter to the elegant

Garden District—there is great food, music and more to be found all across the city. This city is known across the world for its cuisine and sultry jazz.

- **Creole Queen Paddleboat** – this lunch cruise is narrated by a local historian who takes us on a journey through the story of the city as we sail downriver to the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and the historic Chalmette Battlefield. Once there, we have a one-hour shore excursion at the battlefield with a guided tour and talk by National Park Rangers.
- **Evergreen Plantation** – is the most intact plantation complex in the South with 37 buildings on the National Register of Historic Places, including 22 slave cabins. Today, Evergreen remains a privately owned, working sugar cane plantation. People live here and work here. It is located on the west bank of the Mississippi River, between New Orleans and Baton Rouge.
- **San Francisco Plantation** – the most opulent plantation house in North America, is located on the east bank of the Mississippi River, less than 40 minutes from New Orleans. It is a galleried house of the Creole open suite style, nestled under centuries old Live Oaks and contains one of the finest antique collections in the country. This

Louisiana Plantation is a National Historic Landmark.

- **Surf Ballroom** – is an American cultural icon as well as an important historical landmark located in Clear Lake, IA. The original Surf Ballroom was built in 1933 and destroyed by fire in 1947. The Surf Ballroom was rebuilt in 1948. The Surf is closely associated with the event known as "The Day the Music Died" - early rock and roll stars Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and J. P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson gave their last performances at the Surf on February 2, 1959 as part of the "Winter Dance Party Tour".

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