

# Welcome to the Florida Suncoast: Sea-Sand-Sun

Friendship Force Shelby NC hosted by Friendship Force Florida Suncoast

March 2, 2014 - March 9, 2014

# Sunday, March 2, 2014 - Welcome

- Arrival Clearwater-St Petersburg International Airport (PIE) with welcome greeting by Friendship Force Florida Suncoast members and home hosts.
- Afternoon and evening at home

Monday, March 3, 2014 - The Gulf

- 10:30 AM Brunch at Gulf of Mexico's Palm Pavilion or Pier 60, Clearwater Beach. (on own)
- 1:00 PM Dolphin Little Toot Boat Ride of Intercoastal, the Gulf, White-Sand Beaches.
- 6:30 PM Welcome Party for Ambassadors and Suncoast Friendship Force Hosts at Kalada/Bryan Home

# Tuesday, March 4, 2014 – Arts and Culture in St Petersburg



- 10:00 AM Visit to Sunken Gardens
- 12:00 PM Lunch at the Vinoy (on own)
- 1:30 PM Explore the Salvador Dali Museum and Chihuly Exhibit traveling via the "Looper." as desired
- 6:30 PM Small Dinner Parties

## Wednesday, March 5, 2014 – Natural Beauty and Wildlife

- 9:30 AM depart for Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park. Visit to Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park and view the park's resident manatees, otters, alligator/hippopotamus along with the fish bowl and the elevated boardwalk with a wide variety of wading birds, birds of prey, and songbirds
- 1:00 PM Box Lunch at Homosassa Springs Cafe.
- 4:00 PM Returning to Pinellas County, free time to browse Tarpon Springs, explore the dock area of the Anclote River, visit the shops, galleries, sponge dock museum and enjoy popular Greek pastries. The community which was established by Greek immigrants who developed the sponge-diving industry there.
- 6:00 PM Dinner at Hellas Greek Restaurant in Tarpon Springs

#### Thursday, March 6, 2014 – Suncoast Best: Your Choice

Your choice to choose "what's your pleasure" (on own)

-	Tampa's Lowry Zoo	- Busch Gardens
	(\$25.00/person)	(\$50.00/person)
-	Heritage Village	- Shopping
	(small donation-best buy)	(priceless)

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1/2 day Deep Sea fishing,
St Petersburg Segway tour

**\$50-65** (1.5-2 hrs) **\$50-60** 

- Walk and lunch on Pinellas Trail or East-West Trail

## (priceless)

## Friday, March 7, 2014 – Cruising the Beaches



- 10:00 Meet and board the PSTA Gulf Trolley. Stop along the way at John's Pass, a quaint fishing village that has over 100 merchants with unique retail shopping.
- 12:00 Light lunch at John's Pass. (on own)
- 1:30 -- Continue south via the Gulf Trolley on to Pass-A-Grille Beach stopping at the historic Don Cesar "Pink Lady" a favorite romping ground for the rich and famous of the Jazz Age including F. Scott Fitzgerald, Clarence Darrow, Al Capone, Lou Gehrig, and Franklin D. Roosevelt where we'll have ice cream,coffee or a drink at the hotel's lovely Sea Porch Café. (on own)
- 4:00 Arrive back to Trolley stop to meet home/day hosts

## Saturday, March 8, 2014 – Tampa and Hispanic Heritage Day

- 9:30 AM Visit to the Florida (Tampa) Aquarium
- 12:45 Lunch at Columbia Restaurant at Ybor City (on own)
- 2:00 Visit Ybor City Chamber of Commerce & Ybor City State Museum, enjoy demonstration of cigar making which made Tampa famous
- 6:30 PM Farewell Party for Ambassadors, Home Hosts and Suncoast Members at Bardmoor Rec Hall



## Sunday, March 09, 2014 – Goodbye Y'all

• Enjoy the day together then at 7:16 PM - Depart for North Carolina from Clearwater-St Petersburg International Airport (PIE)