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3 DAYS December 30, 2022 – January 1, 2023
COST: \$529 Per Person Twin, \$619 Per Person Single!

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Includes: 5 meals (2B, 3L) A two-night stay at the **Holiday Inn Express Airport in Fort Myers**. Our exciting New Year's Eve includes a narrated Tram tour of **Sanibel Island** with lunch, A visit to Gulf Coast Town Center for dinner and shopping, A tram eco-tour and lunch at fabulous **BABCOCK RANCH**, a Visit to the **Leoma Lovegrove Gallery and Garden**, a four-hour+ visit to the **Seminole Casino Immokalee**. The casino has great music, entertainment, and food for the New Year's Eve festivities. This high-energy **Seminole Casino** offers 38 live table games including: Blackjack, Mini-Baccarat, Let-it-Ride, Pai Gow, Three Card Poker, Texas Hold'em, Bonus Poker and Live Poker. With over 1,300 slot machines with denominations from 1¢ to \$100, you are sure to find your lucky machine! And finally, an **airboat** tour of **Lake Okeechobee** with included lunch!



Day One - We will spend our day touring **Sanibel** and **Captiva** Islands. First, a driving tour of both Sanibel and Captiva. Captiva Island is joined to Sanibel by a bridge, they were once, thousands of years ago, one island. Captiva gets its name from a time when the Calusa Indians captured Juan Ortiz and held him captive on the island. To this day, you can see the ceremonial shell mounds left behind by the Calusa. Sanibel is a barrier island and is a very popular tourist destination known for its shell beaches and wildlife refuges. More than half of the island is made up of a wildlife refuge, the largest being **J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge**. After lunch, we'll have a narrated tram tour of J.N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge. The refuge covers more than 6,500 acres of land and strives to ensure that these lands are preserved, restored and maintained as a haven for wildlife. As a result, over 220 species of birds and other native animals make this refuge their home. In their effort to protect the wildlife, the park is closed to human visitors on Friday's to give the animals the opportunity to exist in their natural state. During our visit to Sanibel we will enjoy an included lunch meal at George & Wendy's - a Sanibel favorite!

After our tour of Sanibel Island we'll check in to our home for the next two nights – The brand new **Holiday Inn Express Airport Ft. Myers!** Our hotel has great amenities including: Pool, free Wi-Fi, Public internet workstation, Refrigerator, Microwave, Coffee maker, Food & drink, Breakfast buffet and more!

After we've checked in and had a bit of time to freshen up the Coach will take us to Gulf Coast Town Center for Dinner and shopping. **Gulf Coast Town Center** features great shopping. Find it all! Fashion, sports, electronics and more. There is something for everyone to take home. And for your evening meal (not included) Choose from high end lounges to your casual bar there are so many dining options to be enjoyed. Take a pit stop at a candy shop where you can find some childhood favorites, and don't forget ice cream for dessert!

We will make several runs during the evening to accommodate those who want to just get dinner and those who want to shop till they drop!

Day Two – Our day begins with the included buffet breakfast at the Holiday Inn Express. Today's activities continue as we take the short ride to **Babcock Ranch Eco-Tours** in Punta Gorda. You will discover the natural heart of authentic Florida like you've never seen before on a narrated, 90 minute eco-tour through Babcock Ranch. Experience the thrill of seeing wildlife in nature – alligators, birds, perhaps deer, wild hogs, wild turkeys, sandhill cranes and more often coming within a few yards. Travel (via Swamp Buggy) through four different ecosystems of Florida including Telegraph Cypress Swamp. While here, a delicious lunch is included too! After this day of adventure, we will visit the Studio and Garden of **World-Famous Leoma Lovegrove!** Leoma's art is instantly recognizable for its exuberant paint strokes (sometimes created with her fingers) and palette (often a huge garbage can lid) filled with vibrant tropical colors. Her impressionist & expressionist style and tropical motifs appeal to people looking to take home a bit of the Gulf Coast. You've surely seen her work at your Local Beall's Outlet and other retailers!

After all that we will take a short siesta back at the Holiday Inn Express before heading out to our destination for New Year's Eve! The **Seminole Casino Immokalee**. We will ring in the New Year in Style with our 4 plus hour casino visit. The Casino provides live music, party favors, beads & more to help you celebrate the end of 2022! Once we have all tried our luck or skill at the casino we will be departing for our home in Ft Myers.

Day Three Welcome to a brand-new year! We'll kick off 2023 with an exciting Airboat Ride exploring scenic **Lake Okeechobee** with lunch included. Expect to see lots of wildlife including Gators, Lots of birds, deer and much more as we cruise around Florida's largest lake. After our Lunch we will begin making our way back home with a few more exciting stops to get your New Year off to a great start!

We hope to see you again soon!



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