



# SPECTACULAR HOLIDAY LIGHTS OF ST. AUGUSTINE

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**3 DAYS December 1 – 3, 2018**



**Includes: 2 nights at the Sleep Inn St. Augustine Beach, an expanded hot/cold continental breakfast at the hotel each morning, a familiarization trolley tour our first afternoon with continuing on/off privileges. St. Augustine Colonial Nightwatch torchlit parade! Dinner at Barnacle Bill's seafood restaurant and a night-time trolley tour of "Night of Lights"- special Holiday lights with special effects, a full day of trolley touring with on/off privileges.**

Day One – Our first day together is a day of travel through our beautiful state and into **St. Augustine**. Our hotel for two nights is the **Sleep Inn-St Augustine Beach** where a delicious expanded hot/cold continental breakfast is included each morning. This hotel is located just a short distance from the historic lighthouse. We will check in to our hotel first - if timing permits. We will take the short drive to the visitor's center to board our trolley for the familiarization tour of historic St. Augustine with continuing on/off privileges. Use this as your opportunity to become familiar with the town and it's many fascinating attractions. Some attractions are free and some have a small admission fee, it's up to you to pick and choose what is of most interest to you. This familiarization tour of "old town" is meant to give an overview of it's history and landmarks. Saint Augustine, Florida is the oldest continuously occupied European-settled city in the United States. The area was first visited by Ponce de Leon in 1513. This evening we will spend some time at **St. George Street** in the historic area. This is a pedestrian-only street with shops, restaurants and attractions. There are plenty of great restaurants to choose from for *dinner on your own*. Our bus will return the group to the hotel at the appointed time, after dinner. Be sure to watch for the **St. Augustine Colonial Nightwatch!** The Colonial Night Watch annually presents the colonial history of St. Augustine through demonstrations by re-enactors and a **torchlit parade**. Sleep well, tomorrow is another busy day!

Day Two – Enjoy the breakfast at our hotel then, spend the remainder of your day aboard the **Trolley Tour** at your own pace with on/off privileges. There are many different things to see and do in St. Augustine and you will receive a detailed map of the trolley route and the attractions found at each stop. A do-not-miss attraction is the **Mission of Nombre de Dios & Shrine of Our Lady of Leche**. St. Augustine has many beautiful, old churches you'll want to visit. The mission has a great cross at 208 feet high. Built to commemorate

the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first parish mass. This cross has stood for over 45 years welcoming visitors. One trolley stop features the **Fountain of Youth** which is across from "**The Old Senator**", a rather old and majestic tree at **600 years old**. You may also wish to visit **Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum** or **The Castillo de San Marcos** – the oldest remaining European Fort in the United States. Another interesting attraction is the **Spanish Military Hospital**, discover how patients were treated in the 1700's. Yet another place to see is the **Government House** built by Spain – it's earliest records date back to the late 16<sup>th</sup> century. The trolley also stops near **The San Sebastian Winery**, stop in for an informative tour and tasting. This whole day is your day to explore St. Augustine at your own pace, with you choosing what you want to see, and where you want to eat lunch (on own). This evening's dinner at **Barnacle Bill's** is included. This is a full, delicious meal including soup, entrée, dessert and beverage. After our relaxing and delicious dinner, we are off to see the "**Night of Lights**". National Geographic lists St. Augustine as one of the **top ten holiday lights displays in the World!** Our tour of the ancient city at night features special glasses for all - which give the lights "extra dazzle and sparkle" appearing as stars and snowflakes. St. Augustine goes all out with holiday decorating as many of the holiday customs date back to colonial times and earlier, when the colonists would place a white candle in each window to brighten the nights during the Christmas holidays. After our Night of Lights tour we will return to our hotel for a good night of rest. Enjoy some rest and relaxation at the Sleep Inn tonight after your day of touring.

Day Three – After breakfast we check out of the Sleep Inn and we're off to enjoy the historic area and you will have access to the on/off trolley to visit any attractions you may have missed earlier. We will depart St. Augustine just after lunchtime (on your own). Thank you for choosing **TRAVEL IS FUN TOURS** as your travel provider.



**COST**: \$339 PER PERSON TWIN / \$419 PER PERSON SINGLE

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