

TRAVEL TOPPERS NEWS

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The Travel Toppers Tours Club is open only to On Top of the World Communities and Indigo residents. Any non-residents who participate in meetings or trips must be a guest of a resident Club Member. This Club has a status as a not-for-profit corporation. This is not a commercial enterprise.

If you have any suggestions for future trips, please contact any Travel Topper Officer and let us know where you would like us to plan a trip.

As new trips become available, they are advertised in the "OTOW Happenings" of the Citizen and our web site.

Please check out our website,

<http://www.traveltopperstours.com>

for updated information regarding 2022-23 trips.

All trip information can be found on our web site, is published in the OTOW monthly paper, and will be on flyers in the different bulletin board areas, i.e. the Recreation Center.

If you are interested in any of our trips, please contact the coordinator on or after the booking date given. All calls should be made Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. only. Since all coordinators are volunteers, we ask that you please respect their weekends by making all calls during the stated times weekdays only. All payments (checks only) are due upon booking unless stated otherwise. Checks must be made payable to "Travel Toppers Tours, Inc." Car Parking is in the secure Travel Topper's Parking Lot off 81st Loop.

Board members are continuously looking for ideas for both day trips and cruises. To get good prices, we need to make commitments sometimes a year or more in advance. Please refer to our web site for all current information. If you have ideas you would like to share, please contact one of the board members.

If you are interested in participating in Travel Toppers, please contact one of the current board members. We are looking for a Vice-President and a Recording Secretary. We would love to use your talents as a tour host, as [someone who can assist with taking trip reservations](#), etc. We look forward to hearing from you. Consider signing up for our monthly e-mail Newsletter. Please call Allan Rickards at 352-390-3075 or email: [rickaaer@live.com](mailto:rickaer@live.com)

**Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater
Hudson, FL**

Buddy Holly Story

Saturday, February 4, 2023

\$88 pp

**Sharon Stetson, Coordinator
9504-C SW 97th LN
Ocala FL 34481
207-838-3776**

Call 9-1 only

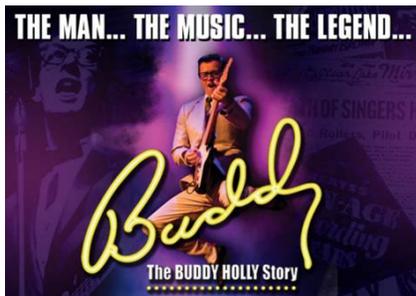
Open to Book: Friday, November 4, 2022

All Tickets are SOLD – WAIT LIST ONLY

All Tickets are Non-Refundable unless we have a “Wait List”

Follow the incredible true story of Buddy Holly's meteoric rise to the top of the record charts during the golden days of rock 'n' roll in this dynamic tribute musical featuring such rousing fifties favorites as "Peggy Sue," "Oh Boy," "Maybe Baby," "That'll Be the Day," Ritchie Valens' "La Bamba" and the Big Bopper's "Chantilly Lace." BUDDY - THE BUDDY HOLLY STORY is a joyous celebration of a musical legend and has audiences on their feet in every corner of the globe and it will explode on the Suncoast Broadway stage in a toe-tapping, hand-clapping extravaganza! “Oh Boy!”

Depart Approx.	9:00 a.m.
Show	1:00 p.m.
Return Approx.	6:00 p.m.



**Just for Laughs Dinner Theater
Largo, FL**

Meteor Shower

**by
Steve Martin**

Saturday, February 25, 2023

\$78 pp

(Includes buffet meal, show, transportation, tip for driver)

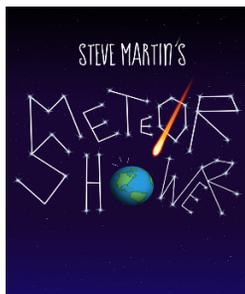
**Marilyn Wilson, Coordinator
828-699-7587
9297 SW 90th Court Unit A
Ocala, FL 34481**

Call 9-1 only

Open to book: Monday, November 28, 2022

On a warm, summer night in Ojai, California, Norm and his wife, Corky, are hosting a dinner party. They invite Norm's tennis partner, Gerald, and his wife, Laura, over for an evening of polite small talk while they watch a once-in-a-lifetime meteor shower from their backyard. However, as the night goes on, the dinner party begins to spiral out of control. The couples begin to flirt and wild antics ensue. This absurdist comedy from Steve Martin is a surprising and funny one-act that is an excellent feature for a small cast.

Depart Approx.	10:00 a.m.
Show	1:15 p.m.
Return Approx.	6:00 p.m.



Mt. Dora Shopping & Boat Tour

Mt. Dora, FL

Saturday, April 29, 2023

\$63 pp

Linda Hein, Coordinator

9682 SW 92nd Place RD

Ocala FL 34481

352-861-9880

Call 9-1 only

Open to book: Monday, February 27

All Tickets are Non-Refundable unless we have a "Wait List"

Arrive at Mt. Dora approximately 11:00 a.m.

Lunch and shopping on your own.

Mount Dora has dozens of unique shops, boutiques, and restaurants in the vibrant downtown area. Hand-crafted gifts, including art, spices, wines, sculptures, bath and body, flags, clothing, pets and so much more can be found in any number of shops in Mount Dora. Antiques, books, and fine art are all part of the one-of-a-kind shopping experience you will have in the city.

At 2:00 p.m., enjoy a 2-hour narrated Eco-tour of Lake Dora and the Dora Canal. As we cross Lake Dora, you will be given a brief history of Mount Dora and the Harris Chain of Lakes, all the time looking out for bald eagles & osprey. Once under the railway bridge in Tavares, we enter the Dora Canal. This meandering passage through the 2,000-year-old trees allows us to search for herons, egrets, anhingas, turtles and alligators and observe them in their natural habitat.

Depart Approx. 9:00 a.m.

Return Approx. 5:45 p.m.



Tampa Bay Downs

Tampa, FL

Saturday, March 18, 2023, and Saturday, March 25, 2023

**\$61 pp
(Includes Buffet Lunch)**

**Gail Ambrose, Coordinator
954-614-0898
Call 9-1 only**

8229 SW 86th Court RD, Ocala, FL 34481

Open to book: Monday, January 9, 2023

Only 4 tickets may be ordered at one time. Please do not call to make a reservation for 6, 8, or 10 people. All residents need to have the opportunity to make reservations for our tours.

Due to the popularity of this trip, we will only be taking guests if we have available seats.

Tampa Bay Downs is the only Thoroughbred race track on the West Coast of Florida and is known as one of America's oldest and most well-maintained racetracks. Tampa Bay Downs first opened its doors in 1926 under the name of Tampa Downs and has since had a long and colorful history. The present owner purchased the track in 1986.

Club-house seating provides lunch

First- race post time. 12:25 p.m.

Depart Approx. 9:00 a.m.

Mutual Window 12:00 p.m.

Return Approx. 6:00 p.m



**Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater
Hudson, FL**

Escape to Margaritaville

Saturday, May 14, 2023

\$88 pp

**Linda Adams, Coordinator
9297 SW 90th CT Unit D
Ocala FL 34481-7561
407-325-9863**

Call 9-1 only

Open to Book: Monday, February 6, 2023

All Tickets are Non-Refundable unless we have a "Wait List"

Suncoast Broadway is transformed into a Caribbean paradise where boy meets girl, girl is unimpressed, and boy does everything he can to win her over, while their two best friends fall for each other. Told through the music of Jimmy Buffett, ESCAPE TO MARGARITAVILLE is the musical comedy featuring your most-loved classics, including "Fins," "Volcano," "Cheeseburger in Paradise" and many more. USA Today calls it "A little slice of paradise!" and Entertainment Weekly raves, "It will knock your flip-flops off!" So don't let the party start without you!

Depart Approx.	9:00 a.m.
Show	1:00 p.m.
Return Approx.	6:00 p.m.



St. John's River Cruise

Paddle Wheeler

Sunday, June 18, 2022
Father's Day

\$90 pp

Allan Rickards, Coordinator
9891 SW 96th ST
Ocala, FL 34481-5571

Call 9-1 only
352-216-0528

Open to book: Monday, March 6, 2023

All Tickets are Non-Refundable unless we have a "Wait List".

Residents and overnight guests only. Enjoy a 3-hour Luncheon Cruise aboard the Barbara Lee, which navigates across Lake Monroe and up the St. John's River. You will witness the varied birds & wildlife of Central Florida with narration.

Your meal is prepared fresh on board and served at your table. Choices are: Prime Rib, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Salmon fillet, Roasted Vegetable Lasagna, Chef's Salad, or Pasta Primavera, served with potatoes, veggies, salad, rolls, & dessert. Hot and iced tea is included, cash bar.

