

# TRAVEL TOPPERS NEWS

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## January 2026

*The Travel Toppers Tours Club is open only to On Top of the World Community residents along with Indigo and Weybourne Communities residents with a valid Gateway Service Pass. Any non-residents who participate in 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.

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Please check out our website,  
<http://www.traveltopperstours.com>  
for updated information regarding 2026 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 Topper's Tours, Inc." Car Parking is in the secure Travel Topper's Parking Lot off 81st Loop.

As of January 1, 2023, a Gateway Service Pass is required for Indigo and Weybourne residents.

### NEW PARKING PROCEDURES

Travel Topper's Tours and its volunteers practice safety procedures for the residents of On Top of The World. When participating in our tours, ALL residents are required to follow the directions of the volunteers when both entering and exiting the parking area off of 81<sup>st</sup> Loop. Both Golf Carts and Cars will follow the same rules for each trip. Anyone who does not follow the safety procedures will be denied a reservation on future trips conducted by Travel Topper's Tours.

## **IDEAS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

**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 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).**

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**Copyright laws protect any production at Suncoast Dinner Theater and The Straz Center. No videos or pictures should be taken. If this is not adhered to, any violator will be denied a reservation on future trips.**

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# ***Come From Away***

**Saturday, January 24, 2026**

**\$ 100 pp**

**Linda Uhley, Coordinator  
9220 SW 96<sup>th</sup> Court RD  
Ocala, FL 34481-6598**

**352-854-8536  
Call 9-1 Only**

**Open to Book: Now – Wait List ONLY**

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

***Come From Away* is an exhilarating, heartwarming musical that tells the true story of 7,000 stranded airline passengers in Gander, Newfoundland, after the events of 9/11. With remarkable music, high-energy performances, and a powerful message of kindness, community, and resilience, it celebrates how strangers became family in a time of crisis. Bursting with humor, humanity, and unforgettable songs, *Come From Away* is an uplifting tribute to the goodness of people coming together in extraordinary circumstances. It's an unforgettable journey that will leave you inspired and full of hope.**

<b>Depart Approx.</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Show</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Return Approx.</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>



**Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater  
Hudson, FL**

## ***Miss Saigon***

**Saturday, March 14, 2026**

**\$ 100 pp**

**Diane Knox, Coordinator  
9369 SW 90th ST  
Ocala FL 34481-7491**

**352-390-2386  
Call 9-1 Only**

**Open to Book: Monday, January 5, 2026**

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

**From the creators of Les Misérables comes the breathtaking musical *Miss Saigon*, a powerful tale of love and sacrifice set during the Vietnam War. Winner of three Tony Awards, this critically acclaimed production has captivated audiences worldwide with its sweeping score, spectacular visuals, and emotionally charged story. Step into a powerful tale of love, loss, and resilience set against the backdrop of the Vietnam War as you follow the journey of Kim, a young Vietnamese woman, and Chris, an American soldier, navigating the turmoil of war and the depths of human connection. Featuring iconic songs like "The Last Night of the World" and "Sun and Moon," this is a theatrical experience that will leave you spellbound. Don't miss this epic story of hope and the human spirit.**

<b>Depart Approx.</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Show</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Return Approx.</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>



# ***Tampa Bay Downs***

**Tampa, FL**

**Saturday, March 21, 2026**

**\$ 80.00**

**(Trip includes bus transportation, tip for the driver, entrance to the racetrack, lovely buffet meal in the Skye Terrace, gratuities, and taxes)**

**Sharon Stetson, Coordinator**

**9504 SW 97th LN Unit C**

**Ocala, FL 34481-8666**

**207-838-3776**

**Call 9-1 Only**

**Open to book: Tuesday, January 13, 2026**

**Only 2 tickets may be ordered at one time. Please do not call to make a reservation for 4, 6, 8, or 10 people. All residents need to have 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.**

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

**A Gateway Service Pass is needed for Indigo and Weybourne residents.**

**Tampa Bay Downs is the only Thoroughbred racetrack 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.**

<b>Depart Approx.</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Mutual Window</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Return Approx.</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>



**Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater  
Hudson, FL**

## ***Rock of Ages***

**Saturday, April 18, 2026**

**\$ 100 pp**

**Linda Uhley, Coordinator  
9220 SW 96<sup>th</sup> Court RD  
Ocala, FL 34481-6598**

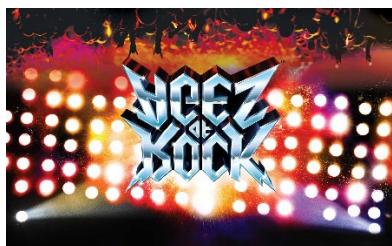
**352-854-8536  
Call 9-1 Only**

**Open to Book: Monday, February 2, 2026**

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

**It's Broadway's biggest party! Get ready to rock through an electrifying journey back to the epic era of '80s rock! *ROCK OF AGES* is a high-octane, nostalgia-packed musical that guarantees a thrilling and hilarious ride filled with iconic 80's radio hits, larger-than-life characters, and non-stop energy. Set on L.A.'s iconic Sunset Strip, this electrifying musical follows the story of a small-town girl, a big-city dreamer, and their fight to save the legendary rock club they love. Feel the pulse-pounding beats and sing along to the anthems of bands like Journey, Bon Jovi, and REO Speedwagon Styx, Whitesnake and more! Join us for an unforgettable night of headbanging fun, fiery performances, and an immersive trip down memory lane – the ultimate blast from the past!**

<b>Depart Approx.</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Show</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Return Approx.</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>





TRAVEL TOPPERS PRESENTS:

# Highlights of Route 66

Chicago to Los Angeles

**SEPTEMBER 18 - OCTOBER 4, 2026**

**\$4,719 per person**

Price includes escorted tour, accommodations, transportation, prepaid gratuities, travel insurance, and transportation to and from Ocala. Airfare not yet included. Pricing is based on rooms of two. Solo rooms available for an additional \$1,430, based on availability.

Deposit is \$649 per person

Final Payment due on June 30, 2026

**Contact Janet Wiles at 804-243-4008**

**If the group is too small to cover the cost of a bus, you will be responsible for your own travel to the airport.**