

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 2024-25 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.

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

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: rickaer@live.com.

Mt. Dora Shopping & Boat Tour

Mt. Dora, FL

Saturday, April 27, 2024

\$68 pp

Diane Knox, Coordinator

9369 SW 90th ST

Ocala FL 34481

352-390-2386

Call 9-1 only

Open to book: Now – Wait List Only

This trip is now open for guests.

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.



**Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater
Hudson, FL**

South Pacific

Sunday, May 12, 2024

\$ 94 pp

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

352-390-3075

Call 9-1 Only

Open to Book: Now – Wait List ONLY

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

Based on James Michener’s Pulitzer Prize winning book, Rodgers and Hammerstein’s SOUTH PACIFIC is set on a tropical island during World War II and tells the sweeping romantic story of two couples and how their happiness is threatened by the realities of the war and by their own prejudices. Featuring classics such as “Some Enchanted Evening,” “I’m Gonna Wash That Man Right Outta My Hair,” and “Younger Than Springtime,” this timeless tale of love and duty is considered by many the finest musical ever written, and as relevant today as when it first thrilled audiences in 1949. Get ready to be swept away by the breathtaking beauty and power of this classic - a truly unforgettable experience!

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



St. John's River Cruise

Paddle Wheeler

Sunday, June 16, 2024
Father's Day

\$98 pp

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

Call 9-1 only
352-390-3075

Open to book: Now
This trip is now open for guests.

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.

Depart Approx. 9:15 a.m.
Return Approx. 5-6:00 p.m.



GLOBUS TOURS
Denver, CO – Albuquerque, NM – Denver, CO

ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON FIESTA

October 7 - 19, 2024

THERE IS LIMITED AVAILABLE SPACE FOR THIS TRIP!

Join Travel Toppers Tours for a trip to Colorado and New Mexico. Ride Historic Trains of the Old West and experience the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta.

Tour Includes:

- **Three (3) pre-nights in Denver Colorado**
- **Pre-paid gratuities (tour only)**
- **Travel insurance**
- **Transportation to / from airport**
- **Three (3) train rides in Colorado**
- **Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta**
- **Breakfast daily, one (1) lunch, two (2) dinners**

\$ 5402 pp - Double

\$6992 pp - Single

\$5052 pp - Triple

(Air Fare NOT Included)

Deposit: \$250 pp (included in quoted price) - refundable until May 2024

Insurance: \$359 pp (included in quoted price) - non-refundable

Final payment - August 10, 2024

**Prices for airfare and two (2) tours in
Denver is not available at this time.**

Linda Hein, Coordinator
9682 SW 92nd Place RD
Ocala FL 34481-9318
352-861-9880

Call 9 - 1 Only

Open to Book: Now – Wait List Only

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

If the closest thing to time travel is train travel, then you’ll love riding the rails into the unspoiled scenic past of Colorado. This off-the-beaten path tour of the U.S. West is just the ticket to chug through the untamed beauty of the Royal Gorge aboard the Royal Gorge Route Railway; through the magnificent mesas and canyons of San Juan National Forest aboard the Durango & Silverton Narrow-Gauge Railroad; and through the rugged splendor of the Rockies aboard the historic Georgetown Loop Railroad. Chasing rainbows is easy as hundreds of hot-air balloons take flight and turn the already stunning atmosphere of New Mexico into a kaleidoscope of dizzying color. At the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. Witness the incredible Mass Ascension, fiery Balloon Glow, evening fireworks, and other colorful rituals of the world’s largest balloon event.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Royal Gorge Route Railroad**
- **Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta**
- **Travel the Turquoise Trail National Scenic Byway to Santa Fe, NM**
- **Excursion to Historic Chimayo**
- **Bandelier National Monument**
- **Taos, NM and Durango, CO**
- **Durango & Silverton Narrow-Gauge Railroad**
- **Georgetown Loop Railroad to Denver**
- **Pre-tour 3 nights in Denver with tours of Denver and Rocky Mountain National Park**



TRAVEL TOPPERS TOURS

***JOIN US FOR A 2025 VALENTINE CRUISE
ONBOARD CELEBRITY CONSTELLATION***

FEBRUARY 9 TO 16, 2025



Celebrity Constellation

Join friends and neighbors for a wonderful cruise.

Cruise Itinerary:

February 9 — Tampa, FL, Depart 4:00 PM

February 10 — Cruising

February 11 — Yucatan (Progresso), Mexico, 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM

February 12 — Cruising

February 13 — Belize City, Belize, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

February 14 — Puerto Costa Maya, Mexico, 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM

February 15 — Cruising

February 16 — Tampa, FL, Arrive 7:00 AM

OCEAN VIEW BALCONY CABINS PRICING:

Category DV Deluxe Ocean View Veranda 1,973 per person

Category V1 Prime Veranda Cabin \$1,937.00 per person

Category V2 Veranda Cabin \$1,919.00 per person

Rates are per person and based on double occupancy. \$500.00 deposit required to hold your cabin. The earlier you book, the better your choice of cabins and to avoid cruise fare increases.

Early booking is very important to ensure better cabin availability.

Rates include cruise, all fees & taxes, shipboard gratuities, Beverage Package, WiFi Access, Travel Protection, Insurance and motor coach to / from Port of Tampa.

- Other cabin categories are available upon request. 3rd / 4th passenger rate available upon request.
- Final payment will be due November 11, 2024.
- Cancellation Policy: Up to Nov. 11, 2024 No Penalty; Nov. 12 to Nov. 27 25%; Nov. 28 to Dec. 11 50%; Dec. 12 to Jan. 10 75%; Jan. 11 to sailing 100%.

For questions and reservations call Linda Hein at (352) 861-9880.

FL Seller of Travel #ST35683

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We have a female interested in the 2025 Valentine's Day cruise that is looking for a female roommate. If you are interested, contact Linda Hein at 352-861-9880.