

# TRAVEL TOPPERS NEWS

[www.traveltopperstours.com](http://www.traveltopperstours.com)

## February 2025

*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.

---

Please check out our website,  
<http://www.traveltopperstours.com>  
for updated information regarding 2025-26 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: [rickaer@live.com](mailto:rickaer@live.com).**

---

.....

**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.**

**Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater  
Hudson, FL**

## ***Waitress***

**Saturday, March 15, 2025**

**\$ 94 pp**

**Linda Hein, Coordinator  
9682 SW 92nd Place RD  
Ocala FL 34481-9318**

**352-861-9880  
Call 9-1 Only**

**Open to Book: NOW – 1 Seat Available**

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

**Based on the 2007 film, and featuring stunning music and lyrics by Grammy award-winning recording artist Sara Bareilles, WAITRESS is the story of Jenna, an expert pie maker stuck in a small town and a loveless marriage. When a baking contest in a nearby county —and a satisfying encounter with someone new —show Jenna a chance at a fresh start, she must find the courage to seize it. “WAITRESS is a little slice of heaven!” says Entertainment Weekly, and is “sweet, sassy and passionate,” according to New York Magazine. Don’t miss the hilarious and uplifting Broadway phenomenon only at Suncoast Broadway!**

<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 22, 2025**

**\$ 82 pp**

**(Includes Buffet Lunch)**

**Sharon Stetson, Coordinator**

**9504 SW 97th LN Unit C**

**Ocala, FL 34481**

**207-838-3776**

**Call 9-1 only**

**Open to book: NOW**

**Now OPEN for Guests – 11 seats available**

**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 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.**

**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>6:00 p.m.</b>



**The Straz Center  
Tampa, FL**

## ***The Lion King***

**Thursday, April 3, 2025**

**\$ 111 pp**

**(Orchestra seats)**

**(Price includes show ticket, transportation, and tip for bus driver)**

**Lisa Adams, Coordinator  
9297 SW 90th CT Unit D  
Ocala FL 34481-7561**

**407-325-9863**

**Call 9-1 Only**

**Open to Book: Now – WAIT LIST ONLY**

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

**Lunch on your own at International Mall, Tampa FL.**

**More than 100 million people around the world have experienced the phenomenon of Disney’s *THE LION KING*, and now you can, too. Winner of six Tony Awards®, including Best Musical, this landmark musical event brings together one of the most imaginative creative teams on Broadway. Tony Award-winning director Julie Taymor brings to life a story filled with hope and adventure set against an amazing backdrop of stunning visuals. *THE LION KING* also features some of Broadway’s most recognizable music, crafted by Tony Award-winning artists Elton John and Tim Rice. There is simply nothing else like *THE LION KING*.**

<b>Depart Approx.</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Show</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Return Approx.</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>



**Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater  
Hudson, FL**

## ***My Fair Lady***

**Sunday, May 11, 2025**

**\$ 94 pp**

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

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

**Open to Book: February 17, 2025**

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

**Experience the timeless elegance and captivating transformation of MY FAIR LADY. Embark on a journey through the streets of Edwardian London as the spirited Eliza Doolittle blossoms under the guidance of Professor Henry Higgins. Filled with enchanting melodies like "I Could Have Danced All Night" and "The Rain in Spain," this beloved musical celebrates the power of language, love, and self-discovery. Immerse yourself in the dazzling sets, sumptuous costumes, and the unforgettable tale of an unlikely romance. Join us for an evening of wit, charm, and musical splendor that promises to captivate hearts and leave you humming its melodies long after the curtain falls.**

<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>



# **St. John's River Cruise**

## **Paddle Wheeler**

**Sunday, June 15, 2025**  
**Father's Day**

**\$100 pp**

**Lisa Adams, Coordinator**  
**9297 SW 90th CT Unit D**  
**Ocala, FL 34481-7561**

**Call 9-1 only**  
**407-352-9863**

**Open to book: Monday, March 3, 2025**

**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.**





# *Classic Fall Foliage*

**SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 7, 2025**

Experience the vibrant fall foliage of New England on this thrilling tour, where nature meets history. Marvel at the brilliant reds, oranges, and yellows as you trace the paths of Paul Revere, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin in Boston. Explore Cornelius Vanderbilt's luxurious Newport mansion and view the largest collection of Rockwell originals at the Norman Rockwell Studio & Museum in Stockbridge. Enjoy the stunning autumn colors along Maine's coastline, in Acadia National Park, and in the charming covered-bridge countryside of Vermont and New Hampshire. This is sightseeing at its best!

**\$5,957 per person**

Price includes escorted tour, accommodations, transportation, gratuities, round trip transportation to and from the airport, and travel insurance. Airfare not yet included. Pricing based on a room of two. Solo rooms available, for an additional \$2,199, based on availability.

Open to Book: **October 21, 2024**

Deposit is \$250 per person

Final Payment due by July 11, 2025

**Contact Linda Hein at 352-861-9880**





# Travel the world

## Celebrity Apex

February 14 – 21, 2026



The Celebrity Apex is a Forbes Travel Guide Four-Star rated resort at sea. The ship is revolutionary and innovative, with public spaces like the Magic Carpet, Solarium, Rooftop Garden, and more! There are 29 distinct food and beverage experiences you will not want to miss, like the new Craft Social Bar and Le Petit Chef. Book today!!



**CONTACT  
LINDA HEIN  
352-861-9880**



Location	Arrive	Depart
Sat Port Canaveral, Florida	---	3:30 PM
Sun Cruising	---	---
Mon Puerto Plata, DR	10:00 AM	5:00 PM
Tue San Juan, Puerto Rico	10:30 AM	6:00 PM
Wed St Kitts & Nevis	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Thu Cruising	---	---
Fri Cruising	---	---
Sat Port Canaveral, Florida	7:00 AM	



Prime Concierge Class Veranda: \$2,578 per person

\*Located midship on decks 11 & 12

Concierge Class Veranda: \$2,433 per person

\*Located at the aft on decks 9, 10, 11, 12

Deluxe Porthole View with Veranda: \$2,284 per person

\*Located at the front on decks 7, 8, 9

Other cabin categories available by request and based on availability. Pricing based on double cabins.

Prices include cruise, taxes, port charges, travel protection,

prepaid gratuities, and roundtrip transportation to the port.



Not included are beverage packages, excursions, etc.

**Open to Book: Monday, October 21, 2024**

Deposit is \$250 per person

Final Payment due by October 29, 2025

**BOOK NOW AND RECEIVE A \$50  
ONBOARD CREDIT FOR THE CABIN**



**FUTURE SUNCOAST BROADWAY DINNER THEATER  
2025-26 TRIPS**

**1. GREASE**

**2. MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET CHRISTMAS**

**3. THE SUNKICKS: HOME FOR CHRISTMAS**

**4. NEW SHOW TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER**

**5. MISS SAIGON**