

# Best of Florida!



**Includes Key West  
April 22 - May 5, 2025  
(14 days - 13 nights)**

## Highlights Include:

- Florida's Coastline
- Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico
- 2 nights in Key West
- Historic Key West Tour
- Airboat Swamp Tour in the Everglades
- 2 nights in St Augustine
- Kennedy Space Center
- Astronaut Hall of Fame
- Edison and Ford Winter Estates
- Ringling Museum of the Circus
- Ringling Mansion—Ca' d Zan
- Tarpon Springs
- 2 nights in Pensacola Beach
- National Museum of Naval Aviation
- Tallahassee Automobile Museum

## **Tue, April 22** **Shreveport, LA**

Everyone will be eager to board the motorcoach as we head toward the Sunshine State of Florida knowing there will be many exciting things to see and do along the way. This will be a vacation to be remembered forever!

## **Wed, April 23** **Shreveport - Pensacola Beach, FL**

Our route will take us across Louisiana, Mississippi and a very small portion of Alabama. Continuing into Florida, we check in at our hotel, located on Pensacola Beach, for our 2-night stay.

## **Thu, April 24** **Pensacola Beach, FL**

Begin the day with sightseeing in Pensacola, a town that has flown the flags of Spain, France, England, the Confederate States and the U.S. Visit the National Museum of Naval Aviation, the world's largest Naval Aviation Museum. Soar with the Blue Angels in the dazzling seven-story glass and steel atrium that showcases four A-4 Skyhawks. Enjoy the sugar-white beaches and emerald-green water of Pensacola Beach along the Gulf of Mexico.

## **Fri, April 25** **Pensacola - St. Augustine, FL**

Today we continue across the state of Florida to the beautiful Atlantic Ocean. We will enjoy 2 nights in St Augustine, the oldest continuously occupied European settlement in the US. It was here Ponce de Leon landed in 1513 in search of the legendary Fountain of Youth.

## **Sat, April 26** **St. Augustine, FL**

A wonderful day awaits us as we have a narrated tour of St. Augustine to acquaint us with the area. This afternoon, leisure time is allowed for exploring the quaint shops and museums.

## **Sun, April 27** **St. Augustine - Cocoa Beach, FL**

Heading south our next stop will be at the Kennedy Space Center where we will have a guided bus tour of the facility and see the Astronaut Hall of Fame before continuing along the coast to our overnight destination of Cocoa Beach.

## **Mon, April 28** **Cocoa Beach - Key West, FL**

Today we continue southward to complete the day with a drive across the Florida Keys to Key West, where we again enjoy a 2-night stay. Key West is a seaport for many cruise ships and Cuba, at its nearest point, is only 90 miles away.

## **Tue, April 29** **Key West, FL**

This morning we enjoy a narrated tour of historic Key West with its subtropical climate and lush vegetation, especially palm trees, hibiscus and bougainvillea. Ship carpenters,

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using wooden pegs instead of nails, built many of the older homes, which are predominantly Bahamian in architecture.

**Wed, April 30**                      **Key West - Fort Myers, FL**

Leaving the Keys, we return northward to the Florida Everglades, the largest remaining subtropical wilderness in the nation. The Everglades is essentially a slow-moving freshwater river, 60 miles wide and over 100 miles long, fed by Lake Okeechobee. An experience of a lifetime will be our airboat ride as we look for alligators before continuing to Fort Myers.

**Thu, May 1**                              **Fort Myers - Sarasota, FL**

A great day awaits us as we begin with a tour of the Thomas Edison and Henry Ford Winter Estates, one of the nation's ten most visited historic sites, consisting of nearly 25 acres with over a dozen historic buildings, museum and gardens. In Sarasota, enjoy the Ringling Circus Museum, Ca d'Zan Mansion and Museum of Art.

**Fri, May 2**                                **Sarasota - Ocala, FL**

Our first stop this morning will be in Tarpon Springs, which became an important center for sponge fishing when Greek divers came to the area in the early 1900s. Although the industry has diminished, the Greek influence is evident with sponge shops and Greek restaurants and bakeries being plentiful. Moving to inland Florida, we overnight in Ocala,

**Sat, May 3**                                **Ocala - Mobile, AL**

We continue to Tallahassee, the capital of Florida, to visit the Tallahassee Automobile Museum. Other exhibits include a toy and doll collection, train collections, antique farm engines and Steinway pianos featuring a Chihuly glass Grand piano.



**Sun, May 4**

**Mobile - Shreveport, LA**

Today we route across Louisiana, through Baton Rouge, Natchitoches and continue to Shreveport to overnight.

**Mon, May 5**

**Shreveport - Home**

We begin the last day of our journey with memories of our tour whirling in our minds. We will long remember the new friends we have made and the great places we have visited on our spring tour to the "Sunshine State" of Florida.

## Thank you for traveling with Bilbrey Tours!

### Price Includes:

- Roundtrip transportation from:  
**Abilene, Big Spring, Midland & San Angelo**
- 13 nights hotel accommodations
- Baggage handling for one piece of luggage
- Meals: 9 continental breakfasts, 4 breakfasts,  
13 lunches or dinners
- Admissions to all included attractions per itinerary
- Services of a tour escort
- Gratuities for driver and local guides

### Cost per person:

**\$4450 (2 people per room)**

**\$5910 (1 person per room)**

**\$50 deposit due upon booking**

**Final payment due February 14, 2025**

### Travel Insurance

An optional Travel Insurance plan is available for purchase on overnight tours through TripAssure. Bilbrey Tours encourages the purchase of a Travel Protection Plan to help protect your investment, your belongings and most importantly you! Bilbrey Tours makes the Tour & Cruise Travel Protection Plans easily available. For complete details and to purchase a plan, follow this link:

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