



**Bradenton Area CVB
Bus Tour Group
SAMPLE**

Itinerary Contacts

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DAY 1

8:30AM Depart Hotel

10:00AM Dakin Dairy Farms -
30771 Betts Road, Myakka City, FL 34251
*Tour of the Dakin Dairy Farm-
October – April is “Farm Fun” Season at Dakin Dairy Farms where they produce & bottle fresh local milk on their 350-acre sustainable family farm. Hayride, pig race, feeding calves & making butter are all part of a fabulous guided Farm Tour. Or just bring the family out to enjoy an “Old Fashioned Country Picnic” under the 5-acre Oak Hammock filled with good ole farm fun (use their picnic tables or BYO Blanket), featuring slow roasted pulled pork, an “It’s All About the Cheese” menu, angus hot dogs & marshmallows roasted over a campfire, Ice Cream Bar & more! Group Tours & Birthdays Parties are a must here! 5-acre Farm Fun Play Area included with purchase of Picnic Mon–Sat 10-5pm. Last Weekend in Oct. thru Dec. ONLY: 7 ACRE MAZE Open Saturday’s until 8pm - (bring a flashlight) Featuring 5pm Sunset Tours, Picnics, Karaoke, Camp Fires, Hayrides & Cow Train Rides.*

12:00PM Lunch at Dakin Dairy Farms-

1:00PM Departing Dakin Dairy for Downtown Bradenton Area

2:00PM South Florida Museum - Jessica Schubick, Marketing Manager
Phone: 941.746.4131 ext. 14 Email: jschubick@southfloridamuseum.org
201 10th St. W., Bradenton, FL 34206
ALL UNDER ONE ROOF!
1:30 PM Bishop Planetarium Presentations

2:00PM Self-Guided Tour of the South Florida Museum.

3:00PM- Parker Manatee Aquarium Presentation

5:00PM Meeting in Lobby of Hotel for Pick up to Dinner and Theater

5:15PM Riverhouse Reef & Grill -Matt Elliott, General Manager
Phone: 941.729.0616 Email: info@riverhoukereef.com
1001 Riverside Dr. Ste. 260, Palmetto, FL 34221
Dinner Reservations at Riverhouse Reef & Grill- A unique blend of casual and elegant. Riverhouse Reef & Grill offers a fresh approach to incredible cuisine and casual elegance. Our waterfront dining room brings the outdoors in with an interior that opens completely to the waterfront. Outside, dockside seating offers glimpses of docile Manatees, playful Dolphins and elegant yachts.

7:30PM Manatee Players Theater- CHECKONLINE FOR A V A I L A B L E
SCHEDULES 502 3rd Avenue West, Bradenton, FL 34205

Day 2

9:00AM Departing for Ellenton

9:30AM Gamble Plantation Historic State Park-
3708 Patten Ave, Ellenton, FL 34222
<http://www.floridastateparks.org/gambleplantation/>
Gamble Plantation Tour-This antebellum mansion was home to Major Robert Gamble and headquarters of an extensive sugar plantation. It is the only surviving plantation house in South Florida. It is believed that Confederate Secretary of State, Judah P. Benjamin, took refuge here after the fall of the Confederacy, until his safe passage to England could be secured. In 1925, the house and 16 acres were saved by the United Daughters of the Confederacy and donated to the state. Today, the mansion is furnished in the style of a successful mid-19th century plantation. Guided tours of the house are given six times a day, Thursday through Monday and there are picnic tables on the grounds. The visitor center is open from 9:00 a.m.- 11:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Thursday through Monday; it is closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. Located in Ellenton on U.S. 301 East.

11:00 AM Ellenton Outlet Mall-
5461 Factory Shops Blvd., Ellenton, FL 34222
The Ellenton Premium Outlet is a must-do for shoppers! Featuring 130 designer and name brand. Find impressive savings at Banana Republic, Calvin Klein, Coach, J.Crew, Kate Spade New York, Kenneth Cole, Lacoste, Lucky Brand, Michael Kors, Movado, Nike, Saks Fifth Avenue Off 5th and many more! Have lunch at your leisure at the Food Court.

3:00PM

Mixon Fruit Farms -

2712- 26th Ave. E., Bradenton, FL 34208

Tour of Mixon Fruit Farm - Come join the fun on the Orange Blossom Express Tram touring the grove with a stop at our Wildlife Rescue. Enjoy a "Orange Swirl" Ice Cream and sample Florida Wines & shop.

6:00PM

Anna Maria Oyster Bar -

1525 51st Ave. E., Ellenton, FL 34222

Dinner at Anna Maria Oyster Bar in Ellenton. Located in Ellenton right off I-75 and seconds away from the Outlet Mall. Enjoy your meal indoors or dine outside under tiki torches by our brand new Tiki Bar Patio!

Featuring the Freshest Seafood, Steaks, Pasta, Chicken Dishes and so much more!

If you are looking for a terrific Florida seafood restaurant, family dining, reasonable prices, you've found the place! We're more than just oysters! Our fun, relaxing atmosphere and great service will make your dining experience even more enjoyable.

Day 3

9:00AM

Tour on your own the Bradenton Riverwalk-

Well-designed public spaces that offer high-quality events promote quality of life and economic development. In addition to aesthetic and recreational benefits, parks also provide positive financial impact by enhancing property values, increasing municipal revenue, and attracting businesses, homebuyers, visitors, and retirees.

For these reasons, the Downtown Development Authority and Realize Bradenton joined forces with many other partners to transform the shoreline of the Manatee River into today's spectacular Bradenton Riverwalk. The redeveloped park opened October 18, 2012.

Visit the new Riverwalk and enjoy concerts, festivals, art talks, movies, food, volleyball, educational events, yoga, skateboarding, fishing, crafts, youth theater, living history, boating, art making, exercise, and many community connecting activities. Events are listed in the Realize Bradenton Calendar.

11:00AM

Florida Maritime Museum -

4415 119th St. W., Cortez, FL 34215

Florida Maritime Museum is in the historic fishing village of Cortez, in the historic school house. Changing and permanent exhibitions showcase the maritime history, culture and heritage of Florida. Monthly Music on the Porch events, community boat building programs, and special events and exhibitions can be enjoyed by all. The historic Cortez Village is a National Register of Historic Places community that has worked hard to preserve its unique Florida Gulf Coast Heritage by fighting the pressures from modern development that have brought about the loss of much that was old time Florida.

12:00PM

Lunch in the Cortez Fishing Village -

Cortez, FL 34215

3:00PM

Island Pearl Excursions -

P.O. Box 565, Bradenton, FL 34206

Boat Tour on the Island Pearl Excursions! Experience Florida at it's best; on her sparkling waters, in the brilliant sunshine and fresh clean air! The Island Pearl has been inspected, certified and licensed by the United States Coast Guard. She carries state of the art electronics and all the required safety equipment. She is certified safe, she is comfortable, she is friendly and most important of all- SHE IS FUN!

Island Pearl is available for Private Charters Daytime, Sunset or Evening Private Excursions Office Parties Family Get Togethers Church & Neighborhood Association trips

Luncheons Dinner and Cocktail Parties. Sailing times are flexible to accommodate your special cruise!

The Island Pearl utilizes bio-diesel fuel blends to cut down her carbon footprint as well as soot and odor. Her turbo-diesel engines sip fuel while pushing her efficient displacement hull quietly through the water.

6:00PM

Bridge Tender Inn & Dockside Bar -Sue Shinka, Manager
Bradenton, FL 34217

<http://www.bridgetenderinn.com/>

Phone: 941-778-4849 Email: tenderinn@aol.com

Bridge Tender Inn & Dockside Bar- The Bridge Tender Inn and Dockside Bar is a favorite of locals and 'snowbirds' alike. Famous for its 'old Florida' charm, fabulous food and great entertainment the Bridgetender boasts a casual atmosphere with world class cuisine.

Situated facing Sarasota Bay, the Bridgetender Inn affords unparalleled views of the famous City of Bradenton Beach fishing pier, the clock tower, the Intracoastal waterway and Sarasota Bay. There is ample parking and with three docks available there is plenty of space to come by boat (Intracoastal marker #49)

Day 4

9:00 AM

Port of Manatee Public Tours-

Get a behind-the-scenes look at Port Manatee on our free open-air public tram tour. Port Manatee's open-air tram accommodates 70 adults. Port Manatee offers fantastic views of Tampa Bay and up-close encounters with large, oceangoing ships so be sure to bring your camera! Reservation Only -Call 941-722-6621 to reserve a spot for you and a friend, a club, school or civic group. We look forward to seeing you!

12:00PM

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2:00PM

Florida Railroad Museum-

You have arrived at Florida's Home of Railroad History. The Museum offers one of the most unique museum experiences in the world. Here you "Ride the Exhibits!" The Museum is open every Saturday and Sunday from 10 AM to 4 PM, year-round, in Parrish, FL. Hour and a half excursions on historic rail equipment depart from the Parrish Train Station at 11 AM and 2 PM. Special events are scheduled throughout the year featuring themed train rides. Some events have different schedules, so please check the calendar on our website for details. The [party caboose](#) is available to charter for small, private parties or you may charter the entire train for large family or corporate events. 12210- 88rd St. E. Parrish, FL 34219 941-776-0906

4:00PM

Rosa Fiorelli Winery-

There's a reason this winery has received six awards in the commercial international wine competition. It's that good. Visit to try Southern Red Reserve, Manatee Red, Florida Muscadine, Muscadine Blush, Manatee Red, Rosato, Blanc du Bois, Blanc du Bois Classico and Conquistador Blush. To find out more about a wine tasting or tour, call or visit our the website. 4020 CR 675, Bradenton, FL. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Sun., noon-5 p.m. (941) 322-0976 <http://www.fiorelliwinery.com/>

7:00PM

Dinner at Linger Lodge Restaurant-

Specializing in Old Florida Favorites such as fresh alligator bites, frog legs, fried green tomatoes, BBQ and Seafood. Can accommodate large groups up to 100 guests.

www.lingerlodgeresort.com

7205-85th St Ct East, Bradenton, FL 34202. 941-755-2757