

Welcome to Day Tripping With ACE

We look forward to having you join us for another exciting term of travel destinations. Outings will be full-day field trips around Northwest, Central, and Southwest Florida. A charter bus will take us on more distant travels, while the Classroom on Wheels school bus is for the short trips. Topics will have educational and entertainment value. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis. Please register before the cut-off dates.

Bus Pick-Up Location

The bus will leave from the Suncoast Technical College campus located at 4748 Beneva Road. Enter the campus off Proctor Road. The bus will be parked in front of the south side of Building 3 (where ACE classes are held).



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Ford Edison Winter Estates

Date: Saturday, November 7, 2026
Registration Deadline:
Wednesday, October 21, 2026
Approximate Schedule: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Board the Charter Bus: 8:15 am
Fee: $145.00 (includes admission fee and lunch)

Step back in time at the Ford & Edison Winter Estates in Fort Myers, where the historic homes and lush botanical gardens of two of America's greatest inventors await. Stroll through Thomas Edison's laboratory, marvel at the towering banyan trees, and explore Henry Ford's charming winter retreat nestled along the Caloosahatchee River. The estates offer a fascinating glimpse into the lives and friendship of these two visionaries who spent their winters in this tropical paradise.

After a morning of discovery, we'll stop at Four Points by Sheraton Punta Gorda Harborside for lunch. This is a perfect chance to relax, enjoy a good meal, and share the day's highlights with fellow travelers.

Once lunch wraps up, we'll board the bus for a comfortable ride back home. It's sure to be a memorable day filled with history, beautiful scenery, and great company.



Christmas in the Wild!
Zoo Tampa at Lowery Park

Date: Friday, December 4, 2026
Registration Deadline:
Friday, November 20, 2026
Approximate Schedule: 2:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Board the Charter Bus: 2:15 pm
Fee: $109.00 (includes admission fee)
(Dinner not included)

Experience the magic of the Tampa Zoo transformed into a winter wonderland during its spectacular holiday lights display. As the sun sets, millions of twinkling lights illuminate the pathways, casting a warm glow over exotic animal exhibits and lush tropical gardens. Enjoy themed light installations, festive music, and the chance to see some of your favorite creatures in a whole new light. This evening outing is the perfect way to celebrate the season with fellow travelers.

Make time for your Dutch treat dinner at one of the three dining establishments, Macawa's Landing Cafe, The Outpost, or Safari Pizza Co.



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REGISTRATION BEGINS

PATRONS
Wednesday, September 2, 2026

OPEN REGISTRATION
Tuesday, September 8, 2026

To Register:

Online:
ace-sarasota.com
Telephone:
(941) 361-6590
In Person:
4748 Beneva Road
Sarasota, FL 34233

The ACE office is located on the Suncoast Technical College (STC) campus, west end of Building 3.

Day Trips are Nonrefundable!

QUESTIONS?
Contact ACE Staff at
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