

# Sunrise to Sunset

Florida Itinerary: Daytona Beach – Kissimmee – Central Florida

Central Florida is perfect for group tour operators developing exciting new packages for their clients. Start your group off with a magnificent sunrise in Daytona Beach, then follow the sun to Kissimmee and continue farther west to catch a gorgeous sunset in the heart of Central Florida. A one- to three-night stay in each of these great destinations will have your groups asking for more. The following itineraries showcase the “best of the best” in the Daytona Beach, Kissimmee and Central Florida areas. Each destination’s itinerary can be easily adapted to satisfy any group. Our diverse destinations and staff professionals share the same goal: to provide memorable travel experiences to your adult, student/educational and senior groups.



## Central Florida Tour

**Day 1** – Your Central Florida experience begins at Central Florida's visitor information center - **Polk Outpost 27**. At this state-of-the-art interactive center, visitors enjoy a presentation that showcases the area and highlights local attractions, outdoor activities and family fun. Pickup your **FREE Passport to Adventure and Savings** with 100 special offers, try the putting green, stop in the gift shop or just relax on the back porch overlooking the pond filled with our famous large mouth bass. Tour the world's largest one-site collection of **Frank Lloyd Wright architecture at Florida Southern College** in Lakeland. Learn about the architecture as well as the architect. Just minutes away is **Hollis Garden** located on historic Lake Mirror Promenade. There are more than 10,000 flowers and ornamental shrubs, shade trees and a grand staircase which connects Lake Mirror Park to the Garden.



Walk across the street to downtown Lakeland and have lunch at one of the many restaurants surrounding Munn Park, the centerpiece of downtown. Your next adventure begins at **Fantasy of Flight** to experience the history of flight, from the beginning to World War II. Participate in reenactments of WWII B-17 bombing missions as well as flight simulators. Shop for one-of-a-kind aviation antiques and souvenirs. Conclude your day with dinner at **The Terrace Grille** in the **Terrace Hotel** in Lakeland. When the Terrace Hotel opened her doors in 1924, she was hailed as one of Florida's finest new *year-round* inns - a rather novel concept. Located in the heart of the downtown district, the hotel re-

opened after a \$13 million renovation in 1999 and has subsequently been granted historic status. The Terrace Grille has also been given national recognition and is rated as one of Central Florida's finest eateries.

## Sunrise to Sunset in Central Florida's Polk County

**DAY 2** – Your morning begins when you arrive for breakfast at the world-renowned **Chalet Suzanne Restaurant and Country Inn**. This enchanting inn of 30 rooms nestled on 70 acres is an oasis catering to guests of all ages. After breakfast, enjoy a brief tour of the Chalet Suzanne and soup cannery. Your next visit is to **Bok Tower Gardens**. The centerpiece is the historic 60-bronze bell tower surrounded by a 157-acre garden,



which is also home to more than 120

species of wild birds. Explore Pinewood Estate, a 1930s Mediterranean mansion. Have lunch at the Blue Palmetto Cafe before shopping at this very special gift shop. Afterwards stop at **Florida's Natural Growers Grove House Visitor Center**.

Here you'll sample Florida's finest citrus juices and experience a virtual tour taking you through the groves, the processing plant and packaging area. Sample different citrus products as you shop in their very unique store. Enjoy dinner at Harry's Old Place overlooking Lake Ned in Winter Haven, offering fresh Florida seafood—where the local's eat!



**DAY 3** - Unleash your inner cowboy and leave your "City Slicker" worries behind at **Westgate River Ranch Resort**, south of Lake Wales. The largest in the Southeastern U.S. and the only one in Florida, an authentic "Dude Ranch" experience awaits you at this 1,700-acre penderosa of winding trails, pristine waters and more! Horseback riding, airboat tours, swamp buggy rides, golf, skeet shooting, hayrides, line dancing at the Saloon and a sanctioned rodeo every Saturday night. They'll even organize a cattle drive with real cowboys for your group. So throw on your jeans and favorite western wear. Spend the day or stay the night. River Ranch is a full service resort.



**Looking for more fun? Back to Nature - the Real Florida.** Be sure and bring your camera as you experience a nature tour on one of Central Florida's 554 lakes. Your eco-cruise is directed by a seasoned guide as you view Florida's natural habitat including fish, birds, alligators and an abundant variety of Florida's natural beauty and wildlife. Next, visit **Circle B-Bar Reserve and Polk's Nature Discovery Center** in Lakeland where visitors are encouraged to explore the mysteries of the 1,267 acres. A tremendous bird population, including a variety of wading birds, waterfowl, ospreys and bald eagles make



their homes here. Alligators inhabit Lake Hancock and may be observed from a distance.

### Additional Experiences in Central Florida's Polk County

In Central Florida you're on the right course to a great round of golf. Within a 50-mile radius, you'll find more than **500 beautiful holes of golf** at some of the state's best courses. Golf Digest magazine rated Central Florida as 16th best golfing destination in the USA!

Experience one of our many special events or festivals such as the **Sun 'n Fun Fly-In** held each spring in Lakeland. The second largest fly in the U. S. offering hundreds of homebuilt aircraft, warbirds, a daily airshow, educational forums and workshops and more than 500 exhibitors. Also on site is the Florida Air Museum, home to the Howard Hughes collection, vintage aircraft and a Florida aviation history wall. Great for student groups.



**Need more?** Central Florida offers special events and festivals throughout the year that is group and student friendly, many with performance opportunities.

For personalized service in each destination, rates for hotel accommodations, group-friendly restaurants and any additional assistance in planning your contacts are:



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