



## OFF-PROPERTY ACTIVITIES AND TOURS

### *Paddle, shoot, fish or ride and enjoy the view.*

In addition to everything the resort offers, we have selected a variety of activities and tours which may add that little extra touch to your meeting.

#### **Wilderness Canoe Experience** *(30 mins. 1-way / 2-3 hr. event)*

Discover nature's magic while paddling through a spectacular preserve. This downstream, quiet-water trip, suitable for beginners, is an adventure through time. Guides will educate you on canoe paddling techniques and the wildlife you will encounter. In all seasons the Hillsborough river astounds with its beauty, serenity and abundant wildlife. This trip is about 70% shade so even on a hot summer day, the 4½ mile trip is cool. Soft drinks and fresh fruit is provided..

#### **Deer Creek Sporting Clays** *(30 mins. 1-way / 2-3 hr. event)*

Deer Creek is the only 4-star rated sporting clays club in North America. Sporting Clays is one of the fastest growing sports in the United States and with three different clays courses, set at different skill levels, Deer Creek is set up to accommodate your group. All visits start with an informational session covering the basics of clay shooting. Wooded paths and wildlife in the 300 acre park add to an environmentally pleasant experience for all.

#### **Inshore-Backcountry-Flats Fishing** *(60 mins. 1-way / 3- 4 hr. event)*

Don't miss some of the finest sportfishing in Florida. Experience the thrill and excitement of inshore-backcountry fishing while admiring Florida's natural beauty. Catch giant tarpon, wily snook, elusive red fish, cobia and many other species. See porpoise, manatee, stingrays, blue herons, hawks eagles and many other of Florida's magnificent wildlife. Each boat holds up to 3 anglers with an experienced fishing Captain/Wildlife Guide.





**Offshore Fishing (Deep Sea)** *(60 mins. 1-way / 4 hr. event)*

Feel the excitement of catching the big one on the Gulf of Mexico. Privately chartered 35' - 45' boats (all with interior cabins and heads), sail 8 – 14 miles off the coast. Fish for grouper, snapper, mackerel, and sometimes shark and barracuda. Each boat holds up to 6 passengers, with an experienced Captain guiding even the novice angler. A few larger boats are available.

**Airboating** *(60 mins. 1-way / 3 hr. event)*

Board an airboat and cruise at various speeds across Lake Panasoffkee and into tiny tributaries. Get close to alligators and a multitude of Florida wildlife as you see them in their natural environment.

**Busch Gardens - Tampa Theme Park** *(30 mins. 1-way / 4-5 hr. event)*

Busch Gardens Africa in Tampa combines world-class thrill rides, Broadway-style live entertainment and one of North America's largest zoos in an unforgettable African adventure for the whole family. New in 2008, discover a colorful village, launch into the sky from inside a 35-foot waterfall and connect up close with orangutans or test your strength in



a tug of war with a tiger in Jungala – the only jungle in the world that plays with you.

**Shopping Options**

Just 10 to 15 minutes from the resort, The Shops at Wiregrass, a brand new open-air retail and entertainment experience will welcome your group. The main-street style, pedestrian-friendly village has 800,000 sq. ft. of retail, restaurant and open space with three of the largest national department stores, including Macy's, and 100 specialty retail stores and signature restaurants.

30-minutes away, International Plaza features Nordstrom, Neiman Marcus, Tiffany's and nearly 200 specialty stores. Only at Bay Street, an open-air village which is part of the mall, will you enjoy a collection of unique restaurants and boutiques.

And if traveling back in time interests you, not far from Saddlebrok is the historic town of Dade City, set against rolling hills and green pastures. You'll be able to explore the quaint antique shops, side by side with contemporary galleries and stores.





### Unique Tours *(Various time options with customized itineraries)*

**Ybor** (pronounced EE-Bor) **City** is a district alive with vintage clothing stores, art galleries, delightful bistros and a relaxed atmosphere that's bathed in a rich and proud history. This century-old Tampa neighborhood always provides an unforgettable time. The tour begins with a visit to the Ybor City State Museum with demonstrations of the art of hand-rolling cigars and baking of authentic Cuban bread. Guests then enjoy a personal walking tour of Ybor City ending with a visit (and perhaps lunch) at the Columbia Restaurant, one of America's finest and oldest Spanish restaurants.

**Tarpon Springs**, home of the sponge docks. Dating back to the early 1900's when sponges were discovered in the local waters, Tarpon Springs experienced an influx of immigrants from the Dodecanese Island of Greece. The tour begins at the Tarpon Springs Cultural Center, built in 1915, followed by a tour of the sponge docks, where Greek restaurants and pastry shops abound, as well as shops carrying merchandise from all over the world.



**Neighborhoods of Tampa Bay.** Tour a city rich in history, abundant with architecture and bountiful ethnic charm...Tampa. The tour will take you along Bayshore Boulevard, known as the world's longest continuous sidewalk – 4.5 miles without a break. On one side the bay and on the other, some of Tampa's most elegant and historic homes. You'll next drive to Hyde Park with tree shaded streets and a National Registered historic neighborhood. Just a few blocks away, the H.B. Plant Museum, built in 1891 by the railroad magnate Henry B. Plant as the posh Tampa Bay Hotel, is today the centerpiece of the University of Tampa. Final stop is Ybor City where the rich diversity of the Spanish, Cuban and Italian immigrants who inhabited this area is seen in the unique architecture and charm of the "shot-gun" style homes.

**As for the arts,** Tampa Bay offers you one of the top 10 performing art centers in the country with four theaters with productions of all types. The Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center is located on the Hillsborough river, downtown Tampa. Nearby you will find the Tampa Museum of Art and across the river, the Henry B. Plant Museum, on the campus of the University of Tampa. Further west, across Tampa Bay, the Museum of Fine Arts and the Salvador Dali Museum offer both traveling exhibits as well as an extraordinary collection of Dali's work.