

## **CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19**

**Thursday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 - LIDO KEY and ST. ARMANDS CIRCLE, SARASOTA, FL**

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**WHEN** : Thursday April 23, 2020

**WHERE**: Lido Beach Pool & Pavillon

**BUS BOARDING**: 8:15 am at Lowes parking lot, Hwy 441, behind the Cracker Barrel Restaurant

**ARRIVAL**: 11:30am

**REBOARD BUS FOR DEPARTURE TO ST ARMANDS CIRCLE**: 3:30pm

**REBOARD BUS FOR RETURN HOME**: 6:15pm

**ARRIVAL BACK HOME IN THE VILLAGES**: approximately 9:00 pm

**PRICE**: \$27.00 per person (includes bus transportation, and driver gratuity)

**If needed, seats will be distributed by lottery.** Notice of bus assignments will be provided by March 30th. If you are not chosen we will void your check and contact you to see if you want to be put on a waitlist. If you want to ride with a spouse or friend please sign up together with one check. This way you will be assigned together. **ONLY 2 SEATS CAN SIGN-UP/ENTER THE LOTTERY TOGETHER.**  
**All NBBC trips are Non-Refundable.**

### **TRIP DESCRIPTION:**

Lido Key is a barrier island off the coast of Sarasota, Florida. It is connected to mainland Sarasota by the John Ringling Causeway. It boasts many pristine white sandy beaches and year round life guards. Lido Beach is very popular and attracts visitors from all over the world. While the beach isn't as large as nearby Siesta Key Beach, residents and visitors describe Sarasota's Lido Beach as more relaxed and less crowded. The only restriction on alcohol on Sarasota beaches are no glass containers are permitted. The pavilion and concession stand is being remodeled and is currently closed. There will be a food truck. We do not know if chair/umbrellas will be available but we are working on it.

St Armands Circle is located just ½ mile from Lido Key. It has midcentury architecture with a European flair. For decades [St. Armands Circle](#) has been known for their elegant boutique shopping, gourmet restaurants and fine art galleries. But back in 1893, it was uninhabited land farmed by homesteader Charles St. Armand. Circus magnate John Ringling bought the property in 1917 with a grand vision to develop homes and a golf course with a circle of shops at the center. Today, more than 30 Italian statues, one-third from Ringling's personal collection, are located on the circle. These statues, plus other park amenities, provide numerous "selfie" opportunities!

**BEACH AMENITIES**: Restrooms, outdoor showers, heated swimming pool(\$2 for seniors), picnic tables, lifeguards. The concession stand and pavilion are being remodeled and are CLOSED till after June. There will be a food truck. We will update on the chair/umbrellas availability as we get news from Sarasota Parks and Recreations. Water shoes are always recommended.

**NBBC Policies**: We would like to remind members that NBBC buses are a fragrance free zone. Please no glass and cups need to have lids. Food and alcohol is allowed on the bus if in a proper container. A movie will be presented **only** on the return ride. If you have a DVD to bring please make sure it is not blue-ray. We suggest members who are not interested in watching the movie should bring their own noise cancelling headphones/ear buds. If you plan to watch your own personal device (ie: phone, Ipad, laptop) you must have headphones/ear buds to use with it. The bus does have wi-fi and usb chargers to plug into but we cannot guarantee it is always functional. That is maintenance for Lamers' Bus Line that NBBC does not have control over.

### **LIDO KEY INFO LINKS:**

<http://www.lidokey.net/index.shtml>

[https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction\\_Review-g34618-d1065861-Reviews-Lido\\_Beach-Sarasota\\_Florida.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g34618-d1065861-Reviews-Lido_Beach-Sarasota_Florida.html)

<https://www.visitflorida.com/en-us/cities/lido-key.html>

### **ST. ARMAND CIRCLE AND RESTAURANT INFO LINKS:**

[https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction\\_Review-g34618-d109809-Reviews-St\\_Armands\\_Circle-](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g34618-d109809-Reviews-St_Armands_Circle-)

[Sarasota\\_Florida.html](#)

<http://www.lidokey.net/beach.shtml>

<https://www.starmandscircleassoc.com/restaurants/>

[https://www.yelp.com/search?find\\_desc=st+armands+circle+restaurants&find\\_loc=Sarasota%2C+FL](https://www.yelp.com/search?find_desc=st+armands+circle+restaurants&find_loc=Sarasota%2C+FL)