

## **TRIP INFO:**

**WHEN:** Saturday, January 15th , 2022

**WHERE:** Manatee Festival, Crystal River, FL & Three Sisters Springs

**BUS BOARDING:** 7:45 am at Lowe's Parking Lot. Hwy 441, behind the Cracker Barrel Restaurant

**ARRIVAL:** 9:15am

**REBOARD BUS TO TV:** 3:45 pm

**ARRIVAL AT TV:** 5:00 pm

**PRICE:** \$28/pp. (Price includes; driver gratuity, entry to Three Sisters Springs to view the Manatees and entry to the Manatee Festival)

### **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO NORTHERN BEACH BUMS CLUB (NBBC).**

Members and guest must be vaccinated to participate. Masks (while on the bus) are required. Water, coffee and soda are allowed on the bus. No food on the bus, please!

**If needed, seats will be distributed by lottery.** If you are not chosen, we will contact you to see if you wish to be put on the wait list. If you want to ride with a spouse or a bus partner, please sign up together with one check. This way you will be assigned together. **Only 2 seats can sign up (enter lottery) together.** **If you are requesting to ride on the same bus as other participants,** you must first make sure they are going on this trip and they also note on their registration form they want to ride with you. **All NBBC trips are Non-refundable; participate at your own risk.**

## **TRIP DESCRIPTION:**

Join the celebration in downtown Crystal River to honor their most famous resident! This is the 35th year of the Florida Manatee Festival, presented by the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce. Celebrating with food, music, entertainment and frivolity. Over 20,000 people each year flock to Historic Downtown Crystal River, making The Florida Manatee Festival consistently chosen one of the Best of the Best Festivals.

Each NBBC member will receive a wrist ban for entry to the festival. At this time they plan to have shuttle buses ready to transport everyone to Three Sisters Springs to view the manatees in their natural settings. This is subject to change. More info TBA. If you would like, you can take a 30 minute Manatee Boat Tour from the City Pier at the end of N.E. Third Street for a trip into Kings Bay and other favorite manatee hangouts. The cost is only \$10 per person. If you plan to take the boat ride we recommend you head to the dock immediately on arrival. The line fills up. Tours leave from Kings Bay Park, at the end of NW Third Street.

Back on land, the sound of music fills the air with live entertainment on four different stages, while visitors enjoy the offerings of fine arts and craft artisans. A beer & wine garden and two food courts serving up a wide menu of delights; from fresh seafood to authentic, local BBQ and everything in between. Plus, International Alley, featuring food trucks, food trailers and booths filled with epicurean delights from around the world. Back by popular demand is the Heritage House Hippie Village featuring vendors, food, music reminiscent of the 60's and 70's! You may choose to enjoy your lunch at the many restaurants along main street. The restaurants and shops will all be open. We will be back home in the villages around 5:00pm. We are not stopping for dinner.

Links:

<https://www.gomanateefest.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/FloridaManateeFestival/>

<http://www.threesistersspringsvisitor.org/>

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