

## Trip info:

### **John's Pass Park and John's Pass Village/Boardwalk, Madeira Beach, FL**

Trip leaders: Barb Alajoki, Mary Chamberlain, Jan Verhaeghe

**WHEN:** Wednesday March 23,2022

**BUS BOARDING:** 10:00 am at Lowe's Parking Lot. Hwy 441, behind the Cracker Barrel Restaurant

**ARRIVAL:** 12:45 pm

**BUS RE-BOARDING:** 5:45 pm (hopefully after traffic congestion)

**ARRIVAL at TV:** approximately 8:00 pm

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

Masks (while on the bus) are required. Water, coffee and soda are allowed on the bus. No food on the bus please! There is plenty of room for coolers, chairs, umbrellas in bus cargo. **All NBBC trips are Non-Refundable.**

**TRIP DESCRIPTION:** John's Pass Beach/Park is located on the south end of Madeira Beach directly across Gulf Blvd from John's Pass Village and Boardwalk. John's Pass Park offers public restrooms, outdoor shower area, and covered picnic area. Alcohol is permitted on the beach, no glasses or bottles allowed. Once you've had enough fun in the sun and sea, you can walk under Gulf Ave on the walkway under the bridge to enjoy all the Village has to offer. The Village provides beach goers a great opportunity to grab a meal, a beverage, stroll the boardwalk and visit many unique shops. You can simply drop off your beach equipment at your bus as you pass by on your way to the Village.

John's Pass was created by a hurricane on September 27, 1848. A pirate, John Levique, made the first passage through the newly created pass. Hence the name, John's Pass. Located on the waterfront is Johns Pass Village, this quaint turn-of-the-century fishing village is Pinellas County's #1 tourist attraction. Over one hundred merchants inhabit the Village with unique retail shopping, a variety of restaurants, the local fishing fleet, dolphin watching and shelling tours, boat rentals, parasailing and jet skiing. There is also a narrated dolphin watching boat tour (\$25.99) at 2:00pm. Maximum Capacity is 35 guests so you need to reserve in advance. (<https://boattoursjohnspass.com/dolphin-cruise-florida/>). The boat travels the picturesque Boca Ciega Bay for 1 ½ hrs.

**AMENITIES:** Restrooms, outdoor shower. Currently chair rentals are not available (this could change). The entry to John's Pass Beach/Park is at Gulf Ave and 129<sup>th</sup> Ave. You can bring your own chairs, umbrellas, food, drinks, and coolers; there is plenty of room in the cargo area of the bus. There is no concession stand on the beach but plenty of restaurants and shops if you walk under Gulf Ave to John's Pass Village.

### **INFO LINKS:**

<https://www.madbeachfun.com/john-s-pass-park>

<https://johnspass.com/>

<http://johnspassvillage.net/>

<https://www.visitspeteclearwater.com/360-video/tour-johns-pass-village-boardwalk>

Restaurant Info Links:

<http://johnspassvillage.net/restaurants-3/>

[https://www.tripadvisor.com/RestaurantsNear-g34410-d117384-John\\_s\\_Pass\\_Village\\_Boardwalk-Madeira\\_Beach\\_Florida.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/RestaurantsNear-g34410-d117384-John_s_Pass_Village_Boardwalk-Madeira_Beach_Florida.html)

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