

Sugar Sand Sculpture Festival/Clearwater Beach

Trip Leaders: Barb Alajoki, Mary Chamberlin, Jan Verhaeghe

When: April 21st, 2022

Where: Pier 60, Clearwater, FL

Bus boarding: 9:30 am at Lowe's Parking Lot. Hwy 441. Behind the Cracker Barrel (arrive 15 minutes before boarding time to draw a boarding lottery straw)

Arrival: Approximately 12:15 pm

Buses will return to the beach at 3:30pm if you want to store beach items, grab your clothes or a sweater.

Re-board Bus: 6:00 pm

Arrival: 8:30pm

Price: \$37.00 per person (includes bus transportation, entry to festival, souvenir photo, 10% merchandise discount, and driver gratuity)

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!

Trip Description: Spread along a narrow, 3-mile stretch of the Pinellas Peninsula on the Gulf Coast, Clearwater Beach straddles the blue waters of the Gulf of Mexico to the west, and tranquil Tampa Bay to the east. Restrooms and restaurants are available.

For the afternoon, you will be on your own; there's a lot to see and do. You will be provided with a wristband to enter and exit the Sugar Sand Sculpture Festival throughout the day. Entry to the festival includes the Sugar Sand Walk Exhibit, Ferris Wheel and Amusement Park rides, Street Performers, Sand Sculpting Class at 2pm Daily, Artisans/Crafters on pier 60 exhibits and more. If you're feeling adventuresome, jump aboard the hop-on-and-off Jolly Trolley to ride throughout Clearwater Beach. Exact change is required for the trolley. You can purchase a senior pass for all day use of Trolley at the visitor centers at entrance to pier 60.

The beach amenities include cabanas and chairs for rent on the beach. 2 chairs and umbrella = \$30 (subject to change). They do not rent individual umbrellas or chairs but you can add a chair for \$10. They do not take advance reservations. First come first serve. Simply occupy a seat not in use and someone representing the rental service will stop by to collect the fee. Bathrooms and outdoor showers are located near entry to pier 60 near the convenience store. The Beach is open for enjoying; you can come and go into the event with the wristband. Many restaurants are in walking distance. This is a public beach. No alcohol is allowed but there are many bars and restaurants nearby.

We hope the buses can drop us off at the south end of the pier 60 parking lot. They then must depart, they can not park at the beach. The Festival Sculpture entry is on the North end of the pier 60 parking lot adjacent to the pier. link

<https://www.myclearwater.com/government/city-departments/engineering/parking-system/beach-parking>

See you at the Beach!

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