

Hello Beach Bums!

Registration for our next trip to Cocoa Beach, FL is now open. We will be spending the day relaxing on the Atlantic Coast enjoying a wonderful RESORT DAYCATION at the Hilton Cocoa Beach. A yearly Club favorite. Bars, Restaurants, Coffee kiosk, Ice Cream Bar are all available. Additional Information is contained below about the trip and where to mail your checks to the Trip Leader, or drop off at Kathy's house. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO NBBC (NORTHERN BEACH BUMS CLUB). Please read the registration form and follow the directions would help us out. NBBC trip registration form and policies can be found at our web site: [northernbeachbums.org](http://northernbeachbums.org)

Calendar Reminder: Our Quarterly Party is coming up on March 7th at 6:00pm at Savannah Center. Entertainment provided, bring a dish to share at your table. Email will be sent in a couple weeks.

#### TRIP INFORMATION:

HILTON HOTEL BEACH - COCOA BEACH, FL

Trip leaders: Mary Chamberlin, Barb Alajoki, Jan Verhaeghe

When: Wednesday March 15th, 2023

Where: Cocoa Beach, FL

Bus boarding: 8:30 am at Lowe's Parking Lot. Hwy 441, behind the Cracker Barrel Restaurant

Arrival: Approximately 11:00 am

OPTIONAL EXCURSION: Visit Ron Jon Surf Shop, Boarding at 2:45 pm

Bus boarding to TV from Hilton: 4:00 pm

Bus boarding to TV from Ron Jon Surf Shop: 4:15 pm

Arrive TV: Approximately 6:30 pm

Price: \$24.00 pp (includes bus transportation, beach entry and driver gratuity)

All NBBC trips are non refundable. Members and guests must be vaccinated to participate

Snacks are allowed on the bus along with your personal water, coffee, and sodas in a spill proof container.

Payment and your Trip Registration form must be received by February 17th. Please, Please, PLEASE make checks payable to NBBC (not the trip leader). Mail your check with a trip Registration Form to the trip leader below or drop off at Kathy Eastmans' home:

Mail to: (CHECKS PAYABLE TO NBBC)

Mary Chamberlin

851 Danforth Ct.

The Villages, FL 32162

If needed, seats will be distributed by lottery. Notice of bus assignments will be provided by March 1st. If you are not chosen, we will contact you before March 1st 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. All NBBC trips are Non-refundable, participate at your own risk. If you want to request seats with other members please read the trip registrations form and follow the instructions.

Trip Description:

Enjoy resort life for a day at the beautiful Hilton Hotel of Cocoa Beach. No worries, no rush. This Cocoa Beach, Florida hotel is nestled along the beaches of the Atlantic Ocean and is 19 mi from the Kennedy Space Center. The hotel provides on-site outdoor dining and bar options. This beach is a personal favorite of NBBC president Kathy Eastman for good reasons. Everything you need to relax and enjoy a beach day is in one place. The food at the Grill is delicious, priced fairly, plentiful. Sipping a Pina Colada and enjoying the ocean breeze with your feet in the sand is why we live in Florida. Our favorite amenity is grabbing an ice cream to cool down before departing the beach.

The beach amenities include lifeguards, chair/umbrella rentals (pricey but many think worth it to lighten the load), outdoor shower, restrooms (inside hotel lobby), Longboard Tiki Bar and Grill, Castaways Bar, Cool Beans Starbucks, and Gilbertos Gelato & Creamery. Hilton Alcoholic beverages only are allowed on the beach and there is a full bar and tiki shack with many options. Yes, you can bring your own chairs, umbrellas, coolers with snacks and non alcoholic drinks. The bus will drop you off at the front of the hotel and then you walk the path past the grill, across a small bridge, with tiki hut drinks, and onto the beach. The pool and gym at the hotel is NOT Included. If you prefer to spend your day wandering downtown Cocoa Beach or Cape Canaveral you can call an uber to take you the short distance. Remember to return in time to catch the bus home.

Added Optional Excursion! For the shoppers on our trip, you can re-board the bus at 2:45 pm for a short 15 minute ride to the famous Ron Jon Surf Shop. This is their flagship store and has been dubbed "One Of A Kind" for the past 50 years and is the largest store to date. The ship is 52,000 square feet. It offers everything you could need for the beach lifestyle. You will have an hour to check out all that Ron Jons has to offer. The bus will pick up the shoppers at 4:15pm to return home. Check out the web site: <https://www.ronjonsurfshop.com/store/cocoa-beach>. This is an OPTIONAL EXCURSION. If you prefer, you can stay on the beach sipping cocktails. You probably will spot Kathy at the Ice Cream Bar! The Bus will load again from the beach at 4:00pm for those who stayed behind.

\*\*Note regarding movies: Movies will only be shown during return transport from the beaches. If you want to watch your personal device you must bring earphones. If you prefer not to watch the movie, we recommend bringing noise cancelling headphones. The trip leaders choose the movies, and without ever having seen the movie, do their best with what is available at the Red Box. Please come prepared if you don't want to watch the movie, we do the best we can.

As always on an NBBC trip there are no refunds and you will be on your own for the afternoon. Enjoy the beach, Ron Jon, hotel amenities, or the sites of Cocoa Beach by Uber. Just make sure you get back in time for the return home.

Hotel photos and links:

<https://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/florida/hilton-cocoa-beach-oceanfront-CCBCHHF/about/amenities.html>

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/ccbchhf-hilton-cocoa-beach-oceanfront/dining/>

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/ccbchhf-hilton-cocoa-beach-oceanfront/>

<https://www.ronjonsurfshop.com/store/cocoa-beach>

See you at The Beach!

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Northern Beach Bums Club

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