

LIDO KEY and ST. ARMANDS CIRCLE, SARASOTA, FL

Trip leaders: Sally & Mike McCrobie

WHEN: Thursday February 26, 2026

WHERE: Lido Beach Pool & Pavillon

BUS BOARDING: 8:00 am at Lowes parking lot, Hwy 441, behind the Mattress Firm

ARRIVAL: approximately 10:45am

REBOARD BUS FOR DEPARTURE TO ST ARMANDS CIRCLE: 3:00pm

REBOARD BUS FOR RETURN HOME: 5:45pm

ARRIVAL BACK HOME IN THE VILLAGES: approximately 8:45pm

PRICE: \$36.00 per person on line. (includes bus transportation, tolls, and driver gratuity only.)

Sign up is first come/first serve. If we do not fill up both buses we will contact those who did not make it on bus one and advise. Sign-up will close by January 27th or when we have 2 buses filled, whichever happens first.

NEW REGISTRATION FOR NBBC: We have now established ON-LINE booking for all NBBC trips. Registration options: 1) person alone (seat partner to be matched up at bus); 2) people on one payment seated together. **We no longer will be sorting sign-ups to match you to partners or group requests to be on the same bus.** If you want to sit with someone, sign up together. You can join up with your friends at the beach. Members only. Guests will only be allowed to book after we confirm if any space for guests. Be careful when you sign up to complete information and choose quantity and price for 2) @ \$72 or 1) @\$36

This link will take you to the payment page: ***** enter your email, verify you are not a robot. If you prefer you can go to our website at Northernbeachbums.org and click on link in the menu.

If you have any questions you can email kathy@logistics-plus.com and I will do my best to answer you within 24 hours.

Notice of bus assignments will be provided by February 10th. **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 lifeguards. 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 regarding alcohol on Sarasota beaches is that no glass containers are permitted.

St Armands Circle is located just ½ mile from Lido Key. It has mid-century 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. All visitors using the pool must have an account with the Sarasota Parks & Recreation Dept. (Call 941 263-6732) to create an account. The concession stand and pavilion are open. Chair/umbrella rentals are available at a cost of \$14/chair; \$16/umbrella (subject to change). Water shoes are always recommended. There is also an EcoRover for patrons with mobility issues. It's available at no cost from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. For more information, visit the website letsplaysarasota.com

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 are allowed on the bus if in a proper container. A movie will be presented **only** on the return ride. 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. Likewise, if you take phone calls, please do not use the speaker feature of your phone. 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.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-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

See you at the beach!!

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