

FLORIDA

Full of Flowers tour

February 17 *through* February 24, 2020

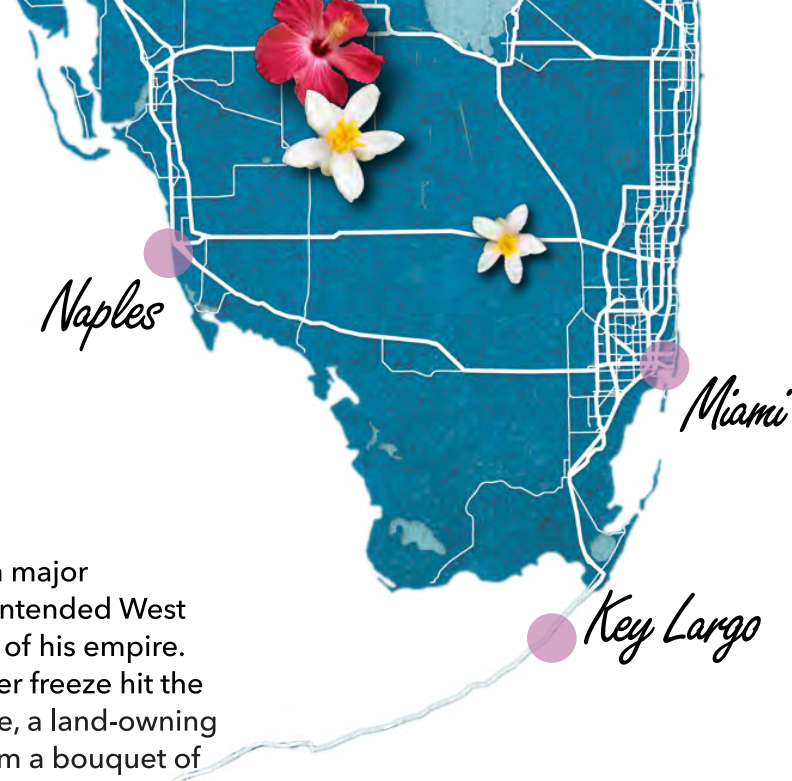
Flower Power

Henry Flagler, a railway man and a major developer on Florida's east coast, intended West Palm Beach to be the southern tip of his empire. Legend has it that after a late winter freeze hit the West Palm area in 1894, Julia Tuttle, a land-owning widow who lived in Miami, sent him a bouquet of orange blossoms as proof the freeze had left her part of Florida undamaged. Flagler, impressed, extended his railroad – and his empire – down to Miami. That's the power of flowers.

Florida (Spanish for "full of flowers") was how Ponce de Leon marked his landfall on a sixteenth century map. And to this day, as the botanic gardens, coral reefs and alligator-filled swamps reveal, the beauty and splendor of natural Florida shines as brightly and smells as good as those orange blossoms did more than a century ago.

Join the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum on this florid voyage through the southern reaches of the Sunshine State. Visits to the Baker Museum in Naples and the Pérez in Miami plus tours of Villa Vizcaya, the Ford Estate and the Morikami will add more than a dollop of culture to this flowery trip.

Our excursion begins Monday evening with a stroll through downtown Naples. The beautiful streets, the soft sounds of fountains and the Third Street gardens are all intrinsic parts of the



atmosphere of this little town. The area abounds with stores and is just steps to the Naples Pier and the historic Palm Cottage.

Tuesday

We continue in Southwest Florida on Tuesday at the **Ford and Edison Winter Estates** (that's Henry and Thomas) followed by a visit to the **Conservancy of Southwest Florida** which was founded in 1964 to stop a bridge being built across Rookery Bay. This foray includes a spectacular boat ride up the Gordon River, bringing the native flora, fauna and manatees up close.

The day concludes at the **Garden of Hope and Courage**, a 2½-acre garden-as-healing place with a one-acre lake at its center.

THE MOONLIGHT GARDEN, THEN AND NOW



Ellen Biddle Shipman designed The Moonlight Garden at the Edison Winter Estate for Thomas Edison's wife Mina (on the left, above). Shipman, part of the first generation of women to break into the largely male occupation, famously told *The New York Times* in 1938, "before women took hold of the profession, landscape architects were doing what I call cemetery work." Little of her other work remains because of the labor-intensive style of her designs. This garden sits where TAE's lab once sat before Henry Ford moved the entire thing to his museum in Michigan.

Wednesday

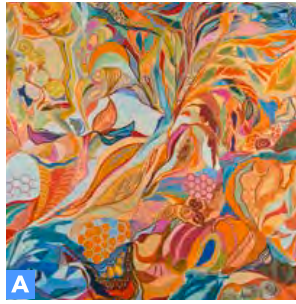


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The **Baker Art Museum**, **A** part of the Artis-Naples campus, is the best fine arts museum in Southwest Florida. The collection includes American Modernism, sculpture, twentieth century Mexican art and amazing three-dimensional pieces. The museum suffered water damage from Hurricane Irma and will soon re-open after undergoing repair and a major expansion.

The **Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary** **B** is the winter home to such birds as painted buntings, egrets and ibises, plus a favorite hangout for the American alligator. With a century of conservation history, the Sanctuary strives to conserve and restore the

habitats wildlife share, mostly focusing on the needs of birds. It occupies almost 13,000 acres in the heart of the Corkscrew Watershed. The day concludes with refreshments under an evening Florida sky in a secluded private garden.

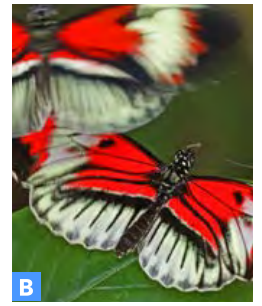
Thursday



Founded by eight locals in 1993, the **Naples Botanical Garden** [A](#) contains a world-class 170 acres with seven different habitats, including six cultivated gardens, two miles of trails and 90 acres of restored native preserve. The **Kampong**, [B](#) former home of famed plant collector David Fairchild, is the first stop in Miami. It has great collections of tropical fruit trees, including 50 varieties of mango, and a view of Biscayne Bay unsurpassed in the region. The **Pérez Art Museum** building [C](#) and its hanging vertical gardens are each stunning works of art, both capable of withstanding hurricanes.



Friday

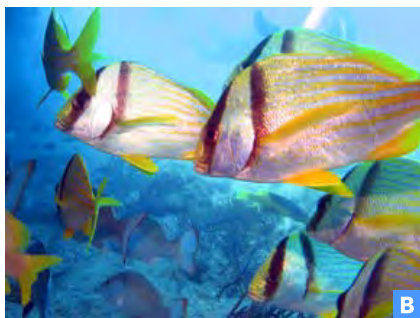


Mounts Botanical Garden **A** contains 25 unique garden areas to stroll through for relaxation and inspiration. Windows on the Floating World are boardwalks that allow visitors to “walk on water” and the Garden of Tranquility simulates a Zen-like garden. The **Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens** **B** was started in 1977 when George Morikami donated his farm to Palm Beach County.

The original museum building, Yamato-kan, is a Japanese villa and the Roji-en Japanese Gardens are designed to complement the museum. The six distinct gardens are inspired by famous garden design styles throughout Japan’s history.

Butterfly World **C** is the largest butterfly park on Earth. It hosts more than 20,000 butterflies flitting about plus hundreds of exotic birds amongst very colorful gardens. The park also includes the largest free-flight hummingbird aviary in America.

Saturday

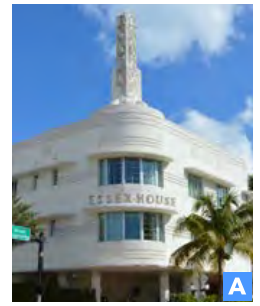
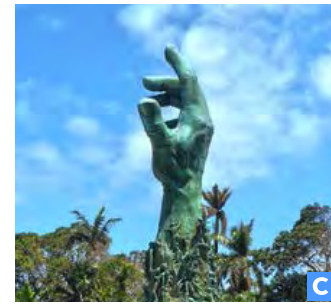
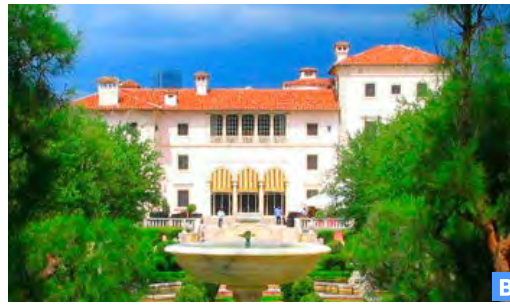


Fruit & Spice Park, **A** started in the early 1900's by a homesteading family who collected the unusual fruits growing in the area, is now 37 acres of mangoes, bamboo, bananas and jackfruit. **John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park** **B** is called the dive capital of the world and is home to America's first underwater park. Once under stress from people removing the

coral and fish to sell, seventy square miles were set aside as a coral reef preserve. Now ocean life abounds among the outcroppings and thriving boulders of large brain, staghorn and elkhorn corals. A glass-bottomed boat tour through

the park offers close-up views of some of the most beautiful underwater scenes in the world. Enjoy dinner and a wine tasting at **Schnebly Redland's Winery** where wines are crafted from tropical fruits including mango, guava, avocado and lychee.

Sunday

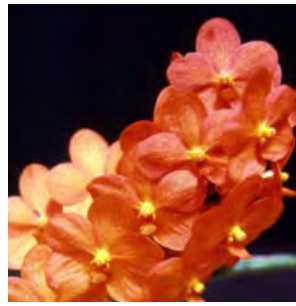


Throughout Miami Beach's long history, the historic **Art Deco District** [A](#) has remained the most visual example of the classic Miami Beach look. Squarely-shaped, pastel pink and minty green retro buildings, define Miami Beach to the rest of the world. Once home to bootleggers and mobsters, it later devolved into a sleepy retirement village before becoming a battleground for drug

smugglers in the 1980s. The 1990s saw a revitalization that would cement the District's reputation as a world-class travel destination. **Vizcaya**, [B](#) an Italian Renaissance villa built in 1916, features mostly formal gardens with an overgrown, tropical look.

The **Miami Beach Botanical Garden**, created in 2011, features landscape architect Raymond Jungles' famous water features. The **Holocaust Memorial Miami Beach** [C](#) is a moving monument designed by architect Kenneth Treister, part of which is underground.

Monday



The **Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden** is an 83-acre botanical garden started by David Fairchild's good friend Robert Montgomery. It's one of the most well-known tropical botanical gardens in the world. The Fairchild's conservation efforts include saving native plants of South Florida, the Caribbean, Oceania and tropical Africa. The estate includes the wonderful

Montgomery Palmetum with more than one thousand palm varieties, the Moos sunken garden and the Allée and Overlook gardens. The Fairchild is one of the only gardens in America to feature the Victoria water lilies outdoors.

The garden was originally designed by William Phillips, a member of the Fredrick Law Olmsted design firm and a leading landscape designer in South Florida during the 1930s. His top three design principles were: variety, consistency and contrast.

Distinguished Host
Peter J. Olin, DIRECTOR EMERITUS
 Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

Peter J. Olin served as director of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum between 1985-2008. He focused on expanding research and educational programs, including the Therapeutic Horticulture Program, the Irvine Sensory Garden and the Nelson Shrub Rose Garden. **THE PETER J. OLIN DIRECTORSHIP ENDOWMENT** was created in his honor to endow the director's position.



Tour Inclusions

- Custom-designed tour for the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum with host Peter Olin
- Accommodation for three nights at the Bayfront Inn in Naples and four nights at the Hampton Inn & Suites Miami Midtown
- Winery dinner, multiple lunches and a hot buffet breakfast each morning
- Docent-led tours
- Full-service tour director from Destinations And Tours
- Private transportation and driver gratuities
- Taxes and service charges while on tour
- \$200 tax-deductible donation to the Arboretum



February in Florida
High 75° / Low 60°
11½ hours of sunlight

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RESERVATION APPLICATION

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Authorization Signature (required)

One form per traveler please. To secure a tour reservation, a deposit of \$500 must accompany each form. Unfortunately, there are no refunds after November 17, 2019 (\$250 is refunded if canceled prior that date). Contact Destinations And Tours to discuss flight recommendations.

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