

Dear Garden Friends:

Come away from the cold, drab shades of winter with Sagers Garden Travelers to the sultry paradise of southern Florida. Find sunshine as you get away from winter to see gardens and outdoor extravaganzas of beautiful tropical plants, gardens, art and more.

You may find such enchanting plants in conservatories elsewhere, but in their natural Florida environment these plants take on a spectacular dimension. In a sense, South Florida is a different world from the rest of the U.S.

Indulge in the flowers, natural wonder and scenes of Florida in the wonderful company of garden lovers like yourself. Dine on sumptuous meals and relax in excellent lodging at the end of pleasant days.

This trip will take you to stunning, don't-miss gardens. Even if you have been to some of these gardens, they constantly change and we'll show you fabulous gardens and sights you haven't seen before. Check our website at www.larrysagers.com for pictures and more details.

Call now and make reservations for a great tour! We will have a marvelous time enjoying the gardens and sights of Florida!!

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

These are some of the highlights of our upcoming trip.

Wander the tranquil paths of **Historic Bok Sanctuary**, designed by the world renowned landscape architect, Fredrick Law Olmstead. Hear the inspiring music of the beautiful carillons from the hilltop tower as you peruse lovely gardens and groves of tropical and citrus trees. See azaleas, camellias, and other flowering plants in their bright spring finery. Delight in the Pinewood House rooms and the picturesque "garden rooms" that surround it.

Take a stroll among the tropical plants of the world at **The Kampong**, a Malay word for a family village, the home of one of the greatest Plant collectors of all time, Dr. David Fairchild. He created the Section of Foreign Seed and Plant Introduction of the United States Department of Agriculture and introduced more than 30,000 tropical plants to the U.S. The garden is noted for its flowering trees and tropical fruits. His home garden became his "introduction garden" for plants collected on his expeditions. Your visit will set the stage for your next stop at Fairchild Garden.

Fairchild Garden is a magnificent world-class 80-acre tribute to Dr. David Fairchild built by a close friend. This unusual botanical garden is the largest in United States. Drink in sweet and spicy fragrances wafting in warm breezes as you relax on your tram ride under a canopy of tropical trees, vines and exotic tropical flowers. Look up to see orchid, birds nest anthuriums, and bromeliads growing there. Stroll down alleés for spectacular views of lakes and streams. Enter the world of colorful free-flying butterflies in the Wings of The Tropics Conservatory or visit the Fruit Pavilion for the aroma of ripening tropical fruit. You are sure to find something to love in this spectacular garden.

Visit **Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens**. The Japanese culture had a great influence in this area of Florida. Explore modern and traditional Japanese culture through plant displays, artwork, decorative objects, and others. You will love the lovely garden with Japanese bridges, koi ponds, lakes and waterfalls.

Bonnet House and Gardens is the embodiment of a Caribbean plantation. The gardens are one of the last examples in South Florida of a native barrier island habitat with several ecosystems including the Atlantic Ocean beach, dunes, mangrove wetlands and a maritime forest. A desert garden near the house is composed of arid plantings, a hibiscus garden and a main courtyard

planted with tropical vegetation. The orchid showroom displays examples from one of the largest orchid collections in the Southeast United States. Find tropical animals that grace the estate - like Amazon Parrots, cockatiels, mute swans, squirrel monkeys, gopher tortoises and sometimes manatees that seek refuge in the Boathouse canal.

We won't be going to Spain to visit the cloisters and gardens of the **Monastery St Bernard de Clairvaux**, although it was built there in 1174. We'll see it in Florida thanks to newspaper magnate William Randolph Hearst who had it dismantled stone by stone and shipped to the U.S. in 1925. Financial setbacks meant it remained in a New York warehouse for 26 years. In 1952, entrepreneurs bought and rebuilt it for a tourist attraction. In 1964, a wealthy benefactor purchased and presented it to the Episcopal Bishop of Florida. It is an active congregation today.

Vizcaya is gorgeous and intriguing. The winter home of James Deering came as a dreamlike vision in the midst of a jungle on the shores of Biscayne Bay. Today it is an oasis just south of Miami's modern skyline. You'll think you've been transported to Europe as you visit the lavish formal gardens reminiscent of those in 17th and 18th Century France. The gardens are among the most elaborate in the United States. You won't want to miss this visual treat.

Venture into **Everglades National Park**, the largest remaining subtropical wilderness in the nation. Labyrinthine waters creep through salt prairies, hardwoods, hammocks and stands of mangroves and cypress trees. Find some of more than 350 species of birds - most of which nest in the everglades in the winter.

John Ringling, master of "The Greatest Show on Earth," was the consummate showman and his astonishing 66 stunning acres of his Florida estate is a showman's dream. Modeled after the Venetian

palazzos of Venice, Italy, this magnificent mansion, **Ca' d'Zan** (meaning House of John" in the Venetian dialect), was John Ringling's love letter to his beloved wife Mable. The Circus King's castle is filled with unusual and majestic furnishings, paintings and objects d'art. Don't miss this treasure.

Gardens, including Mabel's lovely rose garden, invite you to stroll the grounds.

See rare antiquities and the works of the masters in various mediums in the ever-changing displays at the **John and Mabel Ringling Museum of Art**. The Ringlings were avid art collectors who specialized in works of the old masters. Browse through one of the world's greatest collections of 17th Century Baroque art including some of John Paul Reubens' most famous tapestries and paintings along with their collection of contemporary art.

The Museum extends outdoors into a beautiful garden courtyard display of stone and bronze Italianate statues – including a magnificent replica of Michelangelo's David – with fountains, columns, arches and gardens

At the **Circus Museum**, you can stroll down memory lane seeing the circus phenomenon that has entertained Americans for more than 200 years. See the wood carvers' studio, the colorful posters, wagons, costumes and other memorabilia of the circus world.

Thread your way among tens of thousands of fabulous tropical plants in the collections of the **Marie Selby Botanical Gardens**. In this showplace, you'll find the most complete collections of epiphytes in the world. You will also find flamboyant flowers, water birds, and lovely views of the bay of the Gulf of Mexico.

Ramble through the luxuriant gardens displaying the special beauty of Florida at the **Florida Botanical Gardens**. Wander along winding paths among herbs, palms, roses and

topiaries and ponds with splashing fountains that set off the gardens before we wing our way home.

The tour price includes everything you need for an amazing trip*:

Airfare, luxury coach transportation, ferry fares, tips, fees, taxes, excellent hotel accommodations, portorage for one piece of luggage, admissions to listed tour sites, breakfast and dinner daily on this eight-day escorted tour.

Not included are souvenirs, personal items and airline luggage fees.

(*See sign-up sheet for pricing)

About our tour company:

The late Larry Sagers, co-founder of our company was a horticulturist with Utah State University Extension and garden guru of the Saturday Morning KSL Greenhouse show.

His wife and tour director, Diane, is an Advanced Master Gardener and garden writer. She has organized and conducted tours in 40 states and 7 countries.

Gretchen Campbell, co-tour director, is an Advanced Master Gardener and Horticulture Education Director at Thanksgiving Point Gardens in Lehi, Utah. Gretchen has assisted with many of our tours.

Tours fill fast, so call now to reserve your spot for this great tour!

For more information, call the number below or check the web page at www.larrysagers.com. Contact us to let us know if you will join us.



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