

OLLI-USF Travel Opportunities Committee

We are a team of volunteers, with a passion for planning and organizing of all types of group travel. The local self-drive tours provide insight into Tampa Bay's culture and history, visiting businesses, sports facilities and museums. The intent of the group guided tours is to take you to a dream destination with other OLLI members where the tour operator provides an all-inclusive experience providing transportation, accommodations, meals, entrance fees, dedicated guides and much more. Our goal is to create tours where OLLI-USF members can meet and get to know each other, learn and have fun together. If you are interested in joining our group, send an email to [Karen Wright](mailto:karen.wright@olliflorida.org).

The OLLI-USF Travel Committee Local Self-Drive Trips for fall 2025 – registration links will be available in future OLLILife issues.

Volunteers: Mary Coffeen, Jeff Isbister and Deborah Stoll

- Amazon Distribution Center – Sept. 22 at 10:30 a.m.
- Tampa Port Authority – Oct. 15, 10 a.m. to noon
- MacDill Air Force Base – Tentative Nov. 5, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Bok Tower Gardens – Dec. 9, at 10 a.m.

Further information on registering for the MacDill Air Force Base and Bok Tower Gardens day trips will be coming in a future issue of OLLILife.

OLLI-USF Group Guided Tours for 2026 - Here's your opportunity to travel to some exceptional destinations with other OLLI members!

Volunteers: Robyn Cheung, Waynette Brown, Kay Alyson, Nancy Stuart.



Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary - 250 Years Strong: The Spirit of America Endures.

In 2026, America turns 250 — a once-in-a-generation opportunity to honor our shared history, celebrates our diverse voices, and envisions a bold future together.

Celebrate a Milestone in History with (2) tour options:

Collette Discover America's 250th Anniversary – Oct. 5-13

Trace the story of the nation's rise on a journey through Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C. Be immersed in the history of a country founded on the ideals of "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" in 1776.

Click [here](#) for the trip brochure.

OR

Mayflower Sail250 – June 17-21. Same hotel for 5 days. You'll have grandstand seating at Ft. Monroe for the Parade of Sail Tall Ships; Tour the Battleship Wisconsin; Visit the Air and Space Center where you'll find over 30 historic aircraft; Take a harbor cruise and visit the Norfolk Botanical Gardens.

Click [here](#) for the trip brochure.

Experience New Orleans and Cajun Country Down on the Bayou

From the soulful rhythms of New Orleans' French Quarter to the warm hospitality of Louisiana's Cajun heartland, discover a destination where every moment is infused with culture, flavor, and charm.

Premier World Discovery– March 15-21

Click [here](#) for the trip brochure.

Explore the Canadian Maritimes

Embark on a spectacular tour of **Canada's natural wonders and cultural treasures** with fellow OLLI members this coming spring/summer. From majestic mountains to charming towns, this journey promises breathtaking scenery and meaningful connections.

Trip Highlights:

- Carefully selected accommodations and included meals
- Expert local guides bringing each destination's story to life
- Visits to standout destinations — national parks, scenic vistas, and some great seafood as well!
- Shared experiences that combine discovery, camaraderie, and lifelong learning

EF Tours-May 29-June 6

Click [here](#) for the trip brochure.

Register [here](#) for a presentation on **Wed., Sept. 24 at 1:30 p.m.** to learn more about the itinerary, travel details, and registration process.

Experience the Art of Timeless Travel on Mackinac Island

Get ready for a relaxing journey through the tranquil beauty of Mackinac Island and the Great Lakes region. This stunning landscape comes alive amid old-fashioned traditions.

This classic Midwestern tour features Illinois and Michigan. Savor two incredible nights amid the luxury of the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. Enjoy a horse and buggy tour of Mackinac Island. Explore the wonderful city of Chicago with a local guide. Visit the Bavarian-influenced town of Frankenmuth. In Dearborn, experience the inspirational Henry Ford Museum and view historic homes at Greenfield Village including the famous American workshops of Thomas Edison, Henry Ford and Robert Frost.

Collette - Discover Mackinac Island – June 5-13.

Click [here](#) for the trip brochure.

Journey through the Heart of the Canadian Rockies and Glacier National Park

Embrace the ultimate mountain escape where rugged wilderness meets refined adventure, unfolding across two of North America's most iconic landscapes where turquoise lakes, towering summits, and pristine forests create a breathtaking natural masterpiece.

PWD – Canadian Rockies and Glacier National Park – Aug. 19-25

Click [here](#) for the trip brochure.

Great Rivers! Great Cities! Great Discoveries!

Cruise the Rhine, Main and Danube to uncover Europe's most iconic landmarks and hidden gems.

Click [here](#) to a link for a video.

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