

# **NAFTS 2005 REUNION EVENTS**

## **EVENT A: EARLY BIRD ~ ALL OF TAMPA CITY TOUR**

**Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> (1:00pm-5:00pm) [www.cityvisitorsguide.com/tampa](http://www.cityvisitorsguide.com/tampa)**

This super-sightseeing tour is for those who want an introduction to the many varied treasures of the City of Tampa, including a visit to the H.B.Plant Museum. The museum was formerly the old Tampa Bay Hotel. It was built by railroad tycoon Henry B. Plant, to house and entertain high society during the winter months. Stroll through the lavishly decorated Victorian era rooms of this magnificent building which was modeled after the Alhambra Palace in Spain and is on the National Historic Register. You will continue with a drive along beautiful Bayshore Boulevard and through the Hyde Park residential area to see the diverse architecture that is Tampa.

## **EVENT B: SPECTACULAR SKYWAY CRUISE**

**Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> (8:00am-3:00pm)**

This is going to be an incredible cruise. Your day begins with a continental breakfast on board featuring freshly baked muffins, pastries, juice and coffee. Then sit back, relax and enjoy old-time hospitality on this authentic paddle wheel riverboat. You will cruise down the Intracoastal Waterway, through draw bridges, under the famous Sunshine Skyway Bridge, arriving in downtown St. Petersburg. This leisurely cruise includes an informative narrated tour covering the history of the area and present day sights of interest. Enjoy the ever-changing water views while listening to the live band play some of your favorite songs. You can also take part in the on-board games (bingo) and activities. You will also be served a full sit-down lunch with a choice of entrees. This is going to be a great cruise. Don't miss it! Please note that cruise is not handicap accessible

## **EVENT C: WELCOME RECEPTION**

**Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> (5:00pm at the Hotel)**

Join your mates as we kick off this reunion with light reception at the hotel starting at 5:00 pm. Don't miss this opportunity to catch up with your friends. Please sign up on the "Rez" Form. (Included in your registration fee)

## **EVENT D: YBOR CITY TOUR**

**Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> (10:00am-3:00pm) [www.ybor.org](http://www.ybor.org)**

This city tour explores the fascinating sites and aromas of Ybor City. Enjoy a taste of fresh baked Cuban bread and a behind the scenes visit to La Segunda Bakery. Nearly a century-old, this family-owned business embraces the old-world art of making bread by hand. You'll ride through the historic district while your escort narrates the colorful past of this very diverse neighborhood. Learn about the unique society that created the cigar industry and the workforce that churned out 700 million cigars a year; the primary industry responsible for the early development of Tampa. You'll visit the museum complex, and tour a shotgun house, home of early cigar factory workers. You will have plenty of time for lunch and browsing on your own amongst the century-old brick buildings which house artists' boutiques, galleries and restaurants. Basic city highlights will also be included.

## **EVENT E: ELEGANT DINNER CRUISE**

**Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> (6:30pm-10:30pm)**

There is no better place to experience Tampa Bay's beauty and charm than aboard an elegant 180-foot, \$8 million Yacht. Superb service and 4-star cuisine freshly prepared by the executive chef will make this a night to remember. Enjoy a delicious dinner then stroll the open-air decks and listen or dance to the live band. Dress is casual although some dress up. Catch a beautiful sunset on the Bay! Space is limited – first come...

## **EVENT F: TOUR TARPON SPRINGS “SPONGE CAPITOL of the WORLD”**

**Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> (9:00am-4:00pm) [www.tarponsprings.com](http://www.tarponsprings.com)**

Today you will journey to the colorful Greek community of Tarpon Springs, which is often referred to as “the Venice of the South”, and is comprised of charming old mansions and winding streets surrounded by beautiful waterways. You will stop at the beautiful and historic St. Nicholas Greek Church where you will view the famous *Weeping Icon*, a painting which thousands of people make special pilgrimages to witness. You will also visit the Universalist Church to see the magnificent “Innes” paintings, which were once exhibited in the Louvre & Corcoran museums. After our tour you may choose to have lunch at any number of restaurants like the renowned Pappas, which is famous for its Greek Salad among other items. After lunch you’ll have time to browse through the local shops amid the sponge and shrimp boats. A Memorable Day!

## **EVENT G: SS AMERICAN VICTORY TOUR**

**Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> (10:00am-3:00pm) [www.americantvictory.org](http://www.americantvictory.org)**

Welcome Aboard the *SS American Victory*. The ship has a long history including sailing of the Seven Seas and involvement in World War II, and the Korean and Vietnam wars. Immediately following World War II, the *SS American Victory* served as a sea going “good will ambassador” for the United States, supplying food, vehicles and manufacturing machinery to Europe and Near East. This 56-year old merchant ship is being transformed into a world-class museum, and a “ReLive History” cruising ship. You will have plenty of time to explore the ship and see first hand the incredible restoration of this great ship. Tour price includes a boxed lunch you can enjoy about the ship. Don’t miss this opportunity to witness “history in the remaking”!

## **EVENT H: GALA BANQUET DINNER**

**Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> (7:00pm at the Hotel)**

Join all of your friends for your Gala Banquet Reunion Dinner at the Sheraton Suites. Entrée choices are Roast Prime Rib of Beef or Roasted Chicken Breast stuffed with Ham and Gruyere Cheese. Please make your entrée selection on your reservation form.

## **EVENT I: FAREWELL BREAKFAST BUFFET**

**Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> (8:00am at the Hotel)**

Get together once again, for an all-you-can eat breakfast buffet. This is a wonderful chance to say your good-bye’s until 2006.

## **TOUR CANCELLATION INSURANCE**

Should an emergency arise or you need to cancel your reunion meals or tour reservations for health or any other reason, you can relax. With the purchase of this insurance you will be eligible for a full refund up until three (3) days prior to the start of the reunion. If you need to cancel – please call our office immediately (817-251-3551) for a cancellation number. If you have not purchased cancellation insurance all tour and meal money is non-refundable 6 weeks prior to the reunion.

Reunion Rosters and other important information is posted at: [www.NAFTS.com](http://www.NAFTS.com)

