



Dear Members of the Board of Directors,

The 2025 WCI Annual Board Meeting will take place from March 24 to 27. We are pleased to inform you that Welcome to Florida International Club will host this meeting in Naples, Florida.

Schedule Summary:

March 24(Monday) Arrival & Evening Reception

March 25(Tuesday) WCI Board Meetings & Sunset Dinner cruise.

March 26(Wednesday) Executive Committee Meeting & Joint WCI-WFIC Luncheon at the Hilton, followed by a Trolley Tour of Naples, ending at the Baker Museum

March 27(Thursday) Check out

The BOD Meeting registration fee of US\$ 300.00 includes the cost of the Evening Reception, Sunset Dinner Cruise, joint WCI-WFIC luncheon, and Trolley Tour. Please fill out the Registration [Google Form](#) before Jan. 15, 2025. Please arrange payment of registration Fee + the cost of Post-Meeting Trip together. The link of Google Form is as below:

<https://forms.gle/BsM6k6Qqay6XvzoMA>

Registration Fee and Payment

1. By U.S. Check to Welcome Clubs International

Mail to the current WCI Treasurer: Nancy Carpenter, 3720 Acosta Road
Fairfax, Virginia 22031

Please email the Treasurer once the payment is completed.

Treasurer's email address: nancyjcarpenter@verizon.net

2. By PayPal to WCI : Please contact WCI Treasurer Nancy Carpenter first.

Email address: nancyjcarpenter@verizon.net

3. By Wire Transfer to WCI account, the bank account details as below.

Name of Account: Welcome Clubs International

Bank Name: Bank of America

Account Number: 004130201186

Swift Code: BOFAUS3N

Please email the Treasurer to inform the amount you have wired.

Treasurer's email address: nancyjcarpenter@verizon.net

Please note:

Attendees must pay all fees in US Dollars. If paying by WIRE TRANSFER, you are responsible for the bank charges (sending and receiving).

Please email the transfer slip to nancyjcarpenter@verizon.net

Hotel Cost: Standard King or 2 Queens -Room Rate \$299.00 +Tax @12% /room/night \$36 Total all in cost = \$335 /night

The Hilton Hotel has created a **one-click booking link** for attendees: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/apfnhhf-wfic-ee75458a-64fa-4663-8cc5-117102ffdf8d/>.

A special room rate is available a few days before and after the conference for those who wish to extend their stay. Alternatively, you can **call 1-800-HILTONS** and ask for the **group code WFIC**. (Friends are cordially invited, too!)

Please see the attached files for the registration and travel details, planned by Welcome to Florida Int'l Club. We look forward to seeing many of you in March.

For Post-Meeting Tour: If you have questions, Tour, please contact WFIC president Luba Rotsztain.

Email: luba.laufer.rotsztain@gmail.com

For general questions, please contact Jessica Liu Chia and Teresa Zhang by email.

Jessica Liu Chia email: jessica.liuchia@gmail.com

Teresa Zhang email: teresa.hm.zhang@gmail.com

Best regards,
Vivienne Shen
WCI President

Luba Laufer Rotsztain
WFIC President

BOD Meeting summarized through photos:



Monday 24 March 2025

Arrival and check-in



Evening Reception at Hilton Hotel

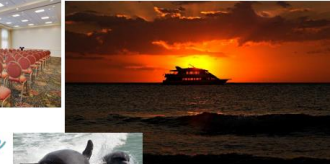


Tuesday 25 March 2025

WCI Board Meetings



Sunset dinner cruise on Naples Princess



Wednesday 26 March 2025

Executive Committee meeting



WCI-WFLIC joint luncheon and meeting

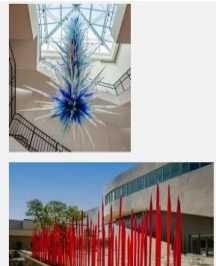


*Wednesday 26 March 2025
After the luncheon*

Trolley Tour of Naples



Trolley tour Ends at the Baker Art Museum



Six Optional Post-Meeting Tour Choices:

Below are the post-meeting trip options. Please note that you may select EITHER a day trip (Options 3 or 4, listed below, not both) or an Overnight trip (Options 1 or 2 below), but not both.

A minimum of 30 paid participants is required for a day trip, and 15 paid participants for a multi-day trip. It is possible that some of the WFIC members may join you on these trips. Once you make your selection, we will send you the links to book your chosen trips.

Option 1 - Sarasota- St Petersburg 2-night tour.

Day 1 (L)

- 9 am Depart Naples and drive to Sarasota.
- Marina Jack's lunch cruise aboard a 104' yacht, includes a delicious lunch while listening to the captain's commentary. (Inc.)
- Visit the Ringling Museum, its grounds/ gardens, including a tour of the first floor of John and Mabel Ringling's home. (Inc.)
- Der Dutchman bakery/shopping stop
- Drive to the hotel in St Petersburg for a two-night stay (AC Hotel by Marriott, Downtown St Pete). It is a very walkable location, and breakfast at the hotel is included. (Inc.)
- Dinner on your own (Loads of places are within walking distance from the hotel)

Thursday 27 March 2025

Check out of Hilton

Option 1. (3 Days)
Tour of Palm Coast:
St Petersburg, Sarasota
and Tampa
Returning to Naples

Option 2. (1 Day)
East Coast Chapter meeting
Tour of Miami
MIA airport drop off

Day 1 Sarasota



Day 1 Sarasota

- Visit the Ringling Museum and grounds/gardens and tour the first floor of the home John Ringling built for Mabel Ringling



- Marina Jack's lunch cruise aboard a 104' yacht (lunch included)



Marina Jack's lunch cruise

Option 1. Tour of Palm Coast Day 1 Sarasota to St Pete

- Der Dutchman bakery/shopping stop
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AC Hotel by Marriott, Downtown St Pete

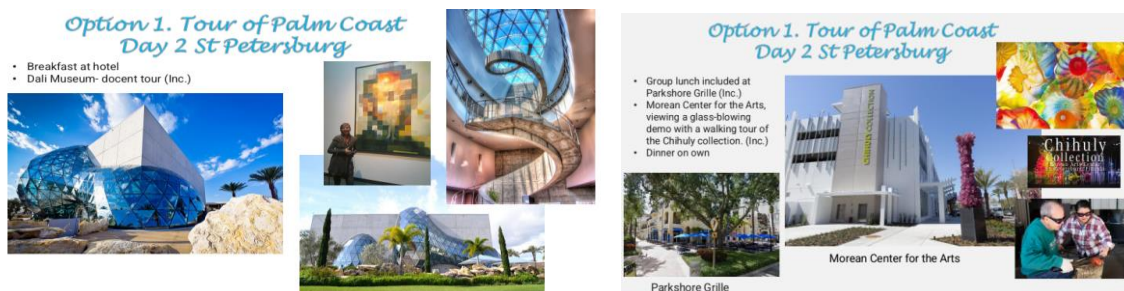


Der Dutchman bakery

Day 2 (B, L)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Dali Museum- Guided docent tour (Inc.)
- Group lunch included at Parkshore Grille (Inc.)

- Morean Center for the Arts, viewing a live glass-blowing demo followed by a walking tour of the Chihuly collection. (Inc.)
- Dinner on your own (Loads of places are within walking distance from the hotel)



Day 3 (B) Return to Naples

- Breakfast at Hotel (Inc.)
- Drive to meet a step-on guide in Tampa for a highlights tour. (Inc.)
- Lunch on your own at a fabulous new food hall.

Prices: \$1389, pp/double occupancy or \$1829, pp, single occupancy.

Includes a Trendy guide to accompany the group and bus transportation on a 25 pax bus. Fifteen people minimum are required to run the trip. Deposits are needed to secure spots, with **final payment due by Jan 10th**. We will provide a registration link for booking and payment.

Option 2 - Sarasota- St Petersburg 1-night tour, starting on 3/27 and returning on 3/28/25.

Day 1 (L)

Marina Jacks lunch cruise aboard a 104' yacht includes a delicious lunch while listening to the captain's commentary. (Inc.)

Ringling Museum, grounds/gardens and tour the first floor of the home John Ringling built for Mabel Ringling. (Inc.)

Drive to Hotel in St Petersburg for a one-night stay (AC Hotel by Marriott, Downtown St Pete) -Very walkable location,

Dinner on your own (Loads of places are within walking distance from the hotel)

Day 2 (B, L) Breakfast at the hotel

Dali Museum- docent tour (Inc.)

Group lunch included at Parkshore Grille (Inc.)

Morean Center for the Arts, viewing a glass-blowing demo with a walking tour of the Chihuly collection. (Inc.) Return to Naples at a \$1275.00 single rate or \$1075.00 pp/ double occupancy.

Option 3 - Single-day trip to Sarasota.

Depart Naples at 9 a.m., drive to Sarasota, Board the Marina Jacks Yacht for a luncheon cruise, head to Ringling for a self-guided tour, and stop by Der Dutchman to purchase (on your own) some Amish goodies to bring back. Return around 7:30 p.m. \$215.pp for a minimum of 30 paid. \$215 return to Naples the same day.

Option 4 - Single-day trip to ST Petersburg.

Depart Naples at 7:30 a.m., drive to St Petersburg, Tour the Dali Museum, have an included lunch at a beautiful restaurant, head to see the Chihuly Collection and view a glass blowing demo at Morean's Art Studio, then return to Naples – return time around 6:30 PM. \$209.pp for a minimum of 30 paid.

In Addition, there are two other options.

Option 5 - East Coast Itinerary

- Depart the Naples Hilton
- Drive to the East Coast
- East Coast Chapter Meeting
- Tour of Miami with our guide, Lunch on our own
- Drop off at MIA airport

Price: \$200.pp (Min of 15 on a 24-passenger motorcoach). Min. 15

Thursday 27 March 2025

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Option 6 Visit attractions in Naples

(exact attractions to be determined depending on interests of the group)

Visits to The Conservancy of SW Florida

(<https://conservancy.org/naturecenter/>)

and/or the Naples Botanical Gardens

(<https://www.naplesgarden.org/>) And/or Rookery Bay Eco-cruise

(<https://conservancy.org/nature-center/rookery-bay-eco-cruise/>) and

many other local attractions may be arranged depending on what people might like to do.

Please check out Naples, Marco Island, and the Everglades Official Visitor's Guide

<http://digital.milespartnership.com/view/milesnaples/florida-s-paradise-coast>

and <https://youtu.be/UnFB1fxmuaY>