



NGRET Club Members:

Here is the information presented at the June Club Meeting

By Frank the Travel Guy

If you have any questions or suggestions please contact me at GoTravelFrankVL@gmail.com or call 321-266-3482.

Group Cruise Opportunities

ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY CRUISE

- Norwegian Gem, 7 night Sept 6, 2019 Balcony from \$1,629.pp** from Boston to Quebec City, Canada

** ABOVE PRICES ARE BASED ON APRIL 2019 FARES AND DO NOT INCLUDE TAXES, PORT CHARGES OR GRATUITIES

CARIBBEAN HOLIDAY CRUISE

- Celebrity Edge , 7 night December 6, 2019 Balcony from \$1,629.pp*** from Ft. Lauderdale

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CARIBBEAN CRUISE

- Celebrity Reflection , 10 night March 13, 2020 Balcony from \$2,149.pp*** from Ft. Lauderdale

Ports in :Antigua, Barbados,St. Lucia, St. Kitts, St. Marteen

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ALASKA TRAVEL:

Inside Passage Celebrity Solstice

August 16, 2019, 7 nights Celebrity Solstice-Balcony \$1549. pp**

Seattle Roundtrip, Stops in Tracy Arm Fjord, Skagway, Juneau, Ketchikan Includes 2 Perks from Unlimited

Internet, Drink Package, Paid Gratuities, On Board Credit

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Exotic Group Cruise Opportunities

SOUTH AMERICA AND ANTARTICA TRAVEL:

January 19, 2020 14 nights Celebrity Eclipse-Balcony \$3,779. pp**

Buenos Aires, Argentina Roundtrip, Stops in Ushuala Argentina,
Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, Puerto Madryn Argetina,
Montevideo, Uruguay

Cruising Cape Horn, Antartica Penisula, Paradise Bay and Elephant Island

Elephant Island is well known for the exploits of British Explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton.

In 1914, Shackleton made his third trip to the Antarctic with the ship 'Endurance', planning to cross Antarctica via the South Pole. Early in 1915, 'Endurance' became trapped in the ice, and ten months later sank.

Shackleton's crew had already abandoned the ship to live on the floating ice. In April 1916, they set off in three small boats, eventually reaching Elephant Island. Taking five crew members, Shackleton went to find help. In a small boat, the six men spent 16 days crossing 1,300 km of ocean to reach South Georgia and then trekked across the island to a whaling station. The remaining men from the 'Endurance' were rescued in August 1916.

Not one member of the expedition died. 'South', Shackleton's account of the 'Endurance' expedition, was published in 1919. Excerpt from google.com.

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TRANSPACIFIC CROSSING

September 11, 2020 15 nights Celebrity Millenium-Balcony \$1,477. pp***

Vancouver Canada, Sitka Alaska, International Dateline, Otaru Japan, Tokyo (Yokohama) Japan

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Brevard County Parks Events

Tampa Bay Rays Baseball at Tropicana Field!

Wednesday July 24th vs. Boston Red Sox \$95

Wednesday August 7th vs. Toronto Blue Jays \$75.

Wednesday August 21st vs. Seattle Mariners \$75.

There are only 7 seats available for each game.

Trips will depart from Kiwanis Island Park at 8:30 am and return around 10pm.

We will stop at Golden Corral for Dinner on you after the game.

Thursday, August 15, 2019 8:00 am - 5:30 pm \$50.00 Howey in the Hills and Mount Dora

The Howey Mansion is starting a new chapter in it's history after 10 years of abandonment. We will tour the grounds and home during an historic tour through this beautifully restored 20 room mansion built in 1925. We will also visit the Modernism Museum to explore their unique collection, and experience modernism in a way you won't find anywhere else. Oh and the Yalaha Bakery!

Sunday, September 22, 2019 3:00 pm– 10:00 pm \$85.00 Vero Beach Theatre Go Round Dinner Theatre presents The Best of Abba.

Celebrate Prime Rib dining with a Broadway Flair! Their new location is at Costa d' Este, Beach Resort and Spa on Ocean Drive. Great food, great singing and great fun will have you saying, "Thank You for the Music" and an evening well spent. To ensure you have a reserved seat you must preregister for this event by August 22.

Wednesday, October 9, 2019 9:00 am– 5:00 pm Beginning Archery Class \$25.00 Melbourne Angie Olds, a certified Archery instructor from Brevard Archers will teach us a Beginning Archery Class at the beautiful archery range at Wickham Park. Next up -You will be amazed what the folks down at the South Brevard Animal Care and Adoption Center are doing. The Sheriff has made this into a first class facility that has a first rate staff. They work with each of these animals to ensure that they are ready to integrate into successful forever homes.

Friday, November 8, 2019 9:00 am - 5:00 pm \$80.00 Forever Florida The Central Florida Animal Reserve (CFLAR) is a big cat and wildlife sanctuary housing lions, tigers, leopards and cougars. This non-profit facility serves big cats that would otherwise not have a home. Their mission is to preserve these magnificent animals and to act as stewards for their care and well-being. They will conduct a guided and very informative walking tour. We'll have a BBQ Plate lunch (included) at Forever Florida and a Trail Buggy Adventure.

Saturday, December 7, 2019 2:00 pm - 10:00 pm Holiday Season Parade \$30.00 Martin County There is nothing better than a parade during the holiday season. Wait!...maybe there is. It's a boat parade! You can't help but get into the spirit of things with lights gleaming off the cool ripples in the water and the holiday sounds coming from the lavishly decorated vessels.

Thursday, January 16, 2020 8:30 am - 6:00 pm \$40.00 Ocoee and Oakland Lake Meadow Naturals Farm will take us on a tour of their organic farm and we will visit their farm store. Later we will visit Oakland Park Nature Preserve. It's a 128 acre hidden gem between Winter Garden and Clermont. Their Visitor and Education Center will be our first stop but plan on going on a short hike to investigate the surrounds. Wear closed toed shoes!

Tuesday, February 18, 2020 7:00 am - 6:00 pm \$50.00 Williston Two Tails Ranch is home to seven Asian Elephants. The guided tour includes talking about the animals and answering questions. There will also be demonstrations and we will visit the museum and gift shop. Offered during tour at additional cost: Hand feeding an elephant \$5.00 and elephant rides \$40.00 Photo Op \$25.00

Tuesday March 17, 2020 9:30 am-5:00 pm \$30.00 Orlando Wetlands and Enchanted Forest Experience a trailered tour through man-made wetlands yet pristine wild lands. We'll document all of the wildlife species we see that day! Wear a hat and closed toed shoes and prepare to be in awe of the great outdoors! We will stop by the Enchanted Forest after lunch to visit their center and have a program presented by their staff. Trips depart from Kiwanis Island Park (951 Kiwanis Park Road, Merritt Island) We meet in the parking lot north of the Community Center. *Dates and fees are subject to change.

Contact Susan Boorse for Brevard County Day Trips
321-455-1385 or email susan.boorse@brevardparks.com

NGRET Planned Fall Day Trips

Bok Towers is a contemplative garden, and bird sanctuary located north of Lake Wales, Florida. It consists of a 250-acre (100 ha) garden, the 205-foot (62 m) tall *Singing Tower* with its carillon bells, Pine Ridge Trail, Pinewood Estate, and a visitor center.

Scheduling November 4, 2019

EVENTBRITE.COM Events

June 2019

NATURAL solutions to reverse the effects of diabetes, Tue, June 25, 2019

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM EDT at The Grand Manor, 1450 Sarno Road, Melbourne, FL 32935

FREE dinner event for diabetics/pre-diabetics, Dr. Bradley Clow will reveal NATURAL solutions to reverse the effects of diabetes

Long Doggers Beachside Bash Sat, June 29, 2019 5:00 PM – 11:30 PM EDT

Performer Citizen Cope

Indialantic Beach - James H. Nance Park 201 North Miramar Avenue Indialantic, FL

50/50 Documentary Launch Event -- The OAKS THEATER, July 12, 2019

[by trenchmedia.co](http://trenchmedia.co) **50 STORIES CELEBRATING 50 YEARS III 50/50 Lunar Legends film premiere**

Join us in toasting the pursuit & success of the CRAZIEST idea imaginable alongside hundreds of passionate

innovators and dreamers on the Space Coast of Florida.

In honor of the the 50th Anniversary of Walking on the Moon, our grassroots-in-moonboots video crew interviewed 50 people who have contributed and who are actively contributing to space exploration.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/5050-documentary-launch-event-the-oaks-theater-tickets-61203665812?aff=ehomecard>

Other Events from www.visitspacecoast.com

The Taproom at Florida Beer Co. Local Music Series

- Dates** 2019 (Recurring weekly on Friday, Saturday) **Time** 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- Location** Florida Beer Company, **Address** 200 Imperial Blvd Cape Canaveral, FL 32920
- Phone** (321) 728-4114

Live and local every Friday and Saturday in the Taproom at Florida Beer Co. Grab one of our freshly made beers or ciders, and settle into the relaxing vibes of reggae, blues, surf rock, and more from local musicians. Pair it with a local food truck every Friday, and you're living like a local. See our website or Facebook page for the artists. In Florida, Drink Florida!

Sams House 1875 Cabin and 1888 House Tours

- Dates** July 7, 2018 (Recurring weekly on Thursday, Saturday)
- Time** From: 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM
- Admission** Free Admission
- Location** Sams House at Pine Island Conservation Area
- Address** 6195 N. Tropical Trail Merritt Island 32943
- Phone** 321-449-4720

Every Thursday and Saturday afternoon from 3-4pm, the Sams House at Pine Island hosts a tour of the 1875 Cabin and 1888. Admission is free!

Sams House is the oldest standing home in Brevard County. Travel back in time here and along the paved trail where interactive exhibits highlight Pine Island's many past inhabitants.

**Times may change due to unexpected closings or holidays. Please call to confirm opening before you go.*

Information and Pictures from the Galapagos Cruise Tour

that Brenda and Frank Took in May! This was a once in a lifetime trip with lots of activity scheduled including Snorkeling, Hiking, Volcano Climbing and many Galapagos Animals indigenous to the Galapagos Only!

- Celebrity Xpedition 10 night Cruise Tour May 3, 2019

- Three Nights Hotel in Quito, Dinner, Tour of Quito, Roundtrip Flight to Baltra Galapagos Islands

- Seven Night Cruise with Ports: Baltra, Puerto Egas, Rapida, Isabela, Santiago, Bartolome, Santa Cruz, North Seymour, San Cristobal

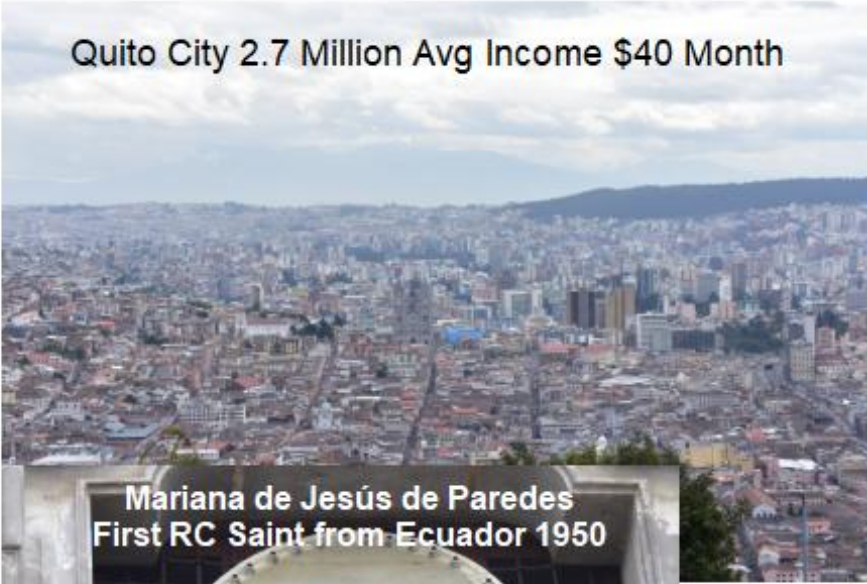
Tour Route and Ports



PORT OF DEPARTURE: ● PORT OF CALL: ● CRUISE ROUTE: —

May 03- 05 Quito -> Baltra

Quito City 2.7 Million Avg Income \$40 Month



Mariana de Jesús de Paredes
First RC Saint from Ecuador 1950



The Virgin of Quito AKA
Winged Virgin of the Apocalypse



Splitting the Equatorial Line



May 03- 05 Quito -> Baltra

Iglesia y Convento de San Francisco, Quito



The legend of Cantuña his deal with the Devil

Theatrum Restaurante



The Legend of Cantuña-He was an architect and builder who made a deal with the Devil ...
but got out of it through trickery.

Cantuña's Task

According to legend, Cantuña was a native builder and architect of great talent. He was hired by the Franciscans sometime during the early colonial era (construction took more than 100

years but the church was completed by 1680) to design and build the atrium. Although he worked diligently, it was slow going and it soon became apparent that he would not finish the project on time. He wished to avoid this, as he would not be paid at all if it were not ready on a certain date (in some versions of the legend, Cantuña would go to jail if the atrium was not completed on time).

A Deal With the Devil

Just as Cantuña despaired of completing the atrium on time, [the Devil](#) appeared in a puff of smoke and offered to make a deal. The Devil would finish the work overnight and the atrium would be ready on time. Cantuña, of course, would part with his soul. The desperate Cantuña accepted the deal. The Devil called in a large band of worker demons and they spent the whole night building the atrium.

A Missing Stone

Cantuña was pleased with the work but naturally began to regret the deal he had made. While the Devil was not paying attention, Cantuña leaned over and pried loose a stone out of one of the walls and hid it. As dawn broke on the day the atrium was to be given to the Franciscans, the Devil eagerly demanded payment. Cantuña pointed out the missing stone and claimed that since the Devil had not fulfilled his end of the deal, the contract was void. Foiled, the angry Devil disappeared in a puff of smoke.

May 03- 05 Quito -> Baltra

Arrival on Baltra Island



Celebrity Xpedition and Zodiac



Baltra Terrain



Sally Lightfoot Crab



May 06 am Santiago Island + Rabida

Santiago Island Galapagos Dove



Santiago Island Walking the Black Lava Flow



Rabida Galapagos Flamingo



Rabida Galapagos Sea Lion



May 07 am Elizabeth Bay + pm Tagus Cove, Isabella

Flightless Cormorant



Sea Turtle

Marine Iguanas



May 08 am Sullivan Bay Santiago + pm Bartolome Island



Sally Lightfoot Crab



Lava Flow Tunnels



Pinnacle Rock Bartolome Island



Boobie

May 08 am Santiago, Sullivan Bay Lava Flow

Naturalist Christina Lava Flow
Pinnacle Rock



May 08 pm Bartolome Island Penguins



May 09 am Bachus Beach



Marine Iguana



May 09 pm North Seymour Island

Unloading Zodiac



Land Iguana



Frigate Bird Colony

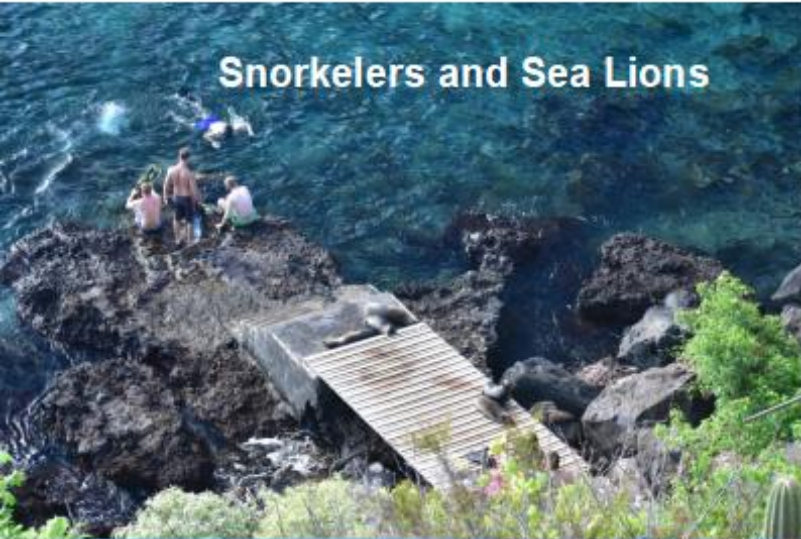


Sleeping Sea Lion



May 10 am Baquerizo Moreno San Cristobal

Snorkelers and Sea Lions



Destination



Follow the Path



Celebrity Xpedition



May 10 pm Punta Pitt, San Cristobal



Blue Footed Boobie and Chick



Red Footed Boobie



Galapagos Motto: Leave Nothing but A Footprint

Hat Left Behind Rabida



May 12-14 Quito -> US Quito Botanical Gardens



Dracula Orchid



Booby Birds-The English name "booby" was possibly based on the [Spanish slang](#) term *bobo*, meaning "stupid",^[5] as these tame birds had a habit of landing on board sailing ships, where they were easily captured and eaten. Owing to this, boobies are often mentioned as having been caught and eaten by shipwrecked sailors, notably [William Bligh](#) of the *Bounty* and his adherents during their famous voyage after being set adrift by [Fletcher Christian](#) and his

followers.

species in the genus *Sula*

[Red-footed booby](#) (*Sula sula*)

[Brown booby](#) (*Sula leucogaster*)

[Masked booby](#) (*Sula dactylatra*)

[Nazca booby](#) (*Sula granti*)

[Blue-footed booby](#) (*Sula nebouxii*)

[Peruvian booby](#) (*Sula variegata*)

Frigate Birds [Fregata magnificens](#) – Magnificent frigatebird-The magnificent frigatebird is a large, lightly built seabird with brownish-black plumage, long narrow wings and a deeply forked tail. The male has a striking red [gular sac](#) which it inflates to attract a mate. The female is slightly larger than the male and has a white breast and belly.

•[Fregata aquila](#) – Ascension frigatebird- breeds on [Boatswain Bird Island](#) and [Ascension Island](#) in the tropical [Atlantic Ocean](#).The Ascension frigatebird is a large lightly built seabird with brownish-black plumage and a deeply forked tail. It has a wingspan of around 2 m (6.6 ft). The male has a striking red [gular sac](#) which it inflates to attract a mate. The female is slightly larger than the male and has a brown breast-band and sometimes a white belly.

•[Fregata andrewsi](#) – Christmas frigatebird is [endemic](#) to [Christmas Island](#) in the Indian Ocean. The Christmas frigatebird is a large lightly built seabird with brownish-black plumage, long narrow wings and a deeply forked tail. It has a wingspan of around 2.15 m (7.1 ft). The male has an egg shaped white patch on its belly and a striking red [gular sac](#) which it inflates to attract a mate. The female is slightly larger than the male and has a white breast and belly.

•[Fregata minor](#) – Great frigatebird There are major nesting populations in the

tropical [Pacific](#) (including the [Galapagos Islands](#)) and [Indian Oceans](#), as well as a tiny population in the [South Atlantic](#). The great frigatebird is a lightly built, large seabird up to 105 cm long with predominantly black plumage. The species exhibits [sexual dimorphism](#); the female is larger than the adult male and has a white throat and breast, and the male's scapular feathers have a purple-green sheen. In the breeding season, the male is able to distend its striking red [gular sac](#).

• [Fregata ariel](#) – Lesser frigatebird is the smallest species of frigatebird. It occurs over tropical and subtropical waters across the Indian and Pacific Oceans as well as off the Atlantic coast of Brazil. The lesser frigatebird is a lightly built seabird with brownish-black plumage, long narrow wings and a deeply forked tail. The male has a striking red [gular sac](#) which it inflates to attract a mate. The female is slightly larger than the male and has a white breast and belly.

Future Planning

For a complete list of events at the King Center <http://www.kingcenter.com/>

Stars and Planets additional info skyandtelescope.com

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WITH SUGGESTIONS FOR TRAVEL EVENTS

