



## Welcome to *Day Tripping With ACE*

We look forward to you joining us for another exciting term of travel destinations. Outings will be full-day field trips around Northwest, Central, and Southwest Florida. A charter bus will take us on more distant travels, and the Blue Classroom On Wheels school bus for the short trips. Topics will have educational and entertainment value. Reservations are on a first-come basis. Please register before the cut-off dates.

### Bus Pick-Up Location

The bus will leave from the Suncoast Technical College campus located at 4748 Beneva Road. Enter the campus off Proctor Road. The bus will be parked in front of the south side of Building 3 (where ACE classes are held).



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## Tampa Theatre Historic Tour (Tampa, FL)

**Date:** Monday, February 27, 2023

**Registration Deadline:** Friday, February 17, 2023

**Approximate Schedule:** 8:00 am—3:00 pm

**Board the charter bus:** 8:00 am

**Fee:** \$99.00 (Includes admission)

**Balcony to Backstage** – We will travel by charter bus to visit the historic **Tampa Theater**, one of America’s most elaborate movie palaces when it opened October 15, 1926. The theater was designed by famed theater architect John Eberson and built by Paramount Pictures. Like other lavish downtown movie theaters around the country, Tampa Theatre was enormously popular when it opened. For 25 cents, the common person could escape into an opulent fantasyland cooled by “man-made air,” to enjoy first-class entertainment and be treated like royalty by a platoon of uniformed ushers. The Tampa Theatre was the first commercial building in Tampa to offer air conditioning. The interior resembles a romantic Mediterranean courtyard replete with old-world statuary, flowers, and gargoyles. For decades Tampa Theater has remained a jewel at the center of the city’s cultural gems. Today, the passionately protected historic landmark is one of America’s best-preserved examples of grand movie palace architecture.

By the 1950s times had changed. The post-war flight to the suburbs was having a damaging effect on downtown businesses and the movie palaces. Further impacting the decline of the movie palaces was the advent of television. Many of our nation’s finest movie palaces were demolished as the land they stood on became more valuable than the theater operations. In 1973, Tampa Theatre was slated for demolition. But the citizens rallied, committees were formed.

Community leaders got involved, and the City Council struck a deal to purchase and preserve the building. By the time Tampa Theatre reopened to the public in January 1977, it had become something of a national model for how to save endangered theaters. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978, was named a Tampa City Landmark when the designation was created in 1988 and is a member of the League of Historic American Theatres, the Art House Convergence, and the Film Florida. In 1992, restoration efforts were led by the Tampa Theatre Foundation after the building caught fire in 1991.

Today the movie palace is managed by the non-profit Tampa Theatre Foundation and has become a remarkable success story. It is one of the most heavily utilized venues of its kind in the country. Tampa Theatre’s single auditorium hosts more than 600 events each year, including films, live concerts, special events, tours, and educational programs for adults and school children. The Theatre earns about 60% of its annual operating budget through ticket and concession income. Contributions to the Tampa Theatre Foundation help make up the difference and keep the theatre accessible and affordable for everyone. Since its rescue in 1978, the theatre has welcomed over five million guests, including over one million school children for school field trips and summer camps.

We will enjoy a docent-led 90-minute tour of Tampa Theatre, including a demonstration of the Mighty Wurlitzer Theatre Organ, followed by a late lunch before heading home. Please note, there are stairs on the tour with no elevator.

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## Museum of the American Arts & Crafts Movement (St. Petersburg, FL)

**Date:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023

**Registration Deadline:** Friday, March 10, 2023

**Approximate Schedule:** 8:30 am—3:45 pm

**Board the Charter Bus:** 8:30 am

**Fee:** \$99.00 (Includes admission)

### Museum of the American Arts & Crafts Movement

We will travel by charter bus to visit the **Museum of the American Arts & Crafts Movement**, St. Petersburg's newest museum, featuring stunning architecture, incredible works of art, and an ideal location in the downtown waterfront arts district. Founded by local philanthropist and collector Rudy Ciccarello, it is the world's only museum dedicated exclusively to the American Arts & Crafts Movement.

The Museum is a 5-story, 137,000-square-foot structure and a work of art itself, with incredible architectural elements such as a grand atrium, skylights, and a dramatic spiral staircase—all adorned with period art, light fixtures, windows, fireplaces, and more. The museum features more than 40,000 square-feet of gallery space as well as cafes, libraries, and event spaces.

In America, the Arts and Crafts movement spread across the country from approximately 1890 to 1930. Designers sought to create objects that were beautiful yet functional. The tenets of the movement—simplicity in design, honesty in materials, hand craftsmanship, and depicting the natural world—are still widely valued today.

You will see fine examples of furniture, pottery, tiles, lighting, textiles, jewelry, photography, fine arts, woodblock prints, metalworks, period room installations, and more.

Following our docent-led tour of the Museum, you will have time to roam the galleries on your own. We will enjoy a late lunch before heading home.

## WINTER SEMESTER 2023 REGISTRATION BEGINS

### PATRONS

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

### ONLINE

Monday, December 5, 2022

[ace-sarasota.com](http://ace-sarasota.com)

### Telephone/In Person

December 5—22, 2022

4748 Beneva Road

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We are located on the Suncoast Technical College (STC) campus, west end of Building 3.

### IN PERSON & TELEPHONE

### REGISTRATION RESUME

Monday, January 9, 2023

### REFUNDS

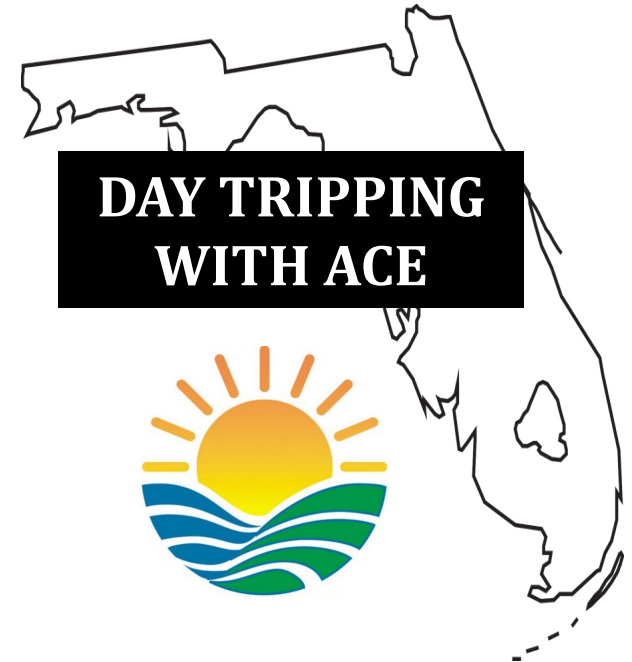
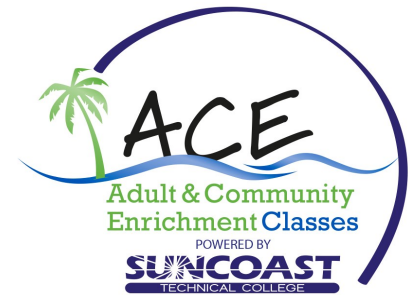
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Non Refundable!**

### QUESTIONS?

Contact instructor at

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**Winter 2023**

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