Gulf Coast Treasures: Tampa, St. Petersburg & Sarasota
The Friends of the Haggerty Art Tour / March 12-15, 2015
$1,099 per person, $300 single supplement

Join the Friends of the Haggerty for a 4-day tour of the vibrant art destinations along Florida’s central Gulf Coast.

We will kick off our time on the Gulf Coast with lunch at the acclaimed Sono Café in the Tampa Museum of Art, followed by a private tour of the museum’s outstanding collection of American art and its collection of Greek and Roman antiquities, the largest in the Southeast. After checking in at the Le Meridian Tampa and freshening up, we depart for a “welcome to Tampa” reception at the home of Friends of the Haggerty David and Catherine Straz.

On the morning of our second day, Friday, we will visit two of St. Petersburg’s jewels: the Museum of Fine Arts and The Dali Museum. Following the tours, we will have lunch at the Sea Porch in the historic Loews Don Cesar Hotel. On our way back to Tampa, we stop for a private tour of the University of South Florida Contemporary Art Museum to explore one of the country’s cutting edge academic museums. Back in Tampa for the evening, following some down time, we will gather for a group dinner and a presentation on the Haggerty Renovation project.

On Saturday, we head to Sarasota for a visit to the Allyn Gallup Contemporary Art Gallery, one of the best, if not the best, gallery on the Gulf Coast. We then drive over to St. Armand’s Key for lunch and shopping on your own. We return to Sarasota for a tour of the The John and Mabel Ringling Museum of Art and several other landmarks on the bay front Ringling estate. We end the afternoon with a fabulous reception at the
Sarasota home of Marquette alumna Jackie Lewis. Upon our return to Tampa, an optional dinner will be held in one of Tampa’s fine restaurants.

Sunday morning, Fr. Fred Zagone, S.J. will preside over a 9:00 am mass in the hotel followed by brunch (location tbd). After brunch, final farewells will be said as some folks head to homes away from home, and others head to the airport for return flights to Milwaukee, or other destinations.

Please note: Airfare and flight arrangements to Tampa are not included in the trip package. Passengers may secure their own flights, knowing that the trip begins with lunch at noon at Sono Café on Thursday, March 12. Le Meridien offers contemporary, luxurious rooms with single king beds and a limited number of rooms with two queen beds.

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Thursday, March 12

Early Departure, Mitchell International Airport
Late morning arrival Tampa International Airport
12:30 pm Lunch at Sono Café - Tampa Museum of Art
1:30 pm Private Tour – Tampa Museum of Art
2:45 pm Bus from museum to hotel
3:00 pm Check-in at the Le Meridien Tampa
5:00 pm Depart Hotel for Welcome to Tampa Reception at the Home of David & Catherine Straz

Friday, March 13

9:00 am Depart hotel for St. Petersburg
10:00 am Private Tour – Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg
11:30 am Private Tour – The Dali Museum
1:00 pm Lunch at Sea Porch, Loews Don CeSar Hotel
3:00 pm Tour University of South Florida Contemporary Art Museum, Tampa
4:30 pm    Return to Hotel
6:00 pm    Group Dinner – location TBD

Saturday, March 14

10:00 am    Depart hotel for Sarasota
11:00 am    Private Tour – Allyn Gallup Contemporary Art Gallery
12:00 p.m.  Lunch and shopping on your own on St. Armand’s Key
2:30 pm     Private gallery tour - The John and Mabel Ringling Museum of Art and Grounds
4:30 pm     Reception at the Sarasota home of Jackie Lewis

Optional dinner upon return to Tampa

Sunday, March 15

9:00 am     Mass at the Hotel
10:00 am    Brunch – location tbd

Departure
Hotel check-out

Itinerary subject to change.