

Special Tours during St. Augustine's 2014/2015 Nights of Lights



November 15 – December 20

Holiday Shopping & Wine Experience! – Shopping experts from St. Augustine Historic Walking Tours take participants to some of St. Augustine's hidden shopping treasures for a fun afternoon that includes wine tastings along the way. This 4-hour spree ends with dessert and a glass of wine or coffee. This special shopping experience benefits the Salvation Army's efforts to provide gifts and a holiday dinner for a deserving family. The cost is \$45 with discounts when you book online. Spaces are limited. The Holiday Shopping & Wine Experience is each Saturday from Nov 15 - Dec 20, 1 p.m. and starts at the Gifted Cork, 64 Hypolita St. 904-392-7137 www.StAugustineHistoricTours.com

November 22 - January 21

Nights of Lights Cruise - View the holiday magic of St. Augustine's enchanting Nights of Lights from the comfort of the Osprey tour boat. The leisurely cruise departs daily at from the Vilano Beach Pier. Tickets are \$39 weekdays and \$49 on weekends. Reservations recommended. 260 Vilano Rd., St. Augustine. www.jaxwatertours.com

November 23 - January 4

The Holly Jolly Nights of Lights Trolley - Start a new Christmas tradition with some heart-warming holiday fun aboard a festive Holly Jolly Trolley! Get in the holiday spirit with onboard caroling through the ancient streets of St. Augustine while seeing the World Famous 21st Annual Nights of Lights through magical viewing glasses. Includes complimentary hot apple cider and homemade cookies! The 30-minute tours depart nightly from the Visitor Information Center. Tickets are \$12 adults; \$5 children ages 6-12; free age 5 and younger. Free parking and shuttle service to the tour is available from the Old Jail, 167 San Marco Ave. and the Old Town Trolley Welcome Center at 1700 N. Ponce de Leon Blvd. The Visitor Information Center is located at 10 W. Castillo Dr., St. Augustine. 904-829-3800 www.trolleytours.com

November 23 - January 5

Ripley's Red Trains Nights of Lights Tours - Take an enchanting trip through St. Augustine's spectacular Nights of Lights aboard one of Ripley's famously festive red trains -- holiday carols and free magic viewing glasses included! Plus, as a special Friday and Saturday night treat through December 24th, Ripley's offers free holiday movies, a chocolate fountain, gifts from Santa, balloons and snow. For the first time, Ripley's also offers a VIP Tour that avoids waiting in line. The Red Train tours depart from Ripley's Believe It or Not! from 6 - 8 p.m. Sunday thru Thursday and 6 - 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights through January 5th. Tickets are \$9 adults and \$4 for children. The VIP No Waiting tour on Friday and Saturday nights are \$12 adults and \$5 for children. Reservations and ticket purchases can be made at the website. 19 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine. 904-824-1606 www.ripleys.com/redtrains

November 23 - January 25

Gold Tour's Private Nights of Lights Tours - See the world renowned St Augustine lights on a tour aboard a quiet electric vehicle. Travel the narrowest and quaintest streets of the ancient city to see all the lights and historic buildings up close. These narrated tours last 45 minutes and accommodate a maximum of 6 adults and one child. Reservations are required. Individual reservations are available nightly for our 8:30 p.m. tour. Group tours available nightly only by prior reservation at 6 and 7:15 p.m. \$15 per person or \$80 for the whole bus. All tours leave from the Love Tree, 6 Cordova St., St. Augustine. 904-325-0547 www.staugustinegoldtours.com

November 23 - January 25

Nights of Lights Wine and Carriage Tour - Enjoy the sparkling Nights of Lights and a bottle of boutique wine aboard an old-fashioned horse-drawn carriage. This group tour (8 persons maximum) meanders through the historic streets of St. Augustine for an unforgettable 45 minutes. Includes souvenir wine glass. Presented by The Tasting Tours, the carriage departs nightly at 6, 7, 8 & 9 p.m. \$49 per person. 59 Cuna St., St. Augustine. 904-325-3911 www.thetastingtours.com

November 23 - January 25

Nights of Lights Lovers' Carriage Tour - Take a romantic, private tour for two through St. Augustine's magnificent Nights of Lights. This 45-minute tour aboard an old-fashioned, horse-drawn carriage includes a bottle of wine (red or white), two souvenir wine glasses, millions of sparkling lights and romance! The cost is \$145 per couple. Presented by

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Nights of Lights Biplane Tour - Return to the Golden Age of Aviation on this magical sunset biplane flight that features an aerial view of St. Augustine's unforgettable Nights of Lights! Heated open cockpit holds two passengers and provides a vintage view of the setting sun and the historic streets of the Oldest City glowing in their holiday finery. \$112 per person; \$198 solo. 4796 U.S. Highway N., St. Augustine. 904-625-1450 www.staugustinebiplanerides.com

November 24 - January 31

Nights of Lights Sunset Sail on Board the Schooner Freedom - See the beautiful Nights of Lights from aboard the Schooner Freedom. Daily sunset two-hour cruise on Matanzas Bay departs from the St. Augustine City Marina at 4:15 p.m. Tickets are \$45 and include complimentary soda, water, beer, wine and hot chocolate. 111 Avenida Menendez, St. Augustine. 904-810-1010 www.schoonerfreedom.com

November 29

5th Annual Candlelight Tour of Villa Zorayda - Experience a holiday Candlelight Tour of St. Augustine's beautiful Villa Zorayda Museum. A spectacular Christmas tree decorated in the colors of the Zorayda - red and gold - is located center stage in the Court of Lions. Over 100 candles are aglow throughout the museum. Refreshments are served at 6 p.m. and the tour starts at 6:30 p.m. Admission of \$18 for adults; Children 7 - 12 are \$8. Children 4 - 6 are free. The candlelight tours are not recommended for children 3 and under. 83 King St., St. Augustine. 904-829-9887 www.villazorayda.com

November 29

Nights of Lights & Holiday Traditions Plaza Stroll - Tour St. Augustine hosts a free Nights of Lights & Holiday Traditions walking tour to take in the amazing views while learning the historical significance of these 'white lights' and exploring how this colonial-era tradition has become a famous modern day spectacle not to be missed. Tours depart at 7 p.m. from the Tour St. Augustine office, 4 Granada St., St. Augustine. 904-825-0087 www.StAugustineCityWalks.com

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December 5 - 6

Nights of Lights Full Moon Sail - Experience the beauty of the full moon and the luminosity of St. Augustine's Nights of Lights -- from the deck of the Schooner Freedom! This special, 1 hour 15 minute-tour is offered only on these two nights. Sail across Matanzas Bay and listen to the waves lap the hull and the distant hum of the sea -- while bathed in the light of the full moon. Tickets are \$35 each and includes complimentary soda, water, beer, wine and hot chocolate. Call for reservations. 111 Avenida Menendez, St. Augustine. 904-810-1010 www.schoonerfreedom.com

December 6

Nights of Lights Osprey Full Moon Cruise - Cruise from Camachee Cove on the Osprey for a full moon excursion along the Oldest City's bayfront, historic Castillo de San Marcos and the St. Augustine Lighthouse. This is a age 21 and up only cruise and passengers are welcome to BYOB. Tickets are \$30 each. 252 Yacht Club Drive, Dock A-19 (behind Kingfish Grill), St. Augustine. www.jaxwatertours.com

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December 7

46th Annual Garden Club Christmas Tour of Homes - This annual tour showcases holiday decorations at a selection of St. Augustine's most outstanding private homes. This year's theme is "Christmas in the Ancient City". Enjoy a taste of nostalgia in the colorful and natural floral decorations and arrangements designed and hand crafted by members of The Garden Club of St. Augustine. In addition, a delightful tea is included in the ticket price. The tour takes place from noon - 5 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and should be purchased in advance because of limited availability; \$30 the day of the tour. 904-797-0660 <http://gardenclubofstaugustine.org/tourofhomes.html>

December 10 & 12

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December 13 - 14

21st Annual Bed and Breakfast Holiday Tour "The Music of Christmas" - "The Music of Christmas" is a two-day tour from 1- 5 p.m. each day featuring 24 inns throughout historic St. Augustine. Each day, 12 inns open their doors to display entertaining decorations and scenes based on Christmas carols, holiday pop tunes and other music of the season. Each inn is paired with a distinguished St. Augustine restaurant or other culinary partner offering savory nibbles, sweet treats and other refreshments. The self-guided tour is easily navigated on foot, but a special tour shuttle also will offer transportation along the route. Tickets are \$30 and should be purchased in advance starting in September on the website (partial proceeds benefit a local charity). www.staugustinebandbtour.com

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