



## 2026 Sunnyland St. Johns River Cruises

### "Get Ready to Cruise in 2026!"

Last year's St. Johns River Cruises were a fantastic success, filled with wonderful reunions and new friendships. We're thrilled to announce that we'll be offering two exciting trips again this year:

**Pre-Show Cruise:** Opening Banquet: March 22nd in Palatka  
Departure from the Quality Inn Palatka cruising south bound

**Post-Show Cruise:** Opening Banquet: March 29th in Palatka (following the Tavares Show)  
Departure from the Quality Inn Palatka cruising north bound

### "Pre-Show Cruise with Kelly and Christie Daniel"

**Launch:** Sunday, March 22nd from the ramp in Palatka (south of the US 17 bridge).

**Dock:** Quality Inn Palatka (north of the bridge).

**Opening Banquet:** Sunday evening at the Quality Inn.

**Trailer Parking:** Available across the street from the Quality Inn office.

### Itinerary:

- **Monday, March 23rd:** Cruise south to Dunns Creek and enjoy lunch at Three Bananas on Crescent Lake. Dinner on your own.
- **Tuesday, March 24th:** Cruise south to Welaka for a spectacular lunch at Shrimp R Us. Return to Palatka, then trailer your boat and head to Astor. Dinner will be catered by Sparky's at the Big River Lodge. Astor Accommodations: Big River Marina & Lodge or Castaways.
- **Wednesday, March 25th:** Cruise south to the St. Johns River Grill and return to Astor. Dinner on your own (suggestion: Drifters - formerly the Blackwater Inn).
- **Thursday, March 26th:** 10:00 AM: Catered Brunch by Sparky's.  
Morning Cruise: Explore Silver Glen Springs (optional swim in the 72-degree spring).  
Afternoon Cruise: Cruise through Blue Creek (bring a birdhouse to hang in memory of someone special).  
Return to Astor, trailer your boat, and head to the Tavares Sunnyland Show (a must-see event!).

### **"Post-Show Cruise with Captain John Heiderich"**

**Launch:** Sunday, March 29th from the ramp in Palatka (south of the US 17 bridge).

**Dock:** Quality Inn Palatka (north of the bridge).

**Opening Banquet:** Sunday evening at the Quality Inn.

**Trailer Parking:** Available across the street from the Quality Inn office.

#### **Itinerary:**

- **Monday, March 30th:** Cruise down Dunns Creek, enjoy lunch at Three Bananas on Crescent Lake, and return to Palatka. Dinner on your own.
- **Tuesday, March 31st:** Cruise towards Astor, stopping for lunch at Shrimp R Us. Cross Lake George and arrive at your chosen accommodation: Big River Marina & Lodge or Castaways. Enjoy a catered dinner by Sparky's at the Big River Lodge.
- **Wednesday, April 1st:** Cruise south to Blue Springs, enjoy a late lunch at the St. Johns River Grill, and return to Astor. Dinner on your own.
- **Thursday, April 2nd:** Enjoy a catered brunch by Sparky's at Silver Glen Springs. Optional swim in the 72-degree spring. Cruise through Blue Creek (bring a birdhouse to hang in memory of someone special). Return to Astor for the night.
- **Friday, April 3rd :** Cross Lake George for a final lunch at Renegades. Return to Palatka, pull your boats, and share memories of a fantastic St. Johns River Cruise!

#### **Post Show Cruise Logistics**

**Luggage Transport:** Choose the optional luggage transport service on the registration form to have your luggage transported by trailer between Palatka and Astor.

**Accommodations:** Motel rooms have been reserved for your stay. Reservation information will be provided upon registration confirmation. Please identify yourself as a St. Johns River Cruise participant when making your reservation.

#### **Cruise Apparel information:**

**Cruise Gear:** Order your 2026 St. Johns River Cruise shirts and hats now! These stylish collared shirts feature the Sunnyland logo and your boat's name on the sleeve.

#### **Refund Policy:**

After February 1st: 25% refund fee.

After March 1st: 50% refund fee.

We look forward to a fantastic cruise with you!

For any questions about the cruises, please contact the following cruise captains:

##### **Pre-Show Cruise:**

Christie and Kelly Daniel    Email: [kellyandchristie@gmail.com](mailto:kellyandchristie@gmail.com)

Phone: 770-490-5989

##### **Post-Show Cruise:**

John Heiderich    Email: [just2more@aol.com](mailto:just2more@aol.com)

Phone: 317-417-3874