

The Sunshine Travel Club



Christmas at the Stetson Mansion



Tues. Dec 10, 2019

\$118.00 pp

Full Payment Nov. 1, 2019

\$50.00 Due When Invoiced

Includes:

- **Motorcoach Transportation**
- **Tour of the Stetson Mansion**
- **Dinner at Cooks**

Board our Coach about 1:30 PM and head to Deland FL to the Stetson Mansion for some great Christmas lights, and a guided tour of the mansion

Looking into the Stetson's WOW they were one of the 1st snow birds 50 years before it became popular!

Built in **1886** for famed hat maker and philanthropist John B. Stetson, this winter retreat is Florida's only richly detailed mansion actually built in the "Gilded Age" which ended in 1899. The eclectic and unusual "High Victorian" architectural design not only had the most advanced technology of its day, it also includes a variety of complicated interior carvings, 16 patterns of the nation's most rare and intricate parquet wood floors and 10,000 panes of original leaded glass windows. Even if the house was empty, the details are captivating.

Tripadvisor has named the Stetson Mansion, the top rated landmark attraction in all of Florida. Florida's First Luxury Estate, is the largest, grandest, and most historic home ever built in Florida before the 20th century. This Gilded Age estate **is not a museum** or a home frozen in time, although it predates all other grand mansion museums in Florida. This is still a private estate. The home of Florida's first snow bird and famous hat baron was hidden and lost for 100 years. It has recently been rescued, restored and updated in a timeless fashion.

I don't want to give too much of the history because of the guided tour. I am looking very forward to this.

After the tour Dinner is at Cooks 704 N. Woodland Blvd. This is a buffet and included in the price.

We should get back about 11 PM ish