

***Daytona Beach: “On the Fast Track to Family Fun”***  
**Media Tour**  
**May 14-18, 2007**

*Hosted by*  
**Daytona Beach Area Convention & Visitors Bureau and area partners**

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***FINAL ITINERARY***

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*DRESS: Resort Casual unless noted. Comfortable walking shoes, sunglasses and/or shade hats recommended.*

**Monday, May 14**

*All day*                      Airport arrivals and pickups at Daytona Beach International Airport.

Check in at host hotel.

**Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort**

100 N. Atlantic Ave.

Daytona Beach, FL 32118

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[www.daytonahilton.com](http://www.daytonahilton.com)

*7:45 pm*                      Walk to Ocean Walk Shoppes (next door) for dinner at **Bubba Gump Seafood Company and Market** where “life is like a box of chocolates!”

[www.bubbagump.com](http://www.bubbagump.com)

**Tuesday, May 15**

*8:45 am*                      Depart hotel.

*9 am*                              Breakfast at **The Dancing Avocado**, a local favorite for vegetarians – and their meat-eating friends!

*10:30 am*                      Speed things up at the **Daytona International Speedway**. Although no races will be going on, this wonderful attraction is always action-packed! We’ll take a brief track tour that offers visitors a 30-minute backstage look at the racing world including a stop in pit row, the NASCAR garages, the infield area and Victory Lane. Following the tour, enjoy an exciting romp through **DAYTONA USA**, a year-round motorsports attraction and the official attraction of NASCAR.

[www.daytonainternationalspeedway.com](http://www.daytonainternationalspeedway.com)

[www.daytonausa.com](http://www.daytonausa.com)

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*1 pm* Join the castaways for lunch and fun at the beachside waterpark and entertainment center **Daytona Lagoon** for your choices of go-karts, miniature golf, laser tag, rock wall climbing and video games. Waterpark is open seasonally.

[www.daytonalagoon.com](http://www.daytonalagoon.com)

*3:30 pm* Return to hotel to enjoy beach, property amenities.

*5:30 pm* Depart hotel to board the **River Queen II Dinner Cruise**, one of the area's newest attractions, cruising on the Halifax River.

[www.riverqueenII.com](http://www.riverqueenII.com)

### **Wednesday, May 16**

*8 am* Breakfast and tour at host hotel.

*9:30 am* Depart for Ponce Inlet.

*10 am* The secrets of the deep will be revealed as we arrive at the **Marine Science Center** in Ponce Inlet. The center provides an innovative learning experience where visitors can discover, enjoy and appreciate the wonders of marine science through interactive displays and exhibits. Of special interest is the endangered and threatened sea turtle exhibit. A separate pavilion, located near the main facility, has been converted into a sea turtle rehabilitation laboratory. A boardwalk and nature trail system extends throughout the park to allow for public wildlife and habitat observation.

[www.marinesciencecenter.com](http://www.marinesciencecenter.com)

*11:30 am* Lunch along the Intracoastal at **Inlet Harbor Marina and Restaurant**.

*1:30 pm* We'll continue our day in Ponce Inlet at the **Ponce de Leon Inlet Lighthouse**, the tallest lighthouse in Florida. This 175-foot lighthouse was completed in 1887 and is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It was relit in December 1982 and continues today as a working beacon. A 203-step climb to the top of the lighthouse will be rewarded with a stunning, panoramic view of the area. We will also tour the exhibits housed in the original lighthouse keepers' dwellings and be treated to a rare Fresnel lens exhibit.

[www.ponceinlet.org](http://www.ponceinlet.org)

*4 pm* Arrive at hotel to enjoy pool, beach, free time.

*6:15 pm* Depart hotel.

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6:30 pm

**Teauilla's Hawaiian Dinner Show.** The sights and sounds of the Polynesian Islands come alive during this Hawaiian-themed luau show. Aloha!

**Thursday, May 17**

8 am

Depart hotel for breakfast at **Daytona Diner**, a Harley Davidson classic, where the local color is as good as the food!

9:30 am

Guided tour of the **Museum of Arts and Sciences** in Daytona Beach. This museum complex is located on the beautiful Tuscawilla Nature preserve, a six-acre site complete with nature trails. Exhibits include the Center for Florida History, which features a 130,000-year-old, 13-foot-tall Giant Ground Sloth that once roamed the land nearby. Several permanent collections are displayed including the Cuban Museum, African ritual art, decorative art, Chinese art, and the new Root Family Museum featuring Americana collections donated by the Root family. The museum also houses the area's only planetarium.

[www.moas.org](http://www.moas.org)

Noon

Lunch at **Angell & Phelps Café** and tour **Angell & Phelps Chocolate Factory**. A Daytona Beach tradition since 1925, Angell & Phelps Chocolates unveiled its chocolate factory in 1994. A free, guided tour takes you on a fascinating journey into the history and "how to" of the chocolate-making process. Visitors can watch more than 100 kinds of candies being hand made and boxed for shipment to chocolate lovers around the world.

[www.angellandphelps.com](http://www.angellandphelps.com)

2 pm

Canoe/kayaking at **Cracker Creek Canoeing**.

<http://www.oldfloridapioneer.com>

**-OR-**

Horseback riding at **Shenandoah Stables**.

3 pm

Tour **Gamble Place**. Guests to the Gamble Place can step back in time to experience the same pristine environment that James Gamble (of Proctor & Gamble fame) found so inviting during his first visit to the area in the late 1800's. Educational tours of the grounds and buildings built by Gamble and his family are offered by the Daytona Beach Museum of Arts and Sciences. They also offer a variety of cultural and environmental programs throughout the year.

[www.moas.org/gamble\\_place.html](http://www.moas.org/gamble_place.html)

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*5:45 pm*

Depart for an “All Star Picnic” and Daytona Cubs vs. Jupiter Hammerheads (Florida Marlins) baseball game at historic **Jackie Robinson Ballpark**. (Game starts at 7:05 pm. Early departures if needed.)

[www.daytonacubs.com](http://www.daytonacubs.com)

**Friday, May 18**

*8 am*

Depart hotel to experience an unusual and fun brunch at the **Old Spanish Mill and Griddle House** in DeLeon Springs located 30 minutes west of Daytona Beach. The restaurant is located in DeLeon Springs State Park, which features natural springs and historical displays. Prepare to do batter!

*Afternoon*

Writers depart.