



What to do the week of Sept. 9-Sept. 15, 2019

Coming up: Sixth annual Island Hopper Songwriter Fest, Sept. 20-29, on Captiva, Sept. 20-22; Downtown Fort Myers, Sept. 22-26; and Fort Myers Beach, Sept. 27-29, island-hopper.fortmyers-sanibel.com, mobile app available for iOS and Android

Nature & sea life cruise, Tarpon Bay Explorers, Sanibel

Daily – Enjoy a naturalist-led excursion through Tarpon Bay, located in the J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Look for manatees, dolphins, birds and more. *\$23 adults, \$15 children, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. daily, reservations recommended, Tarpon Bay Explorers, 900 Tarpon Bay Road, Sanibel, 239-472-8900, tarponbayexplorers.com*

Everglades ecotour, Everglades Day Safari, from Fort Myers

Daily – Take a naturalist-guided day trip into the Everglades. Enjoy an amazing wildlife adventure aboard an airboat, a wildlife drive through Big Cypress National Preserve, a nature walk through a cypress forest and a boat cruise in the mangrove forest. Lunch included.

Reservations required. \$165, 7:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m. from Fort Myers, 239-472-1559, ecosafari.com

Sailing lesson, Offshore Sailing School, Captiva

Daily – Sailing lessons and certification courses available from Captiva, Fort Myers Beach and Cape Coral. Instructors are U.S. Sailing certified. Children ages seven and older are welcome with adults.

\$300 for two participants together for two hours, reservations required, Offshore Sailing School, South Seas Island Resort, North Harbour Yacht Marina, 5400 Plantation Road, Captiva, 239-985-7530, offshoresailing.com

Shell crafting, Sanibel Community House, Sanibel

Mondays – Shell crafting lessons are held for all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. Shell crafters are on site for visitors to spend as much time as they want to learn, view and purchase. Cost includes materials used, such as glue, shells, wire, etc.

10 a.m.-1 p.m., Sanibel Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, 239-472-2155, sanibelcommunityhouse.net

Wildlife Walk, CROW, Sanibel

Monday-Friday – Take a walk on the wild side and meet some of the fascinating wildlife CROW supports. On the guided hospital tour, visitors will be able to take a peek into wildlife rehabilitation and meet the staff. Tour includes admission to the visitor education center and presentation.

\$25, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, reservations required, 239-472-3644, crowclinic.org

Thank God for Indie Mondays at Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, Fort Myers

Sept. 9 –Join host Eric Raddatz and co-host Melissa DeHaven for fresh short indie films, music, comedy and fun. Get a look at how the Fort Myers Film Festival views submissions for independent films and participate in the selection process. Have a say whether or not they should make final programming.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m., \$10 for adults (\$8 for seniors and students). Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, 2301 First St., downtown Fort Myers. 239-333-1933, sbdac.com

Shangri-La experience lunch and tour, Shangri-La Springs, Bonita Springs

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays – Take a stroll through the certified organic garden or learn the history of those who once walked the magical grounds of this 8.5-acre property. After experiencing the garden, replenish with a farm-to-table lunch from the property's organic restaurant.

Reservations required, \$38 per person, garden tour at 10 a.m., historic tour at 11 a.m. Shangri-La Springs, 27750 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs, shangrilasprings.com

'Once' at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Fort Myers

Sept. 11-15, 18-22, 25-28 – Set in Dublin, an Irish musician ready to give up on his career is drawn to a Czech immigrant who helps encourage him to keep writing and performing.

Ticket prices and times vary, Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, 239-278-4422, broadwaypalm.com

Crafts for kids, Miromar Outlets, Estero

Wednesdays – Toddlers to age 12 can participate in fun activities at WINK Playland. *Free, 10 a.m.-noon, Miromar Outlets, 10801 Corkscrew Road, Estero, 239-948-3766, miromaroutlets.com*

10th Anniversary open house, Southwest Florida Military Museum, Cape Coral

Sept. 11 – The Southwest Florida Military Museum and Library will host its 10th anniversary luncheon and open house with live jazz music from Riverboat Jazz, raffles, and food. Vets eat free courtesy of Thrivent Foundation.

\$8, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Southwest Florida Military Museum and Library, 4820 Leonard St., Cape Coral, 239-541-8704

Patriot Service, Bonita Springs Fire Station No. 21, Bonita Springs

Sept. 11 – The Bonita Springs Patriot Day Service will honor the firefighters, police officers and others who were involved in the 2001 attacks. The guest speaker is retired police lieutenant David Grossi Sr.

Free, 6 p.m., Bonita Springs Fire Station No. 21 in front of the Sept. 11 mural, 27490 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs, 239-949-6262

Haunted History Tour and River District History Tour, downtown Fort Myers

Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays – The Haunted History Tour is a paranormal tour of historic downtown Fort Myers. The tour acquaints visitors with the colorful personalities of the founders of Fort Myers. Reservations required.

\$14, Haunted History Tour, 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays; \$13, River District History Tour, 6 p.m. Thursdays and 10:30 a.m. Saturdays. All True Tours Historical Walking Tours begin and end at the Franklin Shops, 2200 First St., downtown Fort Myers, 239-945-0405, truetours.net

Fort Myers Oktoberfest, Millennial Brewing Company, Fort Myers

Sept. 12-15 – This four-day fest brings the spirit of Oktoberfest to Fort Myers a little early. Enjoy special beer from the brewery, a beer pavilion tent, food, live music, a kids' carnival area and more. Pet and family friendly.

Free, 4 p.m. start Sept. 12, 13; 12 p.m. start Sept. 14, 15, Millennial Brewing Company, 1811 Royal Palm Ave., Fort Myers, 239-271-2255, millennialbrewing.com

Electric car show, Edison and Ford Winter Estates, Fort Myers

Sept. 14– Kick off National Drive Electric Week at this free electric car show. Owners of electric vehicles will be on hand to answer questions and give rides to visitors. The event will take place in the estates overflow parking lot. Does not include admission/tour of the site.

Free, 10 a.m.-4p.m., Edison and Ford Winter Estates, 2350 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, 239-334-7419, EdisonFord.org

South Cape BBQ Pub Crawl, South Cape Coral

Sept. 14 – Ride trolleys throughout South Cape Coral and stop at 12 places to enjoy custom drinks and barbecue-themed appetizer samples, then vote on the best of the night.

\$25-\$30, 7-11 p.m., check-in at Big John's Plaza and in front of Dixie Roadhouse in downtown Cape Coral, Facebook: South Cape Hospitality and Entertainment Associations