

Do You Feel Like ...

... Florida the way you like it? Maybe these tips will help.

INDIAN HERITAGE

Crystal River

Crystal River Archeological Site protects Native American cultic mounds, which were made long before the first Europeans arrived here. **page 149**

• Fort Myers

In Cayo Costa State Park shell mounds commemorate the once flourishing Calusa Indian culture. **page 191**

• Miami

The Historical Museum of Southern Florida specialises in the Native American settlement of Florida before the European conquest. **page 247**



MANATEES

◀ Crystal River

The affectionate manatees favour the delta of the Crystal and Homosassa Rivers. **page 150**

• Fort Myers

Manatees swim in Manatee Park in the eastern part of town undisturbed by motor boats. **page 187**

• Tampa

The warm waters around Big Bend Power Station is another favourite haunt of manatees. **page 370**

ENJOYING ART

St Petersburg

The Salvador Dali Museum is one of the world's most important exhibition sites for the Catalan surrealist artist. **page 335**

• Winter Park

Wonderful craft items by Louis Comfort Tiffany is displayed in the Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of Art. **page 291**

• Miami

The Miami Art Museum exhibits the crème de la crème of modern American art. **page 247**



STONE CRABS

◀ Miami Beach

Stone crab season begins in mid-October. Joe's Stone Crab is always full then. **page 272**

• Sarasota

The name says it all at Moore's Stone Crab Restaurant on Longboat Key. Freshly cooked crabs are served here. **page 347**



PADDLING

Everglades National Park

See the Everglades from a new angle in a canoe. **page 160**

• Cedar Key

Dolphins often accompany tours around the island. **page 144**

• Ocala/Silver Springs

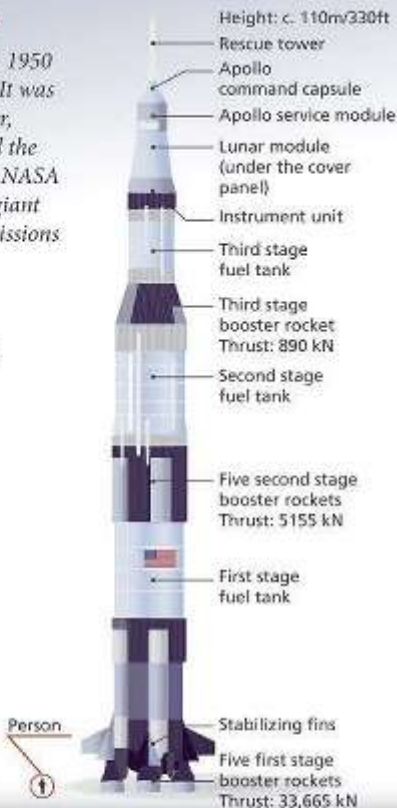
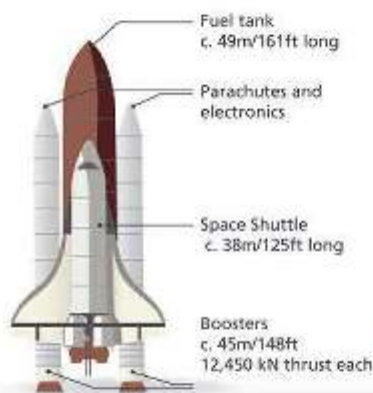
Huge fresh water springs bubble to the surface here. There is great canoeing on the streams they form. **page 284**



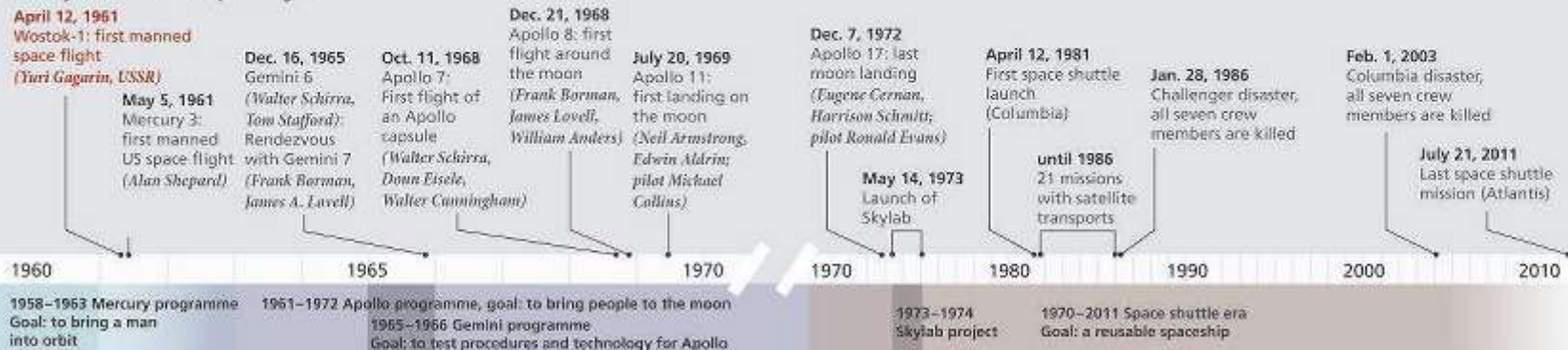
America's Spaceports

The first rocket was launched on July 24, 1950 from Cape Canaveral Air Force station. It was followed by the first US satellite, Explorer, innumerable other satellite launches and the manned Mercury and Gemini missions. NASA built a separate launch complex for the giant Saturn V moon rockets, and all of the missions have been launched there ever since.

Space shuttle and Saturn V moon rocket



History of US manned space flight



Lunar Module

Height	7m/23ft
Diameter	9,4m/31ft
Weight	14,696kg/32,331 lbs
Room inside	6,7m ² /236ft ²
Crew	2



<http://grin.hq.nasa.gov/subject-space.html>

Landing sites and lengths of stay

Apollo 11–17



First men on the moon

«One small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind.» Neil Armstrong's words went down in history. Twelve men in all walked on the moon. The second one was «Buzz» Aldrin, as photographed here by Armstrong.





light is Las Olas Boulevard with its Museum of Art. Continue north on A1A through famous oceanside resorts like Pompano Beach, Deerfield Beach, Boca Raton, Delray Beach and Boynton Beach to sophisticated **4 Palm Beach**, where old and new money meets. Take some time to stroll along the breathtakingly expensive Worth Avenue or even have tea at the luxurious hotel The Breakers. After Palm Beach the Atlantic coast quiets down.

Via Jupiter, Port St Lucie, Fort Pierce and Vero Beach drive on to the so-called Space Coast with its wonderful beaches. From there it is not far to **5** Cape Canaveral/Kennedy Space Center**, the US space centre, which is well-visited all year round, with its rocket launching pads and its excellent exhibitions and hands-on activities. There is accommodation in Cocoa Beach, Melbourne or Titusville.

To the US space center

From Cape Canaveral it takes about one hour to get to the »world capital of amusement« in central Florida **6** Orlando**. It would take weeks to visit all the attractions here. The best are SeaWorld, Discovery Cove and Universal Studios. 20 minutes by car to the west is the mega-park Walt Disney World with its different theme parks.

Nothing but fun

From Orlando or Disneyworld follow highway I 4 straight to **7** Tampa**, where the nicely renovated Ybor City, the Florida Aquarium and the Henry B. Plant Museum await interested visitors. Then relax in the amusement park Busch Gardens or just beyond Tampa Bay in **8** St Petersburg**, where the sun shines especially long and where there are wonderful beaches on the Gulf coast. Other highlights in »St Pete« are the Pier and the Dali Museum. Then follow the spectacular Sunshine Skyway (toll!) across the mouth of Tampa Bay to the south along the Gulf coast. The next stop is **9** Sarasota** with the imposing residence and the rich art collections of the circus king John Ringling and his wife Mable. There are beautiful beaches around Sarasota. From here take a worthwhile detour to Myakka River State Park. The relatively new highway I 75 and the older US 41 continue southwards past Venice and Port Charlotte, and finally reach the growing city of **10* Fort Myers**, where the legendary inventor Thomas A. Edison and the automobile manufacturer Henry Ford had their winter homes. From here make a worthwhile side trip to the beautiful beach at Fort Myers Beach or to the wonderful seashell-covered beaches on Sanibel and Captiva islands. The next part of the tour goes to the luxury ocean resort **11* Naples** with its impressive Docksides and a long pier. Here again there are superb beaches like Vanderbilt Beach with its luxurious Ritz-Carlton Hotel. Nearby there are several interesting nature reserves, like Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary. A side trip to Marco Island with its beaches is also charming.

From the interior to the Gulf coast

Naples is the western gateway to **12** Everglades National Park**. This swampy landscape between Naples and Miami is crossed by the Tamiami Trail (US 41), which was built with great effort at one time and today is a broad highway. Stop in Everglades City, where park rangers conduct boat trips, or visit the Miccosukee Indian village and gain insight into their everyday life and their arts and crafts. **Tamiami Trail** (US 41) leaves the Everglades in the far suburbs of Miami and ends at Calle Ocho (SW 8th Street) downtown **1** Miami**.

Into the swamp