

SATURDAY, OCT 14, 2023

Sat-AB - Alafia Banks by Boat S-AB

Address for boat is dock behind Florida Aquarium, between Cruise Terminal 3 and American Victory Ship
8:00 am – 11:00 am Meet the leader by 7:55 in front of Cruise Terminal 3.

Limited to 40 participants, parking complimentary at Cruise Terminal.

Leaders: Chris Cooley, Tampa Port Authority 813-215-0950; Mark Rachal 847-571-1230 and Jeff Leichty 574-312-0946 of Audubon Florida

Be sure to bring sunscreen, water, snacks, hat and anything you will want on the boat.

This boat trip will go out to a set of islands in the Bay at the mouth of the Alafia River. In season the islands are a major nesting colony for many wading birds. Off season there will be birds feeding along the shore and resting in the trees. The boat will leave from the Aquarium and go south down the bay, past the spoil islands that are also likely to have feeding shorebirds. Often dolphins are sighted along the route as well.

From Tampa/Brandon area: Take Adamo Dr/Rt 60 into Tampa from the Brandon area. After the 22nd St major intersection the street will bend left/south and become Channelside Drive.

On Channelside Drive, at the light take a left turn onto E York St, following signs for cruise and aquarium parking. Be sure to watch for the trolley, as you will cross the trolley tracks!

Turn Right toward the Aquarium parking lot, but stay to the left, go to the end, then make a U-turn into the lanes for the Cruise terminal.

You will have **Complimentary Parking** in front of Cruise Terminal 3. Please park against the curb in the driveway in front of the terminal (orange block in map) in a diagonal manner facing the terminal to maximize use of the space. You will meet Chris Cooley, of the Port Authority, in front of the Cruise Terminal by 7:55 am.

From St Petersburg or the West: Come into downtown Tampa on I-275. Take Exit 44, Ashley Dr, south.

Continue south on Ashley drive to E Park Jackson Dr. Turn left/east onto E. Jackson Dr.

Continue east on Jackson a little over half mile, until it turns north onto Meridian Dr.

Go north on Meridian one block, then turn right onto E Kennedy.

At next light turn right onto Channelside Dr., get into left lane, and turn left on E York St. See above for final details.

