



Hello All Camera Club Members,

We're going to Mount Dora **from Tuesday, January 16 thru Thursday the 18**. Of course, if you only want to stay one night, that's up to you. Mount Dora is approximately 175 miles from our area and would take 2.5-3 hours to get there.

Mount Dora was founded in 1880 and is known for its small-town southern charm. It has many boutique and antique shops in the downtown area which overlooks Lake Dora. It is home to one of three freshwater lighthouses in Florida. Some of the main attractions include: Nature walks and parks; Premier Boat Tours (2hrs, \$32) which include a canal tour with loads of wildlife (many water birds, turtles and alligators); Carriage Rides (20mins,\$35 for 4 people); Sea Planes (\$89.99); Modernist Museum; Museum of Speed; and the Lighthouse.

We'll plan a group dinner for Tuesday night. Sunset will be around 5:45, so dinner will be after that. The location is to be determined. Maybe Pisces Rising (<https://www.piscesrisingdining.com>) or Lakeside Inn.

Two options for accommodations are listed below. There are also B&Bs in the area; but, apparently they are very busy during the season. Even now, some are booked for dates we plan to go. So, act quickly to secure your room wherever you choose to stay.

Where to Stay:

Lakeside Inn 888-456-4917 – walking distance to everything. \$209-294 (may include \$10 breakfast credit)

Hampton Inn 888-801-1519 – 10 minutes from Mt Dora, includes breakfast. \$148

If you've been to Mt. Dora and have any suggestions about our trip or special places we should go, please let Pauline Adam know. **Also, so that a reservation can be made please let her know if you plan to participate in the dinner and/or the boat ride*.**

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- Special note re boat ride: If we get 20 people to sign up for the January 17, 11am boat ride, they will gear the boat to our group and makes stops giving us enough time to take pictures. Sure hope we can do this. We'll have to pay in advance - \$30 each to reserve the boat. .