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### The Museum of Arts and Sciences is Following the Footsteps of James Audubon with a History Bus Tour

Daytona Beach, FL – The Museum of Arts and Sciences is hosting a History Bus Tour: In the Footsteps on Audubon on December 9, 2016. Join the Museum’s Senior Curator of Education and History, James “Zach” Zacharias, as he takes visitors on a tour in the footsteps of naturalist John James Audubon to learn about his travels through Volusia County.

Guests will be visiting the historic plantations of Joseph Hernandez, John Bulow, and Colonel Orlando Reese and will learn about Audubon’s captivating journey to these plantations. Zach Zacharias will also be teaching event-goers about the dangerous excursions taken by the wildlife artist to hunt for new and exhilarating birds for his book, *The Birds of America*.

The history bus tour is \$50.00 for future museum members and \$40.00 for museum members. Seating for the historic tour is limited and advanced RSVP is required by calling the Museum at 386-255-0285 ext. 312. No refunds will be issued.

#### Itinerary:

8:30 a.m.: Depart from the Museum of Arts and Sciences  
9:30 a.m.: Joseph Hernandez Plantation and Archaeological Site-Tour  
10:45 a.m.: Bulow Plantation State Ruins-Tour  
12:15 p.m.: Lunch at Houligan’s  
2:15 p.m.: Arrive at Plantation of Colonel Orlando Reese Plantation DeLeon Springs State Park  
4:15 p.m.: Approximately arrive at the Museum of Arts and Sciences

*Exhibits and dates subject to change.*

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**About the Museum of Arts & Sciences** - The Museum of Arts & Sciences (MOAS) is the primary **art, science and history museum in Central Florida**. The area's largest museum, MOAS is nationally accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and is a Smithsonian Institution Affiliate. Located on a 90-acre Florida nature preserve, the 100,000 square foot facility is host to over 30,000 objects including the Dow Gallery of American Art, one of the finest collections of American art in the Southeast, the Schulte Gallery of Chinese Art, the Bouchelle Collection and Gallery of Decorative Arts, the largest and most comprehensive collection in the South, the Gillespy Gallery of Sub-Saharan African artifacts, the Cuban Foundation Museum showcasing one of the most significant collections of Cuban paintings in the United States, the

Prehistory of Florida gallery featuring Florida's Giant Ground Sloth skeleton and the Root Family Museum displaying restored railroad cars, antique automobiles and the largest collection of Coca-Cola® memorabilia in Florida. The Helene B. Roberson Visible Storage Building exhibits thousands of objects from many donors which are owned by the Museum, while the Linda and Williams Children's Museum presents an interactive experience for children. A new state-of-the-art planetarium and the Cici and Hyatt Brown Museum of Art showcasing the largest collection of Florida-based art in the world, rounds out areas to explore inside the Museum of Arts & Sciences.

Museum Hours are 10am-5pm (Monday-Saturday) and 11am-5pm (Sunday). Museum of Arts & Sciences admission is \$12.95 adults; \$6.95 children 6-17; \$10.95 seniors and students; members and children 5 and under are free. Daily Planetarium shows and weekly laser shows. Museum of Arts & Sciences admission includes one Planetarium show. Cici and Hyatt Brown Museum of Art admission is \$10.95 adults; \$4.95 children 6-17; \$8.95 seniors and students; members and children 5 and under are free. Combo ticket admission is \$18.95 adults; \$9.95 children 6-17; \$16.95 seniors and students; members and children 5 and under are free. Combo ticket admission includes one Planetarium show. Additional Planetarium shows are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children ages 17 and under. Parking is free. Admission is FREE for Volusia County residents the first Tuesday of each month (does not include Planetarium shows). MOAS is fully accessible to the handicapped. MOAS is located at 352 S. Nova Road, Daytona Beach, Florida 32114. For more information call 386.255.0285 or visit the website [www.moas.org](http://www.moas.org).

*MOAS is a not-for-profit educational institution founded in 1955 and chartered by the State of Florida in 1962. The Museum is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution. Programs sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Division of Cultural Affairs, and the County of Volusia.*

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