

Winter Park: Two treasures in one day



The front of Casa Feliz, which was built in 1933, moved in 2001 and opened as a museum in 2005. (Courtesy of Friends of Casa Feliz)



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Take in the pleasures of neighboring Casa Feliz and the Morse Museum on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays in Winter Park.

Casa Feliz, meaning “happy house,” represents a breakthrough for Winter Park preservation. The Morse offers the most comprehensive collection of Louis Comfort Tiffany’s works in the world.

During an open house at Casa Feliz, learn about architect James Gamble Rogers II, who designed more than 50 Winter Park homes, including Casa Feliz. The Spanish-style farmhouse was built in 1933. It was saved from the wrecking ball in 2001, when the 750-ton brick mansion was moved 900 feet to its new location.

Known as “Winter Park’s Community Parlor,” Casa Feliz hosts concerts, exhibitions and weddings. In 2005, it opened as a museum. Docents give tours Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, plus musical groups perform in the main parlor on Sundays.

At the Morse Museum, see ongoing exhibitions on Tiffany's life and art as well as Laurelton Hall, his Long Island home. There are also exhibitions on Art Nouveau, American Arts and Crafts and iridescence in glassmaking and pottery.

If you go: Casa Feliz: 10 a.m.-noon Tuesdays and Thursdays and noon-3 p.m. Sundays, 656 N. Park Ave. in Winter Park, casafeliz.us; Morse Museum: 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, 445 N. Park Ave. in Winter Park, morsemuseum.org

More for history buffs

- **DeBary Hall Historic Site:** See the hunting estate built in 1871 as a wine merchant's retreat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, noon-4 p.m. Sunday; 198 Sunrise Blvd. in DeBary; 386-668-3840; volusia.org
- **Bok Tower Gardens:** Take in the grounds, the 20-room mansion and the 205-foot Singing Tower carillon. 8 a.m.-6 pm. daily; 1151 Tower Blvd. in Lake Wales; 863-676-1408; boktowergardens.org

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