Travel Ideas

Revving Up For A Trip To Tallahassee

(NAPSA)—When most people think of "Florida" and "cars," they tend to picture a popular beach city with an annual high-speed race. Yet with an eye instead toward the history of automobiles, they are drawn to the state's capital—and a one-of-a-kind museum.

From political figures and premier "Prowlers" to polished chrome and solar power, the two-story, 95,000-square-foot Tallahas-see Automobile Museum holds one of the most extensive car collections in the world. Among the many shining examples of automobiles throughout America's history are:

- the 1860 hearse that carried President Lincoln to his final resting place;
- the oldest fully surviving car made in America in 1894;
- a 1931 Duesenberg Model J appraised for more than \$1.2 million;
- both the first Prowler and Viper to roll off the assembly line;
 - three Batmobiles and more.

Often touted as one of the Southeast's finest private collections of rare and unique collectibles, the museum also offers a new feature—solar panels. Created with help from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the paneling educates youth on the benefits of alternative energy as well as protects fuel for future generations. The museum houses the largest solar panel system in the state, as well as "green" items



Classic cars are just one of the many attractions in Florida's capital city.

from the carpet and flooring to the electrical fixtures.

"It's more than a museum, it's a journey," says DeVoe Moore, museum owner and longtime Tallahassee resident. "The collections will truly take you back to your childhood, whatever era that may be"

About Tallahassee

With its mixture of canopy roads, deep-rooted history, rolling hills, moss-draped oaks, comfortable year-round climate and Southern-style hospitality, Tallahassee is an exceptional venturing spot for history lovers. Touting landmarks, including the site of America's First Christmas, Capitol buildings, sprawling plantations, civil rights monuments, highly acclaimed fishing and hunting adventures and nearby beaches, the city is a Florida few have seen.

To learn more, call the Tallahassee Area Convention and Visitors Bureau at (800) 628-2866 or go to www.VisitTallahassee.com.