

Winter Guests in Florida Go Sightseeing

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PALM BEACH, Fla.—[Special]—All Florida seems on the move as winter vacationists go sightseeing before it's time to return to their northern homes.

Many go over for a look at the west coast and its varied attractions. Some visit the Koreshan Gardens at Estero. Somewhat off the beaten track, Estero is 14 miles from Fort Myers. Plant lovers have long known about the Koreshan Gardens where many experiments with rare importations have been carried on for years.

The Koreshan colony, unique in the history of communal developments, was founded in 1892 by Dr. Cyrus Teed and a group of followers from Chicago. They were convinced that the world was a hollow sphere and that humanity dwelt within this great globe. Inside the earth, too, were the sun, moon, and three layers of atmosphere. Since Koresh is Hebrew for Cyrus, the cult became known as the Koreshans.

A few very elderly people, remnant of the once thriving cult, continue to live in these peaceful surroundings. Still standing is the hall where the earlier Koreshans attended lectures and practiced for their band concerts.

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Key West continues to exercise a spell over tourists. This has been going on for many years because Key West seems to be all things to all men.

It was in April, 1832, that John James Audubon arrived at Indian Key in the revenue cutter Marion to study the great flocks of birds there. He spent some time in Key West. An old record says that he arose every morning at 3 o'clock and until noon and often until night was engaged among the mangrove keys enduring heat, sandflies, and mosquitoes. On his return from such excursions he would make sketches of such plants and birds as he had procured.

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"Some in rags, some in tags, and some in velvet gowns," would describe the annual Beachcomber dinner dance last week which closed the season at the Coral Beach club. Nautical decorations prevailed. Largest party was that entertained by Mrs. Frank Osgood Butler. Mrs. Robert Tarrant of Chicago also entertained before this party and on another recent occasion for Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin M. Stout of Oak Park.

Miss Elizabeth Bowen and Miss Nina Odescalchi spent the Easter holidays with Miss Bowen's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred W. Mansfield of Chicago. The girls attend the Convent of the Sacred Heart at Noroton, Conn.

Michael L. Igoe Jr. of Chicago joined Judge and Mrs. Igoe at the Breakers.

The marquess and marchioness of Queensberry who flew over from England, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paulding Fosdick of New York, who are well known to the Chicago colony.