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Friends Tour 2009 will feature eight Italian travelers 25 to 35 years old as they visit Tampa, Miami, Naples and Pensacola.

The **Italy-America Chamber of Commerce Southeast** in Miami has been working with **Thelma & Friends**, the organization behind the trip, to coordinate with convention and visitors bureaus statewide, said Coryline Suarez-Valente, junior trade officer at IACC. Tampa Bay & Company is setting up activities for the Aug. 10 visit to Tampa, including possible visits to Ybor City and the **Florida Aquarium**, Suarez-Valente said.

The travelers will film their adventures, and the resulting 15-episode series will air on Italian music television channel Music Box and be posted online on YouTube and Facebook.

This the third year that Thelma & Friends has organized such a trip.

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