

# San Miguel Treasure Tours Newsletter



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Our First Edition Newsletter!

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## King Tut's Treasure You Can Visit Now. But the King's Madonna Is Yet To Be Found in Her Watery Vault ...

This is a true story and it deals with the events I experienced as a mystery unfolded about a treasure that surpasses the value of all of King Tut's Treasure combined.

I was taking courses in communication when I met another student named Veronica who told me of a Captain Bob who was both a treasure hunter and a priest. Now that combination didn't settle right with me and her enthusiasm was very contagious as she told me she was going to visit him and his wife in Florida because she was also a professional golfer and was going to play at the PGA National Golf Course. The cautious Catholic I was at the time was very curious in meeting this Captain Bob and hearing about his treasure find first hand which would help me discern whether he was for real or not.

So, for \$99.00, there was a travel price war going on between airlines at that time, I flew from West Virginia to Florida to have a firsthand experience. When we arrived at the airport we were met by a priest in his collar, which took me by surprise. As we got into the back seat of his car I casually brought up that Florida was known as the Treasure Coast. That

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kicked off the following conversation, which lasted the duration of the drive from Miami to Palm Beach. Captain Bob said that he had possession of a treasure map called the Famous Phipps Map in which it highlighted a treasure from an Admiralty Spanish Galleon from Spain dated 1656. He did not reveal to me where he got the map. He went on to say that he had researchers who did study Spanish wreck sites in Seville, Spain and he proceeded to show me his silver medallion around his neck in which I saw a distinct religious cross on it.

Now, all this information he told me still did not convince me that he found what he called, "The Nuestra Senora de las Maravillas" Spanish Galleon which he claimed held the 5-foot life-size Solid Gold Madonna and Christ Child. Captain Bob continued to unravel the story and I listened intently. He said that King Phillip IV wrote a secret letter to the Governor and the Captain of his Admiralty ship and within the letter gave orders to kill all those who helped make this solid gold Madonna and Christ Child! That meant that all those poor slaves who cast her form with solid gold

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from Potosi Mine in Bolivia were slaughtered! Her crown is adorned with precious gems and the Christ Child's crown was encrusted with them too. The story continued. The King of Spain was met by a Catholic Nun, who converted him and revived him out of depression, after losing his wife. Spain was losing its status as the Empirical Empire of the day and he wanted to unite the country with this special treasure, which was designed by the court artist of the day, Velazquez.

The Admiral Oreilona of the King's Admiralty Ship, because of pirates and antagonists, enemies of Espana, had placed her in a box lined with sheepskin on the Maravillas galleon. However, we do know that Spanish ship logs were meticulous but there was always other contraband from dishonest crew members. Well, the ship sinks in what is now called the Devil's Triangle around the Bahamas. I found this fact intriguing. The Captain ordered the burning of the mast of the lost galleon until nothing was visible above the water line due to pirates and other sailing vessels from other countries such as Portugal, hunting treasures. The plan was to return later and retrieve the treasure and the Madonna and Christ Child Statue, in a secret salvage project.

As we pulled into the driveway Captain Bob said that he was going to visit Mrs. Dubois and another treasure hunter in the area to further prove his story. He must have seen the persistent look of skepticism on my face. So, we visited Mrs. Dubois in Jupiter, Florida. When I walked into her house I was awed by the first room of nautical items and books of unique historical significance. She was blind and well into her 70's but well kept and quite alert as we all sat in the living room. The history of the area was tucked in her being as she told us story after story of the area which included maritime history. When I left her house I began to realize that I actually knew very little

about the area and I began to fall in love with either the history of Florida or Florida itself. The next man we met, Chevalier, also was a historian and I think he was well into his 80's. He revealed more historical background and produced treasured items as proof that he was telling the truth. At this point, I began to see that I really had no right to dispute Captain Bob's story because I knew so little about events surrounding it.

At this point in my life I could fathom that a Greek Orthodox Priest could become involved in a shipwreck that had a religious historical significant artifact on it that most of the world whether religious or not could recognize and that is the statue of the solid golden Madonna (Mother of Jesus) and Christ Child. It just seemed to me that it could be plausible as I recollect the fact that there were people involved in hunting for Noah's Ark, and how about the searching of the Holy Grail? I was beginning to pick up some of that enthusiasm that Veronica had displayed. Well, in any event she returned and I remained in Florida. I am currently a member of C. I. A. O.; Citizens Involved in Artifacts of the Ocean and I am an active member of presenting artifacts discovered from the Nuestra Senora de las Maravillas for the education of the public. Her watery vault will be discovered and when it is I know that the Madonna and Christ Child statue will go to its rightful resting place. Whether I will be here to see that is irrelevant because the true treasure I found in this search was faith, hope, and love.

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**Here's what has happened recently:**

*San Miguel Treasure Tours* is now anchored in Fort Pierce Marina, Florida. Recently, in March, Captain Robert Bouchlas, discoverer of the Nuestra Senora de las Maravillas shipwreck, introduced Fort Pierce and

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Florida VIP's to *San Miguel Treasure Tours* Presentations. This is an outreach program sponsored by Captain Bob Bouchlas, St. Michael Academy of Eschatology and St. Michael Museum to present intrinsic historical artifacts from this Spanish galleon to the public domain. This also a great opportunity for the public to learn about many of the Spanish galleon shipwrecks along the Treasure Coast of Florida. Fort Pierce, Florida is a primary spot for this important time in history for Florida and for Spain. *San Miguel Treasure Tours* is available to several public forums for presentation. The thrust is toward schools, civic groups, and other organizations. There are other avenues of presentation such as DVDs and CDs on the "Golden Madonna and Christ Child Statue Mystery" and her history beginning with King Phillip IV of Spain in her creation based on the artistic commission and design of the famous Court Artist, Diego Velazquez in the mid 1600's. The destiny of this statue seems to have been waylaid by forces greater than man, but by the Hand of God, designed to reach its destination to meet its divine purpose.

Does Spain get her when she is lifted out of her watery vault? Does the United States or the State of Florida get her? Will she go to the Vatican? Or will she go on to stand in the Red Square of Moscow as seen in a dream or vision by St. John Bosco?

That is part of the charm of this presentation. You learn about exact facts and you get to speculate and it is all so fascinating to each individual

who has the heart of a true "treasure hunter". *San Miguel Treasure Tours* Has explicitly styled packages available that can be seen on the [www.sanmigueltreasuretours.com](http://www.sanmigueltreasuretours.com) and ordered for your particular needs. We can do it by media presentation or in person. It is just so much fun!

If you come to Fort Pierce, start your tour at the Fort Pierce Marina store and see actual artifacts from the 1656 shipwreck. There is also other merchandize available for a donation, like shirts, hats, actual coins, and trophies with fragments of the Maravillas shipwreck. We hope to establish an active presentation schedule at the Fort Pierce Library for our live presentations to the public. If you want the boat ride and the history lesson in one shot, call for an appointment and let Captain Bob and his 1st Mate, Frank entertain you with so many true facts and stories, you'll be back for more and you'll be searching for more of the Truth.

Take a vacation to Fort Pierce and the Treasure Coast of Florida, starting at the *San Miguel Treasure Tours* at the Fort Pierce Marina and store. You just may find that you may fulfill one of your dreams that you thought was too impossible.

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**Good Treasure Hunting To You!**