WEDU PBS Presents Rick Steves, Author, Television Host, and European Travel Guide at Tampa Theatre, February 10th

Tampa Bay, FL – WEDU PBS presents an evening with Rick Steves Monday, February 10, at 6:00 p.m. at Tampa Theatre. The special presentation is sponsored by Tampa Theatre’s LIMELIGHT Speaker Series.

In a lively and fun presentation, Steves will discuss travel with a goal of good stewardship and a responsibility to be an ambassador to, and for, the entire planet. Drawing from lessons he learned while exploring Europe, Central America, Asia and the Middle East, Steves outlines how by traveling thoughtfully people can make their trip an investment in a better world and take home the greatest souvenir: a broader perspective. The discussion will be followed by an audience Q&A.

Steves, acclaimed for his bestselling guidebooks and public television series which is aired locally on WEDU PBS, believes there is more to travel than good-value hotels, great art and tasty cuisine. The greatest value of travel, he finds, is that it widens people’s horizons beyond their own hometown. When people implement that expanded world view, he says, a vacation of cultural immersion can pay off. According to Steves, Americans who travel thoughtfully can have the time of their lives and come home smarter, with a better understanding of the interconnectedness of today’s world.

General admission tickets go on sale Friday, December 13 at 10:00 a.m. Prices are $25 per person. For tickets and information, visit https://tampatheatre.org/.

About RICK STEVES
Guidebook author and travel TV host Rick Steves is America’s most respected authority on European travel. Rick took his first trip to Europe in 1969, visiting piano factories with his father, a piano importer. As an 18-year-old, Rick began traveling on his own, funding his trips by teaching piano lessons. In 1976, he started his business, Rick Steves’ Europe, which has grown from a one-man operation to a company with a staff of 100 full-time, well-traveled employees at its headquarters in Edmonds, Washington, near Seattle. There he produces a best-selling guidebook series on European travel, America’s most popular travel series on public television, a weekly hour-long national public radio show, a weekly syndicated column, and free travel information available through his travel center and ricksteves.com. Rick Steves’ Europe also runs a successful European tour program organizing small-group tours that take more than 30,000 travelers to Europe annually. His mission: to empower Americans to have European trips that are fun, affordable, and culturally broadening. When not on the road, Rick is active in his church and with advocacy groups focused on economic and social justice, drug policy reform, and ending hunger. Rick Steves lives and works in his hometown of Edmonds, Washington. His office window overlooks his old junior high school.

About WEDU PBS
WEDU is West Central Florida’s PBS station reaching 16 counties through media platforms including on-air programming and online experiences that broaden horizons, transport and transform and open gateways to new ideas and new worlds. Financially supported by the community, the organization offers a wealth of award-winning inspirational, educational and enlightening content over a variety of multi-media platforms including: television programming, station website, www.wedu.org and various social media platforms, monthly member magazine Premiere, educational outreach activities and a myriad of special events. WEDU’s focus on the local community has resulted in the station being regarded as a beacon of trust for men, women and children of every walk of life no matter their age, ethnicity or socio-economic status. WEDU is a treasured community resource; a window to the world for the homebound and a vital educational source for the youngest members of society. WEDU prides itself on its position in the Tampa Bay community as a leader, partner, informed citizen and a member of PBS, the most trusted institution in America (Marketing & Research Resources, Inc. M&R, January 2019). For more information, program schedules or to support WEDU visit www.wedu.org; WEDU Public Media on Facebook and Twitter (@wedupbs) or call (813) 254-9338.