

SPLASH INTO SCIENCE
 SAMPLE ITINERARY

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5
<p>Group arrives in Miami, FL and is met by a WorldStrides representative.</p> <p>Dinner</p> <p>Travel to Key Largo</p> <p>Hotel check-in</p> <p>Orientation Meet your Course Leader and participate in an activity that introduces the program and education topics: waves and water, energy and ecosystems, atmospheric cycles, marine life, environmental interactions, and marine careers.</p> <p>Overnight in Key Largo</p>	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Beach Snorkel Get acquainted with snorkeling and learn about techniques and safety as you snorkel off the coast of Pennekamp State Park, the first undersea park in the United States.</p> <p>Lunch</p> <p>Dolphin Experience Get into the water with these playful creatures as you study their anatomy, physiology, and mammal behavior.</p> <p>Hike the Mangrove and Wild Tamarind Trails Navigate trails and boardwalks through the fascinating tropical hammock and mangrove swamps of Pennekamp State Park. You may have close encounters with wildlife such as herons, egrets, cormorants, and woodland birds.</p> <p>Dinner</p> <p>Island Dolphin Care Center Roll up your sleeves and explore an expansive touch tank inhabited by starfish, sea cucumbers, crabs, conchs, and more! Move to the classroom lab and dissect squid while studying their anatomy.</p> <p>Overnight in Key Largo</p>	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Curry Hammock State Park Through data collection and water sampling, you will understand various threats to the seagrass beds which play an important role in the health of Florida's ecosystems, particularly the offshore coral reefs.</p> <p>Lunch</p> <p>The Turtle Hospital Go behind the scenes at this world-class sea turtle hospital. Examine x-rays, learn about conservation efforts, and feed rescued sea turtles as they study the diversity of marine life.</p> <p>Dinner</p> <p>Coral Reef Fish Identification Get prepped for a reef snorkel on day four by learning about the fish that inhabit the coral reef and the various adaptations that are necessary for survival.</p> <p>Overnight in Key Largo</p>	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Hotel check-out</p> <p>Garden Cove Kayak Trip Kayak through four different Floridian habitats as you study different ways in which organisms interact and depend on one another through food chains within these different ecosystems.</p> <p>Lunch</p> <p>Reef Snorkel Trip Snorkel the spectacular offshore reefs and see thousands of vibrant tropical fish and coral. Study the concepts of underwater plate tectonics and the geochemical properties of sea water.</p> <p>Travel to the Florida Everglades</p> <p>Dinner</p> <p>Everglades National Park Experience the only subtropical preserve in North America at night. Hear the sounds of thousands of birds, insects, and reptiles that make the Everglades their home.</p> <p>Hotel check-in</p> <p>Overnight in the Everglades</p>	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Hotel check-out</p> <p>Shark Valley Tram Tour Take a tram tour through the Everglades and see alligators, snakes, and countless birds in their natural habitat.</p> <p>Lunch</p> <p>Depart Miami, FL, for home.</p> <p><i>Note: Travel time from different parts of the country may modify this itinerary</i></p>

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