

Dive In: Life in the Field
Sample Itinerary

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6
<p>Group arrives in Tampa, FL and is met by a WorldStrides representative.</p> <p>Orientation Students are welcomed by their Course Leader and are introduced to life as a scientist as well as the technological tools they will use on the program.</p> <p>Dinner at the hotel</p> <p>Overnight in Tampa</p>	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Caladesi Island Excursion Students travel by ferry with research scientists from the University of South Florida College of Marine Science to a beautiful, undeveloped barrier island and explore the beach through a series of field exercises, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beach profiling - Winds, currents, and velocities - Coastal plant identification <p>Lunch during Caladesi Island Excursion</p> <p>Dinner</p> <p>Sweet Water Farms While exploring a unique organic farm, students form teams to investigate the causes and effects of pollution in our environment.</p> <p>Overnight in Tampa</p>	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Hotel check-out</p> <p>Crystal River – Snorkel with Manatees Students learn about the history and conservation of the endangered manatees as these playful creatures swim all around them.</p> <p>Lunch</p> <p>Rainbow River Students discover abundant wildlife as they snorkel in the crystal fresh water and search for prehistoric sharks' teeth, which are being released as the underwater limestone caverns erode.</p> <p>Depart for Sarasota</p> <p>Dinner</p> <p>Hotel check-in</p> <p>Overnight in Sarasota</p>	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Hotel check-out</p> <p>Free time at Lido Beach Students spend the morning relaxing on this famous beach in Sarasota.</p> <p>Lunch</p> <p>Depart for the Everglades</p> <p>Everglades National Park: Park Ranger Roundtable Students get a real-life glimpse of what it takes to pursue a scientific career when they have a roundtable discussion with an Everglades Park Ranger.</p> <p>Everglades National Park: Shark Valley Tram Tour Students take a tram tour through Shark Valley and see alligators, snakes, and countless birds in their natural habitat.</p> <p>Dinner</p> <p>Depart for Key Largo</p> <p>Overnight in Key Largo</p>	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Garden Cove Kayak Trip Students kayak through four different habitats, including mangrove tunnels and coastal areas.</p> <p>Lunch</p> <p>Snorkeling Cruise A boat ride takes students miles offshore where they'll embark on a snorkeling adventure to explore the vibrant, exotic world of Florida's coral reefs.</p> <p>Dinner</p> <p>Overnight in Key Largo</p>	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Hotel check-out</p> <p>Depart for Miami</p> <p>Swim with Dolphins Students end their trip with a dolphin swim. They learn about the anatomy and physiology of these playful and intelligent mammals, then dive right in and interact with them.</p> <p>Lunch</p> <p>Group departs Miami, FL for home.</p>