

Splash into Science

MIAMI, FL, & THE FLORIDA KEYS
5-DAY SAMPLE ITINERARY



DAY 1

ARRIVAL

Arrive in Miami, FL, and meet your WorldStrides representative.

DINNER

TRAVEL TO KEY LARGO

HOTEL CHECK-IN

ORIENTATION

Meet your Course Leader and participate in an activity introducing the program and core education topics: waves and water, energy and ecosystems, atmospheric cycles, marine life, environmental interactions, and marine careers.

OVERNIGHT IN KEY LARGO

DAY 2

BREAKFAST

BEACH SNORKEL (Under professional lifeguard supervision)

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.

LUNCH

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.

DOLPHIN EXPERIENCE

Get into the water with these playful creatures as you study their anatomy, physiology, and mammal behavior.

DINNER FEATURING LOCAL CUISINE

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.

OVERNIGHT IN KEY LARGO

DAY 3

BREAKFAST

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.

LUNCH

THE TURTLE HOSPITAL

Go behind the scenes at this world-class sea turtle hospital. Study the diversity of marine life, examine x-rays, and learn about conservation efforts of rescued sea turtles.

DINNER

CORAL REEF FISH IDENTIFICATION

Get prepped for a reef snorkel by learning about the fish that inhabit the coral reef and the various adaptations that are necessary for survival.

OVERNIGHT IN KEY LARGO

DAY 4

BREAKFAST

HOTEL CHECK-OUT

GARDEN COVE KAYAK TRIP

Kayak through four different habitats, including mangrove forests and coastal areas.

LUNCH

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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.

TRAVEL TO THE FLORIDA EVERGLADES

DINNER

EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK

Experience the only subtropical preserve in North America at night. Hear the sounds of thousands of birds, insects, and reptiles that call the Everglades their home.

HOTEL CHECK-IN

OVERNIGHT IN THE EVERGLADES

DAY 5

BREAKFAST

HOTEL CHECK-OUT

SHARK VALLEY TRAM TOUR

Take a tram tour through the Everglades and see alligators, snakes, and countless birds in their natural habitat.

LUNCH

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