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## Everglades & Florida Keys 10 Day – 9 nights Miami, Key Largo, Everglades Nat'l Park, Key West, Biscayne Nat'l Park Relaxation, Fun, Nature

This program may be operated for individuals or for groups This is a suggested and customizable itinerary

"Key" is an English corruption of the Spanish word "cayo", which means island. Some time ago, the only way to visit the archipelago was by boat but, today, a great highway and a bridge system, including the longest bridge in the USA, allows to travel by car and visit the most notable keys, some times grouped to form a community under one name. Life, down there, is laid-back, everyone slows down to island time, the dress code is casual and cocktails are part of the routine. The proposed itinerary offers you the best of the keys combines with a discovery trip to the Everglades.

# Day 1: Hometown, Miami, Key Largo (64 miles)

Upon arrival at Miami airport pickup your car rental and drive south to Key Largo for check-in at the hotel. Rest of the day at leisure to rest and relax.

## Day 2: Key Largo (Everglades Nat'l Park) (76 miles)

After breakfast at your hotel drive north to the Everglades for a nature safari in the park. There is no shortage of wildlife in the park! From the mighty alligator to the tiny mosquito fish, Everglades National Park boasts freshwater, brackish, and saltwater wildlife species throughout the park. Be sure to ask a park ranger for recent sightings and bring a camera along with you! Alternatively, you may want to contact a concession tour guide or a naturalist guide to best enjoy the amazing natural park life. After the tour, return to your hotel. [B]

# Signature option: Private Airboat Tour

Go deep into the rich wildlife habitat of this 1.5-million-acre wetlands, the largest subtropical wilderness in the U.S.

#### Day 3: Kay Largo, Key West (98 miles)

Today it's like driving on the ocean! Take the highway and amazing bridges system linking the Florida Keys and plane you trip so you can enjoy the best place along the way. Your fist stop is at Islamorada with its coral reefs, a 17-mile ride. The Theater of the Sea features dolphin encounters and the History of Diving Museum displays a 16th-century treasure chest. If you are a fan of history spend some time instead at the Indian Key Historic State Park, a tiny island with 19 century ruins. Then, continue to Marathon – a 30-mile drive -, set on 13 islands, known for their beaches and barrier reef. Loggerhead Turtles nest at Coco Plum Beach and Sombrero Beach. The Dolphin Research Center offers interactive demos in a shallow lagoon. By now, it's probably time for lunch that you may enjoy at one of the restaurants getting to taste the local sea fare while feeling the caressing breeze. In the afternoon, reach Big Pine Key and stop at Bahia Honda State Park, home to more than 150 species of rare flora and fauna. Take a few minutes to visit the National Key Deer Refuge where endangered creatures stand no more than 32 inches tall and are found only in the lower Florida Keys. A final 30-mile drive will take you to Key West to check-in at your hotel and enjoy the great atmosphere of this well-known key. [B]

#### Day 4: Key West

The idea is to rest and relax, enjoy the beaches and the facilities offered by your hotel. However, if you like to discover and know your surroundings we recommend you pay your respects to one of Key West's most legendary residents with a visit to the Ernest Hemingway Home and Museum. As you stroll through the gardens and pet the six-toed cats—descendants of the writer's own pets—imagine the Nobel Prize winner working on manuscripts when he lived in the house during the most prolific decade of his career, the 1930s. In the bookstore and gift shop, take home a souvenir to serve as your own muse. And, since you are in the famous-people-mood, take a walk to the old town and visit Harry

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Truman's Little White House, the President's winter White House for 175 days during 11 visits. In the evening take a walk to famous Duval Street and join the permanent celebrations at Mallory Square. [B]

## Day 5: Key West

Another at leisure to continue relaxing, enjoying water sports and great food. For a little break, visit the Shipwreck Museum, a recreation of a 19th-century warehouse combining actors, films and actual artifacts to tell the story of 400 years of shipwreck salvage in the Florida Keys. Then, walk to the Key West Lighthouse, a 65-foot tower completed in 1825. This evening you may want to return to Mallory Square and spend some time with your new acquaintances. [B]



Signature option: Dry Tortugas National Park

Board the Yankee Freedom III for a ferry ride to The Dry Tortugas National Park made up of seven small islands and one of the world's most unique eco-attractions. Its crown jewel, the historic Fort Jefferson, was once used as a prison during the Civil War. Explore and learn of its history with local park guide and enjoy an array of activities: Fort Jefferson tour, Snorkeling, Birding, visitDry Tortugas Museum.

## Day 6: Key West, Key Largo (98 miles)

Considering your 2-hour drive to Key Largo you may plan your day in different way. Take a leisurely drive stopping at some of the keys you bypassed on your way south, spend the day in Key West and drive later to check-in at Key largo. Or leave early and spend the day at Key Largo enjoying your preferred pastime. [B]

# Day 7: Key Largo

Key Largo is really about water related activities. Depending on your liking you may go sea fishing, explore under the sea from a glass-bottom boat, discover the coral reefs up-close and personal on snorkeling trip, take an eco-tour on a kayak or paddleboard or get the thrills of a jet-ski drive. For calmer experiences try the dolphin interaction exhibit and relax on a sunset boat tour of the bay area. And don't forget to explore the great food at the local restaurants. [B]

#### Day 8: Key Largo (Biscayne Nat'l Park) (78 miles)

Today will be dedicated to a visit to another national park. Drive 39 miles north and east to Dante Fascell Visitor Center, park your car and take the ferry to Biscayne Nat'l Park. Say the word "park" and you immediately think of trees. But Biscayne National Park is full of surprises – the first being that it's 95% under water. Stretching over 270 square miles southeast of Miami to the Florida Keys, the largest marine sanctuary in the National Park Service is home to dozens of threatened or endangered species including manatees, crocodiles and sea turtles. It comprises several islands and is bordered by thriving mangrove forests. It also includes the Florida Reef, the only living coral barrier reef in the United States and one of the largest in the world. Select the tour that best fits your interests and enjoy a day of communion with pristine nature. Take the ferry back in the afternoon and return to your hotel in Key Largo. [B]

# Day 9: Key Largo

A last free day in the keys dedicated to complete relaxation by the pool of the beach and a choice of activities and dining options. [B]



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# Day 10: Key Largo, Miami, Hometown (64 Miles)

It has been fun, but all good things have an end! Depending on your flight schedule you may have a couple of hours in "paradise". Then, rive to Miami airport to board your flight back hope, hopefully tanned and relaxed. [B]

[B] = Breakfast at the hotel

# Your Tour includes:

- Round-trip airfare New York-Miami
- 9 nights' accommodation at hotels of your choice:
  - o Key Largo 2 nights
  - o Key West 3 nights
  - o Key Largo 4 nights
- Breakfast daily
- Car rental for the duration of the trip including\*:
  - o Automatic Transmission
  - Air Conditioning
  - o 2 doors
  - o 4 seats
  - o Unlimited Mileage
  - o Sales Tax
  - o Local Fees
  - Free Cancellation
- "America the Beautiful" National Parks Pass for 2021-22

- Boat trip to Biscayne National Park
- Heritage of Biscayne or Jones Lagoon Eco-Adventure tour

## Tour does not include:

- Airfare taxes and fees
- Car rental does not include: • Additional Driver: \$90
  - o Child Seat: \$90
  - o Booster Seat: \$90
  - o Rental GPS: \$90
- Meals not mentioned under inclusions
- Travel Insurance
- Visas
- Early check-in or late check out
- Wi-Fi in rooms
- Tips to guides or drivers
- Expenses of a personal nature
- Any item not mentioned as "Included"
- \* Car models are just for information and similar types may be substituted,

## Hotels in your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor		
Superior Tourist				
Key Largo	Holiday Inn	3.5		
Key West	Ibis Resort	3.5		
First Class				
Key Largo	Ocean Pointe Suites	3.5		
Key West	Parrot Key Hotel & Villas 4			
Superior First Class				
Key Largo	Baker's Cay Resort by Hilton 4.5			
Key West	Silver Palms Inn Key West 4.5			
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Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

#### **Tour Prices:**

Category	2 Pax	4 Pax	6 Pax
Tourist Class	\$2,145	\$2,069	\$2,049
First Class	\$2,339	\$2,259	\$2,245
Superior First Class	\$2,489	\$2,415	\$2,399
Car Included	Nissan Sentra	KIA Optima	Nissan Pathfinder

Fares available from all US gateways.

Prices above are based on double room occupancy. Single supplement, car upgrades available upon request. These programs can be customized for individuals and for groups

Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request



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#### • Airfare

We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

# • Program

- You may add or remove;
  - o Trip days
  - o Cities and sites
  - o Meals

# • Other options

- The program was designed with private services, however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
- o If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.

## • Quotation

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

## Tour Code: UA01MIA22DTT

## **Options:**

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.
- Car can be upgraded upon request

# **Group Quotations**

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the lad journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.

We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.

## The U.S. Parks Pass

The America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass is your ticket to more than 2,000 federal recreation sites across the country. A pass covers entrance, standard amenity fees and day use fees for a driver and all passengers in a personal vehicle at per vehicle fee areas (or up to four adults at sites that charge per person). Children age 15 or under are admitted free.

Passes are shipped with two empty sections for the pass holder. Share pass ownership with family or friends; each pass can be signed by two main pass owners.

