

## THE FLORIDA KEYS AND EVERGLADES DISCOVERY

DAY ONE: Experience the famous Florida Keys in style! Flight to Miami. Upon arrival our group will journey direct to the Keys and onto HWY 1 and the Overseas Highway. This modern wonder, with 113 miles of roadway from Key Largo to Key West incorporating an astonishing 42 bridges leapfrogging from key to key in a series of giant arches of concrete and steel over the open waters of the Atlantic Ocean, Florida Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. We will make several stops along the way including a stop for an a tropical drink at Robbie's of Islamorada! Robbie's is a staple in the upper keys and home of the world-famous tarpon feedings and a great place to kickback and let the fresh sea air and swaying palms relax your mind, body and soul. Later this afternoon we will arrive in Marathon perfectly centered in the mid-Keys for our exploring ghead. We will check into our four-star accommodations for the next three nights at Faro Blanco Resort & Yacht Club, by Hilton. Our accommodations include a salt water pool, and walking paths along the harbor all in a tranquil Keys setting. This evening enjoy an included delicious welcome dinner with your traveling friends.

**DAY TWO:** Enjoy breakfast each morning at the hotel - and (if you wish) enjoy an included stretch/yoga session with a Cornerstone Travel Group health expert outside on the lawn. Our day exploring will begin at **Crane Point Hammock** with a taste of the natural side of the Keys. The tropical woodlands, called hammocks, contain unique hardwood species such as Lignum Vitae and Jamaican Dogwood along with native thatch

palms that grow nowhere place else in the United States. We will begin at the museum to see a 600-year-old dugout canoe, remnants of pirate shipwrecks and a simulated coral reef cave. Then we will have time to enjoy the butterfly meadow and mangrove trail, one of the oldest houses in the keys, and the bird sanctuary. After lunch, we make our way to Sombrero Beach - the Key's only "true" beach of white sands, crystal clear turquoise waters and low surf. Relax in the sun or shade! We will have time for an early dinner before our relaxing evening aboard the Marathon Mermaid while enjoying champagne, music, good times, and incredible sunset views. One of the best ways to experience the Keys!

DAY THREE: We depart our hotel to the largest and most colorful town of the Keys - Key West! A full day to experience this unique town together and on your own. Upon arrival - all aboard the world-famous Conch Train, a circle tram tour of Key West hearing about legends such as Ernest Hemingway and lores of this charming tropical paradise. Your tour of Key West will give you a "conch's eye view" of all the wonderful Key West attractions, including the Southernmost Point, Hemingway's house, and lively Duval Street. Enjoy the hundreds of shops and restaurants dotting the palm lined streets or walk the waterfront cruise port - the afternoon is yours to enjoy and everything is close to enjoy by foot. We will gather for an included group dinner and Key West sunset prior to returning to our hotel for the evening.

**DAY FOUR:** After checking out of the hotel, we travel through Key Largo on

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Included Meals: 2 Breakfasts • 3 Dinners

**\$2295.00** Double Occupancy \$2893.00 Single Occupancy

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our way to the amazing Everglades National Park. The largest subtropical wilderness in the United States, the park protects an unparalleled landscape that provides important habitat for numerous rare and endangered species like the manatee, American alligator, and the elusive Florida panther. We will begin at the National Park Visitors Center and then have an opportunity to wander along the nature trail and boardwalk. Our afternoon will culminate just outside of the National Park at our comfortable accommodations. This evening enjoy an included poolside BBO dinner and the best Key Lime Pie in Florida!

**DAY FIVE:** A stop at the Everglades **"Robert Is Here**" fruit stand and farm is a must. Take home some fresh Florida citrus! Then, we return to the airport for our flight home to St. Louis.