



**Tour:** **ECO-EXPEDITION FLORIDA**

**Destination:** Orlando, Florida

**Itinerary:** 7-days / 6-nights

**Specialization:** Biology, Ecology & General Sciences

ECO-EXPEDITION FLORIDA				
Day		Morning	Afternoon	Evening
1	Sun	Travel to Orlando, Florida and transfer to hotel		Welcome, Safety & Orientation Local Dinner & Mini-Golf Challenge
2	Mon	NASA's Kennedy Space Center & Visitor's Center Hotel Dinner		
3	Tues	Advanced Bio Lab at Orlando Science Center	Wild Florida - Northern Everglades with Airboat Ride, Alligator Master Class & Lunch	WonderWorks & Comedy Pizza Party
4	Wed	Clearwater Marine Aquarium & Marine Biology Master Class Series + Lunch Hotel Dinner		
5	Thur	Manatee Master Class + Swim with the Manatees in Crystal River	Dolphin Safari - Gulf of Mexico Boat Tour	Dinner & Bowling at the Main Event
6	Fri	SeaWorld Orlando Farewell Dinner		
7	Sat	Free time; transfer to airport; depart for home		



As with all sample itineraries, please be advised that this is an 'example' of a schedule and that the activities and hotels shown may be variable dependent upon dates, weather, special requests and other factors. Itineraries will be confirmed prior to travel.



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## Day 1

Dinner included

Travel to Orlando, Florida, generally arriving at in the late afternoon. After retrieving luggage, we'll board our transportation and travel to the hotel. After check-in, we'll have our Welcome, Safety & Orientation meeting and get settled in. Later, we'll have time to rest and relax or if you arrive early enough and would like to plan an afternoon activity, we're happy to make the arrangements. There's plenty to do both at the hotel and in the nearby areas. Dinner will be at a nearby restaurant this evening followed by a Mini-Golf challenge!

**Sample Hotel: The Rosen Inn at Pointe Orlando** – The Rosen Inn at Pointe Orlando is ideally located on Orlando's famous International Drive. This hotel's superb central location provides easy access to major attractions, including Universal Studios Florida. The hotel features three pool areas with landscaped gardens, gift shops, a video arcade, restaurant, sports bar and snack shop & deli. Rooms feature two full size beds to sleep 2 pupils per room, cable television, in-room coffee, hair dryers, in-room safes, microwaves and refrigerators.



**Pirates Cove Mini-Golf Challenge** - Plunge into the legendary world of 18th century buccaneers! Putt your way through mountain caves, across a full-scale pirate ship, over footbridges and under cascading waterfalls--all amid a fun-filled atmosphere of beautiful landscaping and enchanting pirate lore.

## Day 2

Breakfast & dinner included; lunch on own

Rise and shine Florida! After a great breakfast, we'll kick off our tour with a fantastic day in Cape Canaveral.

**NASA's Kennedy Space Center** - Your full day of exploration includes real space hardware, authentic attractions, inspiring exhibits and hands-on experiences. The incredible accomplishments of the Apollo moon program return to life in the amazing Apollo/Saturn V Center. In back-to-back IMAX® theatres, you'll feel the thrill of space exploration on 5-story screens as you "float" right alongside NASA Astronauts. On guided tours into exclusive areas, you'll get a behind-the-scenes look at Kennedy Space Center's working space flight facilities. Strap in and experience interactive space flight simulators at the Astronaut Hall of Fame. Touch a real piece of Mars, see gigantic rockets, board the Space Shuttle Explorer and much more.



Your exploration of Kennedy Space Center starts with one of their world-renowned tours, where you depart the Visitor Complex to see awesome NASA facilities, including the massive launch pads, gigantic Vehicle Assembly Building, and exploring the awe-inspiring Apollo/Saturn V Center. Check out the Visitor Complex when you return, from live action theatrical shows like



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Mad Mission to Mars, to the inspiring Astronaut Encounter briefing with an actual NASA Astronaut - one of the few people on Earth who have been to space. View ten-story high rockets from all eras of space exploration in the Rocket Garden, walk through a full-size Space Shuttle mock-up, and see an actual Gemini program capsule on display in Early Space Exploration.

**NOTE** – Specialized master classes are available at KSC, however they generally take a full day and can be quite expensive. If you would like to consider one of these add-ons please let us know when costing your trip so we may help you to set up the very best experience.

After our full day at Kennedy Space Center, we'll have dinner at our hotel. It might be a great night for a walk, or even pool time!

**IMPORTANT TRANSPORTATION NOTE** – Please be aware that this day includes 10-hours of motorcoach time. As NASA is approximately a 1.5-hour drive from your hotel, the time reserved includes 3 hours of travel time plus 7-hours at NASA. If your group desires more time, we will be happy to book this for you but please be aware that motorcoach time is calculated hourly and you will be responsible for any additional fees incurred.

### Day 3

Breakfast, sandwich lunch & dinner included

Good morning Orlando! After breakfast, we'll transfer to the Orlando Science Center for a hands-on Bio Lab!



**Orlando Science Center: Advanced BioLab** - During the lab students will explore how the levels of CO<sub>2</sub> in a plant terrarium will change during photosynthesis and cellular respiration. Discover the different ways stimulants and depressants will affect the physiological activity in the body. Find which organelles an animal cell and a plant cell have in common with wet-mount and methylene blue stained cheek and onion cells. Determine the probability of possible combinations of alleles that can result in a generation when creating an Orlando Science Center family tree.

Please understand that Lab experiences are dependent upon what Orlando Science Center programming is available based on dates. The program shown above is subject to change. If a Lab program is not offered during the time you will be with us, we may instead substitute a Campus Visit to a local University, a "Live from Surgery" experience or even a service project with the local Veteran's Hospital.

Following our morning in the lab, we'll head outdoors for a grand adventure in the Northern Everglades.

**Wild Florida** - Located 45-minutes outside of Orlando, a visit into the northern Florida Everglades will be a grand adventure as you experience a part of Florida that hasn't changed much from when early pioneers arrived in covered wagons in the 1800s. Exploring the headwaters of the Everglades and learning about native and exotic animals, students will be able to see wild animals in their native habitat during an airboat tour through the Everglades Headwaters aboard a U.S. Coast Guard certified airboat. They'll see wildlife native to Florida such as alligators, eagles, roseate spoonbills, wild hogs and turkeys, just to name a few. Your captain can help students spot the wildlife found around Lake Cypress, giving insight about each species with unique facts. In the Gator Park, they'll be able to see ring-tailed lemurs, two-toed sloths, African crested porcupines, and other exotic animals commonly found around the world. Wild Florida is a feast for the eyes and the soul.



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In the late afternoon, we'll return to the hotel to get ready for an evening dinner of pizza and loads of fun at WonderWorks!

### **WonderWorks & The Outta Control Magic Comedy Dinner Show –**

Wonderworks is an amusement park for the mind, combining education and entertainment in over 100 hands-on exhibits for students of all ages. Students will feel the 65-mph hurricane force winds, be shaken by a 5.3 earthquake, play virtual sports, land the space shuttle, fly a fighter jet, lay on a bed of nails, design and ride their own roller coaster and even compete in a Laser Tag game.



Schools will also experience the “Outta Control Comedy Magic Dinner Show” combining comedy improvisation with spectacular magic to entertain everyone. During the show, schools will enjoy unlimited hand-tossed pizza, popcorn and soft drinks.

### **Day 4**

Breakfast, sandwich lunch & dinner included

Good morning, Orlando! Today we'll venture to the gulf coast to meet some new friends at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium.



**Clearwater Marine Aquarium –** Clearwater Marine Aquarium is fundamentally a hospital for sick and injured marine life, however, what they really do is so much more. They inspire the human spirit through the animals and their stories of survival, which touch all of us. They educate young people on the preservation and conservation of our animals and environment. They collaborate on scientific research to better understand animal behavior, illness, treatment and the prevention of animal decline. Clearwater Marine Aquarium protects the

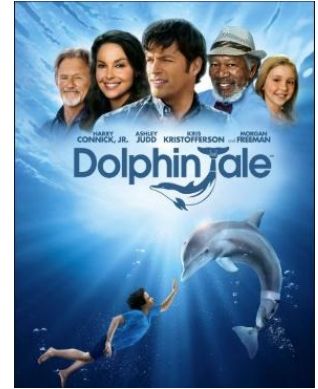
growth of the endangered sea turtle population by guarding a 26-mile stretch of beach within Pinellas County and also rescue and rehabilitate injured and ill animals with the aim of releasing them back into their natural habitat. When this isn't possible, the aquarium provides long term residential care.



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Today we'll explore this unique non-profit hospital dedicated to rescue, rehabilitation and release of marine animals. We'll see their mission in action as we discover the rehab and surgical areas and get up-close inspiration from the stories of the resident animals, feed the stingrays, sharks and pelicans, or cruise on an interactive boat safari. Hop aboard a trolley to nearby Winter's Dolphin Tale Adventure, where we'll discover a museum of rebuilt sets and props from the Dolphin Tale movies and walk through the Hurricane Experience exhibit. All this and much more await you for a day of fun and a lifetime of inspiration.



We always suggest our groups watch the film – **A Dolphin's Tale** (2011) – to learn more about the Clearwater Marine Hospital. There's also a follow-up!

**IMPORTANT TRANSPORTATION NOTE** – Please be aware that this day includes 12-hours of motorcoach time. As Clearwater is approximately a 2-hour drive from your hotel, the time reserved includes 4 hours for travel time plus 8-hours in Clearwater. If your school desires more time, we will be happy to book this for you but please be aware that motorcoach time is calculated hourly and you will be responsible for any additional fees incurred.

After our exciting day in Clearwater, we'll return to the hotel. Dinner will be at the hotel this evening.

### Day 5

Breakfast, sandwich lunch & dinner included

Rise and shine Florida! Today we'll dive head-first into Crystal River, home to nature's most gentle giants!

**Snorkel with the Manatees** – Captain Tracy and her crew provide quality manatee experiences in this incredible adventure. This "Snorkel with the Manatees" experience is designed to educate our groups about the wildlife and their habitat within this unique area of Florida. We'll swim alongside these gentle giants and get to experience them in their natural habitat where they feel comfortable interacting with visitors. Our captain will equip us with wetsuits, masks, snorkels, noodles for floating, sunscreen and anti-fogging solution for our masks. We'll jump in the water and set off for a first-hand look at these magnificent creatures. In addition to the swim, our groups will also have a Marine Mammal informative class to make this a truly immersive marine experience.



After our snorkel, we'll have a sandwich lunch and then set sail....

**Dolphin Safari** – Ride out into the water to see the dolphins frolic, jump, splash, feed, play and swim in their natural environment in the Gulf of Mexico. We never know what we'll see in Nature's Theme Park. We will often see Bald Eagles, Osprey, Tarpon, Otters, several birds, and of course, the eternally happy, Bottlenose Dolphin. That's the beauty of a wildlife tour! You get to experience something new every time.



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**IMPORTANT TRANSPORTATION NOTE** – Please be aware that this day includes 10-hours of motorcoach time. As Homosassa is approximately a 2-hour drive from your hotel, the time reserved includes 4 hours for travel time plus 6-hours in Homosassa. If your school desires more time, we will be happy to book this for you but please be aware that motorcoach time is calculated hourly and you will be responsible for any additional fees incurred.

This evening we'll have dinner and then try our hand at bowling! Game on!

**The Main Event** - Take a pro-level bowling alley, add a state-of-the-art electronic scoring system, rocking surround sound entertainment system, and cosmic bowling and you've got the Main Event bowling experience. Shoe rental and dinner are included.

### Day 6

Breakfast & dinner included; lunch on own

Good morning, Orlando! Today we'll spend exploring SeaWorld Orlando Theme Park! Get ready for an incredible day learning about our oceans, sea life and marine environment.



**SeaWorld Orlando** - SeaWorld Orlando is your student's destination to explore our world's oceans! Artfully combining education and entertainment, SeaWorld offers everything from record-breaking roller coasters to one-of-a-kind animal experience.

Tonight we'll wrap up our amazing week with a farewell dinner and then have time to pack and enjoy one last night with our friends.

### Day 7

Breakfast included (dependent upon travel time)

Rise and shine Florida! Following breakfast and depending on travel times, we'll have the morning free then will start to say goodbye, taking memories with us that will last forever!

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**Minimum Booking Numbers:**

20 students

**What's Included:**

Round-trip flights or motorcoach transfers  
6-nights' accommodation in Orlando  
Breakfasts & dinners daily starting with dinner on arrival and ending with breakfast on departure  
Boxed lunches on Days 3, 4 & 5  
Transportation for programmed activities & airport transfers  
NASA Kennedy Space Center Excursion & Visitor's Center  
Orlando Science Center with Lab Program (not available in summer)  
Airboat Eco-Tour in the Northern Everglades plus Wildlife Park  
Clearwater Marine Aquarium & Marine Biology Series  
Snorkel with the Manatees  
Dolphin Safari Cruise  
SeaWorld Orlando  
Mini-Golf Challenge  
Bowling at the Main Event  
Personal Tour Director  
24-hour emergency cover

**What's Not Included:**

Fully comprehensive insurance (**mandatory**)  
Baggage costs, pay directly to airline if required  
Baggage handling - everyone should be able to pull / load their own bag  
Transfers to/from home airport  
Transportation for activities not shown in the itinerary  
Lunches on days, 1, 2, 6 & 7, nor snacks / beverages outside of meal times  
Cost of personal passports, visas or visa waiver fees  
Cost of inoculations or medication required for travel  
Sightseeing / Entertainment not shown in Itinerary  
Hotel incidental deposits & bills – mini-bar, movies, etc.  
Gratuities – drivers, hotel services, area guides, tour director  
Credit card fees if individuals wish to pay via credit card instead of ACH (online check)

As always, our staff are always available to you to answer any questions you may have regarding programming.  
If we may serve you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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