

South Florida, Keys, Key West & The Everglades



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Includes: 3 night's accommodations at Best Western Plus in Kendall-a fantastic location near many great restaurants & shopping, an airboat ride and Alligator & Wildlife Show in the Everglades plus a visit to the Ranger Station and Welcome Center in the Everglades!, a full day of touring the Keys and Key West made easier with the free Duvall Loop bus service in Key West! Touring Miami's sights, visit Bayside Market on Biscayne Bay and "Millionaires Row" narrated, sightseeing boat tour on Biscayne Bay.

Day One - What a great way to explore Florida, traveling throughout southern Florida, the Everglades and visiting Key West on a four-day tour! Your adventure begins as we travel towards **Everglades City** along Tamiami Trail. You'll enjoy this scenic route through authentic *old Florida*. We'll make a stop at the **Ranger Station** and **Visitor's Center**. These are both great resources for in depth information regarding the Everglades National Park. Another point of interest is the smallest Post Office in the United States, located near Ochopee on US Hwy 41, Zip code 34141. You may want to send a post card from this unique location. This afternoon we'll make an interesting stop to include an **airboat ride** and an **alligator/wildlife show**. Our airboat ride takes place in the Everglades which is known for its abundant variety of wildlife. There are hundreds of bird species, many of which are on the endangered or threatened list. You'll see a variety of large wading birds, possibly the roseate spoonbill, great blue heron, white ibis and a variety of egrets, as well as the osprey. The Everglades' marine life includes more than 200,000 alligators as well as American Crocodiles. Other wildlife in the Everglades includes the white-tailed deer as well as the endangered and elusive Florida panther. To learn more about and see some of the Everglades' wildlife firsthand, make sure you visit the wildlife show as well as the airboat tour. After our wild adventure, we'll continue on to our hotel for three nights, **Best Western Plus Kendall Hotel & Suites** in Kendall Florida, near Miami. This hotel



provides a comfortable, smoke-free environment and great amenities including a sparkling, outdoor, heated pool, in-room refrigerator, hair dryer, iron and an included **Deluxe, Hot Continental Breakfast Buffet** included each morning.

Day Two – After breakfast our day begins as we depart our hotel and begin the beautifully scenic drive to **Key West!** We will pass through Key Largo, featuring the only underwater State Park. As we travel across the 42 bridges to Key West, enjoy interesting narration of how all these bridges came to be. You'll also hear informative history and be shown some of the construction "secrets" of these bridges. Once we arrive in Key West our drop off point is downtown near the cruise docks, near Flagler Station. There are many things to see and do within walking distance and is at the start of the Duvall Loop, home of the famous "Sloppy Joe's" Restaurant and Bar, one of Hemingway's favorite haunts. You may want to try local favorite Fogarty's with great atmosphere and indoor or outdoor seating for lunch or dinner. (on your own). Key West's first attraction, the Aquarium is also nearby (admission charged), originally opened in 1934. Come see the stingrays, sharks, eels and many other species. A convenient and free touring **option** is the **Duvall Loop** buses - "Get There, Have Fun, Get Back". The Duvall Loop has 18 stops which are spread throughout various points of interest in Key West. Another waterfront attraction you may want to experience is a glass-bottom boat ride. (fee applies). Throughout your day of touring Key West, you may want to line up a special restaurant for tonight's dinner. At 7:00 PM your motorcoach will be at the prearranged location for transportation back to our hotel in Kendall for a well-earned rest. Your memories of the Keys and Key West will start to wrap up as you enjoy the gorgeous sunset as we traverse the series of bridges from Key West to Key Largo. This is a real modern wonder crossing open waters of the Atlantic Ocean, Florida Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. We hope that you've enjoyed your spring visit to Key West, the only frost-free city in the United States.



Day Three – After our included, leisurely breakfast we will depart for the sights of Miami. You will see and hear about the exciting points of interest in Miami and then we will spend some time at the beautiful, waterfront **Bayside Marketplace** for browsing and lunch on your own. This afternoon, you will delight in the included **Island Queen, "Millionaires Row"**, narrated, sightseeing boat tour. Bayside is such a scenic area, just a stone's throw from the bustling Cruise Port in Miami. Throughout the tour, appropriate stops will be made at mealtimes as lunches and dinners will be on your own. Every effort will be made to stop in locations with various food choices and options.

Day Four – After another leisurely breakfast, we depart our hotel and travel back to reality. We will take a different route home and so enjoy different scenery and hear about different sights. We will have a short driving tour of Naples, the sixth-wealthiest town per capita in the country. We will make an interesting lunch stop in Naples, for lunch on your own. After what remains of our scenic ride, we arrive back in St. Petersburg with our tropical memories of South Florida, the Keys, Key West and the Everglades. Thank you for traveling with Travel Is Fun Tours!

COST: \$663 per person twin, Or \$898 per person single

A deposit of \$100 per person holds your space for this exciting tour, your balance must be paid by December 6, 2022. Remaining space will continue to be offered as available.

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