

# Florida Keys and Everglades Discovery

Key West, Key Largo, Marathon, Sombrero Beach and Everglades National Park

TWO DEPARTURE DATES

JANUARY 20-24, 2025 (5 Days/4 Nights) FEBRUARY 17-21, 2025 (5 Days/4 Nights)

\$1897.00 Per Person (Double Occupancy)

Single Supplement add \$599.00

By Air / All Taxes Included

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 – a modern wonder, the 113 miles of roadway from Key Largo to Key West incorporates 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 included 'welcome aboard' tropical cocktail 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 ahead. We will check into our beautiful accommodations for the next three nights along Vaca Key harbor in paradise! Our accommodations include private patios/balconies, 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 at the hotel this morning – and (if you wish) enjoy a stretch/yoga session with Cornerstone's health expert outside on the lawn (included). 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 both unique hardwood species such as Lignum Vitae and Jamaican Dogwood along with native thatch palms that grow no 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 an included box lunch, we make our way 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: This morning, we will 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 own. Upon arrival - all aboard the world-famous Conch Train, to travel by tram on a circle 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 Hemingway's house, Southernmost Point, 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. If you are wanting to be pampered a little more - enjoy a spa massage or treatment at one of Key West's premier outdoor spa sanctuaries (extra charge). We will enjoy an included group dinner and Key West sunset prior to returning to our hotel for the evening.

DAY FOUR: After breakfast, we will check out of the hotel and head towards Key Largo for a lunch stop. Afterwards, a last stop in the Keys is a must at Shell World – boasting as the Key's largest collection of island "must haves". Our short drive this afternoon brings us 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 experience the interior of the park for and up-close and personal nature trail and boardwalk. Our afternoon will culminate just outside of the National Park at our comfortable accommodations. This evening enjoy an included poolside South BBQ dinner and the best Key Lime Pie imaginable!

DAY FIVE: After breakfast and checking out of our hotel, a stop at the Everglades "Robert Is Here" fruit stand and farm is a must to take home some fresh Florida citrus. We then will return to the airport for our flight home! This journey has limited space – so book early to secure your reservations. We hope to see you with us in paradise.



### **HIGHLIGHTS/INCLUSIONS:**

\*Three Nights in the Keys
• Key West and
Conch Train Tour

- Everglades National Park
- Crane Point Hammock
- Robbie's of Islamorada
- Robert is Here Fruit Stand
- Cornerstone Journeys Health Expert
   will be providing optional
  included Yoga/Stretch each morning and
   Optional Included Mindfulness and
   Well-being workshop on the beach.
   Enjoy a Massage or spa treatment
   option in Key West \*[extra charge]

#### **INCLUDED MEALS: 8**

4 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 3 Dinners

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS:**

Nights 1-3: Hampton Inn and Suites, Marathon Key, FL Night 4: Gateway to the Keys, Florida City, FL

#### **Not included:**

- Luggage handling at the airports/ hotels (assistance is available)
- Motor Coach Driver and Journey Host Gratuities (see inside cover)

# DEPOSIT/FINAL PAYMENT FOR THIS JOURNEY:

DEPOSIT: \$500.00 Per Person (fully refundable before final payment date) FINAL: Due on December 1, 2024

## CANCELLATION POLICY FOR THIS JOURNEY:

Guests may cancel this tour and receive a FULL REFUND up to December 1, 2024
for any reason - no questions asked.
Any cancellations ON/AFTER
December 2 are 100% NON-refundable.
Sorry, No exceptions due to final vendor payments made.
(see inside cover for cancellation insurance options available)