

HABITAT: H2O
SAMPLE ITINERARY

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5
<p>Group arrives in Tampa and is met by a WorldStrides representative.</p> <p>Hotel check-in</p> <p>Orientation Meet your Course Leader and get an overview of some of the key concepts you'll learn and understand throughout the program.</p> <p>Dinner: Pizza and pool party at the hotel</p> <p><i>Note: Travel time from different parts of the country may modify this itinerary.</i></p>	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Crystal Springs Preserve – River Critter Roundup Snorkel, hike, and discover amazing wildlife and diverse habitats in this natural spring-fed system. Experience benthic ecology as you use dip nets to collect specimens in the river.</p> <p>Lunch</p> <p>Lowry Park Learn the importance of watersheds to Florida's natural environment. While at the zoo, participate in a drainage run-off race and scavenger hunt and learn about the David A. Straz, Jr. Manatee Hospital.</p> <p>Dinner</p> <p>Return to hotel</p>	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>American Pro Dive Shop Get outfitted with snorkel gear and receive a lesson in snorkel safety.</p> <p>Crystal River – Snorkel with the Manatees Learn about the history and conservation of the endangered manatees as these gentle creatures surface all around you in their natural habitat.</p> <p>Lunch</p> <p>Rainbow River Discover abundant wildlife as you snorkel in the crystal fresh water and search for prehistoric sharks' teeth, which are being released as the underground limestone caverns erode.</p> <p>Homosassa Springs State Wildlife Park Hike along nature trails throughout this unique educational park along Florida's Gulf Coast. Experience Florida's endemic species, including alligators, river otters, and manatees.</p> <p>Dinner</p> <p>Return to hotel</p>	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Island Adventures Begin your day at Fort DeSoto State Park by exploring one of Florida's most popular beaches and examining the effects of introducing exotic plants and animals on an ecosystem. Participate in a shark dissection, kayak around mangroves, snorkel alongside the beach, and grab a net to explore marine life in seagrass beds.</p> <p>Lunch</p> <p>Depart for Sarasota</p> <p>Mote Marine Lab Scientists at this world-leading shark research center share groundbreaking discoveries. Tour the aquarium and touch a shark's sandpaper-like skin. Work your way up the underwater food chain in the interactive <i>Predator/Prey</i> simulation and learn about the mystery of the mollusks in the "spineless sea" squid dissection.</p> <p>Dinner</p> <p>Lido Beach Enjoy an evening beach hike and discovery time at this beautiful Gulf Coast beach.</p> <p>Return to Tampa</p>	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Hotel check-out</p> <p>Busch Gardens Embark on an adventure to the wild side at Busch Gardens Tampa Bay, where you will come face-to-face with more than 2,500 exotic creatures, explore fascinating cultures of faraway lands, and experience some of the most thrilling rides in the Southeast!</p> <p>Safari Journey through the African veldt in an open-truck tour to discover the magnificent wildlife inhabiting this 65-acre Serengeti Plain. Your professional wildlife expert will introduce you to an array of exotic species including zebras, giraffes, and rare white rhinos. You'll find many opportunities to photograph these incredible animals and the breathtaking views!</p> <p>Lunch</p> <p>Busch Gardens Exhibits Explore a variety of animal interactions, thrilling coasters, and fascinating shows throughout the park.</p> <p>Group departs Tampa for home.</p>

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