

# BEST OF THE EVERGLADES



**FEBRUARY 25 –MARCH 1, 2012**  
**\$1,995 per person, double occupancy**  
**\$500 single supplement**

**WHY WE PICKED IT** On this trip to Florida, you'll see more wildlife than the majority of travelers to the same region. That's because along with an action-packed itinerary comes the area's very best guides. From Biscayne to the Keys and Dry Tortugas, naturalists and biologists lead you to prime habitat for flamingos, spoonbills, bald eagles and much, much more.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVENTURE COMPANY** Environmental Adventure Company's trips enhance the senses and create an enriched appreciation of our natural world. EAC takes every effort to minimize or eliminate any impact on wildlife and their habitats. They work hard to strengthen and encourage the conservation endeavors of destinations, and sustain local economies by using local guides, naturalists and service providers. EAC treats all cultures with respect and sensitivity for their beliefs and lifestyles, and strives to leave the earth even better than they found it!

**THE NWF CONNECTION** America's wildlife needs healthy aquatic ecosystems in order to survive. That's why for years we've been guardians of the Everglades, and its most precious symbol—the Florida Panther. As NWF works to protect and restore critical aquatic habitats, see for yourself one of the most important spots on the planet for ensuring the future of wildlife populations.

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PLEASE SEE THE REVERSE SIDE FOR A COMPLETE DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY.  
TO ASK QUESTIONS OR TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE ON THIS TOUR,  
PLEASE CALL 800-606-9563 OR EMAIL [expeditions@nwf.org](mailto:expeditions@nwf.org).

**FEBRUARY 25** Meet in the Miami airport and begin our trip with a visit to Everglades National Park headquarters and Visitors Center. Continuing on the Overseas Highway toward Key West, visit several points of interest along the way. Our first stop will be the Turtle Hospital on Vaca Key where injured sea turtles are cared for prior to their release back into the wild. Time permitting, stop at Big Pine Key and look for the endangered key deer on the National Key Deer Refuge. Arrive in Key West in time to relax before dinner at a local favorite restaurant. *Overnight: Best Western Ambassador, Key West (D).*

**FEBRUARY 26** This morning board a catamaran for a two-hour trip to the Dry Tortugas and Fort Jefferson. Enjoy a delicious breakfast buffet onboard the boat and look for dolphins, sea birds, and green sea turtles along the way. At Fort Jefferson, join an interpreter for a historical tour of the fort. After lunch, enjoy the option of bird watching, snorkeling along the coral reefs (equipment included) or just relax and enjoy this beautiful area! Return to Key West around 4:30 p.m. so everyone will have the opportunity to tour this unique and magical town. Dinner is on your own tonight. *Overnight: Best Western Ambassador, Key West (B, L).*

**FEBRUARY 27** Today, travel back to Key Largo and meet with a naturalist for an overview on Everglades National Park and the unique shallow water habitats of Florida Bay. With the help of our naturalist, identify the numerous bird species, which may include the beautiful pink roseate

spoonbills and colorful flamingos. Enjoy lunch in this pristine environment and later travel to Florida City for dinner. Time permitting; enjoy an evening drive into the Everglades. *Overnight: Ramada, Florida City (B, L, D).*

**FEBRUARY 28** After an early breakfast board the *Pelican* for a waterway cruise of the mangroves and backcountry canals. Later, travel into the heart of the Everglades, stopping along the way for viewing the many birds, mammals and reptiles. After a picnic lunch, visit one of the park's best birding and wildlife areas - the Anhinga Trail. The early afternoon will offer everyone an opportunity to see the "real Everglades." Joined by a NPS wetland ecologist, venture off-road into the shallow waters for an up-close and personal view of this incredible ecosystem. *Overnight: Ramada, Florida City (B, L, D).*

**FEBRUARY 29** Continue our Everglades tour with a journey to Shark Valley, in the northern section of the park known as Alligator Alley. Shark Valley lies in the heart of the "True Everglades," or "River of Grass". Wildlife abounds here where animals share a freshwater ecosystem of sawgrass march and tree islands. Possibly observe alligators, ibis, Wood storks, spoonbills, raccoons, deer, lizards, snakes and herons. *Overnight: Ramada, Florida City (B, L, D).*

**MARCH 1** Around 9:00 AM, depart for the Miami airport for noon flights. *(B).*

**TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:** All accommodations, all transportation, all meals as listed in the itinerary (b=breakfast, l=lunch, d=dinner), all sites and excursions as specified, entrance fees to all sites, professional tour management throughout the entire program, gratuities for staff at hotels and restaurants included in the itinerary, taxes and service charges throughout, complete pre-departure materials to help you prepare for your tour.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Airfare to and from departure city, optional guide and tour manager gratuities, alcoholic beverages, personal expenses such as laundry, souvenirs, and film.



**\$500 DEPOSIT PER PERSON**

**CANCELLATION POLICY**

Full refund minus \$150 per person prior to November 28, 2011

Full refund minus deposit per person from November 28-December 28, 2011

50% of the entire tour cost from December 29-January 27, 2012

No refunds after January 27, 2012

**QUESTIONS AND RESERVATIONS**

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