

FLORIDA: HABITAT H2O

YOUR DAY-BY-DAY ADVENTURE

DAY 1

Arrive in Tampa and meet your WorldStrides representative and begin your once-in-a-lifetime experience!

Orientation Meet your WorldStrides Course Leader and get an overview of some of the key concepts you'll cover throughout the program.

Hotel check-in. Enjoy a pizza dinner and a pool party at the hotel!

DAY 2

Breakfast

Barrier Island Habitat and Geology Program With Marine Scientists at **Caladesi Island** you will focus on geological and physical oceanography through a series of field activities involving study of currents, winds, energy relationships and plant identification

Lunch

ZooTampa at Lowry Park Explore naturalistic Florida exhibits in this top-rated zoological park. Discover the wetlands through fun and interactive activities including a scavenger hunt, experiments, and up-close encounters with animal ambassadors native to the region. You'll also hand-feed stingrays and view a world-class manatee hospital where Florida's sick and injured gentle giants are treated.

Dinner and return to hotel

DAY 3

Breakfast

American Pro Dive Shop Get outfitted with snorkel gear and receive a lesson in snorkel safety from expert divers.

Crystal River: Snorkel with the Manatees Board a pontoon boat and navigate the Crystal River in search of manatees. Your guide will educate you on the history and conservation of the endangered manatee. Then, slip into the water for a refreshing snorkel and watch these gentle giants swim around you.

Lunch

Rainbow River Discover abundant wildlife as you swim to the bottom of the crystal-clear water in search of prehistoric sharks' teeth, which are being released as the underground limestone caverns erode.

Homosassa Springs State Wildlife Park View Florida's endemic species, including American alligators, river otters, and bobcats. Descend into the park's underwater observatory to photograph West Indian manatees up close.

Dinner and return to hotel

DAY 4

Breakfast

Waters Edge Kayaking In shallow waters at Fort DeSoto, guided by a marine scientist, participants will complete observation activities and form questions about the marine habitats around them. Following the study, during this up close and personal experience, you will capture these moments with a watercolor activity right from your boat.

Continue habitat exploration at Fort DeSoto with a fishing activity to compare marine life found in mangroves and seagrass

Lunch

Clearwater Marine Aquarium This incredible facility believes in preserving both marine life and the environment while inspiring the human spirit through leadership in education, research, rescue, rehabilitation, and release. Tour this marine life rescue center, then get hands-on with a squid dissection.

Dinner

Clearwater Beach Take the opportunity to discover this beautiful Gulf Coast beach. Enjoy a stroll and a chance to discover!

DAY 5

Breakfast and hotel check-out

Busch Gardens® 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!

African 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!

Lunch

Busch Gardens® Exhibits Explore a variety of animal interactions, thrilling coasters, and fascinating shows throughout the park.

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