



Key West & The Everglades

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Includes: 2 night's accommodations at Fairway Inn in Florida City, an airboat ride and Alligator & Wildlife Show in the Everglades, a full day of touring the Keys and Key West including the very popular and entertaining Sunset Ceremony plus a visit to the Ranger Station and Welcome Center in the Everglades!

Day One – What a great way to explore Florida, traveling throughout southern Florida, the Everglades and visiting Key West on a three-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. 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 it's 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 two nights, **Fairway Inn in Florida City-Gateway to the Keys**. This hotel provides a comfortable, smoke-free environment and great amenities including a sparkling, outdoor pool, in-room microwave & refrigerator, hair dryer, iron and an included **Continental Breakfast** with hot/cold items offered each morning.



Day Two – After breakfast, our day begins as we depart our hotel and begin the very 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, Duvall Street and Mallory Square where the Sunset Ceremony takes place. There

are many things to see and do within walking distance of Duvall Street, 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. Another touring **option** is the Old Town Trolley Tour (fee applies) which provides narrated tours all over Key West with on/off privileges. Many points of interest are shown on the map given out on this tour. Another waterfront attraction you may want to experience is a glass-bottom boat ride. (fee applies) Finally, you'll want to cap off your day at the **Key West Sunset Celebration** in **Mallory Square**. The Sunset Celebration is a huge festival of performers and arts & crafts as well as food offered for sale, all culminating with the gorgeous Key West Sunset overlooking the waterfront. This is a truly unique Key West experience you don't want to miss! After this event your motorcoach will be at the prearranged location for transportation back to our Florida City Hotel for a well-earned rest. We hope that you've enjoyed your winter visit to Key West, the only frost-free city in the United States.

Day Three – After our included continental breakfast we will depart Florida City to begin our journey home. Today's routing will feature the scenery of Homestead, FL and its fruit and vegetable growing area with one of the most productive winter growing areas of the nation. Continuing toward Pinellas County we have a few more stops and points of interest, such as. We'll also make a stop at the smallest Post Office in the United States, located near Ochopee, FL on US Hwy 41, Zip Code 34141. You may want to send a post card from this very unique location! After our scenic ride, we arrive back into St. Petersburg with our tropical memories of Key West and the Everglades. Thank you for traveling with Travel Is Fun Tours!

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