



## Tours, Excursions and other Ideas

### Bahamas Cruise

**\$169 on week days & \$179 on the weekends Operates every day except Wednesday.**

Departure: 6:45am Return: 12 am

This is a simple transportation (only) day cruise. Depart from Port Everglades: approximately 7:45 am. Arrive Freeport, Grand Bahamas Island: approximately 1:00 pm. Depart Bahamas: approximately 4:45 pm. Arrive Port Everglades: approximately 10:00 pm. All passengers will be charged a \$10 customs fee at Port Everglades. **Entry Requirements: All Passengers must have a passport.**

### Boat Tour

**\$39 Adult / \$35 Child**

Departure: 9:30am Return: Between 1:00 – 2:15pm

Departure: 1:30pm Return: Between 5:00-6:00pm

View the beautiful palatial mansions on Palm, Fisher, Hibiscus and Star islands. Current and former residents include Al Capone, Howard Hughes, Oprah Winfrey, ICE T., P. Diddy, Shaquille O'Neal, Richard Nixon, Elizabeth Taylor, Don Johnson, Gloria Estefan, and Chayanne amongst many others.

### Cinema Green

**\$10 Adult / \$9 Student/Senior**

The Cinema Green Project, produced in collaboration between ECOMB (the Environmental Coalition of Miami and the Beaches) and the Miami Beach Cinematheque, is a monthly film series that fuses lessons learned from each screening with an opportunity to get involved in local sustainability efforts, yielding a more environmentally conscious society. In doing so, ECOMB hopes to inspire advocacy and action amongst the community and provide opportunities for positive change to occur.

<http://ecomb.org/programs/others/cinema-green/>

<http://miamibeachfilmsociety.memberlodge.org/calendar>

### City Tour

**\$45 Adult / \$35 Child**

Departure: 9:30am Return: Between 1:00 – 2:15pm

Departure: 1:30pm Return: Approx 5:30pm

This is a driving excursion visiting the Greater Miami Area, Downtown Miami and the financial district, Coral Gables, Coconut Grove, the heart of Little Havana, and Miami Beach's famed Art Deco district.



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### **City and Boat Tour Combined**

**\$55 Adult / \$45 Child**

Departure: 9:30am Return: 3:30pm-4:00pm

Departure: 1:30pm Return: 6:30pm-7:00pm

This is an excursion visiting the Greater Miami area, Downtown Miami and the financial district, Coral Gables, Coconut Grove, the heart of Little Havana, and Miami Beach's famed Art Deco district. On the boat tour you will see beautiful palatial mansions on Palm, Fisher, Hibiscus and Star islands. Current and former residents include Al Capone, Howard Hughes, Oprah Winfrey, ICE T., P. Diddy, Shaquille O'Neal, Richard Nixon, Elizabeth Taylor, Don Johnson, Gloria Estefan, and Chayanne amongst many others.

### **Everglades National Park**

**\$55 Adult / \$45 Child**

Departure: 9:30am Return: 2:30pm

Departure: 1:40pm Return: 6:00pm

The entire experience is approximately a total of 5 hours. You will explore the country's largest wetlands aboard a modern airboat for approximately 30-40 minutes to view some of the most unusual bird species and plant life in the world. You will also see alligators, turtles and other reptiles contained in their natural habitat. There is also an alligator wrestling show, café, and gift shop for souvenirs.

### **Jungle Island**

**\$55 Adult / \$45 Child**

Departs at 9:30am and 1:30pm.

The centerpiece of Parrot Jungle Island is the theme park featuring a Jungle Theater. Guests can come "face-to-beak" with more than 200 parrots and macaws in the Manu Encounter, the world's only aviary replicating the clay cliffs of Manu, Peru. The Park includes a huge collection of reptiles and amphibians, including an extremely rare albino alligator and a 21-foot crocodile, are housed in the Serpenterium. The magic of Jungle Island really comes alive at the 1,200-seat Parrot Bowl, where visitors delight in the park's world-famous bird shows.

### **Jungle Island VIP Safari Tour**

**\$240 Adult/ \$120 Child**

Departs at 9:35am and 11:10am

Immerse yourself in a world of adventure where the animals are closer than ever before.

Enjoy a 90-minute private guided tour of the animals with their trainers. You will visit with animals like our Red Kangaroos, Lemurs, and South African Penguins. Jungle Island Miami VIP Safaris are uniquely memorable experiences. There are only 2 - 10 people per safari, to ensure a very up close and personal experience with the animals in their own habitats. Capture a glimpse of each species' behavior and personalities. Here you will have a chance to truly connect with animals you would have never imagined interacting with.

#### **This tour includes:**

\* Lunch of your choice at the Lakeside Café, including one non- alcoholic beverage



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- \* A souvenir t-shirt for each participant
- \* Park admission for the rest of the day
- \* 10% discount in the Jungle Island gift shop

### **Key West Bus Tour**

**\$79 Adult / \$69 Child per person**

Departure: 7:00am and Return: 11pm

Enjoy fun-filled hours on your own to tour the historic areas of Key West. Options while you are there include a Conch Train Tour of the historic district, visit Ernest Hemingway's house (check out the six-toed cats throughout the property), do a bar crawl (be sure to visit Sloppy Joe's!), rent bikes or scooters to ride around town, visit the shops on Duval Street, or enjoy the local artisans and street performers on Mallory Square.

### **Miami Seaquarium**

**\$59 Adult / \$49 Child per person**

Departure: 9:30am Return 2:30pm

Non-stop aquatic entertainment is featured with famous sea stars such as Television's Flipper and Lolita, the killer whale. This is a wonderful excursion for children and their parents. The price includes the park admission.

### **Orlando Disney Parks**

**\$169 Adult / \$149 (3-9yrs) Child per person**

Departs: 6:00am Return: Approx 11:30pm

This is a one-day/ one-attraction trip. Information regarding additional days, attractions and accommodations may be obtained upon request. The price includes one park's admission fee.

### **Paradise Farms**

Paradise Farms Organic is a beautiful five acre organic farm located in Homestead, about 45 minutes from The Palms Hotel & Spa. They work in harmony with nature to grow the finest quality greens, micro-greens, herbs, edible flowers, mushrooms, fruits, vegetables, and more.

There are several excursion alternatives, for individual guests with their own vehicles and for groups of 10 or more.

#### *Farm Excursion – for individual guests*

Farm orientation tour plus a self-guided farm map to explore the plants and soak up the tropical, magical ambience at your own leisure. This includes fresh organic fruit juice.

**\$20 per person (duration: 1-2 hours)**



Farm Tour and lunch (min. 10 guests)

Bus ride from the hotel to Paradise Farms and back. Edible walking tour of the farm plus organic farm lunch. The Lunch consists of organic baby greens salad, sliced heirloom tomatoes, pasta with oregano pesto and seasonal fruit served with fresh mint iced tea.

**\$80 per person (duration: 2-4 hours)**

Dinner in Paradise

A series of local, artisanal dinners on the farm taking place in Season on select dates between December and April. [http://www.paradisefarms.net/Paradise\\_Farms/Dinner\\_in\\_Paradise.html](http://www.paradisefarms.net/Paradise_Farms/Dinner_in_Paradise.html)

Dinner in Paradise features the finest chefs in Miami, including Chef Frank Jeannetti from Essensia, preparing a delicious five course meal made with local organic products and paired with fine wines. The magic and charm of lush edible landscape coupled with the finest chefs in Miami creates a uniquely intimate dining experience under the stars. Each year, we donate proceeds to a local charity or organization philosophically in line with our vision of sustainable, healing, and healthy organic food. This year we are sponsoring Youth L.E.A.D., Slow Food Miami, and Troy Community Academy.

Sawgrass Mills Outlet Shopping Mall

***\$30 per person round trip transportation (cash payment only - no credit cards accepted)***

Depart: 9:10am Return 6:00pm

Depart: 12:10pm Return 6:00pm

It takes approximately sixty minutes to get to the mall. One of the world's most popular shopping destinations and Florida's largest outlet retail and entertainment centers. Over 400 stores and 30 restaurants.

Swim with the Dolphins

**\$199.00 Dolphin Swim - \$139.00 Dolphin Encounter - \$43.00 Observer - \$35.00 Observer Ages 3-9**

Full payment is required when reservations are made. Payments can be made with a credit card. Program fee is non-refundable and subject to a \$25 charge if the date is changed. The Swim with the Dolphins Program is an educational 1.5 hour experience. Please see the concierge for the registration form. Transportation can be provided for an additional fee.

Villa Vizcaya

**\$55 Adult / \$45 Child per person**

Departure: 9:30am Return: 4:30

Departure: 12:30pm Return: 6:30

Minimum of two persons required. Villa Vizcaya has some of the best photo opportunities in all of Miami. It is the former mansion of James Deering, a 1920's Chicago businessman, who developed this property into an Italian Villa complete with an Italian garden and antiques dated to the 15th century along the waters of Biscayne Bay. The property is a true design and architectural marvel that has hosted some of the most famous and grand social affairs in Miami.



### Volunteering

#### **Free of charge**

Giving back to society and doing something for a common good is a great and constructive way to spend some time on vacation. On select dates throughout the year, The Palms Hotel & Spa in its commitment to be a green hotel organizes beach clean-ups. Follow this link for more information:

<http://www.thepalmshotel.com/explore/philosophy/volunteering-programs/>

Otherwise ECOMB also has several scheduled clean-ups throughout the year:

<http://ecomb.org/schedule-of-events/ecomb-calendar/>



## Water Sports & Activities

### Fishing

**\$180 per person or \$750 for a private boat charter**

Trip Times: 8:00 am to 12:00 noon and from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

All day charters are available on this 58 foot fully air-conditioned sport fisherman boat. All fishing trips include rods, reels, bait, tackle, captain, mate and Florida Fishing License. The Captain and crew will assist you catch the best sport fish in the Atlantic, including sailfish, kingfish, barracuda, shark, marlin and tuna. Food, beverage, crew gratuities and transportation to/from the marina are not included. 6 passenger maximum per boat

### Dive & Snorkel in Key Largo

**Snorkel \$75 per person. Dive \$140.00 per person**

**Departs every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday**

Departs 850 Washington Ave at Approx: 10:00 am Return: 7:00pm.

The adventure begins at John Pennekamp State Park on a large boat taking you to the coral reef where you will see beautiful colorful fish and live coral as you snorkel the waters. Transportation is provided on a first reserved basis. Space and availability are limited. Reservations required.

### Jet Ski Excursion & Boat ride on the Bay

**\$250 per Jet Ski (1 or 2 people on the Jet Ski)**

**Departs from the Hotel at 10am and 2:30pm.**

This is a 1.5 hour Tour that everyone will enjoy! You will start with a short Boat ride from Key Biscayne to a small private island were the Jet Ski's are waiting for you. You may catch a glimpse of Dolphins playing or a peaceful Manatee resting. You can take a tour of the Islands around Miami on the Jet Ski were you will see beautiful palatial mansions on Palm, Fisher, Hibiscus and Star islands or you can simply stay around Key Biscayne and take a refreshing dip in the bay.

### Sea Kayak & Snorkel Adventure

**\$90.00 per person / min 2 people max 20 people**

**Duration: 4.5 hours**

Kayak on the beautiful shallow waters of Key Biscayne and explore the protected areas of Bear Cut Preserve where land meets the sea. Discover the tropical fish, spotted eagle rays, sea stars, and coastal birds that share this fragile and unique environment. This trip is a great introduction to kayaking and snorkeling and we are certain it will be the highlight of your visit to Miami.