

Key Largo Excursions

1. Ride the Pink Bus to Key West. Normally the bus departs from Islamorada, but we are chartering it from Mariner's Resort to Key West for the entire day! Enjoy a fun and safe bus ride while listening to island music or your own CDs as your tour guide points out historical sites. Receive a 2-for-1 drink at 2-3 island bars, and/or bring your cooler. Stop as many times as you like. The Key West drop-off destination is Mallory Square. Spend the day shopping and touring, and then ride the bus back to Mariner's. Price: Approximately \$50 per person.

2. Theatre Of The Sea. Located just a few miles away from Mariner's Resort in Islamorada, Theatre of the Sea is an educational and entertaining marine animal park. Your General Admission ticket includes dolphin, sea lion, and parrot shows, a guided tour of marine life exhibits, lagoon-side beach, and the bottomless boat ride. One of the shows is always taking place; guests join the one that is in progress when they arrive. It takes about two to two and a half hours to see all of the shows. Theatre of the Sea is one of the oldest marine mammal facilities in the world and is rich in Florida Keys history. The lagoon, originally a quarry that supplied rock for Henry Flagler's railroad in the early 1900's, was established as a park in 1946. Price: \$25.95 per person, however, a group of 10 or more gets a 20% discount. A group of 30 gets a private tour!

3. Shopping in South Beach. South Beach is a section of the city of Miami Beach that encompasses roughly the southernmost 23 blocks of the main barrier island that separates the Atlantic Ocean and Biscayne Bay. This area was the first section of Miami Beach to be developed, starting in the 1910s. The beach currently is the winter home to models, fashion designers and rock stars. Which means the shopping is really, really good. If clothes aren't your thing, there are plenty of art galleries, jewelry stores and pet boutiques to peruse. Lively shopping districts like Lincoln Road and bling-encrusted enclaves like Coral Gables and Bal Harbour are astonishing. Collins Avenue satisfies all kinds of fashion appetites, whether for Banana Republic, Urban Outfitters, or Barneys Co-op. One block over on Washington are a handful of trend-conscious shops like Diesel and flashy club-wear stores. From the chain mainstays to tiny, unique boutiques tucked away on side streets, to outdoor markets touting unusual wares, there's a store for everyone. Our shuttle will drop you off in the middle of it all, and return you to Mariner's Resort when you are ready. Price: Approximately \$50 per person.

4. Waverunner Tour. Located at the marina at Mariner's Resort, DiveIn Watersports offers waverunner rentals and tours. Their ride area is HUGE and even encompasses a shipwreck and a protected private island. Personal flotation devices, operating orientation and a safety briefing are always provided by the friendly staff. Their guided waverunner tours have been voted the "Best on the Island". The two hour tour includes a thorough orientation, open ocean riding, viewing the awesome reefs, free riding time, zipping through the mangrove trails of John Pennekamp State Park, dolphin watching and so much more. They will take you where you want to go, to see what you want at a pace that is right for you. You typically see tropical fish, amazing corals, rays, turtles and dolphins. Price: 2 hour guided tour rates: \$175/ waverunner (Extra riders are an additional \$15).

5. Snorkeling and Diving Excursions. Key Largo is the "Dive Capital of the World". One of the best sites is literally at the Mariner's doorstep, Molasses Reef. It's great for snorkelers and divers alike as the reef touches the surface in places and slopes down to a depth of about fifty-five feet. The gulfstream provides for some of the best visibility in the area. The population of reef creatures is always changing, and includes frequent visits by many different species. DiveIn Watersports, located at Mariner's Resort, runs daily snorkel and dive trips to all of the reefs and wrecks in John Pennekamp Coral Reef Park and the Key Largo National Marine Sanctuary. No crowds here! Their luxurious 30 foot Power Catamaran takes a maximum of 6 passengers at a time which ensures you receive very personalized service. Since they are directly on the open ocean and due to their proximity to the best sites, you enjoy more time in the water and less time traveling. Price: Snorkel Trips are \$45.00/person which includes your mask, snorkel, fins & wetsuit. Dive Trips are \$75.00/person which includes air tanks and weights.

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6. SunCruz Casino. Enjoy a beautiful sunset ocean cruise overflowing with real casino action! Play Vegas-style slots to win your share of **\$100,000,000** in annual fleetwide slot payouts, and hit it big on all your favorite table games! Free appetizers and drinks while gaming. A variety of group packages and incentives are available to groups of 10 or more. Located just two miles from Mariner's Resort, SunCruz offers complimentary pick-up at the resort.

7. Swim With The Dolphins. Dolphin Cove is a marine education and dolphin swim facility located in Key Largo. The **Dolphin wade encounter** is a waist deep dolphin interaction program which gives you a chance to meet our dolphins up close and personal, while standing comfortably in waist deep water. This program is fun and easy! Price: \$125/person. Structured dolphin swims take place in a natural lagoon. Swimmers will take turns entering the water and interacting hands-on with dolphins. Price:\$185/person.

8. John Pennekamp State Park. Established in 1963, John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park was the first undersea park created in the United States. The park, combined with the adjacent Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, encompasses 178 nautical square miles of coral reefs, seagrass beds and mangrove swamps. There are snorkeling and scuba trips available. Learn about The Reef, Reef Animals, Snorkeling, Diving and more! Throughout the year, there are many environmental programs offered to park visitors on a wide range of natural and cultural history subjects. Guided nature walks along the Mangrove and Wild Tamarind trails are offered seasonally or upon request by individuals and organized groups. Price: Park entrance fee - one person — \$3.50, two people — \$6.00, and \$0.50 for each additional person, pedestrians and bicyclists — \$1.50 per person. Once inside the park, visitors have access to all park buildings, beaches, etc. Enjoy a unique glimpse into the serene undersea world in style and comfort on the glassbottom boat, Spirit of Pennekamp. At 65 feet in length, this high-speed catamaran is capable of transporting up to 130 passengers to the various nautical destinations of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. The itinerary includes a number of shallow reefs teeming with wildlife. Tours are 2 ½ hours long. The *Spirit Of Pennekamp* departs three times daily, at 9:15, 12:15, and 3:00. Price: \$24/person.