

Florida Keys and Everglades Bike Tour



6 Days / 5 Nights | **Rating:** Easy | **Start / End:** Miami, FL / Key West, FL See the Departure Dates and Pricing Details

Tour one of the world's most distinctive regions that is the epitome of a Florida vacation. Starting in the Florida Everglades and cycling the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail (FKOHT), the tour traverses one of the most uniquely biodiverse regions in North America. Think of Florida and think of an amazing warm weather get away. Experience the exhilaration of an airboat ride through the Everglades, the largest subtropical wilderness in North America and home of numerous rare and endangered species. After a walk through the Everglades and an introductory bike ride, we depart for Key Largo, the gateway to the Keys. Enjoy free afternoons at the spa, relax poolside or at the beach, or take advantage of one of the many activities available at the resorts such as kayaking, snorkeling, fishing, or jet skiing. For the next couple of days, the FKOHT will guide you the 107 miles to Key West. With the Atlantic Ocean on your left and the Gulf of Mexico on your right, the route parallels U.S. #1 to Mile Marker 0 and the most southern point in the continental United States. Please join us and discover the Florida Keys during this relaxing and incredibly scenic bicycling vacation!

BOOK THIS TRIP:

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Travel the Sojourn Style

"I'm so glad I chose Sojourn. I haven't done that much laughing in a very long time!" - Corinne Campbell, Sojourn Guest

EXPERIENCES, NOT BIKE TOURS

While we love our cycling, it makes up only one facet of what a true Sojourn trip entails. We believe in immersing ourselves in local cultures and discovering the hidden gems of the world.

UNWAVERING ATTENTION TO SERVICE

Our commitment to provide you with unwavering service starts from the moment you first interact with the Sojourn team. We believe the little details matter and make the Sojourn vacation a life-list worthy experience for our guests.

REGIONAL PLANNING SPECIALISTS

From Vietnam to France to Glacier National Park, we are committed to offering exceptional trips in regions with which we are deeply familiar. We personally design and operate each of our trips.

PROFESSIONAL TRIP LEADERS

Gracious, engaging, and intelligent, our expert team of tour leaders consist of professionals from all walks of life and make exceptional travel companions. Always a step ahead, they are adept at everything from spinning wrenches to whipping up fabulous picnic lunches.

PREMIER ACCOMMODATIONS

We carefully select from some of World's renowned hotels. From highly reviewed and acclaimed Hotel de Londres in San Sebastian, Spain or the Reverie Saigon, Vietnam, one of the leading hotels in the World.

YOUR VACATION, YOUR PACE

We believe that at the end of the day, you are at the helm of your own vacation. We offer an array of day-to-day options to enable you to approach each day at your own pace.

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Florida Everglades and Key Largo – Meet your tour leaders at 7:30 a.m. at the Hilton Miami Airport Blue Lagoon for a shuttle to the Everglades Alligator Farm where you will experience a breathtaking airboat ride through mangroves and the Everglades grasslands. Lunch will be at the Schnebly Redland's Winery & Brewery which uniquely crafts all of its wines from a variety of Florida fruits and you can sample lychee, passion fruit, carambola, guava and mango wines, just to name a few. After lunch you will head to the Everglades National Park which stretches across 1.5 million acres over the southern part of Florida.

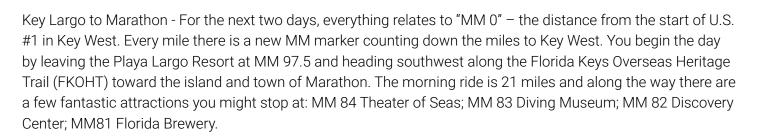
GOOD TO KNOW

Every Sojourn trip is different in their own unique ways. We want you to be aware of them so that you can only have the best experiences possible. Please know, whichever trip you choose we are committed to make it the trip of a lifetime!

Mere inches above sea level, the Everglades is a biological park that is home to a rich diversity of plants and animals including 36 threatened or endangered species such as the American alligator, crocodile, Florida panther and the West Indian manatee. Given its biological significance, the Everglades National Park has the distinction of being an International Biosphere Reserve, a World Heritage Site, and a Ramsar Wetland of International Importance. At the Royal Palm Visitor Center the 0.8 mile Anhinga Trail winds through the sawgrass marsh where you may see alligators, turtles, anhingas, herons, egrets, and many species of wildlife that are native to the Everglades.

You will then be fitted to your bike and your leaders will conduct an introductory meeting and safety review. The first ride of the tour will take you from the visitor center to the raised overlook at the Pa-Hay-Okee boardwalk which provides sweeping vistas of the "river of grass." You will then transfer to Key Largo and enjoy a private welcome reception before an exquisite dinner featuring fresh local ingredients.

LODGING: Playa Largo Resort and Spa, Key Largo, FL 305-853-1001 <u>www.playalargoresort.com</u> CYCLING OPTIONS: 14 Miles



KEEPING YOU POSTED

We're constantly looking for ways to enhance our trips. We'll do our best to notify you of any changes in this itinerary. Other changes may be communicated to you on the trip by your leaders.

Lunch is on your own . After lunch, the ride to Isla Bella Beach Resort at MM 47.0. Attractions en route are MM 59 Dolphin Research; MM 53 Aquarium Encounter; MM 48.5 Turtle Hospital. This evening, join your fellow travelers for dinner at the hotel.

LODGING:

Isla Bella Beach Resort and Spa, Marathon, FL 305-481-9451 <u>www.islabellabeachresort.com</u>

CYCLING OPTIONS: 21 Miles 52 Miles

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Day 3

Layover Day in MarathonTake today to relax and explore Marathon and enjoy a wide variety of activities at the Isla Bella Beach Resort. Take it easy and visit the spa, join a beach yoga class, or play bocce by the water. If you are feeling more adventurous, you can opt for some of the resort's water activities, including opportunities for fishing charters, snorkeling at coral reefs, jet skiing, and kayaking. Lunch will be held at the resort, but dinner is on your own tonight, with plenty of delicious dining options in Marathon.

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Marathon to Key West – From Key Largo to Key West there are 42 bridges, this morning you start out by crossing the famous Seven Mile Bridge. Pedal along the FKOHT that cuts through the mangroves and enjoy the crystal blue waters that are dotted by hammocks. Big Pine Key Island is the only place in the world that is home to the endangered Key Deer. The Key Deer are much smaller than other species of deer such as the common North American whitetail.

Be careful when you ride on Big Pine Key since the speed limit is slower. Today's lunch stop is on your own; there are many local eateries along the way and Boondocks (MM 27.1), which has a fabulous assortment of local fare, is about half way. After lunch, if you want to treat yourself to the richness of a locally roasted coffee, stop at Baby's Coffee MM 15. As you near your destination, you will pass the U.S. Naval Air Station on Boca Chica Island which is 6 miles from Key West and frequently has fighter jets overhead.

Once you cross over the last bridge onto the island of Key West, you will ride along the bikeway fronting the Gulf of Mexico before arriving at your waterside hotel for the next two nights, The Capitana. The downtown is full of interesting shops and restaurants offering abundant options for dinner this evening.

LODGING: The Capitana, Key West, FL 305-296-6925 <u>https://www.opalcollection.com/capitana/</u>

CYCLING OPTIONS: 21 Miles 52 Miles



Discover Key West – Join your Tour Leaders for an optional bike ride around Key West. Some of the sites along the ride will include Ernest Hemingway's House, the famous Florida Keys Lighthouse, and the marker for the southern-most point in the continental U.S. The day is yours to explore Key West. Start by strolling along Duval Street and explore the shops and eateries. If you need a relaxing break, take a tour at one the local rum distilleries (Papa's Pilar or Key West First Legal). A couple notable stops are Sloppy Joe's which was frequented by Ernest Hemmingway and the Hogs Breath Saloon which has an assortment of local fare, Florida Keys beers and, of course, Key Lime pie. Head out on a cruise to watch the sunset on the waters of south Key West. After docking, join your fellow travelers for a memorable farewell dinner on the waterfront at The Commodore Waterfront

LODGING: The Capitana, Key West, FL 305-296-6925 <u>https://www.opalcollection.com/capitana/</u> CYCLING OPTIONS: 11 Miles

Day 6

Depart for the airport – After breakfast we will depart for our first stop which will be the Key West International Airport. Scheduled drop off time is 10:00 am. If you are flying home from Miami International Airport, your tour leaders will shuttle you to the airport. Scheduled arrival time at Miami International is 1:30 pm.







Tour Accommodations

Playa Largo Resort and Spa, Key Largo

The self-proclaimed "Pearl of the Florida Keys," Playa Largo Resort and Spa offers a host of activities and luxury experiences designed to renew your mind, body, and soul. **(1 Night)**

2401 N Roosevelt Blvd Key Largo, FL 33040 <u>www.playalargoresort.com</u> | 305.853.1001

The Capitana, Key West

Ideally located right on the waterfront of Key West the Capitana is a boutique hotel with gulf facing rooms, a pool and tiki bar and dining options. (2 Nights)

245 Front Street Key West, FL 33040 https://www.opalcollection.com/capitana/ | 305.296.6925

Isla Bella Beach Resort, Marathon

Relax on the powder-soft sands of Isla Bella Beach Resort, a beautiful sanctuary tucked in from the outside world, with swaying palms and ocean views. (2 Nights)

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Isla Bella Beach Resort

TOUR START	7:30 am – Group pick-up at the Hilton Miami Airport Blue Lagoon.		
TOUR CONCLUSION	9:15 am Key West International Airport (EYW) or 12:30 pm Miami International Airport (MIA).		
TRAVEL TO/FROM TOUR	Fly into Miami International Airport (MIA). Parking available at the airport.		
DAYS/NIGHTS	6 Days / 5 Nights		
INCLUDED MEALS	All breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 3 dinners.		
ACTIVITIES	Cycling, walking, snorkeling, fishing, kayaking, and boating.		
RATING	Easy - this tour offers more natural options for someone who is ac- tive but doesn't cycle often. Daily rides average around 20-35 miles over mostly level terrain.		

Dates & Pricing



<u>HERE</u> are the Departure Dates and Pricing Details.



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What's Included?

EQUIPMENT	Road or hybrid bike, helmet, rear light, seat bag for road bike or rack bag for hybrid, map case, water bottle, and jersey. Bring clipless pedals, seat, or helmet for a more personalized fit.
VAN SUPPORT	Rides supported by a Sojourn van as well as a tour leader on a bicycle.
TOUR LEADERS	Two experienced tour leaders guide each trip from start to finish.
RIDE NOURISHMENT	A selection of snacks and refreshments are supplied throughout all rides.
RIDE INFORMATION	Detailed route directions, maps, downloadable GPS routes, and a daily briefing are provided.
OFFICE SUPPORT	At your service 9:00am – 6:00pm EST, Monday – Friday. 802-425-4771
DETAILED INFORMATION	A full complement of detailed trip and travel information will be provided upon confirmation of reservation.
E-BIKES & TANDEMS	Limited Electric Assist Bikes are available on all tours. Tandems are also available on on our US and Canada tours for an additional fee. Call us at 1-802-425-4771 for details.

Weather

Key West, FL

Average	Jan	Feb	Mar
High °F	73°	75°	79°
Low °F	64°	66°	68°
Precip. Inches	2.2	1.5	1.9

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PRICES & SCHEDULE

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