



# MANATEE SNORKEL ENCOUNTER

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# GENERAL TRIP INFO



**Group:** Florida SouthWestern State College

**Trip Coordinator:** Tess Durant

**Participants:** Min:35 students

**Trip Length:** 1 day

**Trip Dates:** Saturday, Feb 22, 2020

**Cost:** \$160/person

**Cut-Off Date:** Dec 6, 2019

**Last Day to Sign Up:** Jan 3, 2020



# ITINERARY



Crystal River is the only place in the United States that you are legally allowed to swim with manatees. Each winter, these gentle giants migrate from the ocean and into the turquoise waters of the Florida springs. Get ready to embark on a one-of-a-kind encounter as you snorkel alongside manatees!

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| 6:30 AM  | Depart FSW promptly. Along the way, stop for snacks and bathroom. Our marine biologist guide will share information about the adventures ahead! |
| 10:30 AM | Arrive to Crystal River. Learn the basics of snorkeling & enjoy a picnic style lunch.   |
| 12:15 PM | Begin a 3 hr journey down Crystal River to snorkel alongside manatees   |
| 3:30 PM  | Return from snorkeling. Rinse and change at the nearby showers.   |
| 4:00 PM  | Depart Crystal River and stop for restrooms & snacks on the way home  |
| 8:00 PM  | Arrive back to FSW  |





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# TERMS & CONDITIONS



## Price Includes

All expenses outlined in the itinerary, including:

- Pre-Trip Research, Planning & Logistics
- Private Transportation
- Activity & Entrance Fees, Permits & Associated Tips
- Activity Equipment (snorkel gear & wetsuit)
- Picnic-style Lunch
- Personal BTM Trip Guide (CPR/Lifeguard/First Aid certified)
- An Unforgettable Experience!!!

## Price Does Not Include

- Expenses of personal nature both prior to departure as well as during the trip including additional snacks and souvenirs during rest stops.

## Participant Abilities

Fitness level: all participants **MUST** be able to swim and feel comfortable in water deeper than is anywhere between 3-20 ft deep. Standing is not suggested while in the water as it will alter the visibility in the water for the entire group. Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.



# PAYMENT DETAILS



## Trip Cost:

\$160 per person (based on a minimum of 35 students)

## Deposits:

25% due to reserve dates

25% due 6 months prior to trip date

25% due 3 months prior to trip date

25% or remaining balance due day after last day to sign up as stated above

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions approved in the contract.

## Authorized Trip Coordinator:

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Beyond the Map Trip Representative:

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cody Bliss

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 4/3/19

# PACKING LIST



- Swim Suit
- Towel
- Change of Clothes
- Bag (for wet clothes)
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Re-usable water bottle
- Rain Jacket (optional for boat ride)
- Camera (optional)
- Dry Bag (optional)
- Snorkel Gear (optional)

\*Please consider each item you bring as we will be on a boat with limited dry storage.

\*Showers will be available at the end of the day.



# Details & Policies

## Cancellations:

The trip coordinator agrees to notify Beyond The Map (BTM) with written notice of cancellation **by the cut-off date noted above**. Cancellations after this date will be charged the remaining balance of the trip.

## Refunds:

Refunds are non-refundable **after the cut-off date noted above**. No refunds will be issued for participant absences if notification is received after the date noted above. The group will be responsible for paying the estimated minimum balance based on the contracted minimum as stated in the contract. Therefore, no refunds will be issued if final numbers fall below the contracted minimum. An adjusted invoice will be provided to account for additional participants above the contracted minimum. **No refunds are provided after the cut-off date noted above.**

## Deposits

Initial deposit is based on the contracted minimum and is required to secure trip dates. **All deposits after the cut-off date are non-refundable**. A custom payment schedule will be determined by BTM and the group leader and listed in the contract. If the deposit is not received by the due date noted in the contract, the trip dates will be released and the contract will be voided.

## Weather & Uncontrollable Events:

Many of our trips run regardless of the weather conditions; however, in the event of an extreme weather event or safety concern, BTM will determine if the trip cannot proceed. If this were to occur, the trip would be rescheduled and no refunds will be issued.

## Release Forms & Other Documents:

In many instances, release forms and other documents are required prior to the trip. BTM will be sure to provide ample time for delivery and return of these documents to each traveler. In the event that a traveler does not return the documents in the allotted amount of time, there is a chance that he/she may be denied access to an activity or experience. If the traveler is under 18, they must notify us upon signing up to ensure all waivers are signed prior to departure.



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## Dietary Restrictions:

Various BTM trips require prior meal planning for the group. BTM will be sure to provide ample time to request special dietary needs or restrictions prior to the trip. In the event that the traveler has failed to respond in the allotted amount of time, there is a chance that he/she will not have the appropriate rations during the trip and will be responsible for supplying their own if need be.

## Accommodations:

Most BTM trips require prior planning to determine room configurations. BTM will be sure to provide ample time to request special room configurations prior to the trip. In the event that the traveler(s) have failed to respond in the allotted amount of time, there is a chance that he/she will not be given the appropriate room configurations requested and will be responsible for any changes that may be necessary.

## Cut-Off Date:

The minimum number of participants must be reached by the date in the contract. If the group has not reached the contracted minimum number of participants by the cut-off date, BTM will release the respective trip date(s).

## Roster:

Must be received **the day after the established "last day to sign up date noted above"**. If the trip has exceeded the contracted minimum, an updated invoice will be provided.

## Contracted Minimum and Maximum Participants:

The price is based on a minimum and maximum number of participants. The minimum number of participants must be reached by the contracted cut-off date in order for the trip to occur. The final cost of the trip is subject to change if it falls below the contracted minimum or above the maximum number of participants.

**Please Make Checks Payable to:**

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Oakland Park, FL 33334**



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