

Under the Florida Sun



The essentials of **Florida**, the 'Sunshine State', starting from **Miami**. Head to **Everglades National Park** with its **alligators**, then **Tampa** and its bay, with **Fort Myers** and **Sarasota**. Back on the Atlantic coast to **St. Augustine**, then **Daytona Beach**, famous for its **car races**, and finally **Orlando** and its **theme parks**. Visit the **Kennedy Space Center**, before reaching **Palm Beach** and then **Key West**, via the magnificent **Overseas Highway** connecting the **Keys** islands. End of the trip in **Miami**. French-speaking escort. **BUFNK**



Day 1

Arrival at Miami airport. Transfer to the hotel.

Miami is a fascinating metropolis and the most Hispanic city in the country. It is separated from Miami Beach by a natural channel, the Intracoastal Waterway, and is made up of several neighborhoods, each almost a city in itself.

Dinner at leisure. Overnight in Miami (out-of-town hotel near the airport).



Day 2

Departure for the Everglades, once inhabited by the Seminole and Miccosukee peoples.

A vast expanse of marshes, prairies and pine forests where birds and alligators live across several micro-ecosystems.

Airboat ride and introduction to alligators.

Drive towards the Gulf of Mexico (or Gulf of America—it depends...). Lunch.

Continue to Sarasota, home to the most beautiful beaches on Florida's west coast. Seabirds and sea turtles are not uncommon.

Head for Tampa, an important fishing, commercial and yachting port at the end of a wide bay. Quick orientation tour.

Dinner. Overnight in Tampa (out-of-town hotel).



Day 3

Departure for Saint Augustine, the oldest city in the United States, founded by the Spanish.

Walking discovery of the old town with its narrow picturesque streets lined with stone monuments from the era, its oak trees draped in moss, its Huguenot Cemetery, and the Spanish fortress Castillo de San Marcos.

Lunch at leisure.

Drive to Daytona. Panoramic discovery of this legendary place hosting many car and motorcycle races, including the NASCAR Daytona 500, at the famous Daytona International Speedway.

The long beach (35 km!) is incredible.

Drive to Orlando.

Dinner. Overnight in Orlando (park area).



Day 4

Entirely free day, for example shopping in an Outlet Center, or enjoying famous theme parks such as Epcot, Disney, or Universal Studios, among others (admission not included: ask us for bookings).

Lunch at leisure.

Dinner. Overnight in Orlando (park area).



Day 5

Departure for Cape Canaveral on the Atlantic coast. Visit of the Kennedy Space Center, NASA's main U.S. launch base for Earth satellites (and previously the space shuttle).

Program: a control room, the shuttle assembly building, the crawler

transporter, the launch pads, the Saturn V rocket, and astronaut training facilities. You'll watch the space conquest film on a giant IMAX screen.

Lunch voucher. Drive to Palm Beach and its main street, the very chic Worth Avenue. Many famous residents have a "pied-à-terre" here: the Kennedy family, Rod Stewart, Serena Williams, Donald Trump...

Drive to Florida City.

Dinner. Overnight in Florida City.



Day 6

Departure for the Florida Keys via the famous Overseas Highway (literally "the road above the ocean"). It links the islands forming the Florida Keys archipelago (Key Largo, Islamorada, Marathon Key...) to the farthest one: Key West. After that, it's the Gulf of Mexico...

One of the bridges, the Seven Miles Bridge, is over 10 km long. Key Largo is the first and largest island.

Arrival at the very end of the road in Key West, once a pirates' den. Tour of its historic district, where architecture has kept its colonial look, with one-story wooden houses.

On Mallory Square, several buildings date from the second half of the 19th century. Lunch. Free time.

Optional: ride the Conch Train, during which you will see the Ernest Hemingway Home, where he lived for nearly 9 years.

Dinner at leisure. Overnight in Key West.



Day 7

In the morning, drive to Miami.

Lunch at Bayside, an open-air shopping center by the water.

In the afternoon, boat tour on Biscayne Bay. You will see "Millionaire's Row", a group of private islands where a few happy few live, including Bill Gates, Michael Jordan or Jack Nicholson...

Panoramic guided tour of Miami: Downtown Miami with its glass-and-steel skyscrapers. The entire Wynwood district features some of the world's finest street art, notably murals. Elegant Coral Gables is a neighborhood of neo-Mediterranean villas. Little Havana is the Latino-Cuban face of Miami. Trendy, lively Miami shines at Miami Beach, especially on famous

Ocean Drive in South Beach, known for its row of hotels with multicolored neon lights.

Cuban dinner. Overnight on Miami Beach.



Day 8

Free time depending on your return flight schedule.

Transfer to Miami airport and return flight to Europe.

Arrival the next day.

Miami stay extension: ask us

Accommodation