



St. Petersburg Audubon Society Everglades Eco-Tour November 14-19, 2013



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- Registration Deposit of \$250/person due to Register
- Full Payment Due October 21, 2013

November 14, Thursday: Welcome to the Florida Everglades!

Arrive Mid-Afternoon: You're Here! Meet your Sensing Nature eco-tour guide in Everglades City after you check into your hotel room. Relax and ready your gear for a wonderful evening eco-tour to kick off your Everglades adventure.

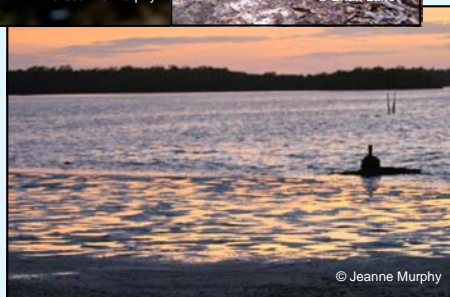
Late Afternoon/Early Evening: A Little Local Lore Carpool a few miles to our evening destination. Along the way we will discuss the unique history of Everglades City and then enjoy a leisurely nature hike while the sun sets on the River of Grass. Enjoy the local birds as they fly to their evening roosts. Also be on the lookout for local reptiles and amphibians as they prepare for the night. What a great relaxing start to your Everglades Adventure!

Evening (not included): Enjoy dinner on your own or with the group at a local hot-spot with great local cuisine! Tasty seafood is always on the local menu.



November 15, Friday:

Morning Everglades Wildlife Hike & Evening Sunset Boat Eco-Tour



Morning & Lunch (included): With our local interpretative guide, we will hike through the world famous Florida Everglades experiencing the unique natural habitats, and wildlife viewing opportunities that most people never experience in a lifetime. Then, eat your picnic-style lunch with a spectacular view of nature. Along the way back to Everglades City, we will stop for birds and other wildlife viewing as time and opportunities allow.

Mid-Afternoon: Free time exploration in and around Everglades City or just relax by the pool.

Early Evening: Sunset Boat Eco-Tour Grab your gear and head to the water for a fantastic sunset boating experience in the pristine Ten Thousand Islands. Enjoy the golden and pink sunset while watching the birds fly overhead to their sleepy roosts. Keep your eyes alert for other wonderful wildlife including dolphins, manatees, eagle rays, sea turtles, mullet and tarpon. After sunset, we will float along with an almost full moon illuminating our way back to land.

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Reserve Your Spot Today—Limited Space Available!



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November 16, Saturday: Morning 'til Sunset: Island History & Wildlife Boat Tour, Everglades National Park



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Mid-Morning: With your guide, leisurely weave through the Ten Thousand Islands by motorboat to our Everglades National Park (ENP) kayaking destination. Throughout the day we will transfer between boat and kayak for special access to remote historic sites, beautiful natural habitats, and wildlife viewing opportunities that most people never experience in a lifetime.

Lunch (included): Enjoy a picnic-style lunch with a spectacular view.

Afternoon to Sunset: Continue your exciting personal encounter with these unique ecosystems and their feathered, finned and tail-fluked inhabitants. At sunset when your mind is peaceful after a day of wonder and your body is rejuvenated from the fresh air, listen closely for the sun's sizzle as it meets the cool estuarine waters during our return boat ride.

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November 17, Sunday: Hardwood Hammock Swamp Tromp, Fakahatchee Strand



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Morning to Afternoon: After two days on the water, get your land legs moving again. Enjoy a guided swamp tromp while learning about epiphytes, hardwood hammocks, and imperiled species such as the ghost orchid. Eat your picnic-style lunch (included) in the same area that the endangered and elusive Florida panther roams.

Late Afternoon / Early Evening: We will ease into the evening with a casual (and dry) stroll at one of the educational centers enjoying the indoor exhibits and/or outdoor trails.

Evening (not included): Enjoy dinner with the group at a local hot-spot with great homemade food!

November 18, Monday: Shark River Valley



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Morning to Afternoon: We will embark on an amazing 14-mile ride through the Everglades with all the comforts a motorized Tram can offer. Mid-way we will experience breath-taking views via the remote observation tower. After the tram tour, we will leisurely stroll along both paved and earthen trails while experiencing the "River of Grass." Be ready to photograph alligators, herons, egrets, wood storks, anhingas, red-bellied turtles and numerous other wildlife up close, yet a safe distance away for both them and us. Picnic lunch provided although additional vending machine snacks are available.

Late Afternoon / Early Evening: Mid-afternoon, continue back to Everglades City stopping along the way for specialty birds and other wildlife along our journey.

Evening (not included): Enjoy dinner with the group at a local hot-spot with great homemade food!



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November 19, Tuesday: Everglades Farewell



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Morning: An early morning sunrise birding and wildlife viewing experience is the perfect way to commemorate your fantastic Everglades adventure. We will explore birding hotspots in the marshes and swamps nearby Everglades City. One last glimpse of the world famous Everglades, then begin your journey home.

Be sure to share all of your experiences and memories with others upon your return home.

There will be one van trip to the airport if needed—Thank you & travel safely!

Eco-Tour Only \$1,650 per Person!

Price Includes:

- Your Sensing Nature® Interpretative Biologists
 - 5 Nights Lodging*
 - 5 Continental Breakfasts
 - 4 Picnic Box Lunches
- All Park Entrance & Activity Fees
 - All Local Guest Guides
 - All Boat Fees
- Transportation to Daily Activities
- Complimentary Tracks, Scats & Signs laminated ID guide

Each Individual's Responsibility:

- Transportation Arrangements to Everglades City
- Personal Field Gear
- Guide Tips (optional)



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**Lodging Price is Based on Double Occupancy. For Single Occupancy add \$300.00*

Sensing Nature®, LLC will not be responsible for changes, modifications, or cancellations due to inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances, and will do its best to find any necessary comparable substitutions for your eco-tour experience enjoyment. Your safety and satisfaction are our priority.

What to Expect?

Adventure Level: Eco-Adventurer - You enjoy experiencing nature and all that comes with it. This Eco-Tour is a unique experience created for those who truly enjoy the outdoors. Although our eco-tours are never an endurance trial, you can anticipate some or all of these conditions: getting sweaty, wet and/or muddy, mosquitoes, seeing alligators and snakes (as well as many more charismatic species), having a fantastic educational experience with experienced eco-tour guides while creating memories of a lifetime.

Activity Level: Moderate - We will be enjoying outdoor exercise and experiences that will require some stamina and maybe some skill (i.e., canoeing/kayaking), but these encounters are also fun for those beginners with a heart for nature. This exciting opportunity is not an endurance test and is at a comfortable activity level for most people. If you have never kayaked but are willing to try, come join us.



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Everglades Eco-Tour Trip Summary

- Be sure to bring all anticipated personal gear as the nearest Metro-area (Fort Myers) is approx. 1-hour away.
- Sensing Nature will provide a detailed list of suggested items to pack once deposit is received.
- There will be one airport pick-up the evening before Day 1 and one airport drop-off during mid/late morning on Day 6 for the group if requested. Times to be determined. Airport is the Fort Myers International Airport.
- We recommend all guests notify Sensing Nature about any known potential medical conditions (e.g., allergies including food allergies, heart/blood pressure concerns, etc.) and provide emergency contact information prior to the Day 1 Activities.
- It is strongly recommended that trip participants purchase short-term traveler's insurance covering accident/life, lost baggage, and trip cancellations due to family emergencies and/or illness.

Price Includes:

- 5 Nights Lodging in "Green" Hotel, Double Occupancy
- 5 Continental Breakfasts, 4 Picnic Box Lunches
- Professional Eco-Tour Guides - Sensing Nature Biologist Guides throughout trip plus local Naturalist Guides
- Transportation to and from Daily Adventures
- All Ten Thousand Islands and Everglades National Park Entrance Fees and/or Associated Permits
- All Boat Rentals and the Tram Tour
- Transportation to/from Ft. Myers Airport. There will be one airport pick-up time the evening before Day 1 and one airport drop-off time during mid/late morning on Day 6. Exact time for each day to be determined.
- Cooler Space will be Available for (limited) Personal Drinks and Food
- Laminated Identification Guide "Tracks, Scats, & Signs of Florida Wildlife" Authored by Your Sensing Nature Eco-Tour Guides
- Guide Service Tips are Optional and to the Discretion of the Individual
- All Applicable Florida State Sales Taxes to Above Items

Group Size: Minimum of 8 guests and maximum of 12 guests. If number of guests exceed maximum eco-tour allowance, additional trips may be arranged.



Deposit of \$250/person Due at Registration

Full Payment Due, October 21, 2013

**Visa / MC / Discover Accepted, or
Make Check Payable to "Sensing Nature"
& Mail to P.O. Box 8042, Seminole, FL 33775**

**More Tour Details and Suggested Field Gear will be Provided
Upon Receipt of Your Deposit**

Payment Due Date: Payment in full is due by October 21, 2013

Cancellations: All cancellations must be in writing

- If notice of cancellation is received on or before September 15, 2013, your deposit is fully refundable
- If notice of cancellation is received between September 16 and October 14, 2013, 50% of your deposit will be refunded
- Cancellations received after October 14, 2013, will not be entitled to any refund of deposits
- If cancellation occurs after full payment is made, a refund will be given only if the vacant spot is filled

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