

# DESCRIPTION OF EXCURSIONS

## Miami

### Sunny in Hollywood

On this half-day excursion, students will visit:

- **Hollywood Beach and Boardwalk**, a classic Florida beach town with an oceanfront promenade that has been named one of the best boardwalks in the U.S. by Travel + Leisure magazine. Students can spend time on this two-and-a-half-mile promenade and the beach.

### South Beach by Land & Sea

On this full-day excursion, students will visit South Beach and its famous art deco architecture, Lincoln Road Mall, and go on a Miami Duck Tour:

- **South Beach** is one of the highlights of Miami. In addition to dazzling beach, students will see the Art Deco District, the first 20<sup>th</sup>-century neighborhood to be recognized by the National Register of Historic Places. This district is home to many fancy pastel buildings with porthole windows, ship-like railings, and terrazzo floors.
- **Lincoln Road Mall** is an open-air pedestrian mall, South Beach's premier shopping area.
- **The Miami Duck Tour** (entry ticket included) will allow students to see Miami on land and sea (Biscayne Bay). On the tour, students will be able to see Ocean Drive and the homes of the rich and famous on Star, Hibiscus, and Palm Islands.

### Iconic Miami

On this full-day excursion, students will visit picture-perfect Miami: the gorgeous beaches of Key Biscayne, and the art and architecture of the Wynwood neighborhood.

- **Key Biscayne:** Students will visit Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park (entry ticket included), which is a beautiful beach and has a lighthouse that is the oldest standing structure in Miami-Dade County.
- **The Wynwood Neighborhood** is a recently renewed area filled with street art from artists around the world. Alongside the area's shops and restaurants, the neighborhood's main attraction is Wynwood Walls, a graffiti-inspired outdoor art museum.

## Along the Bay

During this full-day excursion, students will visit the Frost Science Museum and Bayside Marketplace:

- **The Phillip & Patricia Frost Museum of Science** (entry ticket included) is a science museum, planetarium, and aquarium in Museum Park in downtown Miami. It's an impressive, modern facility that doesn't just teach visitors about science, but about the Florida ecosystems, too.
- **Bayside Marketplace** is a popular shopping destination, which was featured many times on the TV show Miami Vice. Along the walk, students can see the outside of the FTX Arena (formerly American Airlines Arena), where the Miami Heat NBA basketball team plays, and the Miami Freedom Tower.

## Fort Lauderdale and Sawgrass Mills\*

On this full-day excursion, students visit Fort Lauderdale and Sawgrass Mills. Students see the following:

- **Fort Lauderdale** is known for its beaches and boating canals. In fact, Fort Lauderdale is known as the "Venice of America." The place we will visit is called the Fort Lauderdale Riverwalk, known as Florida's most beautiful mile. It is lined with boutiques, shops, and restaurants, coupled with tropical scenery.
- **Sawgrass Mills** is an outlet mall that was designed in the shape of an alligator. It's famous for its factory outlet stores and it's so massive that it's divided into three parts.

\*For an additional fee, students can choose to partake in a full-day excursion to Key West instead. Key West is an island city, part of the Florida Keys and it's Florida's southernmost point, about 90 miles north of Cuba.

## South Beach by Night

In this half-day, evening excursion, students will have a second opportunity to see South Beach by Night and see the beach come to life.

## Miami and Orlando

On this three-day, two-night excursion, students will get to see more of Florida, including the Florida Everglades and Little Havana in and around Miami, and Disney Springs and the Kennedy Space Center in Orlando. Orlando is known as “The Theme Park Capital of the World.”

### Day 1

Students will visit the Florida Everglades, Little Havana, and Dolphin Mall:

- **The Florida Everglades** are a wetland that was formed thousands of years ago by heavy rainfall into Lake Okechobee. Students will go on an airboat tour that will show them sawgrass (a plant that grows 3-10 feet above the water) and other rich vegetation. They will also watch a live wildlife show with alligator wrestling and other animals native to Florida at Gator Park (entry ticket included).
- **Little Havana** is a historic Cuban neighborhood in Miami. It is the heartbeat of the city and introduces students to huge part of Miami’s culture, from live music to Latin American art to domino games in the park to the Calle Ocho Walk of Fame featuring Latinx celebrities.
- **Dolphin Mall** is the second-largest mall in Miami with 240 retail outlets. Students will stop here and grab dinner before departing for Orlando.

### Day 2

Students will visit **Disney Springs**, an outdoor shopping, dining, and entertainment complex. Disney Springs has more than 50 stores and restaurants. For an additional fee, students can enter the Disney Park(s) or Universal Studios.

### Day 3

After checking out of the hotel, students will visit the **NASA Kennedy Space Center** (entry ticket included). This has been NASA’s primary launch center of human spaceflight since December 1968 and launch operations for the Apollo, Skylab, and Space Shuttle programs were carried out from the Kennedy Space Center. Highlights include visiting the Space Shuttle Atlantis, a tour of the original shuttle launch pads, a visit to the Saturn Rocket Center, and the Shuttle Launch Experience (simulating launching into space and orbiting Earth).