



Serving the World's Imperiled Marine life (SWIM) Sea Turtle Research & Rescue in Juno Beach, Florida



A post-hatchling under the care of Loggerhead Marinelife Center's rehabilitation team is placed next to the microplastic that it has passed since its admission into the sea turtle hospital.

The Destination

Loggerhead Marinelife Center (LMC) sits adjacent to one of the most densely nested sea turtle nesting beaches in the world. With sea turtle activity including between 10,000 – 16,000 nests per season, an estimated 1 million hatchling sea turtles take their first crawl to the ocean on LMC's monitored beaches. For this reason and many others, Juno Beach and its adjacent beaches remain critical locations for sea turtle rehabilitation and research.

The Project

On this SWIM program, guests will assist with sea turtle rehabilitation, research and conservation efforts with Loggerhead Marinelife Center staff including field research, patient treatments in LMC's state-of-the-art sea turtle hospital and offshore marine debris monitoring using the latest technology.



Destination Eco Tour: Juno Beach, Florida

5-Day 6-Night Sea Turtle Research & Rehabilitation Conservation Adventure Tour



Highlights:

- Introduction to Florida's sea turtle species
- Morning nesting surveys and evening nesting patrols
- Marine debris workshop and waterway clean-up
- Assist with the rehabilitation of sick and injured sea turtle patients in a state-of-the-art sea turtle hospital
- Hatchling research project at Florida Atlantic University's Sea Turtle Research Gallery

Overview itinerary

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| Day 1 | Arrive Palm Beach, Florida. Complimentary shuttle transfer |
| Day 2 | Project orientation, indoor and outdoor hospital tour & evening sea turtle nesting activity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to sea turtles and project overview • Assist with rehabilitation activities in LMC's state-of-the-art sea turtle hospital • Evening nesting sea turtle observation & lighting survey |
| Day 3 | Sunrise nest excavation, sea turtle food preparation & shore-based reef clean-up & debris removal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inventory of sea turtle nest on world's second most densely nested beach for loggerhead sea turtles • Prepare daily food for sea turtle patients and hatchlings • Artificial reef clean-up in Lake Worth Lagoon |
| Day 4 | Sunrise nest excavation & hatchling research laboratory activity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour of Florida Atlantic University's Sea Turtle Research Gallery & local coastal nature center • Assist sea turtle researchers with hatchling study preparation |
| Day 5 | Off-shore marine debris study and laboratory analysis & waterside dinner and drinks with LMC biologists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist LMC biologists with microplastic sampling and analysis for sea turtle conservation study aboard <i>Osprey</i> |
| Day 6 | Coastal kayak to mangrove restoration site, mangrove reforestation activity & evening hatchling release |
| Day 7 | Depart Palm Beach, Florida. Complimentary shuttle transfer |

Package Includes:

- 5-day/6-night Florida sea turtle conservation vacation
- All accommodations & meals included
- Applicable activity participation fees

Trip price does not include international or domestic flights, alcoholic beverages, souvenirs/gifts, personal food/drink. Guests responsible for personal purchases

Pricing: \$1,199 per person*

**Based on double occupancy; \$200 discount applied before Jan 1, 2019*

Dates: July 29 – August 2, 2019

Activity level: ★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆

Accommodations: Comfort

For more information or to book your SWIM program, please visit www.marinelife.org/eco or contact:

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