

OCEAN EXPLORERS EXPEDITIONS



WHAT ARE EXPEDITIONS?

Expeditions are customized travel programs that allow groups to have meaningful connections and real-world learning at both in the Florida Keys and abroad. Expedition trips provide an overview of ocean-focused citizen science programs while engaging in hands-on field activities.

WHAT CAN WE LEARN?

Each Expedition includes lessons on [Program Topics](#) selected by participants or leaders. Participants will become citizen scientists themselves, contributing to one or more of REEF's marine conservation programs, such as the Volunteer Fish Survey Project. Participants will be shown what they can do to make a difference in marine conservation.



EXPEDITION LEADERS

Ocean Explorers Expeditions are led by REEF education staff who are experts in marine conservation and citizen science. These individuals are passionate about diving and teaching others about the ocean.



WHAT'S INCLUDED?

Package inclusions vary depending on each program. Visit our [Expedition Rates](#) to view what is generally included in the price of your program. You may also visit our [Sample Itineraries](#) page to see examples of group programs and the estimated average price per person.

With our ability to customize your experience, we can include lodging and meals for you, or you can arrange and book on your own. This is also dependent on the location you choose for the Expedition.

DIVING & SNORKELING

SCUBA diving is not required to participate. We welcome all levels of experience on Expeditions. Many of our locations are appropriate for mixed groups of divers and snorkelers. Some destinations may be more suitable than others, so please contact us to discuss which locations are the best fit for snorkelers.



OTHER EXCURSIONS

Any field activities selected will be based on group size and ability, location, and outside vendor availability. If you have any specific field activities in mind, let us know so we can help pick an excursion that best meets your interests. Possible excursions include diving, snorkeling, kayaking, and tropical ecology tours.



BOOKING STEPS

1. Email/Call with Inquiry or fill out [Interest Form](#)
2. Preview [program options](#), determine destination and programming needs
3. Zoom Meeting with REEF staff
4. Confirm dates and program package
5. Sign & return contract. Start payment plan process
6. Distribute paperwork to each participant
 - a. REEF Liability waiver
 - b. Vendor waiver(s)
 - c. Schedule & program information

TRAVEL & DIVE INSURANCE

It depends on the destination what type of insurance is required. Some locations require all participants carry dive insurance such as DAN or similar. However, REEF strongly recommends that all participants be covered by both diving insurance and travel insurance. Visit our [Policies page](#) for more information and links.



NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you have any questions regarding Ocean Explorers Expeditions, please contact us at explorers@REEF.org or 305-852-0030. We are happy to answer any of your questions!