

## **BLUE PLANET ADVENTURE**

Blue Planet adventure to the Cayman Islands. Swim with stingrays in Stingray City, snorkel the colorful reefs just off of Seven Mile Beach, and take in amazing coralline beaches. The dazzling white sand that sprinkles ashore as a sugar-soft treat for your toes. The warm sea that bathes these shorelines is so clear that the blazing Caribbean sun hits the ocean floor nearly full strength, bouncing back to color the undersides of passing clouds with the same luminous turquoises, blues, and greens that the water displays. Volunteer to help sea turtles in a lagoon full of colorful marine life at the Turtle Farm. Come nose to nose with sharks and other predators of the sea.

## DAY 1

- Arrive and check into hotel
- Program Orientation
- Explore Seven Mile Beach
- Dive right into your Cayman experience by hitting the beach and snorkeling!



• Reflections- Tour Director will meet with the group to discuss the day's events and review the planned schedule for the following day.

#### DAY 2

• Volunteer at Local School- Today students will interact with local Afro-Caribbean children through a variety of programs from games to homework assistance. They may also be involved in helping with light construction, painting, and cleaning.



 Snorkel at Spott's Beach- The group will head out to snorkel at Spott's Beach. This beach is known for seeing sea turtles!



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### DAY 3

Coral Gardens, Barrier Reef & Stingray City- This morning the group will go through an introductory
marine science program that discusses coral biodiversity and marine habitats with a focus on symbiotic
relationships. You will then take your first shallow water snorkel expedition in an area called the Coral
Gardens and Barrier Reef. Snorkel with the giant southern stingrays at the famous Stingray City.



• National Gallery of Art- The National Gallery of the Cayman Islands preserves, collects, exhibits, and fosters an understanding of Caymanian art.



• Visit the Port in Georgetown- Learn about imports and exports that are the foundation for the economy in the Cayman's. Also, learn about the cruise industry and its impact on the local economy. Did we mention time for shopping?



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### DAY 4

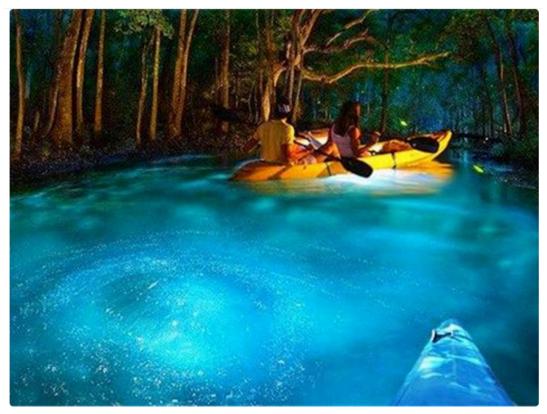
• Cayman Turtle Centre- Visit the famous Cayman Turtle Centre; where you'll learn about the conservation of the Cayman sea turtle population and swim with turtles in a lagoon full of colorful marine life!



Rum Point- In the late afternoon we will have time to paddle board or snorkel. Rum Point Beach offers changing rooms, showers, huts, hammocks, volleyball nets, and more. Not to mention the shallow and clear waters of Rum Point Beach make it the ideal beach for swimming in the Caribbean and offers the finest of snorkeling, ensuring that Rum Point is not only a fun and beautiful, but a convenient beach. {1:30 pm boat ferry from hotel to Rum Point; pick up and return following bio-bay tour}



Bioluminescent Tour- The amazing bioluminescent spectacle occurs due to tiny single-celled organisms called dinoflagellates that emit light when moved in the water. This new Bio Bay has certain physical conditions that have allowed a high concentration of these single-celled bioorganisms to accumulate. {24 people touring in kayaks, 16 people touring on eco-electric boat}



 Closing Reflections- Your Appleseed Expeditions tour director will lead the group in a brief closing reflection of the program.

## DAY 5

• Final Beach Time!



• Departure- Time to travel home and share your stories!

# Trip price includes

- Private tour director
- Round-trip flights from Asheville NC
- Ground Transportation
- Accommodations based on quad occupancy for students and double for adults
- No Meals (We are adding meals ourselves to make sure everyone has money for food, but it is cheaper than the tour company adding them.)
- Activities listed on the itinerary
- 1 free chaperone for every 8 paying travelers
- Tips included except for tour director
- T-shirts

Note

- The itinerary can be customized to fit within your time frame or budgetary needs.
- Trip price is subject to a minimum of 11 paying travelers. If the minimum number of travelers is not reached, the trip price may increase due to vendor costs, and/or transportation and activities will be subject to change. (Less than 11, trip cost rises \$200)
- Additional charges may apply for alternative rooming arrangements.
- Private security guard available for an additional charge.
- The itinerary is subject to change due to vendor availability, weather, and other reasons beyond our control.

## • This trip will require a passport!

Account features

Group leader:

- Choice of billing method (group billing or individual billing)- we will group bill because we found that easier to include money from fundraisers, donations, and grants.
- Online access to view a list of your registered travelers
- Online access to trip brochure for trip promotion

Traveler:

- Monthly payment plan
- Travel insurance available for purchase
- Packing list provided