

# Eco-Travel Family Adventure!

## Seacoast Science Center & Mote Marine Laboratory Sarasota, Florida April 24-May 1, 2010

Join Seacoast Science Center Naturalist Henry Burke in sunny Sarasota, Florida for a fantastic eco-family vacation! Just pack your bags and leave the rest to us! We have made the arrangements, which includes accommodations at the beautiful Lido Beach Resort ([www.lidobeachresort.com](http://www.lidobeachresort.com)), one of Sarasota's finest beachfront resorts. Our itinerary of fun and discovery includes science programs, outdoor adventures and plenty of time to enjoy sunny Florida on your own.

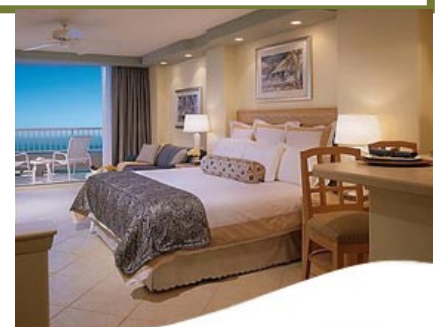
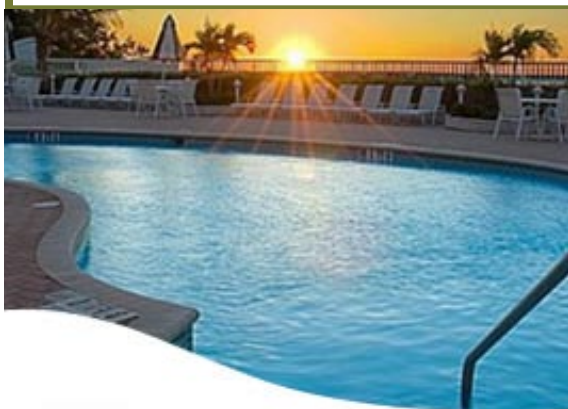


**M**ote Marine Laboratory ([www.mote.org](http://www.mote.org)) is the ideal place to explore the amazing coastal habitats in the Gulf of Mexico. The Mote Aquarium displays unique and exciting ocean animals that thrive in Florida's diverse marine ecosystems, and is home to our Dolphin & Whale Hospital and Sea Turtle Rehabilitation Center. Our hands-on multi-day education programs focus on Awareness, Appreciation, and Action. Each day of your Mote adventure is themed to enhance your knowledge of a special marine science topic. **Programs are best for families with children ages 8 and up.**

**T**his special value package, offered only through the Seacoast Science Center, is \$675 per person. The cost includes seven nights lodging, all programs and activities. The cost does not include meals or transportation (airfare or car rental).

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*See over for a full itinerary.*



## Itinerary

Admission to all exhibits at Mote Marine Laboratory are included in fee. Please feel free to visit the Aquarium and Goldstein Marine Mammal Center throughout the week as your personal schedule allows. A box lunch can be provided for an additional fee. Transportation can be provided to and from your hotel to Mote Marine Laboratory and back, as well as for the Myakka Watershed and Mangrove Kayaking trips (both of which are off-site) for an additional fee. Families should be comfortable in water environments and possess swimming skills. Appropriate attire for water activities includes closed-toed, closed-heel water shoes. Please note that the schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the Mote Education Division.

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### Saturday, April 24 • Travel Day

### Sunday, April 25 • Family Time

*All programs end before 4:30 p.m. to allow for Family Time, enjoying the Aquarium exhibits or spending time on the beach!*

### Monday, April 26 • Fantastic Fish

#### Welcome to Mote!

#### Angelfish to Zebra Sharks

Through storytelling and mystery clues, explore the biology of fish and sharks, and examine preserved specimens with scientific tools.

#### Aquarium Exploration

Watch the sharks eat their lunch, pet the sting rays, and enjoy the fish and invertebrate exhibits while completing a Mote Scavenger Hunt.

#### Fishing Clinic

Catch your own fish and learn how you can preserve the health of the ocean's fisheries by making good choices about what you eat.

#### Immercion Cinema: Predator v. Prey

Work your way through the marine food web—it's an eat or be eaten experience in this interactive video presentation that lets you control the characters on a 40-foot screen from your own console.

### Tuesday, April 27 • Wonderful Water World

#### Planet H2O

Through scientific experiments and simulations, discover how all of the water on earth is connected and how small watersheds affect our large oceans.

#### Marine Debris

Learn how trash in the water can harm marine animals and create your own marine debris collection kit!

#### Habitat Exploration: Myakka Watershed

Explore the diverse plants and animals supported by the Myakka Watershed as you walk along the river slews and climb on the Canopy Walk.

### Wednesday, April 28 • Marine Mammal Mania

#### Our Dolphin Neighbors

Learn about the dolphins that live in Sarasota Bay through stories and role plays based on Mote's longest running research study.

#### Marine Mammal Center Exploration

Watch the dolphins play in the lagoon, view the manatees, and explore the sea turtle exhibits with a Mote Scavenger Hunt.

#### Habitat Exploration: Dolphin Watching Boat Trip

Search for Atlantic bottlenose dolphins in the wild while riding a boat around Sarasota Bay!

#### Immercion Cinema: The Dolphin Bay Project

Become a dolphin researcher and learn more about threats to dolphin life in this interactive video presentation that lets you control the characters on a 40-foot screen from your own console.

### Thursday, April 29 • Exceptional Estuaries

#### Habitat Hoopla

Wade into the coastal waters of Sarasota Bay and collect fish and invertebrates with dip nets and seine nets as we learn about the estuary habitat and use the scientific method.

#### Citizen Science

Analyze and report on what you found in the estuary in creative and colorful ways.

#### Mangrove Bay Walk

Explore the mangroves and the creatures that live in them as we traverse our wooden bay walk.

#### Habitat Exploration: Snorkeling

Learn the basics of snorkeling as you swim over seagrass beds and sandflats.

### Friday, April 30 • Sea-farers

#### Interactive Broadcast: Sea Turtles

Learn how sea turtles journey through many ocean habitats land overcome lots of obstacles in this high energy multi-media program.

#### Feed the Sea Turtles

Serve up a tasty squid treat to our resident loggerhead sea turtles Shelley and Montego.

#### Reflection

Enjoy the quiet beauty of your favorite Aquarium exhibits as you write and draw about your connection to the ocean.

#### Habitat Exploration: Kayaking

Kayak through the mangroves and seagrass beds.

#### Goodbye!

Share your reflections, memories, and favorite photographs as we wrap-up the week's program with a discussion about how your future actions can positively impact the ocean and the marine animals you care about.

### Saturday, May 1 • Travel Day

**Space is limited; sign up today! A 50% deposit is required by February 1 to reserve your spot; full payment must be made by March 15. A meet-and-greet will be held at the Center prior to the trip giving you the opportunity to get to know fellow adventurers.**