

Eco-Travel Family Adventure!

Seacoast Science Center & Mote Marine Laboratory Sarasota, Florida April 16-23, 2011

Join Seacoast Science Center Naturalists 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), 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.



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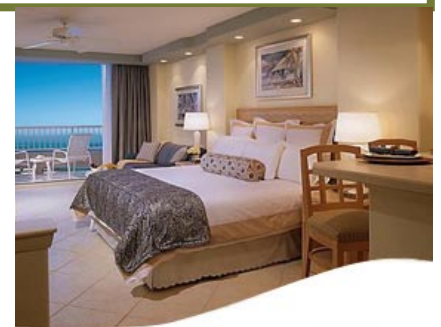
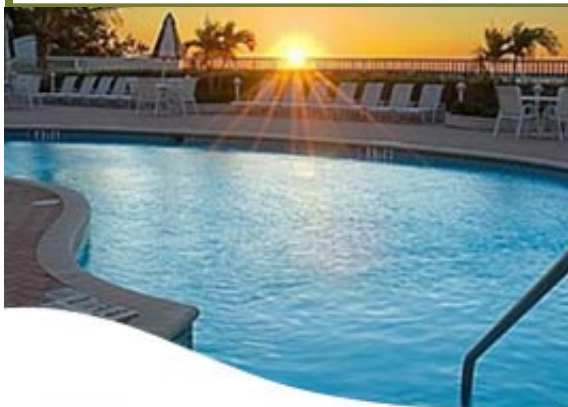
"Camille and I LOVED this trip. Plain and simple. The educators were terrific! A wealth of knowledge and great mix of guide and educator with a friendly attitude, eager to share their knowledge and experience." - a SSC 2010 Eco-Travel Family Adventure Parent.

Mote Marine Laboratory (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.**

This special value package, offered only through the Seacoast Science Center, is \$695 per person. The cost includes seven nights lodging, all programs and activities. The cost does not include meals or transportation (airfare or car rental).

For more information, please contact Henry Burke at **603-436-8043, ext. 16** or h.burke@seacentr.org

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.

Saturday, April 16 • Travel Day

Sunday, April 17 • 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 18 • Sharkapalooza

Welcome to Mote!

Shark Senses & Secrets

Sharks are the ocean's top predator. Discover the secrets of their success and how you can help protect this amazing ocean animal.



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.

A Visit with Shark Scientist, Dr. Nick Whitney

Share in the adventures of a real shark tracker!

Immerson 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 19 • 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.

Immerson 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

Habitat Exploration: SeaLife Encounter Cruise

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

Wednesday, April 20 • Habitat Hoopla

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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.

Coral Reef Romp

Learn about the structure of the coral reef by making an edible coral dessert, and then build your own artificial reef ball to keep and take home!

Habitat Exploration: Dolphin Watching Boat Trip

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

Thursday, April 21 • Family Time

Enjoy the Aquarium on your own or with your new friends, or spend some time exploring the area and relaxing on the beach!

Friday, April 22 • Sea-farers

Extreme Makeover, Fish Edition

Find out how the fish camouflage themselves in designer outfits, and make your own fish print (gyotaku).

Saving Seahorses

Go behind the scenes at the Seahorse Conservation Laboratory

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 23 • 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.