



Pigeon Key Foundation

Marine Science Field Trips

Pigeon Key is a remote island in the heart of the Florida Keys, accessible only by foot or train from the Old Seven-Mile Bridge in Marathon. Our island is surrounded by abundant **marine life and biodiverse ecosystems**. Students will get a chance to explore various marine habitats, feed sharks, and will even climb aboard a 35' catamaran to **snorkel a coral reef!**



PRIVATE ISLAND!

LOCATION

Our historic **secluded 5-acre island** provides the perfect setting to dive into any aspect of Marine Science you wish.

DURATION

Our most popular overnight marine science field trips are 3 days and 2 nights, starting at \$540.00 per participant.

GROUP SIZE

Minimum of 25 paying participants required. **Teachers are free!** You are welcome to bring more students and extend your stay to further enhance the experience.

ALL-INCLUSIVE

- ✓ all programming + materials
- ✓ dedicated staff
- ✓ bunk-style housing + bedding (with AC!)
- ✓ 3 meals per day plus snacks
- ✓ **snorkel trip** to Sombrero Reef
- ✓ transport to and from the island via train
- ✓ snorkel **gear for use** throughout stay
- ✓ souvenir water bottle
- ✓ online **access to all photos** taken by our island photographers

About Our Programs.

Our **5 core programs** guarantee that your students will leave Pigeon Key with a robust understanding of the marine world and an appreciation for its inhabitants. We take an **experiential approach** to education, which is why every core program is comprised of a classroom session followed by a **hands-on activity!**



Core Programming

Students will learn about the **Marine Habitats of the Florida Keys** followed by a **habitat walk** around the island and/or the bridge. Our **Reef Fish Identification** program will teach students about the different kinds of fish they'll see while **snorkeling** around Pigeon Key and at Sombrero Reef. In **Shark Biology**, students will gain a newfound appreciation for sharks then afterwards, **feed our shark pool** and **dissect** a shark! After learning about **Invertebrate Biodiversity** in the classroom, students will collect critters via **tidepooling or snorkeling** then experience them up-close in our touch tank session. One of the last programs we like to do is **Marine Debris**, followed by an **island stewardship competition** around our own shores.

Additional Programs

Tailor your field trip to meet your specific needs and interests. Choose from additional programs such as Squid Investigation, Invasive Species, Conservation Angling and many more!

Excursions

Some schools may choose to add on **additional experiences** such as the Turtle Hospital or Dolphin Research Center, both located in Marathon. Reach out for more information about off-island excursions.

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