

A photograph of a tropical porch with a wooden bench and lush greenery. The porch is covered by a dark metal pergola structure. The background shows a white building with yellow shutters and a dense garden of tropical plants, including palm trees and large-leafed plants. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

Key West Old Town: A Kaleidoscope of Life

January 26 - January 31, 2020

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Registration Begins

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

- * Walk-in registration begins at 8:30 a.m.
- * Phone registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute



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Dive deep into the legends, history, artistic legacy and natural wonders of one of Florida's most vibrant cities as you unravel the mysteries of Old Town, Key West.

This Six - Day Trip Includes:

- Five nights lodging accommodations
- 12 Meals: breakfast daily, three lunches & four dinners
- (4) Expert- led lectures
- (9) Expert- led field trips (*All admission fees as outlined in itinerary*)
- Ground travel and transfers throughout the program, including ground transportation from SVSU to Detroit airport and return trip back to SVSU
- A group leader to accompany you throughout the program to handle logistics
- The Road Scholar Travel Assurance Plan including 24-hour assistance for medical and other emergencies. See website for details at www.roadscholar.org/about/assurance-plan
- Customary gratuities, taxes and destination fees
- Pre-trip dinner at SVSU

** We will offer a pre-trip dinner about two weeks prior to departure where you will meet fellow OLLI travelers and receive your travel documents. We will cover trip logistics and questions you may have about your upcoming trip.*



Trip Providers

This “Key West Old Town” experience is offered by the SVSU Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in conjunction with Road Scholar, formerly known as Elderhostel, a not-for-profit organization founded in 1975 to provide lifelong-learning opportunities for baby boomers and beyond. Its mission is to inspire adults to learn, discover and travel. Its learning adventures engage expert instructors, provide extraordinary access, and stimulate discourse and friendship among people for whom learning is the journey of a lifetime. As a leader in educational programs, Road Scholar offers 5,500 educational adventures in all 50 states and 150 countries.

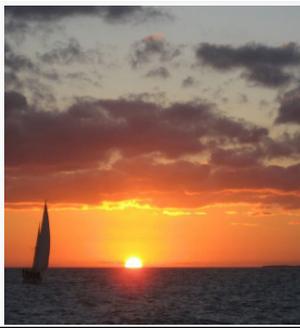
About Our Lodging

Our accommodations will be at The Reach Key West for (5) nights. The hotel is located directly in front of the Atlantic Ocean and steps away from Duval Street. The Reach Key West is along Key West's only natural sand beach. Each guestroom features a furnished balcony to enjoy the Key West sunset.

Trip Highlights

- Meet numerous Key West residents and hear from them about their home and the cultural scene.
- Visit the Mel Fisher Maritime Museum to examine artifacts retrieved from a sunken 17th century ship.
- Learn about the variety of bird species and exotic flora at the Audubon House and Tropical Gardens





Trip Itinerary

■ Day 1: Monday, January 26, 2020

We will depart SVSU* by motorcoach to Detroit airport for a morning flight to Key West. We will then transfer from the airport to the hotel for check-in and registration, followed by an orientation and welcome dinner at the hotel. Following dinner we'll hear from our favorite deep sea diver who will delight you with tales of his many years of fishing and diving in these waters. Take the rest of the evening to settle in, and relax. (D)

**Please note that at time of printing we will have an early morning departure from DTW we'll spend the night prior to departure (Sunday, January 25) at a hotel in Detroit near the airport.*

■ Day 2: Tuesday, January 27, 2020

After breakfast our Truman expert will tell us all about the President's days in Key West and what came to be known as The Little White House, Florida's only Presidential site. While traveling to our lunch destination, hear why this island, only four miles long and two miles wide, is such a fascinating place. After lunch, we will go on a field trip to the Custom House Museum. This living link to Key West's historic past was built in 1891 to house the island's customs office, postal service, and district courts. "Old 91" is now the headquarters of the Key West Art and Historical Society that maintains a collection of artifacts and art significant to the Florida Keys. Next we will visit the Mel Fisher Maritime Museum where we will learn about marine archaeology and see treasures, including gold and silver bars, retrieved from beneath the sea. Prior to dinner we'll enjoy the Sunset Celebration at Mallory Square Dock. In Key West, watching the sun go down is a daily ritual accompanied by a festival with arts and crafts exhibitors, street performers, vendors, and a crowd of thousands of locals and visitors alike. We'll have dinner at a local restaurant this evening and be entertained by vibrant Cuban dancing from a local performer. (B/L/D)

■ Day 3: Wednesday, January 28, 2020

After breakfast at the hotel we'll learn about Key West's intricate architecture during a morning lecture at the hotel. Next we will visit the Key West Butterfly and Nature Conservatory, where we will see and learn about exotic butterflies, plants and birds in this beautiful, glass-enclosed habitat. We'll have lunch at a local restaurant on our way back to the hotel. The afternoon is free for you to enjoy Key West on your own. The Group Leader can provide suggestions for activities, or you can refer to the activity sheet provided in your welcome folder. Dinner will be on your own to explore Key West's local fare. (B/L)

■ Day 4: Thursday, January 29, 2020

After breakfast at the hotel this morning's field trip will be to the Florida Keys Eco-Discovery Center. Part of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. The center features more than 6,000 square feet of interactive and dynamic exhibits including a mock-up of Aquarius, the world's only underwater ocean laboratory. After lunch at a local restaurant, we'll go on a literary journey of Key West. We'll start with the Hemingway House, one of America's most iconic writers, whose personal life was as colorful as any of his characters. It was at the house that Hemingway produced some of his best known works including "To Have And Have Not" which is set in Key West. Descendants of his six-toed cat still flourish there. We will then learn about Key West's literary figure, Tennessee Williams, during a guided visit to an exhibit dedicated to the playwright. Our dinner will be at a local restaurant this evening followed by a free evening to a stroll of "wet your whistle" in one of Hemingway's favorite hang-outs. (B/L/D)

■ Day 5: Friday, January 30, 2020

After breakfast at the hotel, we will hear about John James Audubon, America's greatest wildlife artist and early naturalist. Audubon began exploring Florida in 1831 and visited the Keys and Dry Tortugas the next year. He left having seen 22 different bird species, and created drawings of each for his "Birds of America" folio. We'll then head over to the Little White House, where President Harry S. Truman's first 19 months were grueling and left him physically exhausted. Lunch will be on your own today. We'll set out on a guided excursion walking Key West's streets, taking in its intricate architecture and vast array of colors. Hear from local experts about the Key West's rich history of the US Navy presence as well as the heyday of the wrecking, sponging and cigar industries. Next we will go on a guided exploration of the Audubon House and Gardens, where Audubon lived and worked while in Key West which was then the home of one of the town's founders. The home also displays 28 first edition Audubon works. Tonight you'll join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B/D)

■ Day 6: Saturday, January 31, 2020

Following breakfast we will be transferred to the airport for an afternoon flight home. We will then be transferred from Detroit to SVSU by motorcoach (B)

Important Information

Trip Activity Level

Please note that Road Scholar considers this an **ACTIVE** trip. Travelers should be healthy enough to participate in all included walks without assistance. Walking two miles daily at one time, on paved sidewalks; some stairs and standing at museums and historic sites. You should be able to handle your own luggage at the airport and on the plane.

Weather Projection

Our weather should be comfortable, but variable. In January you can typically expect the highs to be in the mid 70's and low in the mid 60's.

Trip Insurance

Our package does include Road Scholar's Travel Assurance Plan, which provides 24-hour assistance in the event of an emergency during your program and insurance for emergency medical evacuation. You can find out more at www.road-scholar.org/about/assurance-plan.

Optional Trip Protection

It is **HIGHLY recommended** that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. You will have (13) days from the date of registration to purchase optional insurance for this trip in order to receive full benefits. Please contact **Eileen Grew at Travel Jems** regarding insurance questions and purchase at (989)631-7799.

Cancellation

All cancellations must be made in writing to the OLLI office. We will try to fill your space with someone from the wait list. You will be charged a \$20 cancellation fee, and any other charges imposed by the airlines or trip provider depending on when the cancellation takes place. Road Scholar's cancellation policies will prevail. *(please note that insurance fees are not refundable)*

Registration: Tuesday, April 23, 2019

1 Name _____ Male/Female
(as it appears on your license) Date of Birth Gender (Circle)
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home phone _____ Cell _____
Email _____
Roommate's Name _____
Roommate's Phone Number _____

2 Name _____ Male/Female
(as it appears on your license) Date of Birth Gender (Circle)
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A copy of your license is required at the time of registration.

Deposit & Payment Method

\$500 will hold your spot, the final balance is due by October 1, 2019. Your deposit is non-refundable unless we can fill your spot from the waitlist. Cancellation policies of Road Scholar and the airlines will take precedence over written materials.

- \$ 2,799 OLLI Member (Double)
- \$ 2,829 Non-Member (Double)
- \$ 3,579 OLLI Member (Single)
- \$ 3,609 Non-Member (Single)

• **The final balance is due by October 1, 2019.**

** Non-members receive 2018-2019 membership, expiring 8/31/19

Check (payable to SVSU) Amount Enclosed _____

Credit Card: MasterCard Visa Discover American Express

Card Number _____

Cardholder's Name _____ Expiration Date _____