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Sample Trip Itinerary

Arrival: Kayakers usually fly in the first date of the trip because that night will be spent at a local resort or hotel. We will meet you for dinner (we pick up this tab) for a meet and greet with the entire group and guides. We will also issue your dry bags at this time so that you can work on getting your personal items packed in them that evening. Your luggage can be stored in our facilities while you are out on the water. Your gear will be safe and locked away at all times.

Day 1: After an early breakfast at your hotel we will pick you up and take you to your kayak and gear. We'll pick up the boat, issue remaining gear, then load up and head to the launch site at the Northern tip of Great Exuma. Once we get on the water, we will paddle for about an hour over to Rat Cay or Pigeon



Cay, beautiful cays nesting on a large channel that flows straight out to sea. Wonderful breezes await you here.

We will make camp here the first night. Afternoon activities here will most likely include setting up camp and snorkeling off the beach hole before you enjoy a nice home cooked meal as enjoy the sun setting and the stars coming out.

Day 2: After breakfast we begin packing up camp and head about six miles northwest to Norman's Pond Cay.



We will stop for lunch along the way at Windsock Cay which is a beautiful little cay surrounded by shallow sandy water frequented by large sting rays. Norman's Pond offers a variety of activities and could be a lay-over (2 nights) stop. The Cays near Norman's Pond Cay host endangered Rock Iguanas, top-notch snorkeling, a cave inland that you can snorkel in and a large pond accessible at high tide. On this west facing beach, you have a front row seat as the sun dips below the horizon to reveal the vast colors of twilight.

Day 3: From Norman's Pond Cay we will cross over to a secluded and kayak-only accessible stretch of cays known as the Brigantines. Because the water around the Brigantines is extremely shallow, regular boats can't access these exotic cays. Mangroves run all along these beautiful cays and provide a safe haven and nursery for baby fish of all kinds, baby sharks, sting rays, turtles and much more. These cays also have a few deep channels and shallow rocks that are great for snorkeling.

Day 4: From the Brigantines we are only a short paddle back to the mainland. After a final breakfast we will pack up camp one last time and start our journey home. Once back on the mainland, we will unpack our kayaks and get ready to haul everything back to town. Once we are back with the gear in George Town we will unpack and sort out everyone's gear and luggage. After everything is sorted out, you will be taken to your hotel where a nice hot shower and air conditioning await you!



** This is an expedition style trip. Therefore, distances and places visited will depend on conditions at the time of the trip. This is what a typical trip looks like. Keep in mind that the trip can be strenuous at times and everyone will be helping to set up and break down camp each day. Once the "housekeeping" is taken care of everyone can relax and enjoy the sailing, clear blue water, exotic sea life, fantastic sunsets and good food!*

Things to keep in mind-

- When nature calls: *Out-Island Explorers* maintains a leave no trace camping policy with our guided trips and rentals. We will be taking along a portable toilet and a privacy tent for your use. Please be considerate of your surroundings and use the appropriate facilities. All trash and waste will be carried out with us, including toilet paper.
- Sanitation: It is so important to keep things as healthy and safe as we can while on an expedition. We can all help by doing our part to keep the germs at bay. Hand sanitizer will be available for meal times and another will stay with the toilet, use it liberally.
- Everyone is expected to participate in packing/unpacking your kayak, setting up/breaking camp, and carrying community items (food, cooking supplies, tents, water, etc) in your kayak. The gear will be equally distributed.
- Meal times will proceed a lot quicker if everyone pitches in to help in some way (assisting with the cooking, cleaning, prep work, etc).
- If you are used to having specific items readily available please remember that you are coming to an isolated out-island that requires a lot of effort to get anything in and out of here. If you would like to make special requests, we will be happy to hear them, but please bear in mind that we may not be able to meet your request 100% (we will try our best).
- Gratuity is not included in the trip price. Tips are not expected, but are always appreciated.