



THE SOUTHWEST QUEST

# Before You Go

A photograph of a wooden boardwalk or path leading through dunes. The path is made of wooden planks and has wooden railings on both sides. The dunes are covered in dry grass and lead up to a horizon where the sun is setting, creating a warm, golden glow. The sky is a pale, hazy orange.

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Not to be dramatic  
but I went on one  
of your trips last  
weekend and  
it was the best day  
of my life.

-GUESS WHERE TRIPPER

# How does a surprise road trip work?



## Pick a Date

We recommend doing the trip within **6 months** of receiving this road trip. Pay close attention to the 'When To Go' within the 'Navigating the Road' section of this booklet.



## Get Ready

The only requirement is having a vehicle, GPS and a driver. The trip is completely **self-guided**, so nothing needs to be booked in advance.



## Check Updates

Before leaving, please check **travel updates** on our website. This will provide you with any major changes to the itinerary.



## Pack Your Bag

Please refer to the '**What to Pack**' list in this booklet for items we recommend bringing with you.

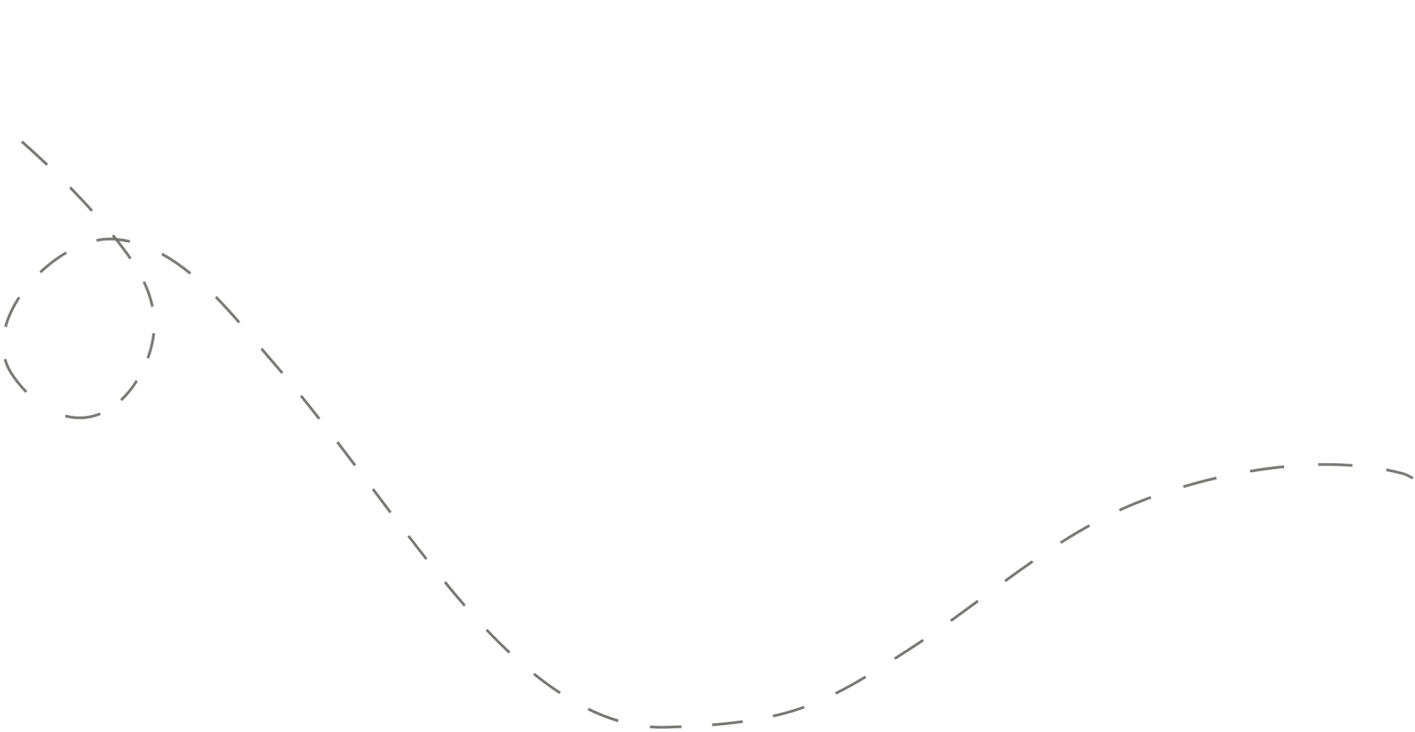


## Hit the Road!

Don't open the first envelope until you're ready to leave. Once you're finished at the first stop, you can open the second envelope. Four stops are included within your road trip.

# Your day ahead! Without giving away too many details.

We often include a variety of recommendations at each stop. You do not have to go to all of them, pick and choose what works best for you and your travel mates. If you can't get through all of the stops during the day - come back and explore them at a later date!



# DETAILED ITINERARY



## Time to Depart!

We recommend departing between **10:00 and 10:30 if you are leaving from the Fort Myers area**, and between 9:00 - 9:30 if you're coming from farther away.



## Markets & Manatees

Recommended duration: 45 minutes - 1 hour  
Drive time to second stop: 22 minutes

*\*Two food options are available at this stop*



## Citrus & Sights

Recommended duration: 1 hour  
Drive time to third stop: 22 minutes

*\*One food option available at this stop*



## Haunts & History

Recommended duration: 1 - 1.5 hours  
Drive time to fourth stop: 12 - 24 minutes

*\*Two food options available at this stop*



## Brews & A Beach

Recommended duration: 1 -2 hours

*\*Multiple food options are available at this stop*

# Navigating the Road



## When to Go

- ✓ This trip is best done **between Tuesday - Saturday**. We do not recommend traveling on Monday.
- ✓ This can be done **throughout the year**. Note that manatees are best seen between mid-December to March.



## Stay Overnight

Head to the following link for a list of recommended accommodations close to the last stop.

**[guesswheretrips.com/pages/hotels](https://guesswheretrips.com/pages/hotels)**

*\*The link above will only reveal the general area where your trip will end.*



## Itinerary Changes

Descriptions, dates and hours may have changed since publishing the itinerary. Find out if changes have been made to your trip by heading to:

**[guesswheretrips.com/updates](https://guesswheretrips.com/updates)**

Tip: scan below for the most updated trip!



## Get the Digital Version

Every road trip package includes a QR code that you can scan to get the full digital version of the trip. This is a great option if you are traveling with a group of people in multiple cars!







## What to Pack:

- ☐ A vehicle with a full tank of gas
- ☐ Comfortable walking or hiking footwear
- ☐ Sunscreen and bug spray
- ☐ Some form of GPS device (ie. Google Maps)
- ☐ Cell phone charging cables
- ☐ Wallet (~\$15 cash/coins needed for parking & fees)
- ☐ **Swimsuit & towel** (optional)
- ☐ Extra snacks if traveling Sunday
- ☐ Reusable shopping bag
- ☐ Your Guess Where Trips package
- ☐ Don't forget road trip music! Head to GWT's road trip playlist on Spotify here:



## Questions?

If you have any questions before your trip, please send us an email to **[questions@guesswheretrips.com](mailto:questions@guesswheretrips.com)**. We try to get back to all email inquiries within one business day.

Please note: we are out of the office over the weekend.



## Land Acknowledgement

We recognize that some of the stops listed in this trip date back to a time when not everyone was free.

As we acknowledge slavery and its impact on our history, we recognize the profound inequalities and systemic racism it has bred. This horrific institution dehumanized millions, leaving lasting social and economic consequences. Confronting these truths allows us to reflect, foster dialogue, and work towards a more just society. As you travel, we encourage you to inquire about this history, and ask sites to prominently display their history and its ongoing impact, ensuring it is neither overlooked nor diminished.

# Frequently Asked Questions



## How much will the stops cost?

**First Stop:** Our featured stop is free to explore. One alternative requires parking fees (\$).

**Second Stop:** Our featured stop requires a small parking fee (\$).

**Third Stop:** Our featured stop has a fee (\$). Alternative food options available.

**Fourth Stop:** Our featured beach stop requires a parking fee (\$). Alternative suggestions are free.

*\*Please note: gas, tolls, and food may be additional costs.*

## When should we leave?

We recommend **departing between 10:00 and 10:30 if you are leaving from the Fort Myers area**, and between 9:00 - 9:30am if you're coming from farther away. The later you leave, the less time you may have to complete all of the stops.

## Can I bring my dog?

Stops #1, #3, and #4 have pet-friendly options available! Please remember to keep your pet on a leash at all times, and if you're unsure about pet-friendliness, we encourage you to contact businesses ahead of your visit to double check.





## How long will the total trip take?

See the approximate **round-trip driving distances/times** below. These are driving distances only and do not factor in time spent at stops.

### From **Fort Myers:**

1 hour and 45 minutes / 72 miles

### From **Cape Coral:**

2 hours and 5 minutes / 72 miles

### From **Naples:**

2 hours and 5 minutes / 92 miles

### From **Sarasota:**

3 hours and 35 minutes / 208 miles

### From **Tampa\*:**

4 hours and 50 minutes / 307 miles

*\*We recommend booking an overnight hotel if the driving distance is greater than 4 hours round-trip.*

## How many people can I bring with me?

We recommended **bringing up to 5 people** on your surprise road trip.

If you're bringing a larger group, we highly recommend having one person in charge of booking reservations at the restaurants and attractions in advance. A digital itinerary can be found in your confirmation email or on **page 5** of this booklet.

## Is this wheelchair or stroller accessible?

**First Stop:** This stop is accessible.

**Second Stop:** There are multiple accessible options on this stop.

**Third Stop:** Our featured stop is somewhat accessible. We've provided other accessible options.

**Fourth Stop:** There are multiple accessible options on this stop.



Have questions? Email us at [questions@guesswheretrips.com](mailto:questions@guesswheretrips.com).

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# Risk

Get out on the road and have fun, but please be careful. Obey all road signs, never drink and drive, and use caution and common sense at all times. The risk of injury can be significant, including the potential for permanent disability and death. While particular precautions and personal discipline will minimize this risk, the risk of personal and emotional injury, illness, physical disability, or death does exist. Guess Where Trips Inc., its owners, officers, publishers, and agents assume NO liability for your actions or activities as a result of recommendations within this guide. You agree and acknowledge that you will do some, or all, of the recommendations suggested in this book with full and complete knowledge of the risk and dangers involved, and you agree to accept and assume any and all risks of any nature whatsoever.

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Have fun, and be safe!





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