

## Island Ecology Course Plan

Actual schedules may vary depending on weather conditions and group requests.

### Daily Schedule

Most meals are served buffet style in our dining hall, the Lizzard Lounge. Breakfast is served and a packed lunch provided on the departure day. Packed lunches are provided for the Exuma Cays Land and Sea Park excursion and on the Great Exuma excursion there will be lunch at a Bahamian restaurant.

7:00-7:45	breakfast
8:00-11:45	AM program
12:00-12:45	lunch
13:00-17:00	PM program
17:00-18:30	free time
18:30-19:15	dinner
19:30-21:00	evening program

### Sunday

Arrival, orientation & facility tour  
Evening Program: Geography of the Bahamas & Wider Caribbean

### Monday

AM program: Carbonate Geology ; Sandy & Rocky Shorelines Hike  
PM program: Water Orientation; Nearshore Subtidal Habitats  
Evening Program: Tropical Waters Lecture

### Tuesday

AM program: Boat trip – Shoreline Forces: Mangroves and Erosion  
PM program: Boat trip – Norman’s Pond Cay Salt Works  
Evening Program: Seagrass Ecology Lecture

### Wednesday

AM program: Boat trip - Seagrass Meadows & Conch Nurseries  
PM program: Perry’s Peak Hike; Colonial Inhabitants  
Evening Program: Cultural History of the Bahamas Lecture

### Thursday

AM /PM: Great Exuma Excursion  
Evening Program: Coral Biology Lecture

### Friday

AM program: Boat trip – Patch Reefs  
PM program: Research Methods Lab - Coral Growth I  
Evening Program: Coral Reef Ecology Lecture

### Saturday

AM program: Beach Dynamics I  
PM program: Boat trip – Island Geology & Stromatolites

Evening Program: Conservation Issues Forum I

Sunday

AM program: free time

PM program: Research Methods Lab – Culture Systems

Evening Program: Metabolism Lab

Monday

AM program: Boat trip – Unusual Coral Habitats

PM program: Acropora Reef

Evening Program: Fisheries Ecology Lecture

Tuesday

AM program: Research Methods Lab - Photobiology

PM program: Boat Trip - Blue Holes

Evening Program: Careers in the Marine Sciences

Wednesday

AM program: Sedimentology Lab

PM program: Boat trip – Exuma Sound; Water Quality

Evening Program: Plankton Lab

Thursday

AM/PM: Exuma Cays Land and Sea Park Excursion

Evening Program: Conservation Issues Forum II

Friday

AM program: Research Methods Lab - Coral Growth II

PM program: Beach Dynamics II

Evening Program: Cookout & Star Gazing

Saturday

Departure after breakfast & room clean-up