



Florida National High Adventure Sea Base Hurricane Evacuation Information



Evacuation

During summer months any trip to a tropical region has the chance of encountering tropical storms and hurricanes. While this is a rare occurrence, we must, as good Scouts, "Be Prepared." The Florida Sea Base strictly follows the orders of local emergency management officials in these cases.

In case of hurricane evacuation your crew must depart the area as quickly as possible. If you are on a vessel we will redirect you to the closest port and will bring you back to base via Sea Base transportation. If you are off base property anywhere else, we will contact you and redirect you back to base. As soon as an evacuation is called, Sea Base will post current information on its website at www.bsaseabase.org, and will telephone incoming crews to cancel their trips.

As soon as an evacuation is called, all programs will cease, regardless of the current local weather conditions (it may still be very nice weather). Sea Base's primary goal is to evacuate you from the area immediately. Do not expect to participate in alternative programs you may have planned as large areas will be affected by an evacuation notice. Hotels will close in the immediate area, and local attractions will also close. Airports, roadways and hospitals may also close. When an evacuation is called, hurricane force weather is typically expected 24 to 48 hours away.

Sea Base staff will assist with your departure by providing you access to telephones and the internet for the purposes of contacting family and making travel arrangements. Our goal is to help you depart as quickly as possible, preferably the same day as the evacuation notice. You should plan on returning home immediately. Programs will not resume at Sea Base for a week following an evacuation, even longer if there is damage to assess and clean up.

Hurricane Evacuation Expense Reimbursement Policy

For crews affected by the evacuation order, either currently at Sea Base or yet to arrive, the Florida Sea Base will refund program fees paid in accordance with the percent of the adventure that was cancelled. Those crews that did not participate in any program will be refunded 100% of their fees paid.

The Florida Sea Base is not able to refund any fees related to meals, lodging or transportation incurred as a result of the evacuation. These expenses remain the responsibility of the crew. This is consistent with our refund policy as described in the Leaders' Guides. Because of this we **highly recommend** that your crew purchase trip cancellation insurance policy. These policies are available through travel agent or can be found online at very reasonable prices.

Refunds can be expected within 30 days of your evacuation or cancellation. In addition a special "Hurricane Patch" is commissioned, and all participants who were evacuated or cancelled will receive one of these limited patches. Hurricane patches are sent out within 90 days of your evacuation or cancellation.

Weather information

During hurricane season the most up to date information about weather and evacuations come from three sources:

National Hurricane Center:
Monroe County (Florida Keys)
National Weather Service, Key West office:

www.nhc.noaa.gov
www.monroecounty-fl.gov
www.srh.noaa.gov/eyw/

Travel Resource Information

Hotels

Adams Mark Hotels	800-231-5858
Best Western	800-528-1234
Courtyard by Marriott	800-321-2211
Days Inn	800-593-0104
Doubletree Hotels	800-528-0444
Econo Lodges	800-446-6900
Embassy Suites	800-362-2779
Fairfield Inn	800-228-2800
Four Seasons	800-332-3442
Hampton Inn	800-426-7866
Hilton Hotels	800-445-8667
Holiday Inns	800-465-4329
Howard Johnson	800-465-4329
Hyatt Hotels Corporation	800-233-1234
Loews Hotels	800-223-0888

Airlines

Alaska Airlines	800-426-0333
American Airlines	800-433-7300
American Trans Air	800-225-2995
America West Airlines	800-235-9292
Bimini Island Air	954-938-8991
Continental Airlines	800-525-0280
Delta Airlines	800-221-1212
Northwest Airlines	800-225-2525
Qantas Airways	800-227-4500
Southwest Airlines	800-435-9792
Trans World Airlines	800-221-2000
United Airlines	800-241-6522
USAIR	800-428-4322
Spirit Airlines	800-772-7117

Hotels (Continued)

Marriott Hotels	800-228-9290
Marriott Residence Inns	800-331-3131
Quality Inns	800-221-2222
Radisson Hotel Corporation	800-333-3333
Ramada Inns	800-272-6232
Sheraton	800-325-3535
Stouffer Hotels	800-468-3571
Travelodge Interational	800-255-3050
Westin Hotels	800-228-3000

Auto Rental

Advantage Rent-A-Car	800-777-5500
Alamo Rent A Car	800-327-9633
Avis Rent A Car	800-331-1212
Budget Car and Truck Rental	800-527-0700
Dollar Rent A Car	800-800-3665
Enterprise Rent-A-Car	800-Rent-a-car
Hertz Rent A Car	800-654-3131
National Car Rental	800-227-7368
Thrifty Car Rental	800-367-2277

Local shuttle services

Al Birge Bus Charters	(954) 493-5175
Bone Island Shuttle	(305) 293-8710
Cadillac Jack	(305) 853-5550 or (888) 233-5550
Davis Tours	(954) 472-2858
Emerald Transportation Service:	(800) 524-7894

Executive Transportation	(305) 394-2848
EZO-LIMO	(877) 390-5466
Greyhound Bus Lines:	(800) 410-5397
Intertrans	(954)-765-0733
Key Largo Charter Service	(305) 853-0661