

Smith College – Interterm Course

GEO 270j - CARBONATE SYSTEMS and CORAL REEFS of the BAHAMAS

January 12-24, 2008

Gerace Research Center, San Salvador, Bahamas

Travel Plans and Contingencies

Bahamas course website: Any final trip updates that may develop between now and January 10, 2008 will be distributed by e-mail and posted on our course website, along with the Bring List; following the trip, all group digital photos also will be posted at this site:

www.science.smith.edu/departments/geology/bahamas

Arrival in Miami:

For the night of January 12th, our group has reservations at the Red Roof Inn – Miami Airport, 3401 NW Lejeune Road, Miami (Tel. 305-871-4221). This hotel is located very close (within 2 to 3 miles) of Miami Airport.

Upon arrival at the Miami Airport, collect your baggage (follow signs to baggage claim - on the lower level) and find the hotel courtesy phones in the baggage claim area. Use the phone for the Red Roof Inn – Miami Airport and arrange for courtesy van pick-up and transfer to the hotel. You will need to tell them your Airline and Gate #. The van comes every 30 minutes but you pick it up upstairs on the departure level because the vans are too big for the lower level. At the hotel check-in counter, tell the reception personnel that you are with the Smith College group, give them your name, and you will be checked in to a reserved, pre-assigned room. This hotel is not luxurious, but a pool lounge, and other amenities are available for your use. There is a Bennigan's Restaurant next door to the Red Roof Inn, and there may be one or two other restaurants within easy walking distance (ask at the desk). Otherwise, the area right around the hotel isn't walking friendly, and there are no drug stores, etc. close by, so don't plan on shopping from this location. This is the time to relax and get some rest. Remember: we leave **early** on the 13th for the Airport and the flight to Nassau and then on to San Salvador.

Questions and any problems arising between now and January 12th:

Bosiljka Glumac will be available to answer questions and handle problems that may arise between now and January 9th at the contact points listed below. Between January 10 - 12, use Ann Pufall as your primary contact, via her cell phone number or home phone number:

Bosiljka Glumac:
413-585-3680 (office)
413-584-6564 (home)
413-531-6801 (cell)
email: bglumac@email.smith.edu

Ann Pufall:
413-530-5671 (cell phone)
413-584-1548 (home)
email: apufall@email.smith.edu

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If you have travel problems on the 12th:

If you are having travel problems on the 12th, such as very late arrival in Miami owing to flight delays, etc., and you think we should know about it, call Ann Pufall at her cell phone number (413-530-5671). Alternatively, call a cell phone of Bosiljka Glumac (413-531-6801), Tony Caldanaro (413-531-8102), or Paulette Peckol (413-575-0004). You can also call the Red Roof Inn at 305-871-4221 and ask for or leave a message for Ann Pufall, Bosiljka Glumac and/or Paulette Peckol.

What if you don't make it to Miami on the 12th and miss the flights to the Bahamas on the 13th?????

Of course, this is a worst-case travel scenario, but it is possible with winter weather, etc. Unfortunately, we won't be able to wait for you, so the group will fly to San Salvador early on the 13th as planned. **If you encounter significant travel problems on the 12th, call Ann Pufall's cell phone number as above.** If Ann doesn't answer, try other cell phone numbers listed above, leave a message, describe your problem, and be sure to leave us a return phone number if possible. You should continue on to Miami as soon as can be arranged with your airline.

In the meantime, we will book you on the next day's Bahamas Air flight to Nassau, connecting to San Salvador (Bahamas Air Flight 222, departing Miami at 8:10 am for Nassau; Bahamas Air Flight 378 departing Nassau at 10:30 am for San Salvador). Our Bahamas flight has been prepaid as part of Smith College Geology Dept. Group Reservation GJODJ, so you will not need to purchase a new ticket. Bahamas Air phone numbers are: 242-377-8451 or 1-800-222-4262; Ms. Karen Feaste is a representative who booked our group flights. If an overnight in Miami is required, stay at the Red Roof Inn (we will reserve a room for you if you contact us). We would leave any messages for you as needed at the Red Roof Inn and with your home emergency contact number.

If you think necessary, contact the Gerace Research Center on San Salvador at 242-331-2520 or 2521. Identify yourself as with the Smith College group, leave your name and a complete message for Bosiljka Glumac. Mr. Tom Rothfus is the director of the Gerace Research Center, so you should talk with him, if possible.

Let's hope that none of us have travel problems and that all arrive safely in Miami on the 12th!!!!

Good luck with finishing this semester, and Happy Holidays!!!!!!