

SMITH COLLEGE

Geo 270j – Carbonate Systems and Coral Reefs of the Bahamas January 14 – 26, 2006

Travel Plans and Contingencies

Bahamas course website: Any final trip updates that may develop between December 16, 2005 and January 10, 2006 will be posted on our course website, along with the Bring List; following the trip, all group digital photos also will be posted at this site:

<http://www.science.smith.edu/departments/geology/bahamas>

Arrival in Miami:

For the night of January 14th, 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) to the 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. At the 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. Each room group is responsible for check-out and payment in full of the room bill. 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 15th for the Airport and the flight to Nassau and then on to San Salvador.

Questions and any problems arising between January 2 – 14:

Al Curran will be available to answer questions and handle problems that may arise between January 2 - 9 at the contact points listed below. Between January 10 - 13, use Ann Pufall as your primary contact, via her cell phone number or home phone number:

Al Curran:

413-585-3943 (office)

413-527-1098 (home)

email: acurran@email.smith.edu

Ann Pufall:

413-530-5671 (cell phone)

413-584-1548 (home)

email: apufall@email.smith.edu

If you have travel problems on the 14th:

If you are having travel problems on the 14th, 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) or call one of your roommates who you think may already have arrived in Miami. The third possibility is to call the Red Roof Inn at 305-871-4221 and ask for or leave a message for Ann Pufall and/or Allen Curran.

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What if you don't make it to Miami on the 14th and miss the flights to the Bahamas on the 15th?????

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 15th as planned. **If you encounter significant travel problems on the 14th, call Ann Pufall's cell phone number as above.** If Ann doesn't answer, 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 FL 222, departing Miami at 8:10 am for Nassau; Bahamas Air FL 378 departing Nassau at 10:30 am for San Salvador). Our Bahamas flight has been prepaid as part of Group Reservation FVKWLV, so you will not need to purchase a new ticket. 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. Identify yourself as with the Smith College group, leave your name and a complete message for Al Curran. Mr. Vince Voegeli 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 14th!!!!

Good luck on exams, and Happy Holidays!!!!!!