



# AMANYARA

## NATURE DISCOVERY CENTRE

EDUCATION DISCOVERY ADVENTURE FUN

The Nature Discovery Centre offers nature and environmental programs for all ages that focus on discovery and conservation of our indigenous wildlife. Surrounded by a Marine National Park and Nature Preserve, Amanyara gives an authentic experience of the island's unique environment. Experience our eco-hikes, guided snorkel trips, talks, guided paddling, adopt a coral, or participate in our Sea Turtle Initiative.

The Nature Discovery Centre is open daily from 9am-5pm. Our schedule offers a variety of programs, for both adults and children. Youth Programs are for ages 5-12; younger children are welcome with adult supervision. Please feel free to drop in to the Nature Discovery Centre at any time throughout the day to use our resources (children under 16 must be supervised by an adult). Snorkeling, kayaking, and standup paddle boarding with our naturalist can be booked upon request. Please call the NDC or GA for availability and pricing. Come and see us in the NDC for more information and to pick up our weekly schedule.

### Youth Nature Discovery Programs (Ages 5-12)

#### **Youth Nature and Science Program**

*Ages 5+, under 5 must be accompanied by parent or guardian*

Join us for adventures on the beach, expeditions along the rocky shore, critter safaris, bird watching, scavenger hunts and Nature & Science activities at the Nature Discovery Centre. Kids will learn about our wildlife, share in creative projects and explore our beautiful island! Adults are welcome to join too!

#### **Critter Safari**

*Ages 5+, under 5 must be accompanied by parent or guardian*

Join us for critter hunts on the beach, through the tide pools or along our eco trail. Learn about our indigenous reptiles, birds, butterflies and soldier crabs as well as in-the-field techniques for catching animals, recording data and releasing them to the wild.

#### **Sand Sculpting at the Beach**

*Ages 5+, children under 5 must be accompanied by parent or guardian*

Learn to build Animal Sculptures on the beach using our powder soft sand, ocean water and beach treasures that we find. Sculpting is easy and fun for all ages!

#### **Nature Crafts & Games**

*Ages 5+, children under 5 must be accompanied by parent or guardian*

Join us to create habitats, solar systems, animal posters, or to learn about nature through sun and sand art. On hotter days beat the heat with our organized pool or lawn games/sports.

### Nature Activities for Adults, Teens & Families

#### **Eco-Hike**

*60 minutes*

*Complimentary, 10 guests maximum*

Hike our narrow tree-lined trail with our onsite Naturalist, and discover some of our rare plant and animal species. Learn about bush medicine and historical uses of plants. Our trail opens to the ocean for a coastal hike along our rugged "iron shore". If you prefer, guided beach or tide pool walks can be arranged to delve deeper into the environment.

*Offered bi-weekly as per Amanyara's Complimentary Class Schedule or upon request.*

#### **Snorkeling with Naturalist**

*60 minutes*

*\$75++ per person, 4 guests maximum*

Our Naturalist, in-water guided trip is designed for all levels of snorkelers, and provides fascinating information about our prominent fish and coral species while also pointing out some of our more unique sea life.

#### **Kayak/SUP with Naturalist**

*60 minutes*

*Minimum age 5 kayak/age 12 SUP.*

*\$75++ per person, 4 guests maximum*

Paddle with our Naturalist to explore the coastline near Amanyara. Learn about the coastal vegetation, coral species and take a close look at tide pools and rock formations. Appropriate for all levels of experience in paddling.

### **Private Marine Biologist on Board**

*Half or full day excursion*

*\$250++/\$350++ Advance booking required.*

Are you heading out for a day on a private boat excursion? Are you interested in having a private Aman marine biologist and guide on board with you? Our Resident Naturalist, Jackie, can join you on your half or full day private boat excursion to give you lots of interesting information about the Turks and Caicos Islands, our native plants and wildlife, and the coral reefs and ocean habitats that you will explore. Jackie is a marine and conservation biologist, and is also a certified dive master and can join you on scuba diving excursions as well.

### **Fitness Swim**

*0.5-2.5 miles*

Join our naturalist for a fitness swim along the coastline. Find comfort in swimming with a buddy or a group, and follow the experienced guidance of someone who knows the area and the waters.

*Available upon request.*

### **Adopt-a-Coral Program**

*\$100++ per coral certificate*

The Amanyara Adopt-A-Coral project offers guests the opportunity to play a pivotal role in the preservation and restoration of our coral reefs. Amanyara teamed up with Sustainable Oceans International using their pioneering Reef CPR™ approach, this Coral Preservation and Restoration approach aims to literally breathe life into our reefs that have been damaged by recent storms and climatic changes. By transplanting broken-off pieces of coral back onto the reefs through a term known as *aquascaping*, it will assist the reef system to rejuvenate and attract increasing amounts of marine wildlife. You have the unique opportunity to play a key part in reviving our reefs by adopting a coral through this ground-breaking conservation project. You will receive an adoption certificate, information about the project, and an information sheet on your selected species of coral.

### **Optional Adopt-A-Coral snorkel activity with naturalist to view corals.**

*60 minutes*

*\$25++ per person, 4 guests maximum*

### **Manta Towing & Snorkeling Amanyara Reefs**

*60 minutes*

*Must be an experienced snorkeler. Not suitable if you are pregnant or have neck or back injuries. Minimum age 8.*

*\$75++ per person, per hour, 4 guests maximum*

Scan coral reefs to sight sea turtles, sharks and fish through this exhilarating technique. Manta-towing involves holding onto special boards that are attached to the rear of our boat via ropes. Wearing snorkel gear, enjoy being slowly towed over reefs while also observing the diversity of marine life that exists in our waters.

### **Turtle Tagging Safari on the Caicos Banks**

*4-6 hours*

*Not suitable if you are pregnant or have neck or back injuries. Minimum age 8.*

*\$1800++ for 4 guests, each additional guest \$150++, 6 guests maximum*

This half day adventure takes you to the shallow waters of the Caicos Banks off the south coast of Middle and North Caicos, where there is an abundance of turtles and marine life. With the expert guidance of our Resident Naturalist and legendary fishermen Dave Clare and Gilbert Jennings, learn how to catch, flipper tag and release turtles in the wild. Accompanying TCI's most renowned and colorful fishing duo offers our guests an authentic cultural experience while also contributing to the livelihoods of these TCI fishermen. Take this opportunity to give back to these beautiful islands, the people and the endangered sea turtles.

*Includes trip pack, roundtrip transportation, and picnic lunch. Advance booking required. 24 hour 100% cancellation policy.*

### **Star Gazing**

*Complimentary/Private Guided \$150++ per hour*

Join our astronomy enthusiasts at the Nature Discovery Centre to enjoy the Turks & Caicos night sky while delving into stories about ancient astronomers, galaxies, and constellations with our astronomy books. Most importantly, take advantage of Amanyara's clear night sky unencumbered by light pollution and simply enjoy the view.

*Inquire about borrowing a stargazing kit to use for the night in the privacy of your pavilion or residence. Our Nature Discovery Centre offers Guided Star Gazing as a complimentary amenity on select evenings through the year or as a private booking.*

