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# TOP PICKS

## BEST LOBSTER BLT

### Key Largo Fisheries

Until recently, we always thought there was nothing like a great Maine lobster roll. Of course that was before we stumbled upon the "Backyard Cafe" on the docks behind Key Largo Fisheries and discovered their signature Lobster BLT. Perfectly cooked, firm-tender lobster (not fried - Sacre Bleu!) is generously heaped on a buttery Croissant fused with crisp bacon, juicy ripe tomato slices, fresh Bibb lettuce and a healthy slather of spicy mayo. Also first rate: the incredible Lobster BLT Soup loaded with bacon and lobster, along with lots of other delicious sandwiches, salad and fresh seafood baskets. Wine & Beer. Cafe open Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Retail Market: Mon. - Thurs. 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and on Fri. & Sat. 'til 7p.m. Find it at MM 99.5, Oceanside at 1313 Ocean Bay Dr., Key Largo. 305-451-3782; keylargofisheries.com



Key Largo Fisheries, Photo: Carrie Pino

## BEST PORTERHOUSE STEAK

### Ziggie & Mad Dog's

Truth be told, you can't go wrong with anything on the menu of this legendary Keys' landmark because all the food here is truly world class. Steak lovers will revel in the tender 12 oz. Center Cut Filet, tasty 16 oz. New York Strip and full flavored 21 oz. Bone-In Rib Eye, but it's the 28 oz. "Czonka" Porterhouse that is totally over the top. Team one up with a linebacker-size baked potato and you've got yourself a winning combination. Open daily at 5:30 p.m. for dinner. Full bar. Major credit cards. Find it at MM 83 Bayside, Islamorada. 305-664-3391; ziggieandmaddogs.com

## BEST KEYS SUNSET CELEBRATION

### Lore-lei Restaurant & Cabana Bar

Cited as one of the "Best and Brightest Spots in Florida" by Power and Motoryacht Magazine, this casual, family-friendly hangout is home to the world famous Lore-lei Fishing Guides and lively Sunset Celebration. Great casual fare with an array of tasty sandwiches, fresh local seafood, ribs, steak and chicken. Live entertainment by local bands. Happy Hour specials from 4-6 p.m. Major credit cards. Open Daily for breakfast, lunch, dinner. Find it at MM 82, Bayside, Islamorada. 305-664-2692; loreleifloridakeys.com



Snooks Bayside, Key Largo

## BEST FISH HOUSE

### The Fish House

If the name fits — and here it does because this bustling joint is the hottest seafood spot in town and gets constant raves from locals and visitors alike. Big portions, a fun, friendly staff and a Keysy atmosphere compliment an extensive menu that includes chowders, stone crab, shellfish, native fish, steaks and pasta. Find it at MM 102.4, Oceanside, Key Largo. 305-451-HOOK; fishhouse.com

## BEST GOURMET BURGER

### Shula's 2 Steak & Sports

Once you've tasted one of Don Shula's char-grilled Signature Burgers, you'll never look at a hamburger the same way again. The legendary NFL Coach, who is also notorious for his Premium Center-Cut Black Angus Steaks, now raises the bar for gourmet burgers, as well. A fresh, custom blend of Premium Black Angus Beef, Short Rib and Brisket is the key to these fresh, juicy burgers which include standouts like the Wine Country Burger (roasted peppers, goat cheese, balsamic greens, roasted tomatoes), and French Onion Burger (caramelized onions, double gruyere cheese, garlic mayo and crushed garlic croutons). Tackle one of these bad boys and you'll never suffer another "Mac-Attack." Find it at the Postcard Inn, Holiday Isle, MM 84.5, Oceanside, Islamorada. 305-664-5300; holidayisle.com

## BEST ISLAND CHIC

### Snook's Bayside

Hidden away at the end of a private lane, just off US 1, this chandeliered Grand Tiki with its flickering torches, lush plantings and SOBE-style sofa lounges is oh-so-chic! A gorgeous, open-air dining area, sprawling 5,000 sq. ft. patio and multiple bars all have unobstructed views of the Bay, giving you a ringside seat to one of the best sunset celebrations in the Keys. The fresh, island-inspired dishes, here, are also first rate and are all made to order. Truly a great place to kick back with a rum punch and grab yourself a piece of paradise. Find it at MM 99.9 Bayside, Key Largo. 305-453-5004; snooks.com

## BEST FAMILY RESTAURANT

### Key Colony Inn

Overlooking the fairways of the Key Colony Beach Golf Course, this long time institution has the feel of an old time country club. An extensive menu of seafood, continental and Italian favorites has made it a favorite with the Key Colony Beach crowd and other in-the-know locals. The weekend prime rib special always packs the place and the Sunday Brunch here (in season only) is the best deal in town. Open daily for Lunch from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Dinner from 5-10 p.m. Find it at MM 53.5, Oceanside on West Ocean Drive, Key Colony Beach. 305-743-0100; kcinn.com

## BEST DAILY BREAKFAST BUFFET

### Bonefish Flats

You almost expect Guy Harvey himself to saunter into this cozy nook that feels more like a private fishing club than an island resort restaurant. The big all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet serves up over 20 cold and hot items including Seasonal and Tropical Fruits, Smoked Salmon, Fresh Baked Breads, Specialty Pancakes and French Toast, cooked-to-order Eggs and Omelets plus a whole lot more. If you're looking for a hearty way to start your day, this really is a great place to catch breakfast. Open daily from 7 a.m. - 11 a.m. Find it at the Islander Resort - A Guy Harvey Outpost, MM 82.1, Oceanside, Islamorada. 305-664-2031; GuyHarveyOutpostIslamorada.com



View from Sparky's Landing, Key Colony Beach

## BEST CASUAL DOCKSIDE DINING

### Sparky's Landing

This little "sleeper" of a restaurant boasts a terrific dockside setting right on the marina in Key Colony Beach. Expect to find really good casual fare here with a strong emphasis on fresh fish and cold cocktails. Homemade soups, salads and a big sandwich menu along with entrees like Seared Tuna, Cajun Pasta, Fried Shrimp, a fresh Fish Platter and slow cooked, fall-off-the-bone ribs all get a two-thumbs up. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Full bar with a great Happy Hour from 4-6 p.m. Major credit cards. Find it at MM 53.5, Oceanside on the Sadowski Causeway, Key Colony Beach/Marathon. 305-289-7445; sparkyslanding.com



Key Lime Pie Bakery, Key West

## TOP PICK KEY LIME PIE

### Key Lime Pie Bakery

Here's the thing about the folks at the Key Lime Pie Bakery: they have an absolute passion for Key Lime Pie. And we're not talk'n about just any Key Lime Pie. We're talk'n about the kind of truly authentic, good old fashioned Key Lime Pie that they whip up right on premises in their state-of-the-art Key West kitchen. Not that you can't find Key Lime Pie at almost every roadside joint up n' down the Keys, but these folks are cookin' up the Real McCoy - tart, creamy, pies made from an original family recipe using 100% pure Key Lime juice, cuddled on a graham cracker crust and topped with real whipped cream. You can devour it by the slice, on a stick dipped in chocolate or be a real hero and take home a whole pie. Yum! Open daily from 9 a.m. - 11 p.m. Located downtown at 412 and 414 Greene St, Key West. 305-296-9515; keylimepiebakery.com

## BEST INNOVATIVE SEAFOOD JOINT

### The Square Grouper Bar & Grill

Chef/owner Lynn Bell and her top culinary crew are creating the most intriguing small plates and entrees, pastas and ever changing specials, making this hip roadside Bar & Grill a true "Destination" restaurant and earning it a "Top 10" ranking in the Florida Keys & Key West restaurant scene. The Eggplant Stack - fried eggplant, pesto, goat cheese and marinara is particularly wonderful. Other favorites: Square Grouper Seafood Stew with a spicy, creamy red broth; Toasted Almond Encrusted Grouper with warm Caribbean pineapple relish and the Jasmine Rice Bowls. You'll also find a terrific selection of boutique wines and craft beers. Open Tues. - Sat for lunch and dinner (and on Mon. from Jan - April) Major credit cards. Find it at MM 22, Oceanside, Cudjoe Key. 305-745-8880; squaregrouperbarandgrill.com

## BEST HAPPY HOUR & TAPAS

### Tavern N' Town

There are Happy Hours and then there are really "Happening" Happy Hours and this one is all that. Locals flock here nightly from 5 - 7 p.m. for the generous 2 for 1 cocktails and the revolving lineup of top notch entertainment. But what really hits the ball out of the park are the Tapas Nights on Tuesday and Thursday where globally-inspired small tasting plates of gourmet appetizers are all artfully prepared and elicit appreciative nods from top food aficionados. The creative delectables are always changing and you can easily make a meal out of several small plates. FYI: Dinner here is just as wonderful and the restaurant is a two time recipient of Key West's Master Chef Competition. Open nightly at 5 p.m. Find it at the Key West Marriott Beachside Hotel, 3811 North Roosevelt Blvd, Key West. Call 305-296-3676; beachsidekeywest.com



Commodore Waterfront Restaurant, Key West

## BEST STEAK

### Commodore Waterfront Restaurant

The seafood is wonderful here but it's the steaks that really get your mouth watering. Prime beef at its best, cooked perfectly and prepared in a variety of ways. (Inside Tip: Go for the Cowboy Steak) And to top it off — a terrific waterfront location overlooking luxury yachts at the Historic Seaport. Dinner nightly from 5:30-10:30 p.m. Find it at 700 Front St., Key West. 305-294-9191; commodorekeywest.com

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### BEST DESIGNER JEWELRY

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Little Switzerland, Key West

### BEST SUNSET SAILING ADVENTURE

#### Schooner Jolly II Rover

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Inga, Aqua Night Club

### BEST SUSHI

#### Ambrosia

Chef/Owner Masa and wife Noriko are making waves at Key West's hip, vintage Santa Maria Hotel where their edgy sushi restaurant and sake bar is renowned for its authentic, artfully crafted plates including Masa's premium bluefin tuna creations and other full-flavored dishes like the Spicy Seafood Carpaccio with fresh jalapeno, sweet onion and Yuzu pepper paste. Tradition and innovation collide with all kinds of intriguing signature rolls including the Hamachi Heat - an addictive fusion of snow crab salad, jalapeno and tempura topped with hamachi, jalapeno slices, Shichimi powder and a side of spicy ponzu. Lots of other Japanese specialties here, too along with an eclectic selection of artisan sake, fun saketini's, wine and beer. Find it at 1401 Simonton St. For reservations call 305-293-0304. keywestambrosia.com



Bistro 245  
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### BEST BOUTIQUE SPA

#### Ocean Wellness Spa

For one of the most inherently authentic, totally relaxing "Key West" experiences, Ocean Wellness Spa takes top honors. This charming retreat always earns rave reviews and is the place to go for restorative and luxurious spa treatments. Seasoned, professional therapists offer their regimens in nine distinctive treatment rooms using mostly organic, natural products. You'll find an extensive menu of services here including massage, body treatments, facial/skin care, spa mani/pedis, as well as a full line of salon services offering hair care, Keratin treatments, eyelash extensions and more. Ocean Wellness Spa also provides the licensed services of acupuncture physician, Michelle Wischmeyer, who has extensive experience in Eastern traditions and medicine. If you're looking for an exceptional experience, this is definitely your place in the sun. Find it at 829 Simonton St, Key West. 305-320-0500; oceanspakeywest.com

### BEST SUNDAY BRUNCH

#### Bistro 245

Your Mimosa glass will never be dry at this fabulous all-you-can-eat buffet which plates an incredible array of eye-popping culinary delights. Yes, the made-to-order omelets, creamy eggs benedict, freshly carved Prime Rib and Belgian Waffles with praline butter are all wonderful, but Bistro 245 really raises the bar with an ever-changing spread that also includes specialties like sushi, tuna sashimi, caviar, shrimp bisque and a terrific raw bar with oysters, shrimp, and crab legs. Oh, and be sure to save room for the desserts - especially the signature Key Lime Pie - because they are worth every calorie. So the next time someone says, "Let's do brunch," make sure you do it here. Sunday Brunch served 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Bistro 245 is located at The Westin Key West Resort & Marina, 245 Front St., Key West. Call 305-292-4320.

### BEST FEMALE ILLUSIONISTS

#### The Aquanettes

Key West's own talented troupe of female illusionists transform into a bevy of beauties using elaborate costuming, makeup and lip sync. The adult-oriented, hands-on interactive show, Reality Is A Drag, runs nightly at 9 p.m. with two shows on Fri. and Sat. at 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Get there early for good seats and pre-show photo-ops. Aqua Night Club, 711 Duval St., Key West. Reservations: 305-294-0555; aquakeywest.com

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It's September 4, 1622 and the weather is perfect when the Tierra Firme flota, a fleet of 28 ships, sets sail from Havana, Cuba bound for its home port of Cadiz, Spain.

Laden with silver from Peru and Mexico, gold and emeralds from Columbia and pearls from Venezuela, the ships carry one of the richest New World cargos ever collected.

With 82 infantrymen to defend the ships against pirate attacks, the 110' galleon Nuestra Señora Atocha sails as the fleet's rear guard. Because of her size and massive firepower, she is the ship of choice for wealthy passengers and sits low in the water with a rich cargo that is almost beyond belief.

Accompanying her is the Santa Margarita and Nuestra Señora del Rosario, as well as two other smaller vessels.

But it's weather, not pirates, that attacks the ships. That evening, as the fleet passes near the Florida Keys, the wind suddenly kicks up, growing stronger and stronger throughout the night.

By daybreak the sea unleashes its full fury. Mountainous waves threaten to swallow the entire fleet until a shifting wind miraculously drives most of the ships past the Dry Tortugas and into calmer waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

Not so for the rear guard.

The hurricane hits the military escort with lethal force, shredding the sails, battering the masts, destroying the tillers and leaving the ships adrift in a furious sea.

A huge wave sweeps the treasure-laden Atocha high into the air and



smashes her violently onto a coral reef. She sinks instantly, pulled to the bottom by her heavy cargo of treasure and 20 bronze cannon. The other four ships suffer a similar fate and only five people survive.

When the storm subsides, Spanish salvagers quickly locate the Atocha's mizzenmast protruding several feet above the water and spot her hull 55' below the surface.

But the weather, once again, steals their fortune.

Before the salvagers can return with their tools and explosives to salvage the cargo, a second storm dismembers the ship and entombs her under the churning sands.

The Nuestra Señora de Atocha and her treasure remain there, undisturbed for over 350 years.

But all is not lost. In 1980, the late treasure hunter, Mel Fisher discovers the Santa Margarita and her own sunken cache of treasure. Then, on July 20, 1985, after 16 years of proclaiming "Today's The Day," Fisher's crew finally hits the Mother Lode."

There, lying in 55 feet of water, exactly as recorded by the first salvagers in 1622, is the Nuestra Señora de Atocha - one of the richest sunken treasures the world has ever seen. But that's just the beginning. Read more about Fisher's find on page 24.

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# What's Up

## ONGOING

### Every Wednesday Farmers Market

**Key Colony Beach:** Each week local growers come to Key Colony Beach with a bounty of farm-fresh produce and other great products. Takes place every Weds. from 1:30 - 5 p.m. next to City Hall. Info: 561-924-0237.

### Thursday - Sunday Florida Keys History & Discovery Center

**Islamorada:** This engaging new attraction encapsulates what living in the "Old Keys" was really like through a series of fascinating exhibits that include the infamous Labor Day Hurricane of 1935, Henry Flagler's Railroad, the Overseas Highway, legendary anglers and fishing guides and lots more. Open Thurs. through Sun. from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Located on the property of the Islander Resort, MM 82, Oceanside. Info: 305-922-2237; keysdiscovery.com.

### Now - July 5 Midweek Matinees

**Islamorada:** Immerse yourself in movies made in, around, and about the Keys in this new state-of-the-art theater. Special showings take place on the first Weds. of the month starting at 2 p.m. Seating is limited (35) so get your tickets early! Takes place at the Florida Keys History & Discovery Center located on the property of the Islander Resort, MM 82, Oceanside. Info: 305-922-2237; keysdiscovery.com.

### Monthly Third Thursday Art Walk

**Islamorada:** Fine arts, live music and "culinary art" are the hallmark of this festive monthly event which showcases both national and local artisans in galleries along the Morada Way Arts & Cultural District. Takes place from 6 - 9 p.m. on Old Hwy., MM 81.5, Oceanside, Islamorada. Info: 305-393-6012.



### Now - May 20 Key West Outdoor Movies

**Key West:** Enjoy free-admission outdoor movies every first and third Friday. Bring your own lawn chair, snack and refreshments. Begins at dusk at Bayview Park, corner of Truman and Eisenhower Dr., Key West. Info: 305-791-4375; Hit up [kwoutdoormovies.com](http://kwoutdoormovies.com) for upcoming movie events.

### May 4 - 8 21st Annual Key West Songwriter's Festival

**Key West:** The 20th-annual showcase of musical magic features America's foremost performing songwriters with concerts staged in intimate, audience-friendly venues around Key West. Info: 305-304-0814; [keywestsongwriters.com](http://keywestsongwriters.com).

### May 5 Cinco de Mayo Celebration

**Key West:** Grab your salt shaker and party with Margarita during this fun, annual celebration that includes live Salsa music, a Taco Eating & Hot Pepper Eating Contest and prizes for Best Mexican Hat. The action starts at 7 p.m. at the Schooner Wharf Bar in Key West's Historic Seaport. Info: 305-292-3302; [schoonerwharf.com](http://schoonerwharf.com).

### May 11 - 15 Kamp Key West

**Key West:** This fun, annual event is designed for LGBTQA outdoor enthusiasts and adventurers who fondly remember all the fun and games of summer camp, with on-the-water tropical island activities and games for adults. Info: 305-294-4603; [kampkeywest.org](http://kampkeywest.org).

### May 12 - 15 Key Largo Original Music Fest

**Key Largo:** Four days of multiple musical happenings set the stage, during this eclectic music festival which showcases hit songwriters from Nashville and beyond, as well as an elite group of local and national singers and bands who perform everything from Rock to Country to Blues and more. The festival kicks off on Thurs., May 12 at Sundowners Waterfront Restaurant, MM 104, Bayside and continues all weekend long with multiple stages at Cactus Jacks and Senor Frijoles. For a full schedule of events call 305-394-3736; [keylargosingersandsongwritersfestival.com](http://keylargosingersandsongwritersfestival.com).

### May 13 - 15 Papio Kinetic Sculpture Parade

**Key West:** Inspired by, and named for, the late Keys artist Stanley Papio, a humorous rebel metal-artist who explored the value of recycled materials long before it was hip to be rusty, this weekend-long event kicks off with a Pop-Up Party and parade registration on Friday from 5 - 8 pm at the Custom House Museum located at 281 Front Street. On Saturday starting at noon, the fantastical, family-friendly cavalcade of totally human-powered art sculptures winds its way down



Key Largo Original Music Fest  
Duval Street and ends with a kinetic sculpture exhibition of the parade's offerings at Fort East Martello Museum, 3501 S. Roosevelt Blvd. from 12 - 6 pm on Sunday. Info 305-295-6616; [papioskineticparade.com](http://papioskineticparade.com)

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## What's Up



Annual Schooner Wharf Bar Minimal Regatta, Key West Pride

### May 14 Battle In The Bay Dragon Boat Festival

*Marathon:* The waters off Sombrero Beach transform into a swift race course for a fleet of 40 ft. dragon race boats each armed with 20 paddlers who put their strength and teamwork to the test. Sombrero Beach provides a pristine setting for spectators. Food, beverages, merchandise and a variety of entertainment round out the shoreside festivities. Info: 813-426-3544; highfivedragonboat.com

### May 24 Brewmaster Dinner

*Islamorada:* Feast on a fabulous 6-course meal prepared by Cheeca Lodge's own Executive Chef, Daniel Dalton along with intriguing beer pairings from local brewer, Florida Keys Brewing Company. Takes place at 7 p.m., Cheeca Lodge & Spa, MM 82, Oceanside, Islamorada. Info: 305-517-4447; cheeca.com.

### May 29 25th Annual Schooner Wharf Bar Minimal Regatta

*Key West:* Known as "the only boat race you can view from start to finish from shore," this wacky regatta is also a race to stay afloat. Savvy sailors use only minimal materials including plywood and duck tape to build their tiny vessels. Races begin at noon at Schooner Wharf Bar in Key West's Historic Seaport. Info: 305-292-3302; schoonerwharf.com.

### July 3 - 5 Original Big Pine & Lower Keys Dolphin Tournament

The Lower Keys Chamber of Commerce presents its 23rd annual event, where anglers contend for more than \$35,000 in cash and prizes. A special cash prize of \$20,000 is awarded for the largest dolphin over 50 pounds. Even more prizes for winners in the open, ladies and youth divisions. Info: 800-872-2411

### June 4 - August 7 Florida Keys Guitar Festival

*Keys-Wide:* This new inaugural event showcases five of South Florida's best guitarists including Matthew Jampol, Steve Ramos, Bob Hanni, Larry Baeder and Mike Emerson. Eight virtuoso classical and jazz concerts take to the stage in Marathon on June 4-5, in Key Largo on July 2 and in Key West on August 5-7. Info: floridakeysguitarfestival.com.

### June 8 - 12 Key West Pride

*Key West:* Key West's world-famous rainbow celebration of sea-to-sea diversity attracts thousands of party goers from around the



Key West Pride

globe and includes five days of beach and pool parties, on the water adventures, pageants, late-night drag shows and more. Info at 305-294-4603; keywestpride.org.

### June 10 - 12 3rd Annual Mystery Writers Key West Fest

*Key West:* "Murder & Mayhem In Paradise" sets the stage for this fun weekend event that is open to published authors, aspiring authors and non-writing mystery buffs alike. The festival includes a luncheon with Keynote speaker and best-selling author, Robert K. Tanenbaum, multiple workshops and panel events with award-winning crime fiction authors and true crime experts, a fun Ghost Tour and much more. Takes place at the Doubletree Grand Key Resort. Registration and info: 305-587-9392; mysterywriterskeywestfest.com.

### June 16 - 19 Key West Africana Fest

*Key West:* Explore music, art, and Key West's Afro-Caribbean culture during a three-day destination retreat focusing on thought, culture and wellness. The festival integrates music, art and cultural tourism and explores Afro-Caribbean culture in Key West. Join scholars as they discuss their research and wellness experts present their practice areas. Info: keywestafricanafestival.com.

### June 24 - 26 Super Boat International Races

*Marathon:* High-speed offshore powerboats return to the waters off Marathon for a heart-pounding challenge, known internationally as the Indianapolis 500 of powerboat racing.

A portion of the course runs under and along the famous 7-Mile bridge where racers can achieve speeds above 140 mph and provide fans with breathtaking displays of skill and power. Info: 305-296-6166.

### July 2 - 4 4th Annual Key Lime Festival

*Key West:* A crazy talent show, pie-eating and cooking contests and other tasty temptations are all on the menu for this wacky, weekend event which kicks off with a Key Lime Martini and Margarita Sip & Stroll and Key Lime Rum Sampling. Complete event schedule at keylimefestival.com.

### July 4th 32nd Annual Hospice & VNA July 4th Picnic

*Key West:* This annual family-friendly, beachside picnic is also a fundraiser for Monroe County's Hospice with an endless supply of hot dogs and hamburgers, top entertainment, silent auction, children's activities and a giant fireworks display off the White Street Pier by Higgs Beach. VIP seating on the beach available. Takes place on the lawn and beach of the historic Casa Marina Resort, 1500 Reynolds St. Info: 305-294-8812.



Fireworks, Keys wide

### July 4th Independence Day Fireworks

*Keys-Wide:* There's lots going on all over the Keys so here's a quick view of what's happening: *Key Largo:* Celebrate Independence Day with an annual 4th of July Parade which rolls out at 10 am from MM 98 - 100 and enjoy a huge fireworks display at 10 p.m. on Blackwater Sound, MM 104, Bayside. *Islamorada:* An old fashioned family-fun celebration starts at 6 p.m. at Founders Park, MM 87, Bayside with fireworks at 9:30 p.m. *Marathon:* The holiday parade begins at 10:30 a.m. on Sombrero Blvd. (MM 50, Oceanside) followed by free day-long festivities at Sombrero Beach culminating with a huge fireworks display around 9 p.m. *Big Pine & The Lower Keys:* The celebration starts at 5 p.m. at Big Pine Community Park, with music, food and fun followed by a fireworks extravaganza after sunset. *Key West:* Fireworks light up the Atlantic starting around 9 p.m. off the White St. Pier.

### July 9 32nd Annual Underwater Music Festival

*Big Pine & The Lower Keys:* A quirky concert broadcast underwater for divers, snorkelers and the occasional mermaid emphasizes reef preservation. The submerged songfest is held at Looe Key Reef in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, approximately 5 miles south of Big Pine Key. Transportation available from local dive shops. Info: 305-872-2411; www.lowerkeyschamber.com.

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# This Underwater Music Festival Will Blow Your Fins Off



If you've never raved to an Underwater Concert before, then it's time to get your groove on for the wet and wacky 32nd Annual Lower Keys Underwater Concert coming up on Saturday, July 9 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Looe Key Reef, an area of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary which sits approximately 5 miles south of Big Pine Key, sets the stage for mystical mermaids and costumed musicians who float below the surface "playing" mock instruments like the "manta-lin" and "trombone fish" as real music is piped below through special underwater speakers dropped from several boats above the reef.

Co-founded by U.S. 1 radio news

director Bill Becker and local dentist Fred Troxel, the festival playlist typically includes humpback whale recordings and sea songs that range from the Beatles' *Octopus Garden* and *Yellow Submarine* to Disney's *The Little Mermaid*.

Sometimes Bill and Fred like to stir things up by playing the theme music from the shark thriller, *JAWS*.

The concert also promotes preserving the Keys' coral reef ecosystem and incorporates diver awareness announcements that offer tips on ways to enjoy the reef while minimizing environmental impacts.

Many divers and snorkelers launch their own boats from public

ramps and marinas but you can also reserve space on several boats run by Lower Keys dive operators.

For more info call the Lower Keys Chamber at 305-872-2411 or go to [lowerkeyschamber.com](http://lowerkeyschamber.com).



## What's Up

July 14-16

### Mel Fisher Days

Key West: Headquartered at the Schooner Wharf Bar in Key West's Historic Seaport, this annual festival brings together fans of the renowned treasure hunter Mel Fisher, as well as treasure-hunting enthusiasts from around the world, to celebrate the anniversary of Fisher's amazing discovery of the shipwrecked Spanish Galleon *Nuestra Senora de Atocha*. Kick-off party on Thurs., July 14 starts at 5 p.m. Info: 305-295-7929; [melfisher.com](http://melfisher.com).

July 20 - 25

### Hemingway Days

Key West: This lively annual celebration of the legendary author's literary prowess and colorful lifestyle features literary readings, a short story competition, fishing tournament, Papa Look-Alike Contest and the world famous "Running Of The Bulls." Look-Alike Contest info: 305-292-8445; Literary info: 305-294-0320.

August 7

### 23rd Annual Battle of the Bars

Key West: Unlikely warrriors armed with margarita salt and keg taps, compete to conquer their foes with speed, skill and accuracy in this raucous annual contest that pits local bartenders and servers against one another as they drink, cajole and bribe their way to capture the coveted winning trophy. The mayhem takes place from 12:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Schooner Wharf Bar in Key West's Historic Seaport. Info: 305-292-3773. [schoonerwharf.com](http://schoonerwharf.com).

August 11 - 14

### 20th Annual Key West Lobsterfest

Key West: It's a weekend of "Lobstermania" when approximately 10,000 pounds of succulent, locally caught lobster is grilled, sauteed, stuffed and deliciously prepared during this annual festival which celebrates the bounty of the Florida Keys lobster season. The weekend festivities kick off with a Thursday night Lobster Boil followed by the annual "Duval Crawl" on Friday night, a free concert and Street Fair on Saturday and a decadent Lobster Brunch on Sunday. Info: 305-294-2000; [keywestlobsterfest.com](http://keywestlobsterfest.com)

August 11 - 14

### Tropical Heat

Key West: This All-Male-All-Adult fever-pitched festival includes more than a dozen intriguingly decadent events ranging from drag shows to themed pool parties and gatherings at island clubs. Not for the faint-hearted! Info: 305-294-4603; [tropicalheatkw.com](http://tropicalheatkw.com).

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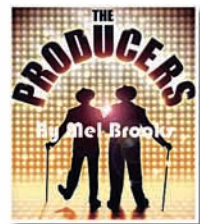


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What's Up

August 20

Anything That Floats Race & Regatta

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September 16 - October 16

WineDine Key West

Key West: Key West's newest food and wine soiree celebrates affordable fine dining and includes specially priced 3-course prix-fixe menus at some of the Keys' top restaurants. You can also take advantage of exclusive deals from award-winning spas, luxurious guesthouses, local art galleries and unique boutiques. Info: 800-474-4319; wineanddinekeywest.com



Waterfront Playhouse, Key West

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Key West: The Tony Award-Nominated, The Cripple Of Inishmaan, a spellbinding, glimmeringly dark comedy that has earned author raves, continues through Sat., May 14. The Story Goes On, a mother and daughter's musical journey starring Russo Toler and Erika Monet Butters, opens on Mon., May 8 and plays through Weds., May 10. Showtimes at 8 p.m. Located at 319 Duval St., Key West. Info and tickets: 305-296-9911; redbarntheatre.com.

Waterfront Playhouse

Key West: The Waterfront Playhouse continues its 76th year with Die! Mommie, Die! - an outrageously funny melodrama about a faded pop singer, a weird son, resentful daughter and bad acid trips. Opens on Thurs., May 12 and runs through Sat., May 28. Showtime at 8 p.m. Located at 310 Wall St., Key West. Tickets and info: 305-294-5015; waterfrontplayhouse.org.



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Mel Fisher Maritime Museum Opens New Exhibit This Summer

Voyage to Freedom: Cuban Rafter

Just before dawn on August 3, 2015, a small craft made its way to shore at Smathers Beach in Key West, Florida. The boat held 23 men and 1 woman who had spent the last 24 hours making a 111 mile voyage from Cardenas, Cuba. Etched into the side of the makeshift boat were two names: Mariana and Cardenas. The names provided an assurance. In case tragedy struck, families could be contacted.

The Mariana sits in the courtyard of the Mel Fisher Maritime Museum. It is the center piece to an exhibit opening this summer called Voyage to

Freedom: Cuban Rafter. It is difficult to imagine how so many people could have traveled so far on such a small and precariously built vessel. Twelve 55-gallon drums kept the Cuban chug afloat while an 8-cylinder pickup truck engine, with a single shaft and a small propeller, kept it moving.

In the first quarter of 2015 almost 10,000 Cuban rafters were admitted into the US after they stepped on to US soil. Another 500 Cuban rafters were sent back to Cuba because the US Coast Guard had intercepted them at sea. Why do Cuban rafters, or balseros, risk their lives in these

precarious vessels? They seek the possibility of a better life.

The balseros from the Mariana were among the lucky ones. They arrived safely and were taken by officials to Miami to begin the application process for permanent residency in the United States.

Visit the Mel Fisher Maritime Museum and learn more about the dangerous journey taken by Cuban rafters. The museum is located at 200 Greene Street in Key West Florida. Open Daily. For more information on this exhibit, visit voyagetofreedom.org.



Mel Fisher Maritime Museum

Voyage to Freedom Cuban Rafter voyagetofreedom.org



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# Put This One On Your Bucket List

One of the things you must do when you visit or live in Key West is to get out on the water and experience a famous Key West sunset.

And while all the "party barges" you see on the docks are great for a day trip to the reef, they just can't compete with the awe-inspiring romance of a sunset sail aboard a classic 80' Caribbean Coastal Tall Ship.

The Schooner Jolly II Rover is just such a ship and there is nothing quite as magnificent as seeing it hoist its signature red sails when it takes to the open water. This is the same kind of ship used by pillaging pirates, rum-runners and roguish adventurers who roamed the Florida Keys over hundreds of years ago. Think Pirates of the Caribbean, only with a friendly and

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The Schooner II Jolly Rover is the only square rigged, topsail Schooner sailing out of Key West's Historic Seaport. Owner Bill Malone, attracts a large number of impassioned regulars who keep sailing the Rover again and again.

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As one visitor from Minnesota commented, "If you're looking for free

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The Schooner II Jolly Rover departs from the Conch Republic Seafood Company Docks at the foot of Greene Street in Key West's Historic Seaport.

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Former chicken farmer turned treasure hunter, Mel Fisher hunted doggedly for years in search of the treasure-packed Spanish galleon, Nuestra Señora de Atocha, which sank in a hurricane off the Florida Keys in 1622 en route back to Spain from Cuba.

Finally on July 22, 1985, just three years before Mel's death and after 16 years of proclaiming "Today Is The Day," Fisher's crew hit pay dirt when they finally discovered the Atocha's "Mother Lode" about 35 miles offshore from the Florida Keys.

Although Fisher originally found the first artifact from the ship in 1971, discovering the location of the main wreck along with its sister ship, the Santa Margarita, netted his crew more than 40 tons of silver and gold including over 100,000 Spanish silver coins known as "Pieces of Eight," gold coins, silver and gold artifacts, Columbian emeralds and over 1,000 silver bars.

All in all, the cache totaled over \$500 million in treasures but that's only about half of what the family business has since recovered.

Despite the huge haul, treasure hunting is an expensive venture so each year Mel Fisher Treasures ensures its cash flow by opening its coffers to individual investors who currently number about 200.



Buying shares worth \$10,000 to \$80,000, the investors who include divers, small business owners, history buffs, etc., become part owners in Fisher's treasure-hunting operation and get paid in silver coins, gold chains, pearls and other spoils. Each July, during Mel Fisher Days, the investors gather in Key West to dive the Atocha, party in paradise and cash in

on the year's bounty which is distributed during the week-long celebration.

But you don't have to be an investor to see it for yourself. Many of the artifacts from the Atocha and Margarita are on display at the Mel Fisher Maritime Museum and you can also purchase your own genuine treasure coins and treasure jewelry at Mel Fisher's Treasures, as well as at other small jewelry stores throughout the Keys.

Both the museum and the gallery are located at 200 Greene Street in Key West. For a complete list of Mel Fisher Days' events, go to [melfisherdays.melfisher.com](http://melfisherdays.melfisher.com)

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This tiny island once housed the largest population between St. Augustine and Key West and was also home to one of the Keys' most lucrative ship wrecking empires. In 1840, Indian warriors burned all the structures and killed most of the residents. Accessible only by boat, it's a fantastic spot to swim, kayak and hike. Boat shuttle and kayak rentals available from Robbie's Marina at MM 77.5, Gulfside.

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Open Daily 9am - 5pm  
Retrace The Footsteps Of Hemingway  
A registered Historic Landmark and one of Key West's most historic and unique legacies where the late Nobel Prize winner, Ernest Hemingway, was motivated to write some of his best works, including "To Have and Have Not," a novel about Key West during the Great Depression. Take a leisurely stroll through his studio, home and gardens and meet some furry descendants of the Hemingway's legendary six-toed cat.

#### FORT ZACHARY TAYLOR

End Of Southard Street Off Whitehead  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-295-0037  
fortzacharytaylor.com  
Open Daily 8am - Sundown;  
Tours of The Fort Daily @ Noon  
Home Of Key West's Famous Civil War Fort.  
Designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1973, this popular 87-acre state park is anchored by a famous Civil War fort which plays host to several special events throughout the year. The beach here is shaded by several acres of Australian pine trees so it's always a bit cooler than the rest of the island. Good deep water swimming, chair rentals, grills, restrooms and a concession stand.

#### KEY WEST CUSTOM HOUSE

281 Front Street  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-295-6616  
kwahs.org  
Open Daily 9:30am - 4:30pm  
National Landmark & Museum  
Originally home to the island's customs office, postal service and district courts, this architectural marvel was built to keep pace with the increasing population and wealth generated by Key West's lucrative trade routes and maritime industries. Today, this beautifully restored national landmark is home to an award-winning museum and the official headquarters of the Key West Art & Historical Society.

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**KEY WEST LIGHTHOUSE & KEEPER'S QUARTERS**

938 Whitehead Street  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-294-0012  
kwaahs.org  
Open Daily 9:30am - 4:30pm  
*A Tribute To Key West's Maritime Heritage*  
Originally "manned" by a woman keeper when it opened in 1848, the Key West Lighthouse is now one of the island's most iconic attractions where you can walk up 88 steps to the top of the light for a birds-eye view of Key West and explore the belongings, photographs and words of the lighthouse keepers who bravely kept the light burning through threats of war and weather.

**KEY WEST TROPICAL FOREST & BOTANICAL GARDEN**

5210 College Road  
Stock Island/Key West, FL 33040  
305-296-1504  
keywestbotanicalgarden.org  
Open Daily 10am - 4pm  
*Not To Be Missed*  
The only frost-free botanical garden in the continental U.S. is home to many endangered flora and fauna and includes 200 species of tropical trees and plants, over 100 species of butterflies and rare birds and two of the Keys last remaining fresh water ponds. Four self-guided tours take you through a lush canopy of tropical palms and trees in a meandering 7-acre setting. Visitors Center and free parking.

**MALLORY SQUARE SUNSET CELEBRATION**

Historic Waterfront  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-294-2787  
Nightly  
*World-Famous Happening*  
Each evening, about two hours before sunset, flocks of people gather at Key West's Mallory Square to watch the sun slowly sink into the Gulf of Mexico and to revel in the colorful street performers, local artists, psychics and food vendors who have made Key West's Sunset Celebration a world-famous, multicultural happening. If you're really lucky you may even witness the rare "Green Flash".

**MEL FISHER MARITIME MUSEUM**

200 Greene Street  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-294-2633  
melfisher.org  
Open M - Su 8:30am - 5pm;  
Sa & Su 9:30 am - 5 pm  
*A Bounty Of Shipwreck Treasures*



Sunset Celebration Photo: Rob O'Neal/Florida Keys News Bureau

The legendary Mel Fisher and his team of treasure hunters come to life at this fascinating maritime museum that displays a bounty of precious loot salvaged from the Spanish Galleon, Atocha, which sunk off of Key West over 400 years ago. Treasure coins, gold, emeralds, swords and more are all on display here along with special historical exhibits that explore maritime history.

**MEL FISHER TREASURES**

200 Greene Street  
613 Duval Street  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-296-6533  
melfisher.com  
Open Daily 8:30am- 5:30pm  
*The Source for Authentic Shipwreck Treasure*  
Here is where you can find genuine, one-of-a-kind shipwreck jewelry and artifacts from the \$450 million dollar treasure cache of the 1622 shipwreck "Nuestra Senora de Atocha" which was discovered off of Key West in 1985 by the world's most famous treasure hunter, Mel Fisher. The shop also carries a wide selection authentic treasure coins from other wrecks as well as re-creation jewelry, memorabilia, apparel and literature.

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**SOUTHERNMOST POINT MONUMENT**

Corner of Whitehead & South Streets  
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305-294-2587  
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*A True "Kodak Moment"*  
"The most photographed icon in the Keys" does, indeed, provide a true "Kodak Moment" for virtually everyone who visits here. The larger-than-life buoy commemorates the southernmost spot in the continental U.S and stands next to a plaque memorializing the Cuban refugees who drowned in their attempts to reach America which lies just 90 miles from their native homeland.

**TRUMAN LITTLE WHITE HOUSE**

111 Front Street  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-294-9988  
Open M-Su 9am - 5pm;  
Guided Tours until 4:30pm  
*Florida's Only Presidential Site*  
Originally constructed in 1890 as naval officers' housing, this historical compound became the winter White House for President Harry S. Truman who spent 175 days of his Presidency here from 1946 to 1952. It has also been used by six other Presidents including William Howard Taft, Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton. Tours take place every 15 - 20 minutes throughout the day.

# Good Eats

## UPPER KEYS

**ATLANTIC EDGE RESTAURANT AT CHEECA LODGE**

MM 82, Oceanside  
Islamorada, FL 33036  
305-664-4651  
cheeca.com  
Open Daily 7am - 10pm  
*Gourmet Food & Island Romance*  
With stunning views of the Atlantic and both indoor and outdoor seating, this gracious landmark is renowned for its artfully prepared fresh local seafood, prime steaks, locally grown organic produce, tantalizing array of house-made desserts and over 200 hand-picked select wines. Cited as one of "Florida's 500 Best Places to Dine" and honored with Wine Spectator's Award Of Excellence.

**BONEFISH FLATS**

MM 82.1, Oceanside  
At The Islander Resort  
Islamorada, FL 33060  
305-664-2031  
Open M-Su 7 - 11 am  
*Great Place To Catch Breakfast*  
This extensive daily breakfast buffet at the renowned Islander Resort in Islamorada has over 20 hot and cold items to graze on including Smoked Salmon, Fresh Baked Breads, Jumbo Country Sage Sausage, Double Cut Apple-Smoked Bacon, Specialty Pancakes and French Toast, as well as fresh made Eggs and Omelets cooked to order. At just \$17.95 pp (\$8.95 for kids under 12), it's a hard act to follow.

**BUZZARDS ROOST**

MM 106.5, Oceanside  
Just Off U.S. 1 at Card Sound Rd.  
Key Largo, FL 33037  
305-453-3746  
Open M-Su 11am - 9pm  
*Terrific Waterfront Hideaway*



Buzzard's Roost, Key Largo

Discover some of the best food around at this intimate Keys hideaway overlooking Garden Cove Marina. The fresh sauteed Lobster Rueben and Corny Blue Crab Cakes are truly Blue Ribbon worthy and you just can't go wrong with any of the fresh seafood selections or Prime steaks. FYI: The Champagne Sunday Brunch here is also outstanding. Full bar. Major credit cards. Catering available.

## Award-Winning Food



Fresh seafood delivered to the back door daily by local fishermen and filleted on premises is the Fish House's trademark. Dig into authentic homemade "Conch-style" cooking in a casual "Keysy" atmosphere. Homemade conch and clam chowders, lobster bisque, a delicious raw bar menu and an array of interesting seafood specialties have garnered accolades from Travel & Leisure, Fodor's, Zagat, Gourmet and more. Full bar. Open daily for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Dinner 4 p.m. Major credit cards.

### THE FISH HOUSE

MM 102.4 • Oceanside, Key Largo www.fishhouse.com  
305-451-4665



The Fish House Encore Restaurant, Sushi Bar & Piano Lounge offers the same trademark fresh fish as its sister location, The Fish House, plus steaks, chicken, pasta, sushi and unique daily specials. Dine right in the piano lounge, inside dining room or outside on the tropical patio. Live piano music, and special entertainment. Two full bars. Open daily for dinner 5 p.m. Major credit cards.

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305-451-4665  
fishhouse.com  
Open M-Su 11:30am - 10pm  
*Featured On The Food Network*  
Heralded by Fodor's, Zagat, Southern Living and Travel & Leisure, this local landmark is famous for its "Conch-style" cooking and casual, "Old Keys" vibe. Fresh fish is the trademark here, brought in the back door daily by local fishermen and filleted on premises. FYI: The Baked Stuffed Catch with homemade blue crab stuffing is excellent and the Key Lime Pie is as good as it gets. Full bar. Major credit cards.

### FISH HOUSE ENCORE

MM 102.4, Oceanside  
Key Largo, FL 33037  
305-451-0650  
fishhouse.com  
Open Nightly 5 - 10pm  
*Highly Acclaimed Steak, Seafood & Sushi*  
Sister to the famous Fish House, Encore offers up a completely different dining experience. Fresh fish is still the trademark here but you'll also find a wonderful selection of meat dishes as well as a full sushi menu which you can enjoy in the lively piano bar, beautiful outdoor tropical garden or intimate indoor dining room where reservations are gladly accepted. Live entertainment Th - Su. Major credit cards.

### GREEN TURTLE INN

M 81.2, Oceanside  
Islamorada, FL 33036  
305-664-2006  
greenturtlekeys.com  
Open Tu-Su 7am -10pm  
The Turtle Rests On Mon.  
*Islamorada's Iconic Restaurant & Bar*  
This Islamorada icon is one of the Keys' most popular places to hang out. Locals flock here for the fabulous breakfast (served until 3 pm) as well as the inventive lunch and dinner fare which includes fresh seafood, chops, steaks and more. Daily Specials, Happy Hour & an extensive wine list. Full service catering and event planning. "Girls Night Out" radio show on Tu from 6-7pm with Dave Feder.

### GUY'S BEACHSIDE BAR & GRILL

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Islamorada, FL 33036  
305-664-2031  
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Open Daily 11am - 10pm  
*Outstanding Beachfront Eatery*  
Internationally acclaimed Top Chef, Andy Niedenthal, takes casual beachside dining to a whole new level. His inventive island fare combines all time favorites like the big, juicy Angus Burger, Jumbo Lump Crab Cake Sandwich & Lobster Corn Tacos with outstanding dishes like the Shaved Conch Salad, Rum-Glazed Duck, Jumbo Head-On Prawn Curry and Grilled Black Angus Ribeye.

### ISLAND GRILL AT MANDALAY

MM 97.5, Oceanside  
80 East 2nd St.  
Key Largo, FL 33037  
305-852-0595  
keysislandgrill.com  
Open Daily 11am - 9pm;  
Sa. & Su 'till 10pm  
*Big Flavors & Amazing Views*  
This hidden Key Largo landmark, which serves up the same big flavors that its sister restaurant in Islamorada is so renowned for, is a casual, fun joint with an intimate bar area and an outdoor covered dining deck overlooking the ocean. There's great live music here every night, as well as during the day on weekends. Top hits: the Original Tuna Nachos, BBQ Shrimp and Spicy Tuna Roll. Come by car or by boat.

### ISLAND GRILL

MM 85, Oceanside  
Islamorada, FL 33036  
305-664-8400  
keysislandgrill.com  
Open Daily 7am - 10pm  
Sa. & Su 'till 11pm  
*Home Of The Original Tuna Nachos*  
You can't beat this cool waterfront restaurant & beach bar for great island-style food and a fun Chiki-tiki atmosphere. The big, diverse menu includes stand-outs like the award-winning Tuna Nachos, Guava Ribs, Lobster Roll, Wasabi- Encrusted Catch & Seafood Pasta. Weddings and private events are a specialty here and you can feast on everything from a Caribbean- style Pig Roast to a Parisian Seafood Buffet.

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jjsbigchill.com  
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MM 81.7, Oceanside  
Old Highway  
Islamorada, FL 33036  
305-664-5556  
kaiyogrill.com  
Open M - Sa 5 - 10pm  
*Hip Dining Jewel*  
The land meets the sea at this popular Keys' landmark heralded for it's fresh sushi, inventive wood-fire grilled specialties & connoisseur's wine list. The menu here is a notable collaboration by Kaiyo's celebrated chefs who have a special knack for creating rich, deeply flavored dishes with an Asian-Island twist. This is one indulgent respite you don't want to miss. Full-service catering & event planning.



Green Turtle Inn, Islamorada

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Market Open 7am -5:30pm; F & Sa 'till 7pm  
*Best Lobster BLT*  
Regarded as one of the Key's top wholesale seafood companies, this family run Fishery also houses a renowned Retail Seafood Market that sells fresh seafood right off the docks, as well as a delightful outdoor

"Backyard Cafe" where you can get terrific house-made specialties like Conch Salad, Caesar Seafood Wraps and Fish Baskets. But it's the chart-topping Lobster BLT & Lobster BLT Soup that will totally flip your flops!

### LAZY DAYS

MM 79.9, Oceanside  
Islamorada, FL 33036  
305-664-5256  
Open M-Su 11am - 9:30pm;  
F & Sa. 'till 10pm  
lazydaysrestaurant.com

### Award-Winning Favorite

Here's a place where you can take in a beautiful oceanfront seascape and casually dine on award-winning Keys-style dishes by Chef/Owner Lupe and his team of outstanding chefs whose locally-caught seafood, hand-cut steaks and house specialties consistently win rave reviews. FYI: The fish sandwich here is an absolute "Must!"

### LIMONCELLO AT CHEECA LODGE & SPA

MM 82, Oceanside  
Islamorada, FL 33036  
305-664-4651  
cheeca.com  
Open Nightly 6 - 10pm  
*Outstanding Tuscan-Inspired Cuisine*  
Cheeca's authentic, casually rustic restaurant serves up an outstanding selection of fresh, house-made pastas, hand-rolled pizzas and modern interpretations of classic Italian favorites. The Mussels with tomatoes and white wine garlic broth and the Veal Ragù with fresh peas, basil and San Marzano marinara sauce are especially good here, as is everything else that comes out of this family-friendly kitchen.



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"Ziggie The Conch" was world renowned as one of the finest dining experiences in the Florida Keys and his culinary influence is still evident today in many of the Keys best restaurants.

In 2005, the late Jim "Mad Dog" Mandich, a former tight end for the Miami Dolphins' undefeated 1972 Superbowl team, along with business partner, Randy Kassewitz, resurrected the popular Keys icon to its former glory days.

Today, the legend lives on and you can still rub elbows with an eclectic crowd of famous celebrities, sports stars and notorious fishing captains who glam to this popular hot spot for orchid-garnished cocktails,



Originally built in the 1930's as an outbuilding on a local pineapple plantation, the property first grabbed headlines in 1948 when the Miami Herald reported stories of police shootouts with gamblers and shady characters referred to as "The New Capone Gang".

Chicago Mob Boss, Al Capone, was rumored to be involved in the high-stakes card games and casino action held in the back building before it morphed into a small restaurant in the 1950's.

Then in 1962, Sigmund "Ziggie" Stocki, an alleged drifter, gambler and casino maitre d' opened "Ziggie The Conch Restaurant."

With its Formica-topped tables, paper placemats and lime green walls,

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# Good Eats



Nikai at Cheeca Lodge, Islamorada

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### MORADA BAY BEACH CAFE & BAR

MM 81.6, Bayside  
Islamorada, FL 33036  
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moradabay.com  
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*Innovative, Eclectic American/Caribbean*  
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### NIKAI AT CHEECA LODGE

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Islamorada, FL 33036  
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cheeca.com  
Open Nightly 6 - 10pm  
*Intimate Sushi Restaurant*  
This ultra cool Sushi Bar serves exceptional fresh sushi and Asian-inspired fare along with a unique selection of over 35 hot and cold Sakes, boutique wines and tropical cocktails. "Must Haves:" The "Big Kahuna Roll" - tuna and avocado topped with lobster salad, macadamia nuts and pineapple-ginger glaze; and the "Dagwood Roll" - tempura shrimp and avocado topped with blue crab, tuna, sweet soy and sesame seeds.



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amaracayresort.com  
Open Daily for Breakfast & Dinner  
*Coastal Italian*

This Islamorada newcomer is already creating quite a stir with an exciting menu that shines with originality and showcases beautifully prepared Italian cuisine crafted with farm-fresh ingredients and fresh-off-the boat seafood. You'll find lots of great small plates here along with intoxicating pasta dishes and savory main courses with a strong emphasis on fresh local seafood. Full bar & excellent wine list.

### PIERRE'S

MM 81.6 Bayside  
Islamorada, FL 33036  
305-664-3225  
moradabay.com  
Open Nightly for Dinner  
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### Island Shrimp Cakes with Banana Pepper Aioli

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Here's the recipe:



#### Ingredients:

4 Lb Cooked, Cleaned and  
Chopped Shrimp (16/20s)  
1 Cup Chopped Red Onion  
1 Cup Chopped Red Pepper  
1 Cup Minced Banana Pepper

1/8 Cup Minced Jalepenos  
Zest From Two Lemons  
5 Eggs, Beaten  
1-1/2 Cups Fresh Lemon Juice  
1-1/2 Cups Mayonnaise

2 Tsp. Tabasco Sauce  
3 Tbl. Old Bay Seasoning  
Add Panko Crumbs to Bind  
(Approx. 2 Quarts)

#### Preparation:

Combine all of the ingredients. Form into cakes. Seat, bake at 425° for 10  
minutes. Serve with lemon wedge and Island Pepper Aioli (recipe follows).

#### Island Pepper Aioli

2 Cups Mayonnaise  
1/4 Cup Minced Banana Peppers  
1/8 Cup Pickled Jalapenos Minced

1 Tbl. Key Lime Juice  
1 Tbl. Minced Garlic  
Combine all the above and season  
with salt and pepper to taste.



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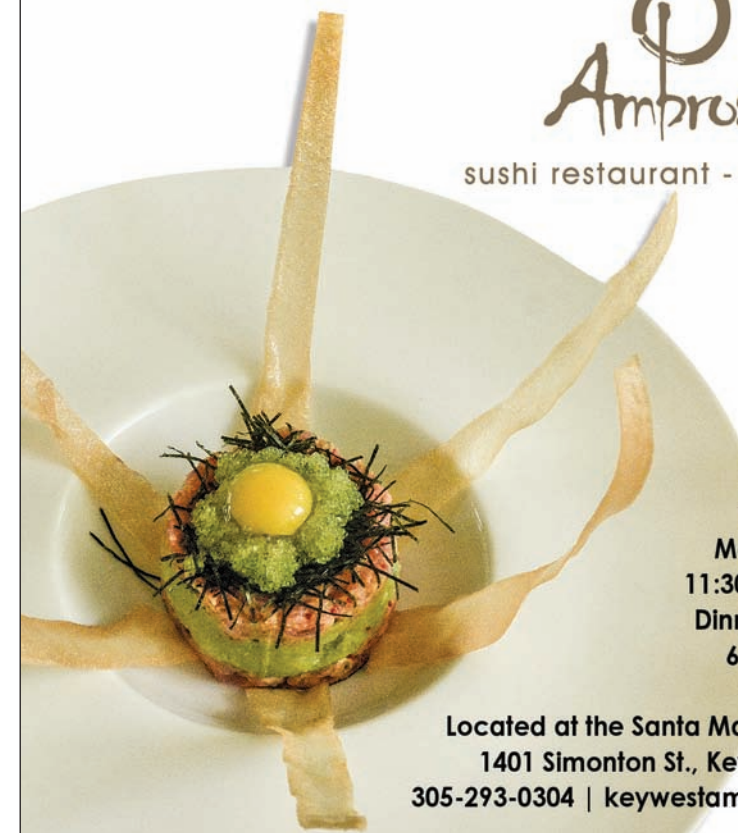
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- 2 Cups Organic Whole Wheat Flour
- 1/2 Cup Powdered Milk
- 3/4 Cup Rolled Oats (organic)
- 1 Egg, beaten (organic)
- 5 Tbl. Butter, melted (organic)
- 1/4 Cup Water (filtered)
- 1 Cup Sweet Potato (organic)



**Directions:** Cook and mash sweet potato. Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl, mix together all ingredients to form a dough. Roll out mixture between two sheets of plastic wrap to 1/4" thick; remove plastic wrap and cut out biscuits with cookie cutter. Re-roll scraps and continue cutting out biscuits. Space biscuits 1" apart on prepared baking sheet for approximately 20 - 25 minutes or until nicely browned and firm. Transfer biscuits to a wire rack. and cool for for another 25 minutes before serving. Store in an airtight container up to 2 weeks or freeze up to 4 months.

*NOTE: you can also use organic strained baby food in place of mashed sweet potato.*

*Recipe by Kim A. Heapy*

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**8 oz Big Belly Burger**  
angus chuck & brisket short rib topped with swiss, pepper bacon,

**Mahi Fish Sandwich**  
seared, fried, or blackened with lettuce, tomato, tartar sauce

### entrees

**Filet & Shrimp Kabobs**  
filet tips & shrimp grilled with onions, tomato, peppers and special sauce

**Pistachio-Encrusted Yellowtail**  
dipped in pistachio nuts, sautéed with mango salsa & chili beurre blanc

**Yellowtail Bayside**  
sautéed with Maryland crab cake & topped with béarnaise sauce

**Fra Diablo**  
mahi mahi, mussels, shrimp & scallops served in spicy red sauce over linguine

**Hazelnut Chicken**  
crushed hazelnuts, mandarin orange thyme sauce

**8 oz Angus Tenderloin**  
grilled to taste



### appetizers

**Ahi Tuna**  
sushi-grade, sesame encrusted, seared rare with seaweed, szechuan & sweet thai chili sauce

**Lobster Bites**  
beer-battered Maine lobster lightly fried with honey mustard sauce

**Coconut Shrimp**  
dredged in sweet coconut, lightly fried with key lime coconut sauce

## SAMPLE MENUS



**Tarpon Creek Bar & Grill** MM 53.5, Oceanside, Marathon  
305-289-1332 www.tarpon-creek.com/TCBG Open 11am - 10pm

### local favorites

**Caribbean Nachos**  
picadillo, black beans, avocado lime sauce, queso fresco & pico over plantain chips

**Fish, Shrimp Or Pork Tacos**  
avocado lime sauce, queso fresco, pico and mojo cabbage

**Grilled Shrimp & Grits**  
with andouille sausage, green onions

**Island Chicken Breast**  
wood-grilled with mango-pineapple salsa

### from the grill

**Fresh Catch**  
grilled or blackened

**Churrasco Steak**  
with chimichurri sauce

### wood fired pizza

**Margherita**  
garlic-herbed oil, fresh mozzarella, marinated tomatoes, fresh basil

**Piglet**  
tomato sauce, mozzarella, bacon, pulled Cuban pork shoulder, Andouille sausage

**Shrimp Bacon Ranch**  
wood-grilled shrimp, apple wood bacon & ranch marinara



### starters

**Fried Calamari**  
pickled cherry peppers, garlic aioli

**Classic Conch Fritters**  
with key lime dipping Sauce

**Smilin' Bob's Fish Dip**  
with cuban crackers, gherkins, tomato, cucumber

### sandwiches

**Slow-Roasted Pork**  
with key lime dipping sauce

**Grilled Fresh Catch**  
with grilled onions, mayo

**Classic Cuban**  
hot pressed with ham, pork, swiss, pickles, mustard

## SAMPLE MENUS



**Jersey Boardwalk Pizza** 20 Highpoint Rd, MM Oceanside, Tavernier  
305-853-3800 jerseyboardwalkpizza.com Happy Hour 2pm - 4pm

### appetizers

**Antipasto**  
salami, cappicola, provolone, cherry peppers, olives

**Mozzarella Sticks**  
fried crispy mozzarella with marinara

**Chicken Fingers**  
southern-style fried chicken breast with honey mustard

### pizza

**Cheese Pizza**  
with your choice of toppings

**Hawaiian**  
ham & pineapple

**Veggie Pizza**  
bell peppers, mushrooms, tomatoes, spinach, onions

### calzones & subs

**Calzones**  
toppings: ham, pepperoni, sausage, bell peppers, spinach, onions, feta cheese, anchovies, meatballs and chicken

**Philly Cheesesteak**  
fresh Amoroso rolls stuffed with USDA shaved beef, grilled onions & provolone

**Italian Sub**  
ham, salami, cappicola, pepperoni, provolone Jersey Shore ham, cappicola, & provolone

**Boardwalk**  
sausage with onions & peppers

**Sinatra (The King)**  
Meatball Parmigiana

**Jersey Devil**  
boneless chicken in hot sauce with melted mozzarella, blue cheese, lettuce, tomato

### pasta

**Spaghetti, Penne, Cheese Ravioli**  
with marinara, homemade meatballs

**Lasagna**  
with homemade meatballs & sausage



## SAMPLE MENUS



**7 Mile Grill** MM 47.5, Gulfside Marathon  
305-743-4481 7-Mile-Grill.com Open Daily 7am - 9pm

### greek corner

**Spanakopita Platter**  
spinach pie with Greek salad

**Gyro**  
with lamb or chicken on pita with LTO and Tzatziki sauce

**Souvlaki**  
with pork or chicken marinated in Greek spices on toasted pita

**Greek Burger**  
in a pocket pita with feta cheese, lettuce & tomato

### entrees

**Local Grouper, Mahi or Yellowtail**  
fried, grilled or blackened

**Fried Seafood Combo**  
shrimp, scallop, fish, clam fritters

**Broiled Deep Sea Scallops**  
over rice

**Chicken Piccata Or Parmesan**  
over linguini

**Chicken & Shrimp Scampi**  
over rice

**12 Oz. NY Steak**  
with sauteed mushrooms & onions

**Broiled Chopped Steak**  
with sauteed mushrooms & onions



## SAMPLE MENUS



**Tavern N' Town** Marriott Key West Beachside 3811 N. Roosevelt Ave.  
305-296-8100 tavernntown.com Open Nightly 5pm - 10pm

### starters

#### Jumbo Lump Crab Cake

key lime mustard

#### Crispy Fried Calamari

lemon aioli, creole cocktail sauce

#### Tacos

blackened grouper or beef tenderloin,  
pico de gallo, cilantro crema

#### Filet Tips

asiago potato gratin, cabernet demi

#### Seared Colorado Lamb Loin

sweet potato hash, fig demi

### pizza

#### Margherita

mozzarella, tomato, basil

#### Tavern

house-made fennel sausage, oregano,  
mozzarella, mushrooms

### main

#### Ribeye Steak

garlic mashed, grilled Spanish onion

#### Rack Of Colorado Lamb

fig polenta, french green beans,  
Marsala jus

#### Venison Osso Buco

New Zealand red deer, mixed  
mushroom risotto, port rosemary

#### Ashley Farms Chicken Breast

mushroom risotto, green beans, tarragon  
cream, crispy tobacco onions

#### Wood-Grilled Center Cut Pork Chop

apple-pancetta stuffing, brandy mustard  
sauce

#### Pistachio-Crusted Grouper

charred tomato cous cous, seed mustard  
cream

#### Planka Pink Shrimp & Sea Scallops

bourbon mashed yams, thyme roasted  
shallots, sherry broth

#### Cilantro Seared Swordfish

roasted red beets & kale, caramelized  
shallot beurre blanc

#### Lobster, Crab & Pink Shrimp Fettuccine

arugula pesto, shaved parmesan



## SAMPLE MENUS



**Bistro Sole** 1019 White St., Key West 305-922-2177  
bistrosole.com Open Tuesday - Sunday 5pm - 10pm

### first course

#### Escargots

slow cooked with garlic, shallots, white  
wine, butter, parsley

#### Chicken Liver

pate de foie de volaille, mustard,  
cornichons

#### Ajax Fries

duck fat fries, grated parmesan, truffle  
oil

#### Lamb Ribs

cote d'agneau, slow roasted with 5  
spices & Thai chili sauce

### second course

#### Local Grouper

pan-seared with papaya, pineapple  
relish and side of curry

#### Key West Pink Gold Shrimp

scampi, garlic, white wine, parsley,  
pepper, lemon juice

#### Spaghetti Vongole

clams, butter, garlic, white wine,  
parsley, red chili

### slow roasts

#### Portuguese Pork & Clams

pork roasted with paprika, garlic, clams

#### Boneless Shortribs

red wine, mirepoix & gratin

#### Duck Confit

crunchy duck and sour demi-glaze

### steaks

#### Bistro Flat Iron Steak

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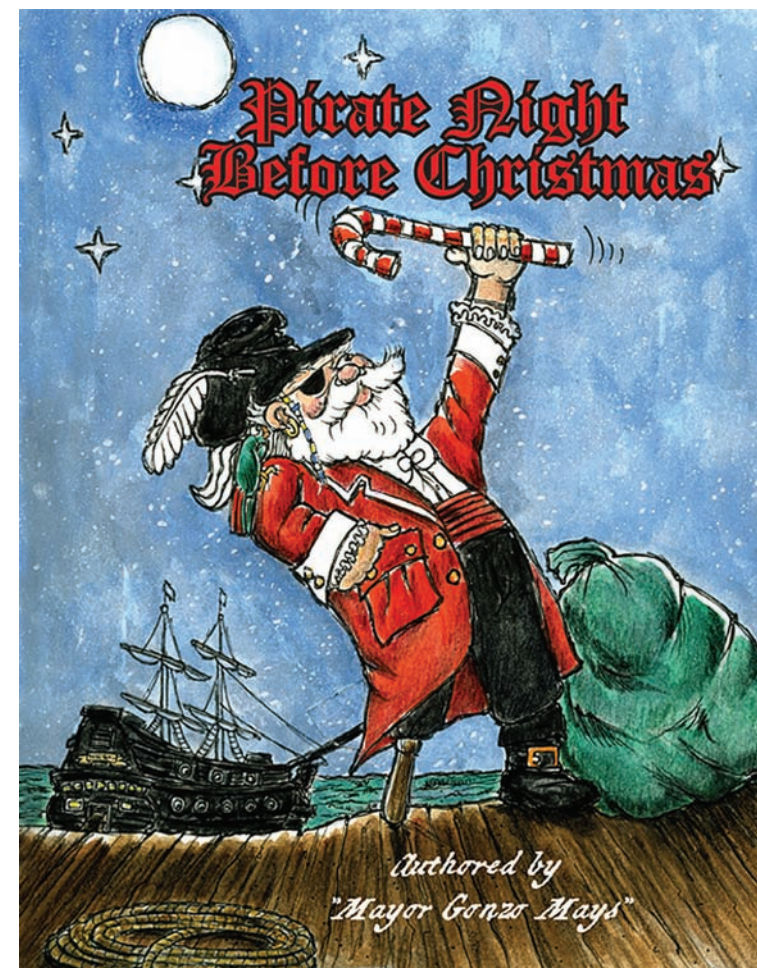
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National Democratic Chairwomen, Debbie Wasserman-Shultz paid a visit to the Tennessee Williams Museum in Key West. She is shown here with museum curator Dennis Beaver and 'Tennessee Williams.'

The Tennessee Williams Museum honored Jeff Noblett, Rebecca Tomlinson, and Kenny Weschler with Legacy Awards for outstanding service to the museum at the annual Legacy reception held at the residence of Dennis Beaver and Bert Whit.

Kitty and Tom Clements had busy days hosting their annual Easter Hat Party and the Annual Donation of the check by the Friends of the KW Library.



This community minded group of students gave up their vacation time at Spring Break to come down to Key West from the Avon Old Woods School in Connecticut to paint 319 Virginia Street in Key West for Habitat For Humanity.



FKCC Marine Science identical twin students Andrew Herrick, extreme left, and Thomas Herrick, extreme right, join with FKCC's Dr. Frank Wood, Katie Norland and Beryl Morgan to greet guests at the college's 50th anniversary celebration held at the Tennessee Williams Theatre.



George Wallace of the Sunrise Rotary thanks Esther Tupino of the Centennial Bank for again bringing the very popular Centennial Hot Dog and Hamburger tent to their annual Golf Tournament.



Famous throughout the Keys the volunteer Key West Iron Chefs prepared at their own cost a fabulous dinner for AIDS Help's 30th anniversary celebration held on the lawn of the Little Truman White House.



Ann Reynolds, Chairman of the Board of the Tennessee Williams Theatre, and members of the New York City Ballet, after their sold out performance. (front, from left) Teresa Reichlin, Sara Adams, Adrian Danching-Waring, Ann Reynolds, Daniel Ullbrich, Sterling Hyllin and Megan Fairchild. (back from left) Aman Ramasar, Mary Rowell (violinist) and Ask La Cour.

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Latin Dancing was very popular with partygoers at the Red Barn Theatre's annual fundraising Gala with a Havana theme held at the Little Truman White House.



Stratton Pollitzer, Deputy Director of Equality Florida, thanks Gardens Hotel proprietor Kate Miano for again hosting the annual Equality Florida fundraising gala.



Mindy McKenzie, Florida State Representative Holly Raschein, John McKenzie, Dianna Sutton and Trish Docherty Gibson celebrate Raschein receiving the Voice for Equality award at the annual Equality Florida fundraising Gala held at the Gardens Hotel.



The Red Barn Theatre's Mimi McDonald, 2016 Samuels House Honoree George Fernandez, and Samuels House Board Member Cheryl Cates catch up at the 2016 annual Samuels House Honors Dinner.



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