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## Treasure Hunter, Kim Fisher



Kim Fisher, son of world famous treasures hunters Mel and Dolores Fisher, still begins every treasure hunt with the same optimistic motto coined by his late father: "Today's the day!"

For Mel and Dolores, treasure hunting was a family affair so it's not surprising that by the age of 16, Kim Fisher was already the trusted captain of the family's salvage recovery vessel, the "Southwind."

The Fisher's ultimate 1985 discovery of one of Florida's most elusive shipwrecks — the Spanish Galleon, "Nuestra Señora de Atocha," is legendary. And while the decades long hunt eventually brought in a whopping \$450 million of gold and silver coins, as well as a mind boggling trove of precious jewels, Kim continued his parent's unwavering quest to discover even more lost treasure.

Today, as President/CEO of the various Mel Fisher Family Enterprises, he leads the Mel Fisher treasure hunting team and develops new treasure hunting techniques that have netted millions more in new artifacts.

Back on land, the family's world-class conservation laboratory ensures that the priceless treasures live on for generations.

Sounds pretty glamorous, doesn't it? Well, before you dive in, know this: despite the Fisher's heralded success, treasure hunting is an expensive business and some years it can be a total wash out.

So why keep doing it? Because it's just so damn much fun, that's why

You can read more about the Fisher's famous discovery and about the annual Mel Fisher Days Celebration on page 26 and also at [melfisher.com](http://melfisher.com).

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### ABOUT THE COVER

With three Pulitzer Prizes to his credit, the late Jeff MacNelly is arguably the world's greatest editorial cartoonist and the most critically acclaimed of the 20th Century. One of Key West's most famous snow birds, MacNelly's political cartoons were frequently reprinted in Newsweek Magazine and the Sunday New York Times and also syndicated in thousands of newspapers around the world. DESTINATION Florida is privileged to feature MacNelly's work on our summer cover. You can see an exclusive collection of his fine art reproductions, original canvases, pen & inks, sculptures and Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoons at Key West's acclaimed Gallery On Greene, 606 Greene St. Info: 305-294-1669; galleryongreene.com. *Special thanks to Key West's Gallery On Greene*



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# TOP PICKS



## 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 square foot 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. Truly a great place to kick back enjoy a piece of paradise. Find it at MM 99.9 Bayside, Key Largo. 305-453-5004; snooks.com.

## 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 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 discovered the Lobster BLT at the "Take Away Cafe" on the docks behind Key Largo Fisheries. 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. YUM! Find it at MM 99.5, Oceanside at 1313 Ocean Bay Dr., Key Largo. 305-451-3782; keylargofisheries.com.



## BEST KEYS SUNSET CELEBRATION

### Lore-lei Restaurant & Cabana Bar

Cited as one of the "Best and Brightest Spots in Florida," this casual, family-friendly hangout is home to the world famous Lor-e-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 - 6pm. Find it at MM82, Bayside, Islamorada. 305-664-2692; loreleifloridakeys.com.

## 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. Find it at MM 83 Bayside, Islamorada. 305-664-3391; ziggieandmaddogs.com.

## BEST DOGGONE ITALIAN FOOD

### Ciao Hound Italian Kitchen & Bar

Raise your paw if you like Italian food! This unpretentious, dog-friendly eatery dishes up big portions of traditional Tuscan recipes and also offers an exclusive "doggie menu" with fido favorites like the "Hen House Chicken Strips." People pleasers also abound with favorites like Pasta e Fagioli, Braised Short ribs and Lobster Ravioli. Gluten-free options, too. Find it at 84001 Overseas Hwy in Islamorada. 305-664-5300; ciahound84.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 holiday Sunday Brunch here is the best deal in town. Find it at MM 53.5, Oceanside on West Ocean Drive, Key Colony Beach. 305-743-0100; kcinn.com.

## BEST 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. You'll also find a terrific selection of boutique wines and craft beers. Find it at MM 22, Oceanside, Cudjoe Key (305-745-8880) and at its new waterfront location in Islamorada at MM 80.4, Bayside (786-901-5678); squaregrouperbarandgrill.com.



## BEST 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 in the kitchen of their Key Lime Pie Factory in Key West. 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, gluten-free 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. Find it downtown at 412 and 414 Greene St, Key West. 305-296-9515; keylimepiebakery.com.

## BEST SUSHI Ambrosia

Chef/Owner Masa and wife Noriko are making waves at Key West's hip, vintage Santa Maria Hotel where their edgy Japanese restaurant and sushi 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 jalapeño, sweet onion and Yuzu

## BEST PLACE TO GRAB A BURGER Reel Burger

What's better than hanging out by the beach in your flip flops and chowing down on a really GREAT burger? For Islanders like us, not much. And that's why Reel Burger at the Amara Cay Resort in Islamorada is our go-to spot for this simple pleasure. Made-to-order with a custom blend of ground beef, the signature burgers here are extraordinarily good - especially when they're backdropped by an expanse of palm trees, sea and sand. Served with a crunchy pickle and your choice of Kettle Chips, House Slaw or crispy fries, these Bad Boys are just what the Sun God ordered. Lots of other yummy handhelds, too, along with fish, chicken and vegetarian options. Find your place in the sun at Amara Cay Resort, 80001 Overseas Hwy. 305-664-0073; amaracayresort.com.



pepper paste. Tradition and innovation collide with all kinds of intriguing signature rolls and Japanese specialties. Find it at 1401 Simonton St, Key West. 305-293-0304; keywestambrosia.com.

## BEST BOUTIQUE SPA Ocean Wellness Spa

For one of the most inherently authentic, totally relaxing "Key West" experiences, this charming island retreat always earns rave reviews and is THE place to go for restorative and luxurious spa treatments. You can get it all here: massage, body treatments, facial/skin care, and spa mani/pedis, as well as a full line of salon services offering hair care, Keratin treatments, eyelash extensions and more. Seasoned, professional therapists offer their regimens in nine distinctive treatment rooms using mostly organic, natural products. There's also a licensed acupuncture physician on hand with 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.

## TOP PICKS



### BEST DESIGNER JEWELRY Little Switzerland

A walk through Little Switzerland is like walking through the "Who's Who" of brand name designer jewelry. You'll find lots of innovative collections from today's top fashion icons including sleek, sophisticated designs by Roberto Coin, Marco Bicego and Ippolita; contemporary classics from famous names like David Yurman, and John Hardy; and trendsetting favorites by Pandora and Avance. L.S. also stocks a terrific selection of top of the line watches from Omega, Breitling and Tag Heuer, as well as a sensational collection of diamond and precious gemstone jewelry. Find it on harbor front, 271 Front Street behind the Margaritaville Key West Resort & Marina. 305-293-8600; littleswitzerland.com

Sails to the reef, coral gardens and ship wrecks. Whatever boat or trip you decide on get ready for the real deal. Because as soon as you pull out of the harbor, the sails go up and the engines go off so you get an authentic sailing experience every time. Find it at 202 William St, Key West. 305-587-4488; sunsetsailkeywest.com.

### BEST HAPPY HOUR & TAPAS Tavern N' Town

This favorite local hang has not one, but two, terrific daily Happy Hours with generous 2 - for - 1 libations from 5 - 7pm and again from 9 - 11pm. The early Happy Hour also features a revolving lineup of top notch entertainment that draws a big local crowd. 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. A Late Night Tapas menu is also available from 9 - 11pm. Find it at the Key West Marriott Beachside Hotel, 3811 North Roosevelt Blvd, Key West. 305-296-8100; TavernNTown.com.

### BEST DRAG SHOW The Aquanettes

Key West's own talented troupe of female impersonators transform themselves 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 pm with two shows on Fri and Sat at 9pm and 11pm. Get there early for good seats and pre-show photo-ops. Find it at 711 Duval St, Key West. 305-294-0555; aquakeywest.com.



### BEST REGIONAL ART COLLECTION

#### The Gallery On Greene

No one personifies the Key West art scene more than Nance Frank, Gallery Director at Gallery On Greene in Key West's Historic Seaport. Her meticulously curated collection of authentic, historic and museum-quality regional art is an absolute visual delight. Here you'll find Pulitzer Prize winners like political cartoonists Jeff MacNelly, Mike Peters and Tony Auth; poet/writer/visual artist, Annie Dillard; and photographer David Hume Kennerly. Lots of Key West icons, too including Mario Sanchez, Tennessee Williams and Suzie dePoo. And while The Gallery On Greene is a favorite stomping ground for serious art collectors, it's also a popular spot for more casual buyers, like us. Find it at 606 Greene St, Key West. 305-294-1669; galleryongreene.com.

### BEST SAILING CHARTER Sunset Sail Key West

Capt. Seth Salzmans spirited fleet of authentic sailing vessels are what exploring the Keys is all about. With three different schooners and a blue water cruising ketch under his command, he and his gregarious crew will whisk you away for a variety of private daily trips including Sunrise and Day Sails, Sunset and Starlight Sails and Snorkel

## Who Dunit? Mystery Fest Key West

You don't need to be a super sleuth to figure out why missing Mystery Fest Key West would be a downright crime.

Slated for Friday, June 28 through Sunday, June 30, this sizzling, "Who's Who" of mystery writers showcases some of the country's most notable authors.



Headlining this year's event is an international bestselling suspense thriller and multi-award-winning author, Jeffrey Deaver. Hailed as the "master of psychological suspense" Deaver has won, or been nominated for, just about every mystery writing award you can think of. His "Lincoln Rhyme" series novel "The Bone Collector" was made into a blockbuster film starring Denzel Washington and Angelina Jolie. NBC now has a TV pilot-in-progress based on the brilliant forensic criminalist Rhyme.

Joining Deaver are New York Times bestselling authors Heather Graham,

Lisa Black, Carla Norton, Diane A.S. Stuckart, Noir author, Mike Dennis, and John H. Cunningham creator of the top-rated Buck Reilly adventure series, as well as many other notables.

The weekend kicks off with a Friday afternoon Wine & Cheese Party on the veranda of the iconic Key West Custom House Museum with author Heather Graham, and Key West Mayor Teri Johnston.

Other weekend events include a keynote luncheon with Deaver, a killer line-up of panels and presentations examining everything from "Forensics for Writers" to "How I Plot a Mystery." A Bloody Mary Morning breakfast at the historic Schooner Wharf Bar, a chance to win a cameo "character placement" role in author Gray Basnight's next mystery

tale, and presentation of the annual Whodunit Mystery Writing Award.

The festival's dastardly doings take place at The Studios of Key West in the Old Town historic district. Event registration is \$195 and includes all panels, presentations, and social events.

For a full Mystery Fest schedule, online registration, and details on the Whodunit Mystery Writing Contest visit [MysteryFestKeyWest.com](http://MysteryFestKeyWest.com).

FYI: If you register by May 30 you will be automatically entered into the Gray Basnight "character placement" contest.

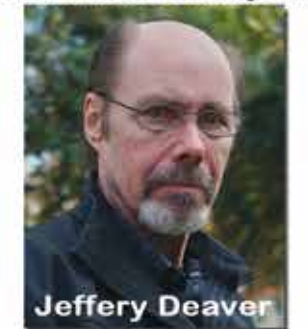


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This year, Wyland Galleries celebrates 40 years of creating some of the most beautiful marine life art the world has ever seen.

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For a complete list of upcoming shows, go to [wyland.com](http://wyland.com)



The Sea Original painting by Wyland and Guy Harvey ©2018



## The Sea

LIMITED EDITION METAL PRINT

Wyland has once again teamed with one of his most respected collaborators, famed wildlife artist, Dr. Guy Harvey, to create "The Sea," a powerful original triptych of marine life along the Florida Reef. This artistic tour de force is now available to collectors as a series of limited edition metal prints.

## Seahorse

LIMITED EDITION LUCITE SCULPTURE

Each Fall, Wyland Galleries takes great pride in the release of new mixed media lucite sculptures. Here's a sneak peek at what's on Wyland's drawing board. Don't miss your chance to see the unveiling at the final 40th Anniversary Shows.

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"Miami has Art Basel; Key West has the Gallery on Greene." This premier gallery showcases a mind-blowing collection of authentic, historic, museum-quality regional art. Gallery Director, Nance Frank, is a powerhouse curator and hand-picks works from 37 listed artists including Pulitzer Prize-winners Jeff MacNelly and Annie Dillard; legendary painters and sculptors, Mario Sanchez and Suzie DePoo; master impressionist, Peter Vey, and many other highly acclaimed Key West names. The works span a wide variety of mediums and attract both casual buyers and serious art collectors. Frank also arranges art tours to Cuba.

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# ART HAPPENINGS

## Now - July 31 Art in the Garden

Key West: Stroll through beautiful gardens and tour a wonderful collection of whimsical creations made from all recycled materials. Takes place daily from 10 am - 4 pm at the Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden, 5210 College Rd, Stock Island/Key West. Info: 305-296-1504; [keywestgarden.com](http://keywestgarden.com).

## June 6 Mango Madness

Key West: Every summer, The Studios Of Key West celebrates slowing down and heating up with a special Members Show and Party. "Mango Madness" welcomes painters, sculptures and associated art objects that capture the color of Key West. Check out The Studios' latest while you sip on one of Perry Arnold's famous margaritas. Takes place at The Studios Of Key West, 533 Eaton St, Key West. Info: 305-296-0458; [tskw.org](http://tskw.org).

## WEEKLY

### Every Tuesday Mario Sanchez Original Works & Lecture

Key West: Owner of Key West's renowned Gallery on Greene, Nance Frank has curated multiple exhibits of famed Cuban artist, Mario Sanchez with catalogs for his exhibit presented by The American Folk-Art Museum, The Museum of the City of New York as well as Cuba's National Museum. Her weekly presentation about Sanchez's life and work is fascinating. Takes place at 2 pm every Tues. at Gallery on Greene, 606 Greene St, Key West. Info: 305-304-2323; [galleryongreene.com](http://galleryongreene.com).

## MONTHLY

### First Thursday Art & Shopping Walk 6 - 9 pm

Key West: Great galleries and unique boutiques and design studios, spanning from The Studios of Key West at Eaton and Simonton, to Guild Hall Gallery on Duval and all the galleries and boutiques in the 500 Block of Fleming and neighborhood.

### Third Thursday Walk On White Gallery Walk 6 pm

Key West: Exhibitions and receptions at galleries and shops along White St. from Southard to United.

### Third Thursday Morada Way Arts & Cultural District Art Walk 6 pm

Islamorada: Stroll along the Old Hwy to visit galleries, enjoy culinary arts and music in the heart of Islamorada at MM 81.5.

### First Friday Upper Duval Street Stroll 6 pm

Key West: Galleries, boutiques, and cafes open late for exhibitions and receptions on Duval St from Truman to United.



Takes Two to Tango, 24" x 48" Oil on Canvas

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# WHAT'S UP

## ONGOING

### The Aquanettes: Reality Is A Drag

Key West: Prepare yourself for some amazing costumes, great music and lots of laughs when the world famous Aquanettes take to the stage. This outrageous troupe of lip-synching, wise-cracking drag queens prance, dance, shimmy and shake to the hoots and howls of a packed house. No two shows are ever the same, so you never know what's going to happen. FYI: Bring lots of dollar bills for tipping the performers — the more you tip, the more they play. Showtimes: Sun - Weds at 9pm; Thu at 7 & 9 pm; Fri & Sat at 7, 9 & 11pm. Reservations recommended. See them at Aqua Nightclub, 711 Duval St., Key West. Info: 305-294-0555; aquakeywest.com.

### Christopher Peterson's Eyecons

Key West: Often compared to the legendary Jim Baily, master of impersonations, Christopher Peterson is, without a doubt, one of North America's foremost female impressionists, both visually and vocally. His hit show, EYECONS, is one of the hottest

tickets in town and you'll be amazed by the way he transforms himself into more than a dozen famous women right before your very eyes with the help of his "magic closet." Catch him in the Crystal Room Cabaret at La Te Da, 1125 Duval St, Key West. Tickets and info: 305-296-6706; lateda.com.

### Randy Roberts Live!

Key West: Spotlit on television's hit series "America's Got Talent," Randy Roberts shines in this live, multi-media tribute to some of the world's most beloved performers. His uncanny impersonations of Cher, Better Midler, and Mae West are spot-on. And he'll have you rolling in the aisles when he performs a titillating striptease as the bawdy Gypsy Rose Lee. But nothing

compares to "Consuela," Roberts' self-created character who can only be described as Ann-Margaret, Liza Minnelli and Joan Rivers all rolled into one powerhouse performer. Catch this amazing show at La Te Da's Crystal Room Cabaret, 1125 Duval St, Key West. Tickets and info: 305-296-6706; lateda.com.



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

### Nightly

#### Key West Sunset Celebration

Key West: Each evening, about two hours before sunset, flocks of people gather at Key West's Mallory Square, and on the pier behind the Margaritaville Resort & Marina. They 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." Experience it nightly at the end of upper Duval Street. Info: 305-294-2787; mallorysquare.com/sunset-celebration

### Nightly

#### Jazz at Tavern N' Town

Key West: Some of Key West's top talent including "Island Diva," Carmen Rodriguez, and Michael Thomas perform nightly from 5-7 pm during Key West's best Happy Hour. Takes place at Marriott Beachside Resort, 3841 N. Roosevelt Blvd. Info: 305-296-8100

### Wednesday - Saturday

#### Cabaret in The Gardens

Key West: Key West's Gardens Hotel is one of the most beautiful boutique hotels on the island and every Weds. through Sat. from 5 - 7 pm, you can enjoy wonderful, live piano music in the Hotel's intimate Cabaret. Full bar and stellar wines are the coup de gras. Find at 525 Angela St, Key West. Info: 305-294-2661; gardenshotel.com

### Every Sunday

#### Jazz in The Gardens

Key West: Enjoy some terrific jazz amidst lush flora and fauna during this free hang that draws Key West's top jazz cognoscenti. Full bar, champagne, and fabulous wines. Takes place from 5:30 - 8 pm at the Gardens Hotel, 526 Angela St, Key West. Info: 305-294-2661; gardenshotel.com

### Monthly

#### First Friday MM 104 Block Party

Key Largo: Stroll among artists, shop for gifts, enjoy street bites from local eateries and more

during this fun monthly Block Party. Takes place on the First Friday of every month from 6 - 10 pm, rain or shine, along the Overseas Highway at mile marker 104 in Key Largo. FYI: You can park at any of the MM104 businesses and walk along the bayside bike pathway. Info: keylargofirstfriday.com

### Monthly

#### Snook's Luau & Pig Roast



Key Largo: Swivel your hips and feast like a king during this monthly tropical extravaganza that boasts fire dancers, hula dancers, great live music and continuous live entertainment that will keep you

jumpin' all night long. The party kicks off at 6:30 pm on Sat, May 26. Sells out fast so be sure to make reservations. Takes place on the waterfront at Snook's Bayside & Grand Tiki, MM 99.9, Bayside, Key Largo. Info: 305-453-5004; snooks.com

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## WHAT'S UP



Papio Kinetic Sculpture Parade, Key West

proceeds down Duval St. Info: 305-295-6616; papioskineticparade.com.

### May 5 Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Key West: Grab your salt shaker and party with Margarita during this fun, an 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 pm at the Schooner Wharf Bar in Key

West's Historic Seaport. Info: 305-292-3302; schoonerwharf.com.

### May 8 Cottage Concert with Seth Glier

Key West: Seth Glier brings his congenial stage presence back to Key West in a stripped down outdoor show featuring favorite foot-stompers and new works in this unique springtime show. Showtime: 7:30 pm on the back deck of Glier's residency cottage at The

Studios Of Key West, 533 Eaton St. in Key West. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

### May 8 - 12 Key West Songwriter's Festival

Key West: The 24th annual showcase of musical magic features America's foremost performing songwriters with concerts staged in various venues throughout Key West. The festival revolves around five days and nights of big stars in intimate settings, introducing audiences to the faces, voices, and stories behind the songs. Info: 305-304-0814; keywestsongwritersfestival.com.

### May 14 - June 1 Red Speedo

Key West: This Off-Broadway hit is a razor-sharp story about whether doping is acceptable in the pursuit of the elusive Olympic Medal. Takes to the stage at the Waterfront Playhouse, 310 Wall St, Key West. Tickets and info: 305-294-5015; waterfrontplayhouse.org.

### May 16 - 19 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 18 at Sundowners Waterfront Restaurant, MM 104, Bayside and continues all weekend long with multiple stages at neighboring Cactus Jacks and Señor Frijoles. For a full schedule of events call 305-394-3736; keylargooriginalmusicfest.com.

### May 22 - 26 & May 28 - June 1 Prime Time

Key West: Blake Hunter's new musical follows a female TV Executive in the 1970s who fights to keep her variety show afloat, her star husband in check, and temptation at bay. Show time: 8 pm. Takes place at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info and tickets: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

### May 24 David Crosby & Friends

Key West: Two-time Rock and Roll Hall of Famer and co-founder of *The Byrds* as well as *Crosby, Stills & Nash*, David Crosby brings his

legendary music to Key West for a one night jam. Joining him will be five musical friends, collectively and affectionately known as the "Skytrails Band." Takes place at the Key West Theater, 512 Eaton St, Key West. Info and tickets: 305-985-0433; thekeywesttheater.com.

### May 26 28th 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 duct 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.

### June 1 Battle In The Bay Dragon Boat Festival

Marathon: The waters off Sombrero Beach transform into a swift race course for a fleet of 40' Dragon race boats, each armed with

20 paddlers who put their strength and team-work to the test. Food, beverages, merchandise and a variety of entertainment round out the shoreside festivities. Takes place at Sombrero Beach on Sombrero Beach Rd, MM 50, Oceanside, Marathon. Info: 813-426-3544; highfivedragonboat.com.



Pride Parade, Key West

### June 1 Pride Follies

Key West: Key West's original variety show, produced by the Key West Business Guild, kicks off PRIDE WEEK with the best (and sometimes the worst!) of local Key West

Talent. Doors open at 7 pm;

Showtime 8 pm. FYI: This show always sells out so get your tickets early. Takes place at the Key West Theater, 512 Eaton St, Key West. Info and tickets: 305-985-0433; keystix.com.

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## WHAT'S UP

**June 2 - 7**

### Pride

**Key West:** "Pride" explores sexuality, social mores, and personal identity in this moving play that juxtaposes storylines from the 1950s and the present. On stage at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. in Key West. Tickets and info: 305-731-0581; fringetheater.org.

**June 5 - 9**

### Key West Pride

**Key West:** Key West shows its Pride every day, and this is your chance to be a part of the celebration! The five-day schedule includes daytime pool and beach parties; late-night drag shows; on-the-water adventures ranging from snorkeling and kayaking to glass-bottom boat tours; a street fair; a 10k relay for tutu-wearing runners and walkers; and pageants to select Mr, Miss, and Ms. Key West Pride. Info at 305-294-4603; keywestpride.org.

**June 10**

### Twice Told Tales

**Key West:** The hit of Summer Stage returns for a third round of dueling monologues! Can the same words mean more than one thing? Twice Told Tales provides a fresh twist on a

theatrical staple. One director presents each monologue, and two actors, giving two wildly different takes on the material. Showtime: 8 pm at The Studios Of Key West, 533 Eaton St. in Key West. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

**June 21 - 23**

### Key West International Guitar Festival

**Keys-Wide:** Three virtuoso Florida Keys guitar masters - Dave Feder, Mateo Jampol and Rolando Rojas - showcase their diverse Keys-influenced styles and play together to create a unique musical synthesis. Schedule, venues, and more info: floridakeysguitarfestival.com.

**June 23 - 24**

### Classics Of Comedy

**Key West:** Nichols and May; Abbott and Costello; Brooks and Reiner; Bob Newhart; Monty Python; Burnett, Korman, and Conway, along with many more legends of comedy are on the menu for two nights of non-stop "Laughstock." Theatre XP's Summer Stage



Key Lime Festival

celebrates the giants of classic comedy by faithfully recreating their most famous bits and sketches. A night of belly laughs, punctuated by a few awkward chuckles. Showtime 8 pm at The Studios Of Key West, 533 Eaton St. in Key West. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

**June 28 - 30**

### Mystery Fest Key West

**Key West:** This fun weekend event is open to published authors, aspiring authors and non-writing mystery buffs alike. Meet leading authors, collect signed books and participate

in workshops, panels, and presentations as the "who's-who" of award-winning, bestselling mystery/suspense authors, and true crime experts explain why-and-how they do it. Takes place at the Doubletree Grand Key Resort. Info: 305-587-9392; mysterywriterskeywest-fest.com.

**July 4 - 7**

### 7th Annual Key Lime Festival

**Key West:** A crazy "Mile High" pie-eating contest, Key Lime Pie Hop, Key Lime Rum Sampling, Cooking Lessons and other tasty temptations are all on the menu for this wacky, 4th of July weekend event that kicks off with a Key Lime Sip & Stroll. Complete event schedule at keylimefestival.com

**July 4th**

### 35th 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.

**July 4th**

### Independence Day Fireworks

**Keys-Wide:** Lots are 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 pm on Blackwater Sound, MM 104, Bayside.

**Islamorada:** An old fashioned family fun celebration starts at 6 pm at Founders Park, MM 87, Bayside with fireworks at 9:30 pm.

**Marathon:** The holiday parade begins at 10:30 am on Sombrero Blvd. (MM 50, Oceanside), followed by free day-long festivities at Sombrero Beach culminating with a huge fireworks display at 9 pm.

**Big Pine & The Lower Keys:** The celebration starts at 5 pm 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 at 9 pm off the White St. Pier.

**July 5 - 7**

### Key West Mermaid Festival

**Key West:** This "fin-tastic" three-day weekend event may be designed to educate and

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## WHAT'S UP

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### July 6 35th 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 is available from local dive shops. Info: 305-872-2411; lowerkeyschamber.com.

### July 11-13 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



Underwater Music Festival

from around the world, to celebrate the anniversary of Fisher's amazing discovery of the shipwrecked Spanish Galleon Nuestra Señora de Atocha. Participate in conservation lab tours and treasure hunting boat tours. Huge dock party & silent auction on Sat, July 14th. 100% of net proceeds go to Wesley House Family Services Info: 305-296-6533; melfisherdays.com.

### July 13 Ben Wahlund

Key West: Ben Wahlund performs 15 short musical memories ranging from jazz, funk,

and rock to classical and more. Takes place at The Studios Of Key West, 533 Eaton St, Key West. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

### July 16 - 21 39th Annual 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, a street fair, and the world famous "Running Of The Bulls." Look-Alike Contest info: 305-292-8445; Literary info: 305-294-0320.

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## WHAT'S UP

July 20

### 5K Sunset Run/Walk & Paddleboard Race

Key West: Fitness walkers and paddle board enthusiasts can test their skills and celebrate Hemingway's sporting lifestyle in Key West's hottest race (literally). The 3-mile ocean course Paddle Board Race

kicks off at 5:30pm at the Southernmost Beach followed by the 5K Run/Walk at 7:30pm at Key West's Southernmost Point. Cool off after the race with an ocean dip and cold libations. Register between 3 - 7pm on the beach outside the Southernmost Cafe, 1405 Duval St. Info: 305-240-0727; keywestspecialevents.com.

August 4

### 6th Annual Annual Battle of the Bars

Key West: Unlikely warriors 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 pm at the Schooner Wharf Bar in Key West's Historic Seaport. Info: 305-292-3302; schoonerwharfbar.com.

Battle of the Bars, Key West

August 14 - 18

### 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 the island clubs. Not for the faint-hearted! Info: 305-294-4603; Tropicalheatkw.com

August 29 - September 2

### 9th Annual Key West Brewfest

Key West: More than 150 beers and craft brews are on tap at this "tasty" annual event that includes beer dinners, beer brunches, Happy Hour parties, pool parties, late-night parties, seminars and the Signature Tasting Festival Event on Sat, August 31. Info: 800-354-4455; keywestbrewfest.com.

September 4 - 8

### Womenfest

Key West: This blockbuster four-day festival celebrates freedom and diversity and is a magnet for thousands of women from around the world who come to Key West for non-stop fun, parties, live performances and tons of activities. Info: 305-294-4603; Womenfest.com

# America's Favorite Citrus Celebration!

## Key West's Key Lime Festival

Birthplace of the original Key Lime Pie, Key West is bracing itself for the 7th Annual Key Lime Festival which runs from Thursday, July 4 - Sunday, July 7.

Citrus, eccentrics, people, and pie take center stage during this wacky four-day celebration packed with culinary events for every taste.

Favorite happenings like the Key Lime Cocktail Sip & Stroll and Key Lime Pie Hop are back on the roster, along with the Key Lime Pie Drop and Key Lime Scavenger Hunt.

New favorites include the Key Limes & Coffee Guest Speaker Series, featuring presentations on key lime cultivation and history from local experts. The Key Lime

University, where you can learn to make key lime pies and cocktails, and a Key Lime Cookbook Signing & Champagne Reception by festival co-founder, chef, columnist and author, David Sloan, who will also be making guest appearances throughout the festival.

Of course, the festival's undisputed highlight is the Mile-High Key Lime Pie Eating Contest set for Thursday, July 4 at the Southernmost Beach Cafe, 1405 Duval Street.

Brave contestants must attempt to devour



an entire pie, topped with mounds of whipped cream, without using their hands — while trying to outpace their rivals and beat the pie-eating record of 62 seconds. Doors open at 10 am, and the contest begins at 11 am.

Admission is free, and if you're up to the task, the entry fee is just \$20 which includes notoriety, a Key Lime Pie and a chance to be a champion.

To register and see a full schedule of events, go to [keylimefestival.com](http://keylimefestival.com). After all, what's more American than Key Lime Pie?

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# Mermaid Madness!

The inaugural Key West Mermaid Festival is a new fin-tastic event that splashes down on Friday, July 5th through Sunday, July 7th. With a fun, family friendly roster of events, the festival embraces mermaids and mermaid enthusiasts of all ages and also raises awareness for our beautiful oceans.

## Friday, July 5th

### Noon - 6 pm Meet the Mermaids Kick-Off Pool Party

"Mer-mingle" and swim with mermaids, experience a Mermaid Swim Show, nibble on fantastic food and drink specials and party around the island's biggest pool! Havana Cabana Resort, 3420 N Roosevelt Blvd.

### Noon - 6pm "Under the Sea" on The Green

This mermaid/ocean-inspired art show features top artists, live mermaids, art vendors, terrific live entertainment and more. Takes place on the Sunset Event Lawn between The Gates Hotel, 3824 N Roosevelt Blvd and 24° North Hotel, 3820 N Roosevelt Blvd.

## Saturday, July 6th

### 8am - Noon Breakfast with Mermaids

Savor a sumptuous breakfast right on the beach at the Southernmost Beach Resort, 1319 Duval St.

### 11am - Noon Mermaid Fest Parade

This eco-friendly/recycled Mermaid Parade floats down Duval St to the Truman Waterfront for a fun afternoon of Salty Saturday activities.

### Noon - 6pm Salty Saturday

Get wet and wild at the Splash Pad, shop mermaid & ocean-inspired vendors, and enjoy great live entertainment on the Truman Waterfront.

### 8 pm - Midnight Ocean Blue Party

Come dressed in your favorite hue of ocean blue, sip on sparkling mimosas from Blanc De Bleu and dance the night away. The Breakfast Club, Too, 610 Greene St.

## Sunday, July 7th

### 11am - 6pm Sunday Funday with Mermaids

Beach it up seaside with more mermaids, cool



vendors, music and more at Lagerheads Beach Bar, 0 Simonton St.

For a complete schedule go to [keywestmermaidfestival.com](http://keywestmermaidfestival.com) or visit Festival Headquarters at The Captain's Mermaid Boutique, 608 Front Street in Key West.

# Fins Up!

## The 35th Annual Underwater Music Festival

Have you ever raved to an Underwater Concert before? Well, now's your chance during the 35th Annual Underwater Music Festival.

This quirky concert, set for Saturday, July 13 from 10am - 2pm, takes place at Looe Key Reef, an area of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary approximately six miles south of Big Pine Key.

Imagine floating among mystical mermaids and costumed musicians playing artist-sculpted mock instruments ranging from a "manta-lin" and "sea-phan flute" to a "trom-bonefish" and "fluke-a-lele."

It truly is an underwater concert that will blow your fins off!

The festivities kick off with an opening reception at 6 pm on Friday, July 12 at the Looe Key Reef Resort Tiki Bar at MM 27.5 Oceanside, with scrummy appetizers, tropical libations, and some fascinating info about our precious reefs.

On Saturday, July 13, hundreds of divers and snorkelers hit the water to revel in this unique ocean concert staged by Keys radio station, WWUS 104.1 FM. The station broadcasts its hit list underwater via Lubell Laboratory speakers suspended under boats positioned above the reef.

It's a lot of fun, but on a more serious note, the concert also promotes preserving the Keys' unique coral reef ecosystem by incorporating diver awareness



announcements that offer tips on ways to enjoy the reef while minimizing environmental impacts.

Many divers and snorkelers launch their boats from public ramps and marinas in the area but you can also reserve space on boats run by Lower Keys dive operators.

More info: 305-872-2411 or go to [lowerkeyschamber.com](http://lowerkeyschamber.com).



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## First Annual Key West Mermaid Festival July 5th - 7th Three Days of Mervelous Events!

With activities for both young and adult mermaids, the Key West Mermaid Festival is packed full of mermaiding and captain shenanigans sure to put the wind in your sails!

Enjoy everything from "Mermaid Meet & Greets," an "Under the Sea" themed art show, Salty Saturday Celebration, and a "Sunday Funday with Mermaids," with so much more!

Please join us for this inaugural three-day festival that will educate, entertain, and leave you feeling part of our world.

A portion of all treasure will be donated to Reef Relief

For a complete list of events, go to [KeyWestMermaidFestival.com](http://KeyWestMermaidFestival.com)

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## 35th Annual Underwater Music Festival

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**Kick Off Party - Friday, July 12 @ 6pm**  
Enjoy tasty appetizers and lively libations at this special kick off party at Looe Key Reef Resort's famous Tiki Bar. Advance tickets \$10 per person if reserved by July 10 or \$15 pp at the door. Reservations: 305-872-2411

**Costume Dive - Saturday, July 13 10am - 2pm**  
Put on your favorite costume, grab your gear and head to Looe Key for a world-renowned underwater concert that will blow your fins off! Contact any local dive shop to reserve a spot on one of their boats.

For more info contact the Lower Keys Chamber Of Commerce  
**1-800-872-3722** [LowerKeysChamber.com](http://LowerKeysChamber.com)

# Mel Fisher Days

July 11 - 16

Who isn't enthralled by the prospect of discovering a buried treasure? Key West's legendary shipwreck salvager, Mel Fisher certainly was.

The former chicken farmer turned treasure hunter hunted doggedly for years in search of the treasure-packed Spanish galleon, Nuestra Señora de Atocha. The doomed ship 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. Buried about 35 miles offshore from the Keys in less than 50' of water lay the Atocha's Mother Lode.

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.

Each year, "Mel Fisher Days," which takes place in Key West from Thursday, July 11 through Saturday, July 13 commemorates Fisher's astonishing discovery.

The three-day event includes tours of the salvage boat J.B. Magruder which is currently used to seek still-undiscovered Atocha artifacts; exclusive explorations of the Fishers' conservation lab; opportunities to hear tales from the crew who found the Atocha riches; a dock

You see, despite Fisher's huge haul, treasure hunting is an expensive proposition 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.

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.

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



Renowned treasure hunter, Mel Fisher



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

party; and a chance to win an authentic Atocha treasure coin.

It's also a time when Mel Fisher's investors gather here to party, dive the wreck site and cash in on the year's new bounty.

## WHAT'S UP

### OTHER FLORIDA HAPPENINGS

#### Now - September

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#### Monthly

#### Downtown Car Cruise-In

Fort Myers: From classic to cool, the streets of the Historic River District in downtown Fort Myers are lined with beautiful show cars in a festive event that also includes music, food and many other venues featuring additional specials. Takes place on the fourth Sunday of each month from 12 noon to 4 pm. Free admission. Info: [FortMyers-RiverDistrictAlliance.com](http://FortMyers-RiverDistrictAlliance.com)

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#### September 27 - 29

#### The Clearwater Super Boat Races

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## What's Happening in Downtown River District Fort Myers

### Art Walk

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### Mystery Walk

Starting at 7pm on the 2nd Friday of the month get your clues to the mystery location at the corner of First & Hendry in front of Iberia Bank.

### Music Walk

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Deadline for the Big Fall Issue: Friday, June 21

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# Release the Bulls!

Hemingway Days July 16 - 21



On Saturday at 1 pm, throngs of Papas descend outside Sloppy Joe's during the "Running of the Bulls," a zany race spoofing one of Hemingway's favorite Pamplona adventures. Get there early because, at noon, the look-alikes will be on hand for "Photos with Papa."

Other festivities include Saturday's Hemingway Days Caribbean Street Fair on Duval Street and Saturday night's 5k sunset run through Old Town Key West.

On Sunday, you can enjoy a sidewalk art show outside the legendary Green Parrot Bar or stroll back over to Sloppy Joe's for the annual Arm Wrestling Contest - always a festival favorite.

Hemingway's passion for fishing is celebrated with the high stakes Key

West Marlin Tournament which runs from Wednesday, July 17 through Saturday, July 20 and includes an island-style pig roast and dockside fish fry.

But bullfights and safaris are just the half of it. There are plenty of cool literary happenings, as well. Events include the Lorian Hemingway Short Story competition and Awards Gala; writers' readings and presentations; and the one-person play, "Hemingway On Stage" by actor and playwright Gordon Sinclair. This fascinating production takes to the stage at 8 pm on Thursday and again at 11:30 am on Friday at Key West's Red Barn Theater.

You also don't want to miss the special exhibition of rare Hemingway memorabilia at the Key West Museum of Art & History. Oh, and be sure to visit "Papa's" former Key West home, now the Ernest Hemingway Home & Museum at 907 Whitehead St. (see our article on page 34).

For Look-Alike Event info call 305-292-8445; Literary event info: 305-294-0320

Whether composing novels in his Whitehead Street writing studio or fishing for big game in local waters, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Ernest Hemingway left a powerful legacy in Key West.

So what better way to celebrate his zest for life, literary accomplishments and enduring affection for the island he called home throughout the 1930s than by throwing an annual birthday bash in his honor?

This year, our tiny island commemorates the 119th anniversary of Ernest's July 21st birth on Tuesday, July 16 through Sunday, July 21 in true Key West style.

Not surprisingly, the headquarters for much of the revelry is Sloppy Joe's, which happened to be the real Hemingway's favorite watering hole.

One of the most popular highlights of the celebration is Sloppy Joe's annual look-alike contest for stocky white-bearded men resembling Hemingway. Preliminary rounds take place 6:30 pm on Thursday and Friday with the grand finale on Saturday at 6:30 pm.



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John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park Underwater Statue. Photo: Stephen Frink/Florida Keys News Bureau

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### INDIAN KEY HISTORIC STATE PARK

Offshore Island, MM 78.5 Oceanside  
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floridastateparks.org  
Open Daily 8 am - Sunset  
*Historic Indian Site*  
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### LIGNUMVITAE KEY BOTANICAL PARK

Offshore island, MM 78.5, Gulfside  
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With its thriving virgin tropical hardwood hammock, this nature preserve has been called "the last place that truly represents the Florida Keys." In 1919, a wealthy Miami chemist bought the tiny island and built a caretaker's home which is now a Visitor Center for the island forest. Ranger-guided tours. Accessible only by boat. Boat shuttle and kayak rentals available from Robbie's Marina at MM 77.5, Bayside, Islamorada.

## MIDDLE & LOWER KEYS AREA

### AQUARIUM ENCOUNTERS

MM 53 Gulfside Marathon, FL 33050  
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[FloridaKeysAquariumEncounters.com](http://FloridaKeysAquariumEncounters.com)

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Predator Reef Tank. Separated by a 6" clear plexiglass window, the Predator Reef Tank includes a small underwater portal where you can get a real "hands-on" experience feeding the sharks.

If that sounds a little too close for comfort, try leisurely snorkeling through a natural marine habitat in the enclosed outdoor saltwater lagoon.

Want to stay dry? No worries! *Aquarium Encounters'* main viewing room gives landlubbers a ringside seat to all of the underwater action.

There are also some beautiful open-water canals where you can feed giant tarpon with your flip flops firmly planted on the ground.



This is a wonderfully unique attraction. You really must go and see it for yourself because it truly is one of the Keys' "not-to-be-missed" destinations!

Find it at 11710 Overseas Highway (MM 53 Gulfside) in Marathon. More info at [floridakeysaquariumencounters.com](http://floridakeysaquariumencounters.com) or call 305-407-3262.

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Too fast?

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Barefoot Billy's is open daily from 8 am - 10 pm with two convenient locations:

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### BAHIA HONDA STATE PARK

MM 37, Oceanside, Big Pine Key, FL 33043  
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# Welcome to Papa's House!

## The Historic Hemingway Home & Museum

Whether composing novels in his Key West writing studio, fishing for big game offshore or throwing back Cuba Libres at Sloppy Joe's, Pulitzer and Nobel Prize-winning author, Ernest Hemingway, spent much of the 1930s living here and creating a powerful legacy on our small island.

Hemingway's former home at 907 Whitehead Street is now a landmark museum, and it's where he wrote many of his best-known works, including "The Snows of Kilimanjaro," "For Whom the Bells Toll," and the Key West-based "To Have and Have Not" - his only novel set in the United States.

The Spanish Colonial-style villa was originally built in 1851 and constructed of native rock hewn from the grounds. The home was in great disrepair when the author and his second wife, Pauline Pfeiffer, purchased it in 1931.

But both Ernest and Pauline could see beyond the rubble and ruin and appreciated the grand architecture and stateliness of the home. The couple remodeled the house, filled its rooms with European antiques and lined the walls with Hemingway's big-game hunting

trophies. They also built Key West's first in-ground pool to the tune of \$20,000 which today is akin to about \$347,000.



The exorbitant construction costs prompted Hemingway to take a penny from his pocket, press it into the wet cement of the surrounding patio, and announce jokingly, "Here, take the last penny I've got!" That same penny remains embedded between flagstones at the north end of the pool.

Although he lived in Key West for just nine years, Hemingway wrote seventy percent of his lifetime works here which is considered to be the most prolific period of his life.

Following his death in 1961, an unpublished manuscript was discovered in a vault in the property's garage. It later became "Islands in the Stream," one of Hemingway's most acclaimed masterpieces.

In 1964, Hemingway's home became a museum and is now one of Key West's most popular attractions.

Today you can tour this "Literary Landmark," peer into Hemingway's second-story writing studio and meet the colony of six-toed cats who are said to have descended from the author's beloved six-toed cat, Snowball.



If you want to see something really special while you're in Key West, the Hemingway Home & Museum is an absolutely "must see."

For more info, call 305-294-1136 or hit up [hemingwayhome.com](http://hemingwayhome.com).

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### EAST MARTELLO MUSEUM & GALLERY

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[kwahs.org](http://kwahs.org)  
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kwhs.org  
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## MEL FISHER MARITIME MUSEUM

200 Greene Street  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-294-2633  
melfisher.org  
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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.



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- \* **May 18th, 1:30 PM** in the Toppino Nature Chapel  
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## UPPER KEYS

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[cheeca.com](http://cheeca.com)  
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MM 84, Oceanside, Islamorada, FL 33036  
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MM 81.7, Oceanside, Old Highway  
Islamorada, FL 33036

305-664-5556

kaiyokeys.com

Open M - Sa 5 - Close

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The land meets the sea at this popular Keys' landmark heralded for its 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.

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Best Lobster BLT

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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!

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MM 79.9, Oceanside, Islamorada, FL 33036  
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lazydaysrestaurant.com

Open M-Su 11 am - 9:30pm; F & Sa. 'till 10pm

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### LAZY LOBSTER

MM 102, Bayside, Key Largo, FL 33037  
305-451-0565

lazylobsterinthekeys.com

Open Daily for lunch & Dinner

Wonderful Little Gem

Award-winning Chef, Lupe Ledesma of Lazy Days acclaim has brought his magical touch to this casual family-friendly eatery in Key Largo. And true to form, he and his team have another winner on their hands. The deep fried lobster sandwich with jalapeno bread crust is just amazing. Other favorites: Wasabi-encrusted tuna, Shrimp Diablo and Conch Ceviche - all are out of this world. Lazy Days signature banana bread is also a staple here - yum!

### LOR-E-LEI

MM 82, Bayside, Islamorada, FL 33036  
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Open M-Su 8 am - 11 pm

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mangrovemikes.com  
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"Award-Winning Breakfast & Lunch Joint"  
Yes, there really is a "Mangrove Mike" and he's been flipping flapjacks and serving up hearty homemade breakfasts and lunches in this funky Keys "diner" since 1998. We eat here all of the time because the food is exceptionally good and the portions are humungous (the Breakfast Tater Tot Towers are insane!). Huge selection of gluten-free breakfast and lunch options, too. Full catering services also available. Bring your appetite!

### MIA CUCINA

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### NIKAI SUSHI BAR & RESTAURANT

At Cheeca Lodge  
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tantalizing nigiri, sashimi, and signature sushi rolls like the "Big Kahuna" with tuna, avocado, lobster salad, pineapple ginger glaze and toasted macadamia. Yum!

### PIERRE'S

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### REEL BURGER

At Amara Cay Resort  
80001 Overseas Hwy, Islamorada, FL 33063  
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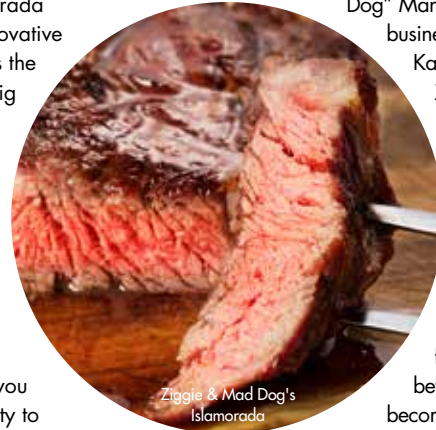
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*Heralded Keys Landmark Eatery Comes to Islamorada*

Good news for Square Grouper fans at MM 22.5 on Cudjoe Key: the heralded Lower Keys landmark has opened a new waterfront location within the Islamorada Marina complex. The innovative and eclectic menu mirrors the original location with a big offering of fresh seafood, sandwiches, salads and prime steaks, as well as a fantastic wine list. Local favorites include the Ahi Tuna Egg Rolls, Flash Fried Conch, homemade Smoked Fish Dip and lots of signature Land and Sea dishes. If you haven't had an opportunity to



Ziggie & Mad Dog's Islamorada

make it to the original Lower Keys location, now's your chance to see what everyone's been raving about!

## ZIGGIE & MAD DOG'S

MM 83, Bayside, Islamorada, FL 33036  
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ziggieandmaddogs.com

Open nightly 5 - 10 pm, Fr & Sa 'till 11 pm

*Best Porterhouse Steak*

Revived in 2005 by former Miami Dolphins' tight end and sports broadcaster, Jim "Mad Dog" Mandich and longtime business partner Randy Kassewitz, the legendary Ziggie's Crab Shack is now sleek and sophisticated steak, chops and seafood restaurant that feels more like Tommy Bahama than Ernest Hemingway. The current, and now famous incarnation is better than ever and has become THE place for fine

dining in the Keys. Orchid garnished cocktails, international wines, an outstanding a-la-carte menu and nightly specials make it one of the Keys' top dining spots which always draws a colorful celebrity clientele.

## MIDDLE & LOWER KEYS

### FRANK'S GRILL

MM 52, Gulfside, Town Square Mall  
Marathon, FL 33050  
305-289-7772

Lunch M-Fr 10 am - 3 pm

Dinner M - Sa 5 - 9 pm.

*Highly Acclaimed Old-World Italian*

Frank Farello's highly acclaimed trattoria embraces his family's Old World Italian recipes but is also highly regarded for the excellent American and Classic preparations. You'll find over a dozen handcrafted pasta dishes, along with some great signature favorites including Snapper Francaise, Veal Piccata, Chicken Marsala, Steak Roma and Shrimp Scampi. Beer and wine.

# bite

## Oysters Rockefeller Square Grouper Islamorada

Considered to be one of the Keys' Top "Must Visit" restaurants, Square Grouper Bar & Grill has a reputation for innovative local seafood preparations, house-made desserts, eclectic boutique wines and unusual craft beer. Chef/owner Lynn Bell never ceases to amaze us with all of her fabulous specials.

Here's the recipe:



Photo: Staci Fortuna

### INGREDIENTS

- 6 Large Shucked Oysters
- 2 Large Minced Shallots
- 2 Tbsp Olive Oil
- 2 Cups Chablis White Wine
- 2 Cups Heavy Cream
- 1 Lb Fresh Spinach
- 1 Cup Key Lime Juice
- 1 Cup Grated Parmesan Cheese
- 1-1/2 Cup Panko Breadcrumbs
- 2 Tbsp Salt & Pepper
- 2 Tbsp Granulated Garlic
- 1/2 Cup Melted Butter
- 6 Lemon Wedges

### PREPARATION FOR ROCKEFELLER MIXTURE

Heat oil over medium heat, add shallots and cook until translucent. Deglaze with chablis. Reduce until 50% of liquid remains in saucepan. Add spinach, heavy cream and key lime juice. Cook lightly until spinach is wilted and soft. Use immersion blender to combine ingredients. Mix until smooth and vibrant green. Add parmesan cheese and 1/2 cup of the Panko bread crumbs to thicken mixture and form a light paste. Add salt & pepper to taste.

### PREPARATION FOR BREADCRUMB TOPPING

Toss remaining Panko crumbs with melted butter, granulated garlic and salt and pepper. Combine well.

### SERVING INSTRUCTIONS

Pre-heat oven to 350°. Place the six oysters on the half shell onto an oiled sheet tray. Top each oyster with two tablespoons of Rockefeller mix. Place in 350° oven and cook for 5 minutes. Remove from oven and add one tablespoon of breadcrumb topping to each oyster. Broil for 90 seconds until a golden brown crust forms on the top of each oyster. Plate oysters and serve with lemon wedges. *Enjoy!*

You can enjoy this recipe along with lots of other scrumptious dishes at Square Grouper's new waterfront location at MM 80.4, Bayside in Islamorada (786-901-5678) and at the original location at MM 22.5 on Cudjoe Key (305-745-880); [squaregrouperbarandgrill.com](http://squaregrouperbarandgrill.com).



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### MY NEW JOINT

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Daily Happy Hour 3 - 6 pm  
Real Deal BBQ On The Waterfront  
An old Keys Island vibe, "real deal" house-smoked BBQ & fresh local seafood are the hallmark of this funky open-air waterfront hangout that always draws a big local crowd. There are terrific nightly specials along with homemade desserts, a great daily Happy Hour & live entertainment. You can even rent a jet-ski or book an eco tour here. Pet friendly, too!

### SQUARE GROUPE BAR & GRILL

MM 22.5, Oceanside, Cudjoe Key, FL 33042  
305-745-8880  
squaregrouperbarandgrill.com  
Open M-Su through April  
Lunch 11 am - 2:30 pm; Dinner 5 - 10 pm  
Cocktail Lounge 4:20 - Midnight  
A Keys Top Pick  
A well executed, inventive menu makes this unassuming roadside spot one of the Keys' top picks. Two cozy dining rooms, deliciously

splashed with apple green and mandarin orange walls, set the stage for wonderful dishes like the Yellowfin Tuna and Avocado Eggrolls, Flash Fried Conch, Seafood Pasta with key lime butter sauce and other heavenly delights. New upstairs cocktail lounge, tapas and raw bar open 'till midnight.



## KEY WEST

### AMBROSIA

1401 Simonton S., Key West, FL 33040  
305-293-0304  
ambrosiasushi.com  
Dinner M - Su 6 - 10 pm;  
Lunch M - Sa 11:30 am - 2 pm  
Key West's Best Sushi  
A dramatic sculptured waterfall and ultra cool sake bar provide a stunning backdrop for this island hot spot where authentic, artfully-crafted plates take center stage. Chef/Owner Masa rocks the house with his premium blue fin tuna creations, signature rolls, sushi, and sashimi while the kitchen serves up excellent Japanese specialties. Top it off with an eclectic selection of artisan sake and imaginative "sake-tinis."

### BISTRO 245

Margaritaville Resort & Marina  
245 Front St., Key West, FL 33040  
305-294-4000  
margaritaville  
keywestresort.com  
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## THE SQUARE GROUPE BAR AND GRILL

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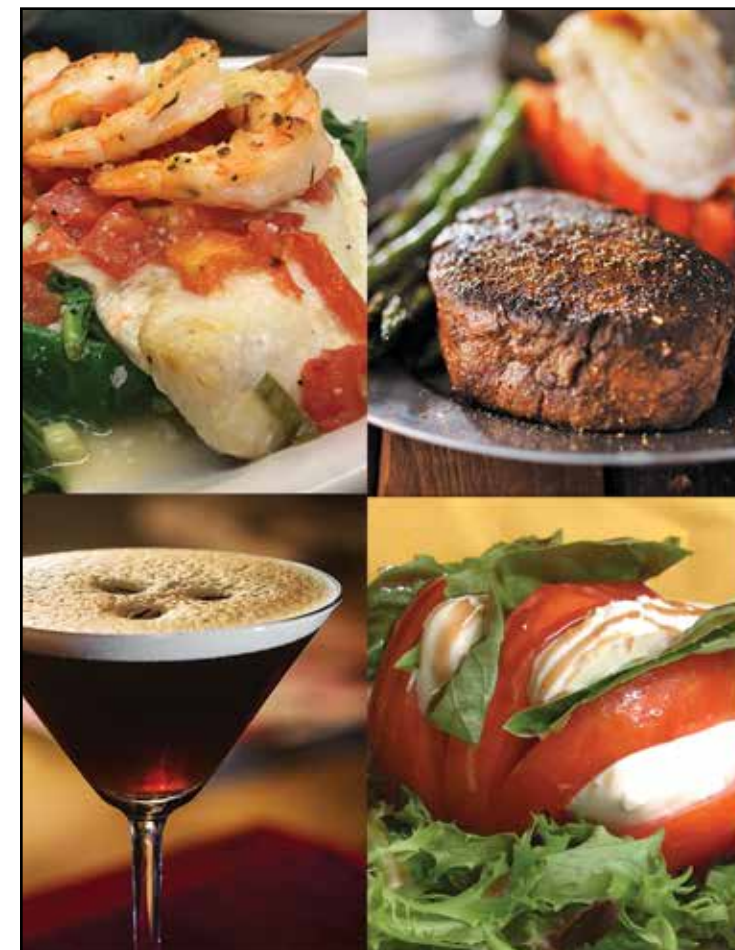


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[www.squaregrouperislamorada.com](http://www.squaregrouperislamorada.com)

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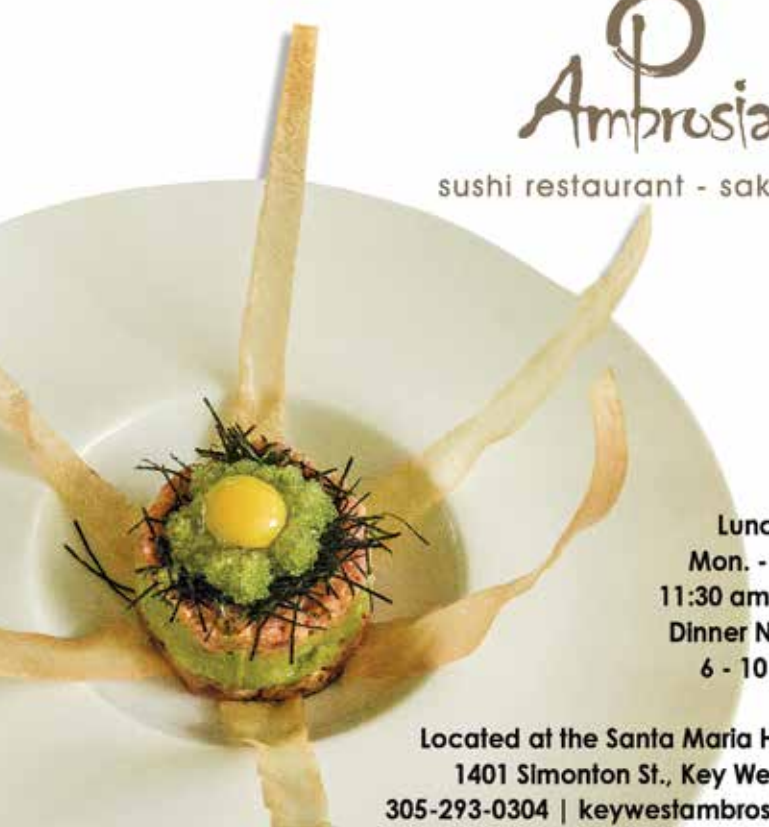
Chef/Owner Sergei Proudnik and his talented staff prepare over 75 tantalizing Seafood and Italian favorites in a relaxed, family-friendly setting. Sip on vintage wines, enjoy great frozen drinks or kick back in the lively neighborhood lounge with one of the Inn's famous "Espresso Martinis." Open Daily for Lunch & Dinner

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## Good Eats

### CAFE SOLE

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305-294-0230

[cafesole.com](http://cafesole.com)

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### CHUG CANTINA

At 24 North Hotel

3820 N Roosevelt Blvd., Key West, FL 33040

305-320-0940

[gateshotelkeywest.com](http://gateshotelkeywest.com)

Open Daily 8am - 8pm

*Lively Poolside Bar & Cafe*

Unwind with some tacos and beer at this casual, convivial bar and cafe that serves breakfast, lunch and dinner overlooking the gorgeous pool at the hip 24 North Hotel. FYI: The Ropa Vieja is especially good here.

### THE GRILL

At Hilton Garden Inn

3850 N Roosevelt Blvd., Key West, FL 33040

305-320-0920

Breakfast: M - F 6am - 10am

Sa & Su 7am - 11am

Bar: 4pm - 12am Dinner: 5pm - 10pm

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Located in the lobby of the Hilton Garden Inn, this casual eatery boasts a big breakfast buffet plus several a la carte specialty items, as well as casual dinner fare with a good selection of beef, fish and chicken dishes. Full bar.

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[sunsetkeycottages.com](http://sunsetkeycottages.com)

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Within minutes, the free boat launch at The Margaritaville Key West Resort & Marina transports you to this spectacular restaurant on the island of Sunset Key. Enjoy outstanding island cuisine in the ultra luxe indoor dining room overlooking the Gulf of Mexico or outside in the sand surrounded by flickering tiki torches. Reservations required. Major credit cards. Present ticket while dining for free parking.



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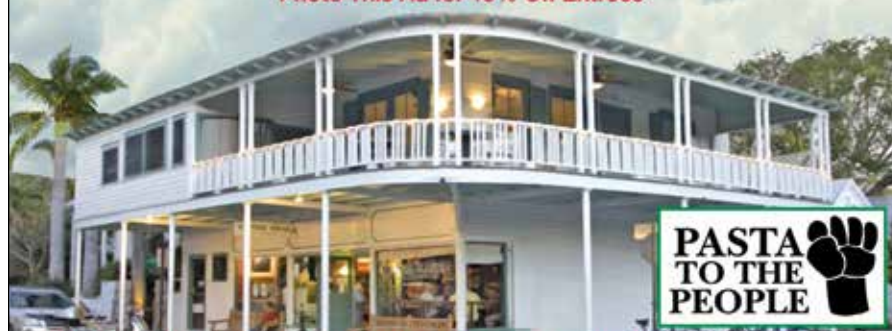
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### MATT'S STOCK ISLAND KITCHEN & BAR

At The Perry Hotel Key West  
70001 Shrimp Road, Key West, FL 33040  
305-294-3939  
mattsstockisland.com  
Open Daily 8am - 2pm, 6pm - 10pm;  
*American Coastal Comfort Food*  
"Simple, comfortable and delicious" food is the mantra at this new Stock Island Waterfront eatery serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. From dock to dish, seafood is the star of the show with House Specialties that include Crab Beignets, Matt's Smoked Fish Dip, and Snapper On The Half Shell Tacos. Meat lovers can also rejoice with Matt's Southern favorites including their famous Fried Chicken with Citrus Dust, Baby Backs and Cowboy Steak steaks. BTW: \$3 specialty drafts, \$6 signature wines and \$5 crudo and tapas style apps & entrées every night for Happy Hour from 6-8pm.

### SALTY OYSTER DOCKSIDE BAR & GRILL

At The Perry Hotel Key West  
70001 Shrimp Road, Key West, FL 33040  
305-294-3939  
salty-oyster.com  
Open Daily 11am - 11pm;  
*Just Steps From The Dock*  
This a perfect spot to enjoy a casual lunch dockside or a frozen concoction at sunset. A short, simple menu does the trick with perennial favorites like fresh Oysters, local Key West Pink Shrimp, Blackened Mahi Sandwich and the famous "Squealer" Burger, stuffed with cheese and bacon. FYI: You can get 50% off all food and premium libations during the daily 4 - 6pm Happy Hour.

### SCHOONER WHARF BAR

200R Williams St., Key West, FL 33040  
305-292-3773  
schoonerwharf.com  
Open M - Su 8 - 4 am,  
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner  
*A Last Remnant Of Old Key West*  
This funky, open air waterfront bar sits right on the docks overlooking the marina. The food and mood are definitely Key West casual and the menu has all your island favorites including wings, nachos, burgers, fish tacos, seafood platters, conch fritters, crab cakes and more. Great live music and two daily Happy Hours from 7 am - noon and then again from 5 - 7 pm Full bar. Major credit cards.

### STONED CRAB

Ibis BayResort  
3101 N.Roosevelt Blvd, Key West, FL 33040  
305-296-1043  
stonedcrab.com  
M - Su 10am - 11pm  
*Everybody Must Get Stoned*  
This is the only seafood restaurant in Key West that specializes in stone crab and actually has two private fishing boats that deliver their catches straight to the restaurant's dock each day. Executive Chef and renowned foodmeister, Paul Menta, takes it from there, creating spectacular "Seafood Towers," Blackened Key West Shrimp & Grits, Stoned Lump Crab Cakes, Seafood Pastas and an array of other incredible plates. One of Key West's best.

### TAVERN N' TOWN

Marriott Key West Beachside Resort  
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tavernntown.com  
Open M - Su 5 - 10 pm  
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## SAMPLE MENUS



### appetizers

**Fresh Yellowtail Snapper Ceviche**  
marinated in lemon & lime juice, tossed with cilantro, peppers, onion, tomatoes

**Crispy Calamari**  
lightly dusted & fried with homemade marinara

**Corny Blue Crabcakes**  
rich blue crabmeat with roasted corn, diced vegetables and topped with chopped tomatoes and remoulade

**Giant Onion Mound**  
thinly sliced Spanish onions tossed in seasoned flour and fried crisp with horseradish sauce

Buzzards Roost  
MMM 106.5, Oceanside, Key Largo 305-453-3746  
BuzzardsRoostKeyLargo.com Open Daily 11 am - 9 pm

### sandwiches

**Fresh Catch Of The Day**  
fried, grilled, blackened or jerked on a fresh Kaiser

**Lobster Reuben**  
fresh florida lobster tail, sauerkraut & swiss on grilled rye with mango thousand island dip

**Chicken Salad Quesadilla**  
giant flour tortilla filled with white grape & toasted almond chicken salad, cheddar jack cheese, fresh tomato salsa & sour cream

**Certified Black Angus Burger**  
add your choice of cheese, sauteed mushrooms, bacon or grilled onions

### entrees

**Catch Of The Day**  
fresh local mahi grilled, blackened, jerked, broiled, fried or sauteed in lemon and wine

**Seafood Combination Platter**  
Fresh fish, shrimp, scallops & clams broiled in lemon butter and white wine or breaded and fried

**Bert's Chicken**  
encrusted with Japanese bread crumbs & topped with fresh tomato, basil, scallions, parmesan and lemon butter sauce

**Ribeye Steak**  
12 oz prime cut to taste



## SAMPLE MENUS



### appetizers

**Coconut Jumbo Shrimp**  
Perfectly fried, served with mango poppy dipping sauce

**Ceviche**  
Fresh fish marinated in lime juice with onions, tomatoes and cilantro

**Oysters On The Half Shell**  
Raw or steamed 1/2 Dozen or Full Dozen

**Stone Crab Claws**  
Full pound - hot or cold MP

Fish House  
MM 102.4 Oceanside, Key Largo 305-451-4665  
fishhouse.com

**Steamed Mussels**  
White wine, garlic, butter sauce

**Soft Shell Crab**  
Fried or sauteed

### entrees

**Yellowtail Matecumbe**  
Baked & topped with fresh tomatoes, shallots, basil, capers, olive oil & lemon juice

**Pan Sauteed Grouper**  
Dusted with flour, dipped in egg wash & sauteed in butter, lemon & sherry

**Black & Blue Mahi-Mahi**  
Bleu cheese sauce with a dash of Cajun blackening seasoning, wine & garlic

**Fried Combo**  
Catch Of The Day, shrimp, scallops, oysters & clam strips

**Shrimp & Scallop Key Lime**  
Nine large shrimp & 1/2 lb. scallops sauteed with lime juice, white wine, garlic butter, mushrooms, scallions & hot sauce over rice

**Surf & Turf**  
8 oz Black Angus Filet with a 6 oz Florida lobster tail

**Chicken Breast & Baby Back Ribs**  
Char grilled with a 1/2 rack



## SAMPLE MENUS



reelburger

### social beginnings

**Backyard Tomato Jar**  
vine ripe florida tomatoes, cold pressed olive oil, crushed garlic, basil, crostinis

**Grilled Honey Habanero Wings**  
great combo of sweet and heat, crispy celery sticks, creamy blue cheese

**Cheesy Chili Nachos**  
tricolor chips, house-made chili, tomatoes, olives, peppers, jalapeños

### big salad "burger bowls"

**Sonoma Chicken Bowl**  
grilled chicken breast, baby spinach, crisp green, applewood smoked bacon, cucumber,

Reel Burger at Amara Cay Resort  
80001 Overseas Hwy, Oceanside, Islamorada 305-664-0073  
amaracayresort.com

tomato, avocado, red pepper, goat cheese, honey balsamic vinaigrette

**Fish Monger**  
local catch, mixed greens, roasted tomatoes, marinated artichokes, pickled peppers, french beans, goat cheese, tomato jam, balsamic vinaigrette

### signature burger

**Backyard BBQ**  
signature custom blend beef grind, american cheese, lettuce, tomato, red onion, sweet pickles, applewood smoked bacon, toasted brioche

**Black 'N Blue**  
signature custom blend ground beef, caramelized onion, lettuce, tomato, applewood smoked bacon, melted blue cheese, toasted brioche

**Tree Hugger**  
house made vegetarian burger, crisp greens, grilled portobello, melted provolone, tomato, avocado, red onion, spicy mayo toasted wheat roll



## SAMPLE MENUS



### starters

**Yellowfin Tuna & Avocado Eggrolls**  
with dipping sauce

**Chicken Wing Lollipops**  
buffalo style or thai sweet chili

**Roasted Heirloom Cauliflower**  
with green curry aioli

### raw bar - coming soon!

fresh shucked oysters, shrimp, seasonal stone crab and lobster tail

### sandwiches

**House Specialty Burger**  
house onion rings & BBQ sauce

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MM 80.4, Gulfside Islamorada 305-745-8880  
squaregrouperbarandgrill.com Thurs -Mon Lunch 11-2:30 Dinner 5-10

**Square Grouper Sandwich**  
pan-sauteed, topped with house onion rings & key lime tartar

**Filet Mignon Sliders**  
horseradish sauce, house onion rings

### house specialties

**Seared Sea Scallops**  
roasted acorn squash, warm bacon mushroom vinaigrette

**Square Grouper Seafood Stew**  
sauteed local fish, scallops, shrimp, calamari, sweet & spicy tomato broth

**Pepita & Parmesan Encrusted Chicken Cutlet**  
with basil vinaigrette & lemon

**Grilled 16oz Certified Angus Ribeye**  
with onion & peppers or rosemary garlic blue cheese butter

**Jasmine Rice Bowl**  
thai sweet chili butter sauce, spinach & chopped cashews



## SAMPLE MENUS

### MANGIA MANGIA pasta cafe

Mangia Mangia  
900 Southard St., Key West 305-294-2469  
mangia-mangia.com

#### appetizers

##### Conch Minestrone

red chowder with clams, kidney beans, fresh pasta, topped with grated romano pecorino & parsley

##### Gratin Of Grilled Asparagus

grill-roasted asparagus & vineripened plum tomatoes brushed with extra virgin olive oil, garlic & herbs, topped with gorgonzola then lightly browned

##### New Zealand Mussels

green-lipped mussels infused with garlic, butter, chopped tomatoes, basil, red pepper flakes & white wine

##### Broccoli Rabe (Rappini)

olive oil, garlic, chopped tomatoes, red pepper flakes, shaved parmesan

#### fresh homemade pastas

##### Pastas

made fresh on premises with 100% semolina & Eggland's Best fresh eggs. Also available: whole wheat, egg free/gluten-free rice pasta, gluten-free organic, high-protein Quinoa pasta

##### Sauces

marinara, creamy marinara, meat, alfredo, pesto with pine nuts & walnuts, tomato-based or alfredo-based seafood sauces with scallops, conch & mahi-mahi

#### favorites from the grill & house specialties

##### Grilled Fresh Atlantic Salmon

brushed with extra virgin olive oil, lemon juice, garlic, pepper

##### Mahi-Mahi

brushed with extra virgin olive oil, lemon juice, garlic, pepper

##### Organic Chicken Piccata

white wine, capers, butter, lemon juice, garlic shallots & parsley

##### Fresh Sea Scallops

large, tender scallops sauteed in butter & garlic tossed with spinach fettuccine & fresh pesto & cream sauce



## SAMPLE MENUS

### A LAST LITTLE PIECE OF OLD KEY WEST SCHOONER WHARF BAR and GALLEY

Schooner Wharf Bar  
202 William Street, Key West 305-292-3302  
schoonerwharf.com

#### appetizers

##### Calamari Rings

with zesty marinara

##### Nachos

jack & cheddar melted on black bean & corn salsa with a basket of fresh chips

##### Key West Cinch Fritters

with key lime mustard sauce

##### Drunken Key West Shrimp

boiled in beer and spices served chilled

#### sandwiches & more

##### Schooner Burger

juicy 1/2 pound chargrilled angus beef

##### Fish & Chips

fresh fish lightly breaded and fried with tartar and limes

##### Philly Steak & Cheese

sliced rib eye with sautéed onions, pepper & provolone

##### Jerk Chicken Sandwich

marinated in island spices

##### Veggie Wrap

caesar salad with cucumber, tomato & spinach wrapped in a flour tortilla

#### gallery plates

##### Key West Mahi Mahi

grilled, fried or blackened topped with melted american cheese, sautéed mushrooms and onions

##### Jamaican Jerk Chicken

marinated in island spices & grilled

##### Catch of the Day

fresh Cuban, moho marinated grouper or mahi grilled, blackened or fired served with house-made tartar sauce



## SHOP

With hundreds of interesting shops and over 90 eclectic galleries spread over 43 islands, shopping throughout the Florida Keys and Key West is one of the area's most interesting adventures.

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In Key West, you'll find block after block of local artist galleries, boutiques, major retailers and fabulous jewelry stores that often offer duty-free shopping to visitors who show an airline or cruiseline boarding pass.

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Key West, FL 33040  
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# Boho Chic

## Antica Sartoria Italian Resort Wear

It was the small turquoise fish logo that first caught her eye.

As Renée Schaefer and her husband Curtis Sigretto explored the small picturesque town of Positano on Italy's breathtaking Amalfi coast, they stumbled upon a small boutique called "Antica Sartoria."

The store's unique fish-shaped logo drew the couple inside where they discovered clothing that was very different from anything in the States.

Antica Sartoria's clothing designs were boho chic - fresh, inspiring and offering gorgeous statement-making pieces.

Established during a fashion revolution in the '60s when the famous "Moda Positano" style was born, all of Antica Sartoria's clothes are designed by Giacomo Cinque who so loved embroidery and blending patterns that he started his own line of clothing incorporating daring color on light, airy fabrics.

Far from the ordinary, his dazzling collection is now displayed and sold in



dozens of Antica Sartoria stores in Italy, along with retail locations in Germany, France, and England.

While visiting Italy's Positano store, Renée and Curtis immediately fell in love with Giacomo's clothing and decided right then and there to bring his fabulous line of Italian resort wear to Florida.

They made arrangements to open a flagship U.S. store in Palm Beach where its "Positano Vibe" was an immediate hit. Since then, Renée and Curtis have opened several other Florida locations.

The new stores are just as popular as the original Palm Beach location. One of the reasons why is that designer Giacomo only creates a limited number of each item, and once a design is sold out in Italy, the piece is retired.

This keeps inventory fresh and

allows shoppers to own rare pieces from Giacomo's truly coveted collections.

Needless to say, for the boutique's loyal fashionista following, owning one-of-a-kind clothing that not many others have, makes it all the more boho chic.

In addition to the embroidered Indian gauze shirts, pearl-embellished jeans, caftans, bathing suits, shirt dresses and other "must haves," Antica Sartoria also carries lots of fun, colorful accessories and boho-inspired beach bags, along with a great selection of children's clothing.

You can find Antica Sartoria in Key West at 419A Duval Street (305-296-7617); in Palm Beach, Downtown at the Gardens (561-799-1777); in Delray Beach at 512 E. Atlantic Avenue (561-501-7977); and in Naples at Mercato Center (239-682-4006).

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- 1. Don't Send Money Until You Sign Paperwork**  
 Never send money until you've signed your rental paperwork. It's also a good idea to check out the person you are doing business with. Ask for references, check out their website and their track record.
- 2. Read The Fine Print**  
 Is there a cancellation policy if you have to leave early? Does it stipulate when you get your deposit back? Spend the time up front checking things out so you won't have any hassles later.
- 3. Know Exactly What's Included**  
 Even if everything's is supposed to be included, you should still double check to be sure there are no hidden surcharges. Most properties include utilities and gas but the fine print may say they are only included up to a certain amount.

**4. Have An Emergency Contact Person**  
 Your rental contract should include who to call if there are any problems with the property. This info should also be posted on a contact sheet inside the property. Make sure you have a phone number and email address for the contact and get a second backup person if possible.

**5. Is The Home Family-Friendly?**  
 If you're traveling with kids, check the bed configurations. If you have three kids and the guest room only has a king-sized bed, you could be in trouble. Ask for pictures, too. It's nice to be able to spread out, relax, cook meals in, and save money at the same time.

**6. Can You Bring A Pet?**  
 Many vacation rentals accept pets but they may have a size limit. If the limit is 20 pounds, don't even think about sneaking in your great dane because chances are the neighbors will rat you out.

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The Little Room Jazz Club's Dennis Hyland joins Fringe Theatre's Artistic Director Rebecca Tomlinson, second from left, and Board President Janet Bengel, extreme right, in welcoming Broadway Star Terri White, Center, to her opening performance of this year's Fringe Theater season.



Gaston Waidatt Beckand and Alfredo Gimenez of Viva Saloon with Dan Skahen, ED of the Key West Business Guild



Clinton Curry, Dotti Clifford, and Jason Correa at the Key West Attractions Association's annual Christmas party held at Cafe Sole.



Megan McDowell and her pooch stop in for ice cream at the New Key West Ben and Jerry's.



Edie Hambright and Julia Davis celebrate their fifth anniversary of being legally married



Misha McRae, (second from left) Executive Director of the Key West Tropical Forest and Botanical Garden joins friends for a fundraiser at Aqua Side Bar.



Rose Stayduhar and Joanne Pulis, face painting at the annual MARC House Ice Cream Social.



Popular Key West Band Peter Diamond and Friends at the Gardens Hotel's Sunday Jazz Concert.



Tim Desrosiers came down from Provincetown to help Seaplane open their new upscale shirt shop and entertain on Duval Street.



Dar Castillo and her wife, Key West Mayor Teri Johnston enjoying Key West's weekly "Mall On Duval."



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Islamorada, FL 33036  
305-852-9915

### Matecumbe Resort

76261 Overseas Hwy.  
Islamorada, 33036  
305-664-8801

### Moorings Village & Spa

123 Beach Road  
Islamorada, FL 33036  
305-664-4708

### Ocean House

82885 Old Highway  
Islamorada, FL 33036  
305-664-4844

### Pelican Cove Resort & Marina

84457 Overseas Hwy.  
Islamorada, 33036  
305-664-4435

### Pines & Palms Resort

80401 Old Hwy.  
Islamorada, 33036  
305-664-4343

### Postcard Inn Beach Resort & Marina

84001 Overseas Hwy.  
Islamorada, 33036  
305-664-2321

### Ragged Edge

243 Treasure Harbor Dr  
Islamorada, FL 33036  
305-852-5389

### Sands Of Islamorada

80051 Overseas Hwy.  
Islamorada, FL 33036  
305-664-2791

## MARATHON/ LOWER KEYS

### Banana Bay Resort

4590 Overseas Hwy.  
Marathon, FL 33050  
888-253-1628

### Bonefish Bay Resort

12565 Overseas Hwy.  
Marathon, 33050  
305-289-0565

### Continental Inn

1121 W. Ocean Dr.  
Key Colony Beach, FL 33051  
305-289-0101

### Courtyard Marriott

2146 Overseas Hwy.  
Marathon, FL 33050  
305-289-2100

### Glunz Ocean Beach Club

361 E. Ocean Dr.  
Key Colony Beach, FL 33051  
305-289-0525

### Gulfview Waterfront Resort

58743 Overseas Hwy.  
Marathon, FL 33050  
305-289-1414

### The Hammocks

1688 Overseas Hwy.  
Marathon, FL 33050  
305-743-9009

### Hampton Inn Marathon

13351 Overseas Hwy.  
Marathon, 33050  
305-359-3040

### Hawks Cay

61 Hawks Cay Blvd.  
Duck Key, FL 33050  
305-743-7000

### Hawks Nest

1 Kyle Way South  
Marathon 33051  
305-743-6711

### Holiday Inn Express & Suites

13201 Overseas Hwy.  
Marathon, FL 33050  
800-315-2621

### Hyatt Place At Faro Blanco Resort & Yacht Club

1996 Overseas Hwy.  
Marathon, FL 33050  
305-743-1234

### Isla Bella

One Knights Key Blvd.  
Marathon, FL 33050  
844-885-4706

### Key Colony Beach Motel

441 E. Ocean Dr.  
Key Colony Beach, FL 33051  
305-289-0411

### Lime Tree Inn Bay Resort

68500 Overseas Hwy.  
Long Key, FL 33001  
305-664-4740

### Little Palm Island

28500 Overseas Hwy.  
Key West 33040  
Little Torch Key, FL 33042

### Looe Key Reef Resort

27340 Overseas Hwy.  
Ramrod Key, FL33042  
305-872-2215

### Parmers Resort

565 Barry Ave.  
Little Torch Key, FL 33042  
305-872-2157

### Sandpiper Motel

2443 Overseas Hwy.  
Marathon, FL 33050  
305-743-2244

### Sea Dell Motel

5000 Overseas Hwy.  
Marathon, FL 33050  
305-743-5161

### Skipjack Resort & Marina

19 Sombrero Blvd.  
Marathon, FL 33050  
305-289-7662

### Sugarloaf Lodge

17001 Overseas Hwy.  
Sugarloaf Key, FL 33042  
305-745-3211

### Tranquility Bay Beach Resort

2600 Overseas Hwy.  
Marathon, FL 33050  
888-260-6682

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### 24 North Hotel

3820 N. Roosevelt Blvd.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-320-0940

### Alexanders Guest House

1118 Fleming Street  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-294-9919

### Alexander Palms Court

715 South St.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-296-6413

### Almond Tree Inn

512 Truman Ave.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-296-5415

### Ambrosia

622 Fleming Street  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-296-9838

### Andrews Inn

0 Whalton Lane  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-294-7730

### An Island Oasis

630 South Street  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-295-9464

### Angelina Guesthouse

302 Angela Street  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-294-4480

### Artist House

534 Eaton St.  
Key West 33040  
305-296-3977

### Authors Guesthouse

725 White St.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-294-7381

### Avalon Bed & Breakfast

1317 Duval St.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-294-823

### Azul

907 Truman Ave.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-296-5152

### Banyan Resort

323 Whitehead St.  
Key West 33040  
305-296-7786

### Blue Parrot Inn

916 Elizabeth St.  
Key West 33040  
305-296-0033

### Best Western Hibiscus

1313 Simonton St.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-294-3763

### Best Western Key Ambassador

3755 S. Roosevelt Blvd.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-296-3500

### Blue Marlin Motel

1320 Simonton St.  
Key West, FL 33040  
800-359-4827

### Blue Parrot Inn

916 Elizabeth St.  
Key West 33040  
305-296-0033

### Cabana Inn

413 Applerouth Lane  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-296-2323

### Caribbean House

226 Petronia St.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-2961600

### The Casablanca

900-904 Duval St.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-296-0815

### Casa Marina Resort

1500 Reynolds St.  
Key West 33041  
305-296-3535

### Casa 325

325 Duval St.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-292-0011

### Cayo Hueso Resort

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Key West, FL 33040  
305-797-1500

### Coco Plum Inn

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Key West, FL 33040  
305-295-2955

### Coconut Beach Resort

1500 Alberta St.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-294-0057

### Conch House Heritage Inn

625 Truman Ave.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-293-0020

### Courtney's Place

720 Whitmarsh Lane  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-294-3480

### Courtyard By Marriott

3041 N. Roosevelt Blvd.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-296-6595

### Crowne Plaza La Concha

430 Duval St.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-296-2991

### Curry House

806 Fleming St.  
Key West 33040  
305-294-6777

### Curry Mansion Inn

511 Caroline St.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-294-5349

### Customs House Inn

124 Duval St.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-294-8507

### Doubletree Grand Key Resort

3990 South Roosevelt Blvd.  
Key West 33040  
305-293-1818

### Douglas House

419 Amelia St.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-294-5269

### Duval Gardens

1012 Duval St.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-292-3379

### Duval House

815 Duval St.  
Key West 33040  
305-294-1666

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Key West, FL 33040  
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**H2O Suites Hotel**  
1212 Simonton St.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-296-3432

**IBIS Bay Beach Resort**  
3101 N. Roosevelt Blvd.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-296-1043

**Key West Bahama House**  
415 Bahama St.  
Key West, FL 33040  
888-600-0425

**Key West Bayside Inn & Suites**  
3444 N. Roosevelt Blvd.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-296-7593

**Key West Bed & Breakfast**  
415 William St.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-296-7274

**Key West Harbor Inn**  
219 Elizabeth St.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-296-2978

**Key West Marriott Beachside Resort**  
3841 North Roosevelt Blvd.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-296-8100

**Key West Vacation Rentals**  
1075 Duval St. - C22  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-296-9292

**Knowles House**  
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305-292-6266

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305-294-6681

**L'Habitation Guest House**  
408 Eaton St.  
Key West 33040  
305-293-9203

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809 Truman Street  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-292-9923

**Mango Tree Inn**  
603 Southard St.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-293-1177

**Margaritaville Resort & Marina**  
245 Front St.  
Key West, FL 33040  
866-841-3700

**The Marker Waterfront Resort**  
200 Williams St.  
Key West 33040  
305-712-7196

**Marrero's Guest House**  
410 Fleming St.  
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305-294-6977

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Key West 33040  
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**Marquesa Hotel**  
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Key West, FL 33040  
305-292-1919

**Nyah**  
420 Margaret St.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-296-2131

**Ocean Breeze Inn**  
625 South St.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-296-2829

**Ocean Key Resort & Spa**  
Zero Duval St.  
Key West 33040  
305-296-7701

**Old Town Suites**  
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Key West, FL 33040  
305-296-5169

**Olivia By Duval**  
511 Olivia St.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-296-4275

**Orchid Key Inn**  
1004 Duval St.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-296-9915

**Palms Hotel**  
820 White St.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-294-3146

**Papa's Hideaway**  
309 Louisa St.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-295-7497

**Paradise Inn**  
819 Simonton St.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-293-8007

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2801 N. Roosevelt Blvd.  
Key West 33040  
855-462-0807

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501 Southard St.  
Key West 33041  
305-294-9323

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7001 Shrimp Rd  
Key West 33040  
305-296-1717

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Key West 33041  
305-296-4600

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414 Simonton St.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-296-2131

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1425 Simonton St.  
Key West 33040  
888-318-4316

**Rose Lane Villas**  
511 Eaton St.  
Key West, FL 33040

**The Saint Hotel**  
417 Eaton St.  
Key West 33040  
305-294-3200

**Santa Maria Suites Resort**  
1401 Simonton St.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-296-5678

**Seaport Inn Of Key West**  
329 William St.  
Key West 33040  
305-294-3480

**Seascape Inn Bed & Breakfast**  
420 Olivia St.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-296-7776

**Simonton Court**  
320 Simonton St.  
Key West, FL 33040  
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**Silver Palms Inn**  
830 Truman Ave.  
Key West 33041  
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Key West, FL 33040  
305-292-9800

**Southernmost Beach Resort**  
1319 Duval St.  
Key West 33040  
305-296-6577

**Southernmost Beach**  
1400 Duval St.  
Key West 33040  
305-296-3141

**Southernmost Inn**  
525 United Street  
Key West, FL  
305-292-1450

**Southernmost Point Guest House**  
1327 Duval St.  
Key West 33041  
305294-0715

**Southwinds Motel**  
1321 Simonton St.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-296-2215

**Spanish Gardens**  
1325 Simonton St.  
Key West 33040  
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**Speakeasy Inn**  
1117 Duval St.  
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**Suite Dreams Inn**  
1001 Von Phister St.  
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305-292-4713

**Sunrise Suites**  
3685 Seaside Dr.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-296-6661

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Guest Cottages  
245 Front St.  
Key West, FL 33040  
866-236-5400

**The Inn On Fleming**  
1016 Fleming St  
Key West, FL33040  
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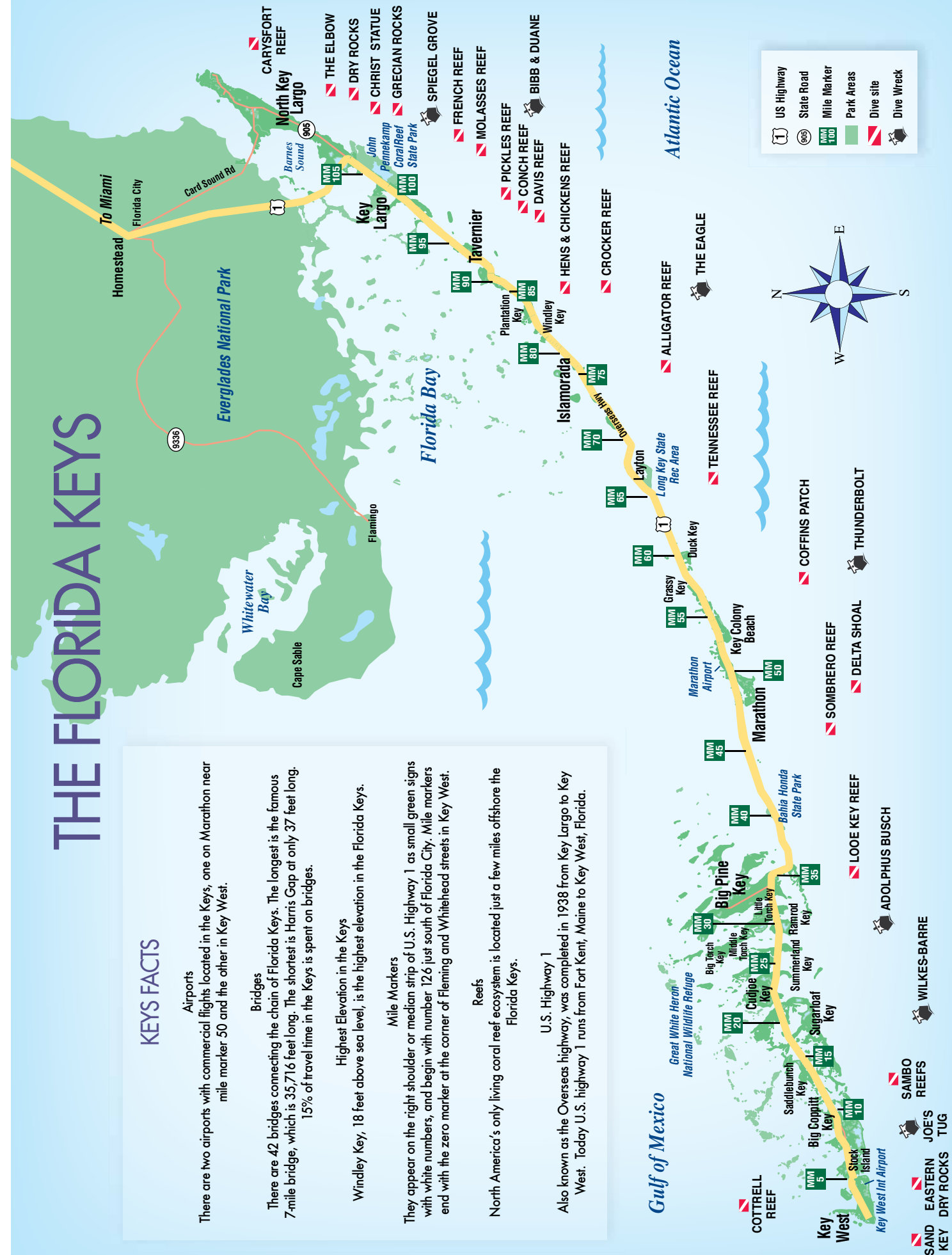
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305-296-4440

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913 Duval St.  
Key West, FL 33040  
305-296-4275



## KEYS FACTS

**Airports**  
There are two airports with commercial flights located in the Keys, one on Marathon near mile marker 50 and the other in Key West.

**Bridges**  
There are 42 bridges connecting the chain of Florida Keys. The longest is the famous 7-mile bridge, which is 35,716 feet long. The shortest is Harris Gap at only 37 feet long. 15% of travel time in the Keys is spent on bridges.

**Highest Elevation in the Keys**  
Windley Key, 18 feet above sea level, is the highest elevation in the Florida Keys.

**Mile Markers**  
They appear on the right shoulder or median strip of U.S. Highway 1 as small green signs with white numbers, and begin with number 126 just south of Florida City. Mile markers end with the zero marker at the corner of Fleming and Whitehead streets in Key West.

**Reefs**  
North America's only living coral reef ecosystem is located just a few miles offshore the Florida Keys.

**U.S. Highway 1**  
Also known as the Overseas highway, was completed in 1938 from Key Largo to Key West. Today U.S. highway 1 runs from Fort Kent, Maine to Key West, Florida.

# Key West



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