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Few small businesses can make claim to an impressive 25 year stretch in the highly competitive Key West market. The Alan S Maltz Gallery is one of those chosen few. When Maltz first opened his Duval Street gallery in 1999, he didn't know what to expect. To everyone's delight, it was an instant hit.

And while Maltz's work is exceptional, he humbly attributes much of his success to his wife, Leslie, his incredible staff, and to his expression of gratitude & appreciation.

Alan and Leslie recently completed a major installation for the prestigious Trivest Partners in Coral Gables. The project adorns much of the 20,000 square foot space, showcasing 150 large to mural-size aluminum works of art. The couple also collaborated with Southwest Florida's Phelan Family Brands to expand Maltz's presence in many upscale restaurants throughout the region.

On top of it all, Maltz just released 150 stunning new images, including over 30 aerial pieces and a masterful collection of images from the Sarasota area.

To celebrate the gallery's 25th Anniversary, Maltz is launching an impressive new website set to debut by this Fall.

Take a personal tour or contact:
Alan S Maltz Gallery, 1210 Duval Street.
Info: 305-294-0005; alanmaltz.com



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ABOUT THE COVER

Created by award-winning photographer, Alan Maltz, "Dramatic Ending" captures the magic and romance of the Keys. Renowned for his style and vision, Maltz has been designated as the Official Fine Art Photographer by Visit Florida and as the Official Wildlife Photographer of Florida by the Wildlife Foundation of Florida. You can see more of Maltz's astounding work on pages 6 and 7; and read more about him on page 10. But for a real treat, stop by his amazing gallery and studio in Key West. Now celebrating 25 years, the Alan S Maltz Gallery showcases his 40 year collection of Florida imagery. Discover it all at 1210 Duval Street. Info: 305-294-0005; alanmaltz.com.



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Noteworthy Art Galleries



Gallery On Greene, Key West

International influences, a laid-back atmosphere and unrivaled natural beauty have made the Florida Keys and Key West a magnet for creative spirits.

Alan S Maltz Gallery

1210 Duval St
Key West, FL 33040
305-294-0005; alanmaltz.com
Daily 10 am
Florida's Official Wildlife & Fine Art Photographer

Author of five award-winning coffee table books, fine arts photographer Alan S. Maltz uses his camera as both brush and palette. Whether photographing wildlife or daily life, this self-taught artist follows the light and creates masterpieces.

Gallery On Greene

600 Greene St
Key West, FL 33040
305-294-1669; galleryongreene.com
Open Daily 10 am - 6 pm
Key West's Premier Art Gallery
"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 handpicks 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 here span a wide variety of mediums and attract both casual buyers and serious art collectors. Frank also arranges art tours to Cuba.

Jag Gallery

1075 Duval St C23
Key West, FL 33040
305-407-6202; jaggallery.art
Daily Noon - 5 pm
Great Works by Renowned Local Artists
Founded by acclaimed painter Letty Nowak, Jag Gallery represents many of Key West's most known and relevant contemporary artists. In addition to Nowak's work, you'll find Key West greats, including John Martini, Rick Worth, Lincoln Perry, Carol Munder, B. Lucy Stevens, Aase May, Sharon McGauley & Cathy Rose. The gallery also exhibits guest

artists and hosts the annual Small Works Exhibit, which takes place through November 26. If you're in the market for exceptional local art, this is a "must-see" gallery.

The Studios of Key West

533 Eaton St
Key West, FL 33041
305-296-0458; tskw.org
Open Tu-Sa 10 am - 4 pm
Live The Creative Life
TSKW stages an extraordinary line-up of contemporary art and rotating gallery exhibits, workshops, classes, and performances. They also provide in-house residency opportunities for artists worldwide. Many world-renowned artists and Pulitzer Prize-winning authors unite with local audiences and art practitioners at all stages of their creative careers. Be sure to check out their website for upcoming events and late-breaking updates.

Sea Sister Island Gallery

303 Duval St
Key West, FL 33040
954-232-7248; seasisterislandgallery.com
Call for Hours
A Unique Artist Boutique
You'll find a captivating and ever-changing collection of local and international art from around the globe at this unique artist boutique. Owner Racheal Garreau specializes in all mediums of high-end contemporary visual art and world-class creations. Her curations include everything from original oils, watercolors, and photography, to bronze and steel sculptures and unique salvaged historical island Folk Art from restored shutters.

Shade Ceramics and Shutter Photography

1102 White St
305-767-3769
shadeandshutterkeywest.com
Open M - Sa 11 am - 5 pm
Contemporary Artisan Ceramics & Fine Art Photography
Key West: This sleek, contemporary gallery and working studio is home to celebrated potter, Mark Klammer and acclaimed nature photographer, Sarah Carleton. The two award-winning artists share a vision for simplicity in each of their own unique designs. Klammer creates modern functional ceramics which are so very unique and deliciously different from traditional pottery. Carleton's vibrant nature photography artfully captures her distinctive interpretation of what some may consider to be ordinary. Her large format prints preserved on recycled aluminum are especially stunning.

Art & Cultural Happenings

Please confirm details with event organizers or venues in case of changes or cancellations.

Daily

Mario Sanchez Original Works & Lecture

Key West: Learn about the real "Old Key West" from Mario Sanchez, Florida's most important folk artist. Nance Frank has curated multiple exhibits of famed Cuban artist Mario Sanchez with catalogs for his exhibition presented by The American Folk Art Museum, The Museum of the City of New York, and Cuba's National Museum. Takes place daily at 2 pm at Gallery on Greene, 606 Greene St. Info: 305-304-2323; galleryongreene.com.

The Alan Maltz Collection

Key West: As the official wildlife and fine art photographer for the State of Florida, Alan Maltz's evocative studies of birds, animals, and landscapes hang in public and private collections worldwide, including the Carter Presidential Library in Atlanta. You can see his vibrant collection of cutting-edge fine art photography and limited edition prints on



Artist Mario Sanchez Gallery On Greene, Key West

aluminum, canvas, and glass at his beautiful multi-level gallery and studio at 1210 Duval Street in Key West. Open daily at 10 am. Info: 305-294-0005; alanmaltz.com.

ONGOING

Daily EXHIBITION: The 1622 Tierra Firme Fleet - An Account of the Disaster and the People

Key West: This fascinating exhibit centers on the Spanish Tierra Firme fleet, struck by

a hurricane in 1622 - one day after it had left Havana, Cuba. You'll learn all about the details of the disaster and the people on the galleons, Nuestra Señora de Atocha and Santa Margarita. The ship's sinking resulted in hundreds of people being killed and valuable cargo dashed to the bottom of the sea. On view daily from 10 am - 4 pm at the Mel Fisher Maritime Museum, 200 Greene St. Info: 305-294-2633; melfisher.org.

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The Artist Behind Our Cover —

Award-Winning Photographer Alan Maltz



Photo: Alan S Maltz

Here's the thing about award-winning photographer Alan Maltz: He's a total romantic.

Take a closer look at his stunning photograph, "Dramatic Ending," gracing the cover of our summer issue of DESTINATION FLORIDA. Or, for that matter, peruse any of Maltz's other works. His photographs effuse deep emotion and envelope you with the artist's visionary magic.

Whether capturing nature's allure or everyday life's subtleties, this self-taught prodigy never uses shortcuts to achieve virtuosity.

Instead, he simply follows the light.

The funny thing is that becoming a professional photographer never crossed Alan Maltz's mind. But then, something extraordinary happened at his college graduation.

He heard this "Voice." A Voice that resonated from deep within and whispered four simple words: "Pick up a camera." The message was clear and insistent.

The young Maltz was awe-stricken.

Having just graduated with a degree in psychology, Maltz had absolutely no

inclination toward art. Heck, he had never even taken a photo in all of his young life. Still, the "Voice's" message continued to resonate: "Pick up a camera."

Maltz and his friends headed overseas the following day for a celebratory graduation trip. Carefully stowed in his carry-on bag was a shiny new Miranda Sensorex camera.

During the long transatlantic flight to France, Maltz tutored himself on the camera's inner workings. By the time his plane touched down in Paris, Maltz was eager to start shooting. His first photo, "Meeting in Marseilles," marked the official start of a four-month "Photo Safari."

Once he returned stateside, Maltz reviewed the collection of photos from



Alan and Leslie Maltz

his journey. That moment changed the trajectory of his life forever. The now budding photographer suddenly understood the mystical instruction propagated by "The Voice." It was an epiphany that revealed Maltz's true calling.

Early in his career as a photographer, Alan Maltz made a critical decision to make Florida his life's work. Today, he is "Florida's Official Wildlife & Fine Art Photographer". He has nearly four decades of images in his expanding collection of Florida Art.

Working from his Duval Street Gallery & Studio in the heart of Old Town, Key West, Alan Maltz oversees all aspects of business operations, including gallery management, corporate and residential projects, and the never-ending creation of new works of art. Quality control is paramount for Maltz, who credits much of his success to his wife, Leslie, his talented staff, and the "Higher Power" within us all.

Now celebrating 25 years, the Alan S Maltz Gallery is a sight to behold. See for yourself at 1210 Duval Street. Info: 305-294-0005; alanmaltz.com.

A Life Changing Trip to Key West

Shade Ceramics and Shutter Photography

"I want to go on a trip that will change my life." That simple, decorative sentence forever changed the lives of Mark Klammer and Sarah Carleton.

It was over a decade ago in the dead of winter. The couple's tiny hamlet in upstate NY lay draped in icicles when Sarah suggested a trek to Key West. And, as the saying goes, the rest is history.

Soon thereafter, these two award-winning artists laid down their island roots and opened a working art gallery.

Specializing in contemporary artisan ceramics and fine art photography, Mark and Sarah aptly named their new digs *Shade Ceramics*

and *Shutter Photography*.

Mark, a celebrated potter, now focuses on sculpting functional ceramics. Modern shapes and rustic finishes are his hallmarks. One of his most popular designs is the eclectic Key West mug. Crafted by hand,



each piece is uniquely its own, with slight variations in color and size.

The mugs are food-safe, microwave-safe, oven-safe, and dishwasher-safe.

Sarah, an acclaimed nature photographer, is renowned for her vibrant nature photography. Her distinctive interpretations artfully turn the ordinary



into the extraordinary. Especially stunning are Sarah's large format prints, which she preserves on recycled aluminum.

Shade Ceramics and Shutter Photography is open M - Sa from 11 am - 5 pm at 1102 White St, Key West. Info: 305-767-3769; shadeandshutterkeywest.com.

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Contemporary artisan ceramics and fine art photography

Crafted in Key West



1102 White St, Key West

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Art & Cultural Happenings

Daily

EXHIBITION: Beneath the Surface - People of the Spanish Fleet of 1622

Key West: Comprised of the Nuestra Señora de Atocha, Santa Margarita, Buen Jesús, and the Nuestra Señora del Rosario, the Spanish Fleet of 1622 carried people from various populations and castes — both free and enslaved. This diverse group of travelers paints a vivid picture of the communities and relationships being formed in the Americas. This exhibit explores their stories, and many objects on display can be linked to specific individuals. On view daily from 10 am - 4 pm at the Mel Fisher Maritime Museum, 200 Greene St. Info: 305-294-2633; melfisher.org.



Florida Keys History & Discovery Center, Islamorada

Monday - Tuesday

(Now - June 25)

Glow Hours: Rooftop Happy Hour on Hugh's View

Key West: For a headier Happy Hour, head up to Hugh's View, where the bar is open, admission is free, and everyone looks great in the golden twilight. The Studios of Key West's rooftop bar is an ideal spot to catch the sunset with friends and enjoy panoramic vistas from the Gulf of Mexico to the Atlantic. Takes place from 6 - 8 pm at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Call for July schedule. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

Tuesday - Saturday

Movies at the Museum

Islamorada: This ongoing series of fascinating "Shorts" runs throughout the day and includes films about Henry Flagler's Overseas

Railroad, the Keys 1935 Hurricane, and an overview of Islamorada area State Parks. Films begin at 10:30 and continue throughout the day, with the last showing at 4 pm. Takes place Tu - Sa at the Florida Keys History & Discovery Center, 82100 Overseas Hwy (on the grounds of the Islander Resort) in Islamorada. Info: 305-922-2237; keysdiscovery.com.

Tuesday - Sunday

EXHIBITION: Florida Keys First People

Islamorada: Utilizing a mixture of artifacts and firsthand early European accounts, this intriguing exhibit tells the story of a people who called these islands home more than 1,000 years ago. Takes place Tu - Su from 10 am - 5 pm at the Florida Keys History & Discovery Center, 82100 Overseas Hwy, on the property of the Islander Resort. Info: 305-922-2237; keysdiscovery.com.

Tuesday - Sunday

EXHIBITION: 1733 Spanish Fleet

Islamorada: Ravished by a September hurricane off the coast of the Upper Keys, the 1733 Spanish treasure fleet was one of the famous wrecks that sank in the shallows from Key Largo to Key Vaca. Here, you can explore the routes used by Spanish sailors and learn about the backstories of the doomed ships. Original artifacts, including Spanish coins from 1732, are also

on display. Takes place Tu - Su from 10 am - 5 pm at the Florida Keys History & Discovery Center, 82100 Overseas Hwy, on the property of the Islander Resort. Info: 305-922-2237; keysdiscovery.com.

Tuesday - Sunday

EXHIBITION: Pirates, Wreckers and Salvagers

Islamorada: From the alleged exploits of Black Caesar, the Keys' most famous pirate, to Captain Ben Baker, the King of the Florida Wreckers, this engaging exhibit delves into the facts and fiction of those men who plied their trade along the dangerous Florida Reef. See it Tu - Su from 10 am - 5 pm at the Florida Keys History & Discovery Center, 82100 Overseas Hwy on the Islander Resort property. Info: 305-922-2237; keysdiscovery.com.

MONTHLY

Third Wednesday

Immerse Yourself!

Islamorada: *Islamorada/Virtual:* This free monthly presentation occurs on-site and virtually. Come by the museum or tune in from wherever you are as experts share fascinating information related to maritime history, archeology, diving, and marine science. Takes place at 7 pm at the History of Diving Museum, 82990 Overseas Hwy. Info: 305-664-9737; divingmuseum.org.

First Thursday

Open House At The Studios

Key West: See the newest works in TSKW galleries, enjoy a drink with a view on the rooftop terrace, and explore three floors of exhibition space. Takes place from 6 - 8 pm at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

Third Thursday

Art Walk Key West

Key West: Take an intimate two-hour walking tour of our local galleries and studios in Key West's Historic Seaport District and get an inside look at the island's vibrant culture. Leaves at 9:30 am from the Custom House Museum, 281 Front St. Info: 305-850-8343.

Third Thursday

Walk On White Gallery Walk

Key West: One of Key West's original Art Walks includes exhibitions and receptions at galleries and shops in the White Street Arts District from Southard to United. Takes place from 5 - 8 pm. Info: walkonwhitekeywest.com.

Third Thursday

Morada Way Arts & Cultural District Art Walk

Islamorada: Fine arts, live music, and "culinary art" are the hallmarks of this festive local happening from 6 - 9 pm along the Morada Way Arts District on Old Hwy, MM 81.5, Oceanside. Info: 305-664-2471; moradawayarts.org.

First Fridays

Upper Duval Street Stroll

Key West: Galleries, boutiques, and cafes open late for exhibitions and receptions on Duval St from Truman to United. Starts at 6pm.

First Fridays

First Fridays On Fleming

Key West: "The Fabulous 500 Block of Fleming Street" showcases boutiques, galleries, and eateries with all kinds of cool events, including jewelry trunk shows,



I Love Stock Island Art Stroll

art openings, book signings, tastings, and libations. Takes place from 6 - 9 pm. Info: 305-304-9001; shoplocalkeywest.com.

Second Saturday

I Love Stock Island Art Stroll

Key West/Stock Island: Local artists showcase sculptures, woodworking, mosaics, screen printing, soaps, fabric art, and more at several locations around Stock Island. It takes place from 11 am to 5 pm at the Stock Island Arts District. Info: 305-731-5780; ILoveStockIsland.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Now - May 12

Exhibition: Adam Russel & Kelly Lever

Key West: The creative power couple behind Key West Pottery takes a few steps off Duval Street for their annual gallery outing with collaborative works in mixed media. Takes place daily from noon - 5 pm at Jag Gallery, 1075 Duval St in Duval Square. Info: 305-407-6202; jaggallery.art.

Now - May 30

Exhibition: Old Town Revival - Andy Thurber and Sean P Dwyer

Key West: Beloved Conch artist Andy Thurber and relative newcomer Sean Dwyer employ their distinct styles for an exhibit of local scenes dripping with color and charm. See it every Tu - Sa from 10 am - 4 pm at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

Now - May 30

Exhibition: Florida Room - Anthony Mancuso

Key West: Artist Anthony Mancuso focuses on how domestic spaces fit into Florida's light and landscape, distorting and rendering them with unnatural colors to convey the

psychological experience of the Sunshine State. On display every Tu - Sa from 10 am - 4 pm at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

Now - May 30

Exhibition: Intricate Emotion - Chelsi Smith

Key West: Artist Chelsi Smith's silkscreens begin with photographs of the human face, abstracting the images with paint and gilding to evoke the complexity and universality of human emotion. See it every Tu - Sa from 10 am - 4 pm at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

Now - May 30

Exhibition: Immersed, Implanted, and Submerged - Renee Lai

Key West: A multimedia artist and endurance swimmer, Renee Lai traces her body navigating water onto paintings to evoke where the body meets the world as a metaphor for boundary blurring. On display every Tu - Sa from 10 am - 4 pm at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

Now - July 30

14th Annual Art In the Garden

Key West: This unique outdoor exhibit intertwines original art with local flora and fauna. Showcasing thirty large pieces from local artists, each piece is made from recycled materials and fits seamlessly into the natural beauty of the forest. Takes place daily from 10am - 4pm at the Key West Tropical Forest

& Botanical Garden. 5210 College Rd. For more info and a complete list of events, call 305-296-1504; Keywest.garden.

Now - September

15 Exhibition: Flora & Fauna - Naturalists in Florida

Key West: Artists often accompanied explorers to uncharted and unblemished areas teeming with natural beauty. These artists painted the curious new landscapes, replete with distinct flora and fauna largely unknown to Americans. This unique exhibition introduces you to some amazing naturalists working in the Florida Territory in the early nineteenth century. Takes place daily from 9:30 am - 4:30 pm at the Custom House Museum, 281 Front St. Info: 305-295-6616; kwahs.org.

May 9

Happy Hour with the Historian: Crossing the Florida Straits: 150 Years of Cuban Migration to South Florida

Key West: Historian Cori Convertito, Ph.D., explores Cuban immigration to the US beginning in the middle and latter part of the 19th century. During this time, workers moved freely between Florida and the island, and the trade in tobacco, sugar, coffee, and rum was lucrative. When Fidel Castro led a revolution in 1959, he launched a new era of mass emigration from his country

to the US. The event includes a complimentary drink (beer, house wine, or soft drink). Takes place from 5 - 6 pm at Comedy Key West, 218 Whitehead St #5. Info: 305-295-6616; kwahs.org.

May 15

OPENING: Immerse Yourself! Salvaging the Deep

Islamorada: World-record-holding aquanaut and retired US Navy CDR Dr. Joe Dituri shares stories of his life as an aquanaut and of living underwater for an incredible 100 days. His compelling presentation kicks off the new limited-time exhibit, Salvaging the Deep. The exhibit delves into some of the deepest wrecks in the oceans and tells the incredible story of finding, researching, and salvaging them. The in-person talk is at 7 pm at The History of Diving Museum, 82990 Overseas Hwy. Info: 305-664-9737; divingmuseum.org.

Art In The Garden, Key West Tropical Forest and Botanical Garden

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SeaSister Gallery, Key West

May 15 - December 31

Salvaging the Deep

Islamorada: This new limited-time exhibit, which focuses on diving history, explores the world's deepest wrecks and how they got there. You'll have an opportunity to explore some of the world's deepest wrecks and discover what is needed to recover and study them. This exhibit also delves into some of the deepest wrecks in the oceans and tells the incredible story of finding, researching, and salvaging these wrecks. Takes place daily from 10 am - 5 pm at The History of Diving Museum, 82990 Overseas Hwy. Info: 305-664-9737; divingmuseum.org.

May 17 - June 9

Exhibition: Cathy Rose

Key West: Delighting collectors from coast to coast and a Key West favorite for over 20 years, New Orleans-based artist and gallerist Cathy Rose returns with her signature work in assemblage along with paintings inspired by Southern Primitive and Outsider art. The opening reception is on Friday, May 17, from 5 - 7pm. It takes place daily from noon to 5 pm at Jag Gallery, 1075 Duval St in Duval Square. Info: 305-407-6202; jaggallery.art.

May 18 - 19

Opening: Alicia Zemanek

Key West: An international award-winning artist, Alicia Zemanek is renowned for her riveting wildlife, marine, and coastal oil paintings. Her masterful brush strokes exude depth and transparency, while her classic age-old glazing techniques add an unusual jewel-like finish, making her pieces all the more unique. Takes place from 11 am - 6 pm at SeaSister Island Gallery, 303 Duval St. Info: 954-232-7248; SeaSisterIsland-Gallery.com.

June - September

Exhibition: Beaches, Creatures & Cowboys - Florida's Movie Posters

Key West: In the early days of movie-making,

Florida's sunshine, palm trees, and beaches set the stage for many movies. Even after most studios had gone to the West Coast, many films still included some scenes shot in Florida. Today, Florida is the third largest movie industry in the country. It is home to major studios like Universal, Disney, and MGM. See this fun exhibit daily from 9:30 am - 4:30 pm at the Custom House Museum, 281 Front St. Info: 305-295-6616; kwahs.org.

June 6 - July 25

Exhibition: Mango Madness - Annual Members Exhibition

Key West: Mangoes fill our trees each spring until they grow pregnant with their weight, thumping to the ground in summer to be gathered, enjoyed, and shared with neighbors like golden currency. This annual summer exhibition is a bounty of creativity in every form and style imaginable - from the artists who inspire us and the island that inspires them. Opens on Th, June 6 from 6 - 8 pm and continues every Tu - Sa from 10 am - 4 pm at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.com.

July 12 - 14

Opening: Rodel Gonzalez - Coastal & Oceanic Collections

Key West: Tropical Seascape Surrealism artist Rodel Gonzalez is known for his interplay of light and shadows, details in expressions and structures. As a world-renowned Disney and Star Wars artist, Gonzalez is also a master of depicting seas and ships. Takes



The Studios, Key West

place from 11 am - 6 pm at SeaSister Island Gallery, 303 Duval St. Info: 954-232-7248; SeaSisterIslandGallery.com.

June 14 - 16

Opening: Michael DeWulf - Floating In A Dream

Key West: Sensual hyper-realism is the hallmark of Florida artist Michael DeWulf, who is a man of many mediums. Beautifully orchestrated, his airbrush, acrylic, gouache, and oil paintings evoke feelings of sensuality, love, unity, hope, and eternity. Takes place from 11 am - 6 pm at SeaSister Island Gallery, 303 Duval St. Info: 954-232-7248; SeaSisterIslandGallery.com.

June 19

Immerse Yourself! Hunting the Invasive Lionfish

Islamorada: Captain Tony Young, lionfish hunter and diver extraordinaire, talks about the effects of the invasive lionfish on the Florida Keys and the success of the conservation efforts to control their population. This in-person presentation takes place at 7 pm at The History of Diving Museum, 82990 Overseas Hwy. Info: 305-664-9737; divingmuseum.org.

July 17

Immerse Yourself! Scientific Exploration: Diving Into Volcanoes

Islamorada: Host Eric Wartenweiler Smith, the scientific diver, and explorer, shares his adventures of diving into crater lakes high in the Andes Mountains to research the origins of life. This in-person presentation takes place at 7 pm at The History of Diving Museum, 82990 Overseas Hwy. Info: 305-664-9737; divingmuseum.org.

November 22 - 26

Cuba Art Tour

Key West: Owner and Director of Key West's renowned Gallery on Greene. Nance Frank knows Cuba like the back of her hand. Her personalized tours to Cuba take you the most cutting-edge artist studios in Cuba where you'll have an opportunity to meet with local artists and discuss their work. The comprehensive package includes airfare, hotel, and visas. Some meals are also included in an average-size group tour. Info: 305-304-2323; galleryongreene.com.

Worth the Stop - Rain or Shine!

Immerse Yourself at the History of Diving Museum



Home to the world's most extensive collection of diving helmets, hand-operated air pumps, armored suits, lights, and other accessory gear, The History of Diving Museum is a treasure trove of

displays, a fun scavenger hunt, and an international collection that showcases equipment and pioneers worldwide, The History of Diving Museum will keep you riveted for hours.

memorabilia, prints, photos, books, film, video, and more.

The Museum has 14 permanent exhibits reflecting over 4,000 years of "the quest to explore under the sea."

With interactive

Oh, and get this: the Museum stages its highly popular "Immerse Yourself!" series on the third Wednesday of every month at 7 pm. This free presentation features guest speakers covering topics from all aspects of the diving industry and marine environment. Coming up: Salvaging the Deep (May 15), Hunting the Invasive Lionfish (June 19), and Diving Into Volcanoes (July 17).

Whatever the weather, the History of Diving Museum belongs on your Florida Keys' Bucket List - rain or shine!

You can find The History of Diving Museum at 82990 Overseas Hwy (MM83 Bayside) in Islamorada. Open daily, 10 am - 5 pm. Info: 305-664-9737; divingmuseum.org.

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305-922-2237; keysdiscovery.com
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Where the "Old Keys" Come to Life
This fascinating educational attraction encapsulates what living in the "Old Keys" was like through a series of engaging exhibits that include the infamous Labor Day Hurricane of 1935, Henry Flagler's Railroad, the Overseas Highway, legendary anglers and fishing guides along with a host of other unique displays.

History Of Diving Museum

82990 Overseas Hwy,
Islamorada, FL. MM 83, Bayside N
305-664-9737; divingmuseum.org
Exhibits and Museum Store
Open Daily 10 am - 5 pm
A "Must-See" for Divers & Non-Divers Alike
Dedicated to telling the international story of "the quest to explore under the sea," this fascinating museum contains 4,000 years of diving history: from breath-hold diving to modern SCUBA and the South Florida connection to this untold story. You'll get to see permanent exhibits like *Improbable Early Diving Inventions*, *Deep Sea Diving In the Abyss*, and *The Parade of Nations*, an international collection that displays helmets from every country that ever made one. There's also an extensive line-up of many limited-time revolving exhibits, scavenger hunts, special events and more.

MIDDLE KEYS

Crane Point Museum & Nature Center

5550 Overseas Hwy, MM 50, Gulfside
Marathon, FL 33050
305-743-9100; craneptmuseum.net
M - F 9 am - 5 pm; Sa 9am - 5 pm;
Su Noon - 5 pm
Take a Walk Back in Time
Tucked away in the heart of Marathon lies this historic 63-acre tropical oasis of hardwood trees, 2.5 miles of beautiful nature trails, and a Museum of Natural History. Initially, the site of an Indian village. The reserve also contains evidence of a Pre-Columbian civilization where a Bahamian immigrant family set up a homestead in the early twentieth century. One trail takes you by



Key West Lighthouse & Keeper's Quarters

the Marathon Wild Bird Center, a hospital for injured pelicans, cormorants, egrets, and other Keys birds.

KEY WEST

East Martello Museum & Gallery

3301 South Roosevelt Blvd
Key West, FL 33040
305-296-3913; kwah.org
Open Daily 9:30 am - 5 pm
Home Of Robert The Haunted Doll
Built in 1862 by the US Army to protect Key West's Ft. Zachary Taylor from Confederate attack, this historic military fort is filled with unique artifacts and memorabilia. You can tour the grounds and see displays of Florida Keys' history, meet Robert the Haunted Doll, view junkyard sculptures by Stanley Papio, and the painted wooden carvings of acclaimed artist Mario Sanchez.

Ernest Hemingway Home & Museum

907 Whitehead Street
Key West, FL 33040
305-294-1136; hemingwayhome.com
Open Daily 9 am - 5 pm
Retrace The Footsteps Of Hemingway
A registered Historic Landmark and one of Key West's most historic and unique legacies where the late Nobel Prize winner, Ernest Hemingway, was motivated to write some of his best works, including "To Have and Have Not," a novel about Key West during the Great Depression. Take a leisurely stroll through his studio, home, and gardens and meet some furry descendants of Hemingway's legendary six-toed cat.

Key West Custom House

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

Key West Lighthouse & Keeper's Quarters

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

Mel Fisher Maritime Museum

200 Greene Street
Key West, FL 33040
305-294-2633; melfisher.org
Open M - Su 10 am - Last Visitor 4 pm
A Bounty Of Shipwreck Treasures
The legendary Mel Fisher and his team of treasure hunters come to life at this fascinating maritime museum. It displays a bounty of precious loot salvaged from the Spanish Galleon, *Atocha*, which sunk off 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.

Oldest House Museum

322 Duval St
Key West, FL 33040
305-294-9501; oirf.org
Open 10 am - 4 pm;
Closed Weds & Sun
Built in 1829, Key West's oldest house was home to the wrecker Captain Francis B. Watlington, his wife Emeline, and their nine daughters. The former estate includes

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three buildings: the main house, the kitchen house, and the exhibit pavilion. The property showcases a treasure trove of family portraits, original furnishings, maritime artifacts, a gift shop, and works by Key West's famous Cuban American Folk Artist, Mario Sanchez. In the rear of the house is the spacious, peaceful "Lily's Garden," where you can see the only surviving Cook House in South Florida.

Tennessee Williams Museum

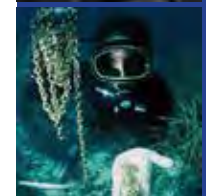
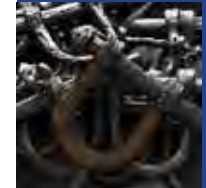
513 Truman Ave
Key West, FL 33040
305-842-1666; kwahs.org
Open Daily 9:30 am - 4:30 pm
One of America's Foremost Playwrights
Learn about Tennessee Williams' literary accomplishments and life in Key West through this extensive collection of photographs, first-edition plays, books, and rare newspaper and magazine articles and videos. A typewriter used by the author while writing in Key West and many other artifacts are also on display.

Truman Little White House

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

Key West Turtle Museum

200 Margaret Street
Key West, FL 33040
305-294-0209; keywestturtlemuseum.org
Open Th - Su 11 am - 5pm
A Piece of Key West History
Located next to a former turtle cannery building, this former fish house is now home to the Key West Turtle Museum. Here you can explore the history of the green sea turtle fishing industry and see a burgeoning collection of archeological objects and turtle bones. Opened by Mel Fisher Maritime Museum, the Turtle Museum focuses on turtle conservation efforts, including promoting awareness, protecting habitats, and tagging for research and study.



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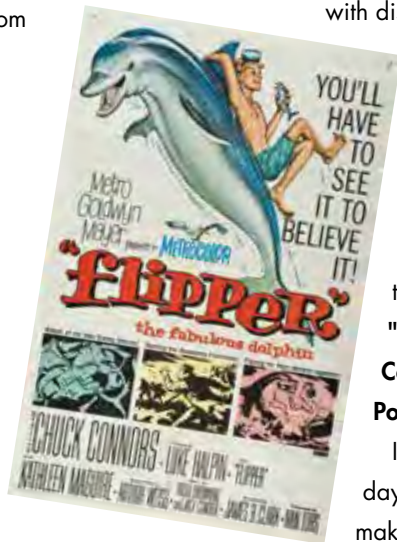


Now through Sunday, September 15, **Flora & Fauna** is a unique exhibition that introduces you to some amazing naturalists working in the Florida Territory in the early nineteenth century. Artists often accompanied explorers to uncharted and unblemished areas teeming with

natural beauty. These artists painted the curious new landscapes, replete with distinct flora and fauna largely unknown to Americans.

Anchoring Mallory Square's historic seaport, the **Key West Museum of Art & History** at the Custom House is as stunning a sight today as it was when it opened in 1891. Originally home to the island's customs office, postal service, and district courts, this four-story architectural marvel now boasts two floors of exhibitions that weave together two centuries of history, art, people, and events.

In addition to the many fascinating permanent exhibits on display, you can also treat yourself to two exceptional temporary exhibitions that are particularly outstanding.



Starting on Friday, May 31, the Custom House Museum is also exhibiting a "fun in the sun" exhibit entitled **"Beaches, Creatures & Cowboys: Florida's Movie Posters."**

In the early days of movie-making, Florida's sunshine, palm trees, and beaches set the stage for many movies. Even after most studios had gone to the West Coast, many films still included some scenes shot in Florida.



Today, Florida is the third largest movie industry in the country. It is home to major studios like Universal, Disney, and MGM. This temporary exhibit of Florida's film posters runs through Friday, August 30.

Opening on Thursday, June 6, from 6 - 8 pm and running through Thursday, July 25 is the highly anticipated **"Mango Madness."** Mangoes fill our trees each spring until they grow pregnant with their weight, thumping to the ground in summer to be gathered, enjoyed, and shared with neighbors like golden currency. This annual Members Exhibition is a bounty of creativity in every form and style imaginable: from the artists who inspire us and the island that inspires them.

The museum also includes several other permanent exhibitions, including **Tennessee Williams – The Playwright and the Painter, Overseas to The Keys-Henry Flagler's Overseas Railway, Depicting Hemingway,** and many more.

You can flip-flop on over to see all of these fantastic exhibits from 9:30 am - 4:30 pm at the Custom House Museum, 281 Front St. Info: 305-295-6616; kwahs.org.

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Key West's Coolest Cats

Jazz In The Gardens



If you're looking for a night of great music, fabulous wines, stylish cocktails and hanging out with the most interesting people, you need to check out "Jazz In The Gardens."

A "favorite hang for the local jazz cognoscenti" this free weekly music series takes place every Sunday from 5:30 - 7 pm (October - June) at Key West's luxe Gardens Hotel.

Once the largest private estate in Key West, the Gardens Hotel is now home to 17 luxurious guest suites, along with the D'vine Wine Gallery, a state-of-the-art automated wine bar.

Nestled in a magical, greenery filled courtyard, the hotel's Gazebo Stage draws some of the island's top local musicians and singers as well

as visiting musical artists who perform time honored ballads, newly created tunes and astonishing jam sessions.

When you can't stop tapping your toes, dancing on the brick courtyard is always a welcomed option.

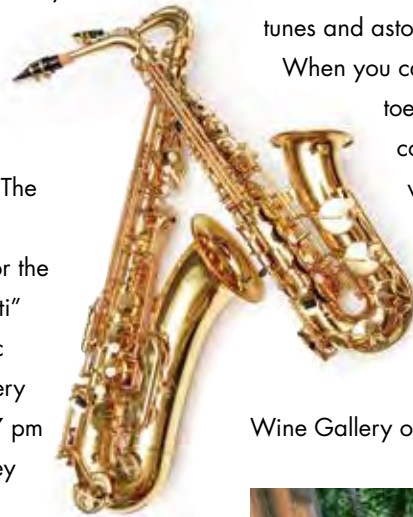
The music is even sweeter when you add a flavorful pour from the wonderful wine selection of the D'Vine

Wine Gallery or choose your favorite

cocktail from the Tiki Bar outside by the tropical pool. There's no better way to end your weekend on a high note.

BTW: You can also listen to the keyboard prowess of assorted musicians several other nights per week as they tickle the ivories of the baby grand piano inside the Gardens Hotel lobby.

When great music is on your mind, just pop into the Gardens Hotel. You can find it at 525 Angela St between Duval and Simonton. Info: 305-294-2661; gardenshotel.com.



FOOTLIGHTS

Please confirm details with event organizers or venues in case of changes or cancellations.

ONGOING

Randy Roberts Live!

Key West: Spotlighted 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, Bette Midler, and Mae West are spot-on. He'll have you rolling in the aisles when he performs a titillating striptease as the bawdy Gypsy Rose Lee. Catch this fantastic show at La Te Da's Crystal Room Cabaret, 1125 Duval St. Tickets and info: 305-296-6706; lateda.com.

Daily

The Birdcage Cabaret

Key West: Home of North America's foremost female impersonist, Christopher Peterson and Key West's famous drag queens, The Aquanettes and the Birdcage Cabaret are a great hang any time, day or night. Peterson's

lavish new show, backed by the Aquanettes, takes place every Tuesday - Saturday at 8 pm. The Aquanettes perform separately on Monday and Tuesday at 9 pm with two shows on Wednesday - Sunday at 7 and 9 pm. You can catch the lively Drag King show on Sunday nights at 7:30 pm. The bar is open Sunday - Thursday from 2 pm - 2 am and on Friday and Saturday from 2 pm - 4 am. The all-day Happy Hour doesn't stop until showtime. You can find the Birdcage Cabaret at 504 Angela St in the Aquaplex. Info: 305-294-0555; aquakeywest.com.



Nightly

The Aquanettes

Key West: Key West's talented female impersonist troupe transforms into a bevy of beauties using elaborate costuming, makeup,

and lip-sync. Renowned for its outrageous and comic numbers, this adult-oriented, interactive show is one of the hottest tickets in town. Takes place Monday - Tuesday at 9 pm and Wednesday - Sunday at 7 and

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9 pm. See it at the Aquaplex, 711 Duval St. Info: 305-294-0555; aquakeywest.com.

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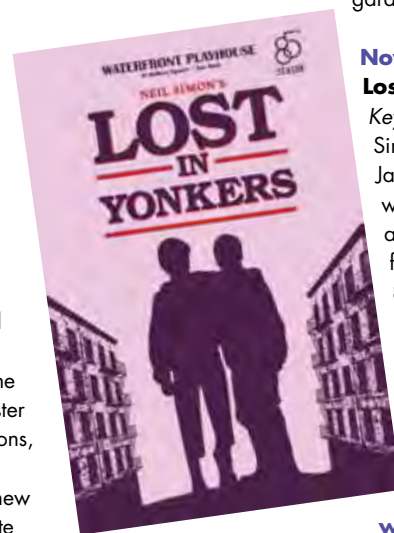
Key West: This is an excellent hang if you want to kick back with a fine glass of wine and settle in for an intimate cabaret performance by some of Key West's favorite performers, like classical guitarist Matteo Jampol and pianist Bobby Green. Takes place from 5 - 7 pm at The Gardens Hotel and Cottages, 526 Angela St. Info: 305-294-2661; gardenshotel.com.

Nightly Jazz at Tavern N' Town

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

Tuesday - Saturday Christopher Peterson's Birdcage Cabaret

Key West: Christopher Peterson is, without a doubt, one of North America's foremost female impressionists — visually and vocally. Often compared to the legendary master of impersonations, Jim Bailey, Christopher's new lavish 90-minute show is one of the hottest tickets in town. See him perform



Now - May 11 Lost in Yonkers

Key West: Set in 1942 Brooklyn, Neil Simon's story is about two brothers, Jay and Arty, who must learn to live with their stern Grandma, Aunt Bella, and their Uncle Louie, a henchman for some gangsters. Showtime is at 8 pm, and a Saturday matinee is at 2 pm on May 4. Takes place at the Waterfront Playhouse, 407 Wall St. Info and tickets: 305-294-5015; waterfrontplayhouse.org.

May 1 - 5 28th Annual Key West Songwriters Festival

Key West: This annual showcase of musical magic is the world's largest festival of its kind

live, backed up by the outrageous Aquanettes Drag Queens, at his new digs every Tuesday - Saturday at 8 pm. On stage at the Birdcage Cabaret, 504 Angela St., in the Aquaplex. Info: 305-294-0555; aquakeywest.com.

Wednesday - Saturday Cabaret in The Gardens

Key West: Key West's Gardens Hotel is one of the most luxe boutique hotels on the island. Every Wednesday through Saturday, from 5 - 7 pm, you can enjoy outstanding live piano music in the Hotel's intimate Cabaret. Full bar and stellar wines are the coup de gras. Find the Gardens Hotel at 526 Angela St. Info: 305-294-2661; gardenshotel.com.

Every Sunday Jazz in the Gardens

Key West: Enjoy 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. This popular Sunday happening takes place from 5:30 - 8 pm at the Gardens Hotel, 526 Angela St. Info: 305-294-2661; gardenshotel.com.



Pride Follies, Key West

and features America's foremost performing songwriters. Up close and personal concerts are staged at various venues throughout Key West. Info: 305-304-0814; keywestsongwritersfestival.com.

May 17

Author Craig Foster: Amphibious Soul
Key West: From the creator of the beloved Academy Award winning documentary "My Octopus Teacher" comes Amphibious Soul, Craig Foster's thrilling memoir of a life spent exploring the most incredible places on Earth. From the Great African Seaforest to the crocodile lairs of the Okavango Delta, Foster reveals how we can attend to the earthly beauty around us and deepen our love for all living things: whether we make our homes in the country, the city, or anywhere in between. Showtime: 7 in the Helmerich Theater at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

June 1

16th Annual Pride Follies

Key West: A precursor to Key West's famous Pride Week, this original variety show includes an array of unforgettable comedy, singing, and dancing. Acclaimed performer Destiny Montgomery, Fantasy Fest Queen 2017, returns to direct another outrageous production. Full bar service. Doors open at 7pm; Showtime at 8pm. FYI: This show always sells out, so get your tickets early. Takes place at the Key West Theater, 512 Eaton St. An After Party follows at Mangoes, 700 Duval St. Info and tickets: 305-985-0433; keywesttheater.com.

July 13

One Night Stand

Key West: One of the summer's most popular happenings, One Night Stand calls on creative thinkers to develop five brand-new theater pieces from start to finish in only 24 hours. With the clock ticking, dozens of people work together wickedly fast to make the project come to fruition. Showtimes: 7 and 9 pm in the Helmerich Theater at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

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The Cat's Out of the Bag –

Key West's New Birdcage Cabaret is a "Sing-ular" Hit!



Birdcage Cabaret now boasts a spacious stage framed with swanky theater curtains, a state-of-the-art sound system, intimate cabaret-style seating, and a signature cocktail bar.

Peterson's new 90-minute, three-act show marries his notorious impersonations of famous divas like Marilyn Monroe, Bette Midler, Tina Turner, Barbara Streisand, Judy Garland, Cher, Lady GaGa, and other Red Carpet icons.

Backing up Peterson's live vocals is a rotating cast of "Aquanettes," the complex's outrageous

group of lip-synching drag queens. You can also expect to see a variety of local performers, female singers, and Lord knows what else: maybe even jugglers or synchronized bowling? When Christopher Peterson is directing a stage production, nothing is off the table, so come



prepared for an unforgettable night.

You can catch Christopher Peterson's new show on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights at 8 pm.

In addition to performing at The Birdcage, the Aquanettes also appear in their own hit show on Monday and Tuesday nights starting at 9 pm and on Wednesday through Sunday with two nightly shows at 7 and 9 pm.

On Sunday nights, our local Drag Kings (women dressed in male Drag) take to the stage for a phenomenal 7:30 pm show. FYI: Stay tuned for even more great live entertainment on Monday and Wednesday nights.

The Birdcage bar is open Sunday through Thursday from 2 pm - 2 am and on Friday and Saturday from 2 pm - 4 am. Enjoy Happy Hour prices and no cover charge when performances aren't taking place.

You can find the Birdcage Cabaret entrance on the side of Aquaplex at 504 Angela St. Info and tickets at 305-294-0555; aquakeywest.com/the-birdcage-cabaret

With a name inspired by Broadway's smash hit musical, "La Cage Aux Folles," Key West's new Birdcage Cabaret has the island all aflutter.

Tucked inside the totally revamped Aquaplex, Duval Street's entertainment epicenter, this lavish new live performance venue is the brainchild of world-renowned female impersonist Christopher Peterson.

A "Master of Impersonations," Peterson recently teamed up with Aquaplex's new owners, Mike and John Barrett. The creative trio worked together to transform the former "SideBar" space into a "Big City Club" with a Key West vibe. The new

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Oh, The Folly of It All!

16th Annual Pride Follies Hits the Stage

Reminiscent of an old-fashioned variety show and the brainchild of a local icon, Peter Arnow, the 16th Annual Pride Follies returns to Key West for a one-night-stand on Saturday, June 1.

As the annual prelude to Key West Pride (June 5 - June 9), the show tributes the late Ed Sullivan's hit show, "Toast of Town." FYI: For those of you under sixty, this was once considered "Must See TV" from 1948 to 1971.

Whatever your age, it really doesn't matter. Great entertainment never gets old, and everyone gets a big kick out of this high-energy extravaganza.

Acclaimed performer and Fantasy Fest Queen 2017, Destiny Montgomery, returns to host and directs another

outrageous production. The show typically runs 1-1/2 hours and showcases over a dozen performers rarely performing in Key West. Expect a fabulous array of unforgettable comedy, singing, and dancing. BTW: This show always sells out, so get your tickets early.

Pride Follies takes to the stage at 8 pm (doors open at 7 pm with full bar service) at the Key West Theater, 512 Eaton St.



An After Party follows at Mangoes, 700 Duval St.

Info and tickets: 305-985-0433; keywesttheater.com.

WHAT'S UP

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ONGOING

Daily Mini Golf

Ramrod Key: Renowned as the southernmost mini-golf course in the contiguous United States, this kid-friendly 18-hole course is a perfect family adventure. It boasts a fun caveman theme with two giant waterfalls and four fountains. And get this: If you're 21+, you and your friends can have a cocktail or glass of wine while you putter around. Happens daily from 10 am - 10 pm at Boondocks Grille & Draft House at 27205 Overseas Hwy (MM 27.5) on Ramrod Key. Be sure to check out their special party packages and tournaments. Info: 305-872-4094; boondocksus.com.

Daily Miniature Golf

Marathon: The Keys' newest and largest mini-golf attraction is a full-size 18-hole course that challenges the best of the best. A fun tropical

theme, lush landscaping, and an amazing local coral rock waterfall make it one of the Middle Keys' "Must See" destinations. Top it all off with a variety of snacks, slushies, frozen daiquiris, or cold beers and you've got yourself a great day — not at the beach! Special event packages and tournaments, too! Open daily 10 am - 10 pm at Porky's Bayside, 1410 Overseas Hwy in Marathon. Info: 305-731-7592; porkysbaysidebbq.com.

Daily Green Pineapple Key West Yoga

Key West: Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned practitioner, this Hatha-based yoga studio offers daily classes designed for every skill level. Based on the foundations of



Snooks Bayside Sunset Celebration, Key Largo

traditional yoga practices, categories include Vinyasa, Yin, Restorative, Gentle, Breath and Mindful Movement, Pilates, and Meditation. The Green Pineapple Yoga Shala also offers workshops to feed your body, mind, and soul. Private or Group Classes are also available. Come early or stay after class for fresh juice, tea, or a super healthy Zen bite in the plant-based Wellness Cafe. Find it nestled inside

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Our Island's Official Philosophy is:
ALL PEOPLE ARE CREATED EQUAL MEMBERS OF ONE HUMAN FAMILY

It simply means we believe **all people are entitled to equal rights, dignity and respect, and that all people around the world are a part of each other.**

We've given out over 3,000,000 FREE stickers worldwide. To get yours, just stop by the KW Business Guild at 808 Duval - or send a SASE to: P.O. Box 972, Key West, FL 33041.
OneHumanFamily.info

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WHAT'S UP



Hugh's View, Key West

The Green Pineapple Wellness Center, 1130 Duval Street, Key West. Info: 305-509-7378; greenpineapplewellness.com.

Nightly Snook's Bayside Sunset Celebration
Key Largo: Kick back with a rum punch on Snook's 5,000-square-foot waterfront patio, listen to some great live music, and enjoy an unobstructed panoramic view of the sun sinking into the Florida Bay. You can also get Happy Hour prices from 4 - 6 pm on various libations and appetizers. The nightly event is ceremoniously marked by the "Sunset Horn" bellowing just before the fiery ball disappears

into the horizon. The celebration continues well after dark with live entertainment and dancing under the palms. Takes place at Snooks Bayside & Grand Tiki at MM 99.8, Southbound Lane behind the Sandal Factory Outlet in Key Largo. Info: 305-453-5004; snooks.com.

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 Opal Key Resort & Marina on Front Street to watch the sun slowly sink into the Gulf of Mexico and 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.

Nightly Aquaplex
Key West: With three reimagined venues all under one roof, Key West's state-of-the-art entertainment complex is where it's all happening. This world-class dance club, with high-tech lighting and an industrial vibe, also

boasts a lovely outdoor garden bar called the Back Bar, replete with Aqua Belle, a fusion food truck serving breakfast, lunch, dinner, and late-night bites. There's also 22&Co, heralded as the best drag bar in the Keys. But the crowning jewel of it all is the Birdcage Cabaret featuring the world-renowned female impressionist and singer Christopher Peterson, backed by The Aquanettes, an outrageous troupe of talented drag queens who sing and dance the night away. This is THE place to go for "not-to-be-missed" entertainment. Find it all at 711 Duval St. Info: 305-294-0555; aquakeywest.com.

WEEKLY Monday & Tuesday (Now – June 25) Glow Hours: Rooftop Happy Hour on Hugh's View
Key West: For a headier Happy Hour, head up to Hugh's View, where the bar is open, there is free admission, and everyone looks great in the golden twilight. Hugh's View sits on the roof of The Studios of Key West. It offers panoramic vistas across the rooftops of Old Town, from the Gulf of Mexico on one side to the Atlantic on the other. Takes place from 6 - 8 pm at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: tskw.org.

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One Human Family!

Key West's Gay Summer Sizzlers



With more and more of our human rights being usurped by far-right politicians, it's more important than ever that we stand together and celebrate our diversity.

Created by Key West artist and human rights activist JT Thompson, our "One Human Family" ethos is more than just a slogan. It's a philosophy that we locals (gay, trans, straight, binary, or whatever) proudly live by daily.

Renowned as one of the most harmonious and welcoming communities in America, our little piece of paradise is not only a top vacation destination that draws visitors from around the



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world, but it's also a famous "Come As You Are" mecca that attracts thousands of LGBTQ+ visitors to our shores. Especially in the summer, three significant events keep the tiny two-mile by four-mile island hopping.

Key West Pride, which takes place Wednesday, June 5 - Sunday, June 9, is always one big party. In addition to the lively bar scene, there are lots of other events going on, starting with the notorious Pride Follies on Saturday, June 1. Now in its 16th year, the fabulous Follies is a precursor of all the of fun things to come. Highlights include a Kick Off Disco Party, "We Are Family" Street Fair, Drunken' Drag Brunch, and a colorful Pride Parade down Key West's famous Duval Street. In between you can enjoy plenty of pool and beach parties, water activities, and a whole lot more.

The action continues when **Tropical**

Heat, Key West's hottest event for men, cranks up the temperature on Wednesday, August 7 - Sunday, August 11. With all-male theme activities, pool parties, and adult-oriented entertainment, it's a steamy four days — rain or shine.

Just as the last rays of summer start to fade, Key West explodes with **WomenFest** which runs from Wednesday, September 4 - Sunday, September 8. One of the largest gatherings of lesbians and friends in North America, this four days of revelry includes pool parties, water excursions, late-night parties, and more. And here's the best part: you don't have to be gay to go!

So come as you are — everyone here is always welcome! Get more deets and a full schedule of events at 305-294-4603; gaykeywestfl.com.



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WHAT'S UP

Every Thursday

Key West Waterfront Farmers Market

Key West: This traditional farmer's market includes produce, seasonal fruits, cheese, pickles, nuts, honey, seafood, fresh bread, hot sauces, and more. You can also shop for local arts & crafts, flea market goods, jewelry, clothing/t-shirts, cigars, and CBD. Takes place from 2 pm - 7 pm at the Truman Waterfront (end of Southard St). FYI: Bring your own bags. Info: 305-731-3385; keysartisanmarket.com.

Every Saturday

Open-Air Market

Ramrod Key: Forget about driving miles to find local Florida Keys art, handmade jewelry, one-of-a-kind creations, fresh organic produce, greens, and flowers. You'll find all that and more right at Boondocks. Takes place from 9 am - 2 pm in the parking lot of Boondocks Plaza, 27205 Overseas Hwy (MM 27.5) on Ramrod Key. Info: 305-872-4094; boondocksus.com.

Every Sunday

Jazz in The Gardens

Key West: Enjoy hot 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 Angel St, Key West. Info: 305-294-2661; gardenshotel.com.

Every Sunday

Key West Artisan Market

Key West: Shop a curated outdoor market offering fine crafts and art from talented Florida Keys makers, a wide variety of food and libations, and local musicians and authors. Takes place from 10 am - 2 pm at Higgs Beach, 1801 White St. Info: 305-731-3385; kwartisanmarket.com.



Plant Sale, Key West
Tropical Forest and Botanical
Garden

MONTHLY

Third Wednesday

Immerse Yourself!

Islamorada: This free monthly presentation occurs on-site at the History of Diving Museum or virtually so you can tune in from wherever you are. Experts cover maritime history, archeology, diving, and marine science topics. Coming up: Salvaging the Deep, Hunting the Invasive Lionfish, and Diving Into Volcanoes. The on-site presentation takes place

at 7 pm at the History of Diving Museum, 82990 Overseas Hwy. To learn about each month's presentation, call 305-664-9737 or hit divingmuseum.org.

First Friday

First Fridays on Fleming

Key West: "The Fabulous 500 Block of Fleming Street" showcases boutiques, galleries, and eateries with all kinds of cool events, including jewelry trunk shows, art openings, book signings, tastings, and libations. It takes place from 6 - 9 pm. Info: 305-304-9001; shoplocalkeywest.com.

First Saturday

Market on the Green

Key West: Shop some fantastic local arts at this fun artisan market. Takes place from 10 am - 2 pm at the Sunset Green Event Lawn between the Gates Key West Hotel and 24 North Hotel, 3852 N Roosevelt Blvd. Info: 305-400-4117; thekeysollection.com.

Third Saturday

Native Plant Sale

Key West: Peruse over 2,000 native, rare, and endangered plants from the Keys, Cuba, and the Western Caribbean at this terrific monthly plant sale. Takes place from 9 am - Noon at the Key West Tropical Forest and Botanical Garden, 5210 College Rd. Info: 305-296-1504; keywest.garden.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Now - December 31

Aquanauts to Astronauts

Islamorada: This limited-time featured exhibit examines the connections between space and underwater exploration. The exhibition features stories and artifacts from NASA, including how they use diving to train future astronauts. Takes place daily from 9 am - to 5 pm at The History of Diving Museum, 82990 Overseas Hwy. Info: 305-664-9737; divingmuseum.org.

May 5

Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Key West: Grab your salt shaker and party with Margarita during this fun, annual



Schooner Wharf Bar Minimal Regatta, Key West

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 at the foot of Williams St. Info: 305-292-3302; schoonerwharf.com.

May 26

33rd 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 minimal materials, including plywood and duct tape, to build their tiny vessels. Races begin at Noon at Schooner Wharf Bar, 202 William St in Key West's Historic Seaport. Info: 305-292-3302; schoonerwharf.com.

June 1

17th Annual Pride Follies

Key West: A precursor to Key West's famous Pride Week, this original variety show includes an array of unforgettable comedy, singing, and dancing. Acclaimed performer Destiny Montgomery, Fantasy Fest Queen 2017, returns to direct another outrageous production. Full bar service. Doors open at 7 pm; Showtime at 8 pm. FYI: This show always sells out, so get your tickets early. Takes place at the Key West Theater, 512 Eaton St. An After Party follows at Mangoes, 700 Duval St. Info and tickets: 305-985-0433; keywesttheater.com.

June 5 - 9

Key West Pride

Key West: Key West shows its Pride daily, and this is your chance to participate in 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 "70's Disco" Street Fair, wine tastings, a parade, and more. Complete schedule at gaykeywestfl.com. Info: 305-294-4603.

June 5

Key West Pride Kick-Off Disco Party

Key West: Don your best "Saturday Night Fever" disco garb and go downtown for this throwback party where everyone shines. It takes place from 5:30 - 7:30 pm at Hard Rock Cafe, 313 Duval St. A complete schedule is available at gaykeywestfl.com. Info: 305-294-4603.

June 7 - 9

41st Annual Lower Keys Chamber Dolphin Tournament

Lower Keys: Anglers contend for over \$35,000 in cash prizes and awards. A special cash prize of \$20,000 is awarded for the largest dolphin over 50 pounds. Additional prizes await winners in the open ladies and youth divisions. You can register for the tournament and enjoy appetizers and a cash bar on Friday starting at 5 pm at KOA Sugarloaf Key, 251 State Rd 939 FL 20. Info: 305-872-2411; lowerkeyschamber.com.

June 7

Key West Pride 70's Retro Disco Party

Key West: Get ready to boogie the night away at Mangoes' exclusive Ricky Ricardo Room. Prizes for best 70's-themed attire. FYI: Space is limited, and tickets are going fast. Grab 'em

while you can. The party starts at 9 pm at Mangoes, 700 Duval St. A complete schedule is available at gaykeywestfl.com. Info: 305-294-4603.

June 8

Key West Pride's "We Are Family" Street Fair & Disco Party

Key West: This year's blockbuster Street Fair is more festive than ever, with vendors galore and a drag show to boot. It's also a perfect opportunity to break out your favorite pride-themed outfit and strut your stuff! Takes place from 4 - 8 pm on the 700 - 900 block of Duval St, followed by a raucous disco party led by DJ Mr. Enjoy. Complete schedule at gaykeywestfl.com. Info: 305-294-4603.

June 9

Key West Pride Drunken' Drag Brunch

Key West: Celebrate "Sunday Funday," Key West style, at this wild Drag Brunch Show, which has been voted as one of the Top 10 Drag Brunch Shows in the USA by the Miami



Key West Pride

Herald. FYI: After the show, stick around for the After Party, where you can get your picture taken with the beautiful drag queens and dance the day away to DJ Jeff's tunes. This 21+ event kicks off at Noon at Mangoes, 700 Duval St. Complete schedule at gaykeywestfl.com. Info: 305-294-4603.

June 9

Disco Tea Dance: Key West Pride Edition

Key West: Key West's legendary Sunday Tea Dance rocks poolside with great music from local radio star DJ Rude Girl. Starts at 4 pm at La Te Da, 1125 Duval St. Complete schedule at gaykeywestfl.com. Info: 305-294-4603.

June 9

Key West Pride Parade

Key West: This annual "out-and-proud" Pride Parade celebrates the 70's Disco Era and tops off a week-long celebration. Kicks off at 5 pm from Quay Road at the Truman Waterfront. The parade then proceeds to Whitehead St, takes a left onto Front St, then right onto Duval. The parade finally ends on United St (ultimately Tea Dance). Complete schedule at gaykeywestfl.com. Info: 305-294-4603.

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Friday, July 7 - Sunday, July 9, 2024

COMPETE FOR OVER \$35,000 IN CASH & PRIZES!

31ST ANNUAL LOWER KEYS DOLPHIN TOURNAMENT

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FRIDAY, JUNE 7 • 5PM
Registration/Kick Off Party
Appetizers & Cash Bar
KOA Sugarloaf Key, 251 State Rd 939 FL 20

SATURDAY, JUNE 8
Cast Your Lines!
Over \$35,000 in cash and prizes!
Largest Dolphin over 50 lbs reels in \$20,000*!

SUNDAY, JUNE 9 • 6PM
Dinner & Awards Ceremony
Enjoy a delicious meal & celebrate your fishing triumphs!

*ELIGIBILITY: First 50 boats to register are eligible for the \$20,000 Largest Dolphin prize
FEES: Includes entry and banquet for four. (\$500 per boat if received by Fri, May 31, 2024;
\$550 after that date; Food Only just \$25/pp). See official entry form for all rules and info.

Info: 305 872 2411; Applications: lowerkeyschamber.com

Citrus. Eccentrics. People & Pie!

Key West's Annual Key Lime Festival



It's all about love and limes when citrus, eccentrics, people, and pie take center stage during Key West's Annual Key Lime Festival.

This wacky five-day celebration, which runs from Wednesday, July 3 through Sunday, July 7, is packed with culinary events for every taste.

Birthplace of the original Key Lime Pie, Key West is renowned for serving up some of the best Key Lime Pies in the world.

During this long, limey holiday weekend, you'll be able to indulge in a full menu of activities, including perennial favorites like the Key Lime Cocktail Sip & Stroll, Key Lime Pie Hop, Key Lime Scavenger Hunt, and for those with a taste for limey libations, a Key Lime rum tasting.

Of course, there are all kinds of other fun culinary happenings, too, including several delicious Key Lime-centric dinner and brunch events, as well as a gravity-defying Key Lime pie drop competition — from the top of the Key West Lighthouse.

Festival co-founder and "Key West Key Lime Pie Cookbook" author David

Sloan officially gets the party started on Wednesday, July 3, with an Autographed Cookbook Signing & Champagne Reception at Key West's historic Curry Mansion at 511 Caroline Street.

The Festival's undisputed "limelight," however, is the World Famous Key Lime Pie Eating Championship at the Southernmost Beach Cafe on the 4th of July. Brave contestants must attempt to devour an entire pie, topped with mounds of whipped cream, without using their hands — all while trying to outpace their rivals and beat the pie-eating record of 52 seconds. The event is free for the watching, but if you're up to the task, the entry fee is just \$25, including notoriety, a Key Lime Pie, and a chance to be crowned World Champion.

KEY LIME FESTIVAL 2024 SCHEDULE

For a complete schedule hit up keylimefestival.com.

Here are just a few highlights:

Wednesday, July 3rd

Key Lime Kick Off! Cookbook Signing & Champagne Reception.

5 - 6:30 pm | Curry Mansion, 511 Caroline St. Sip Champagne on the



veranda of the 1869 mansion where Key Lime Pie was first created and meet Key Lime Festival co-founder and Key West Key Lime Pie Cookbook author, David L Sloan.

THURSDAY, JULY 4TH

4th of July 5K!

7:30 am | Edward B. Knight Pier, 1801 White St. Proceeds benefit the Edward B Knight Scholarship Fund.

Key Lime Vendor Village

11 am - 2 pm | Southernmost Resort, 508 South St. Shop all things Key Lime from beauty products and jewelry to local art and more. Great Pig Roast, too!

World Famous Key Lime Pie Eating Championship

11 am - 2 pm | Southernmost Beach Café, 1405 Duval St. Lots of fun and games! Contest at 1:30 pm. Contestant Entry Fee: \$25. Register at keylimefestival.com.

4th of July Pool Party!

Noon - 6 pm | Dante's, 955 Caroline St. Tropical cocktails, live music and more!

Patriotic Dinner Under the Fireworks

7 pm Seating | Indigenous Park, 1801 White St. Enjoy food, music, cash bar and great fireworks! Reservations: keylimefestival.com.

FRIDAY, JULY 5TH

Key Lime Sip & Stroll

3 - 6 pm | First Flight Restaurant, 301 Whitehead St. Multiple bars compete for the finest key lime margaritas and cocktails. Sample them all and vote for the best!

Key Lime Tree Master Class

4 - 5 pm | MARC Plant Store, 1401 Seminary St.

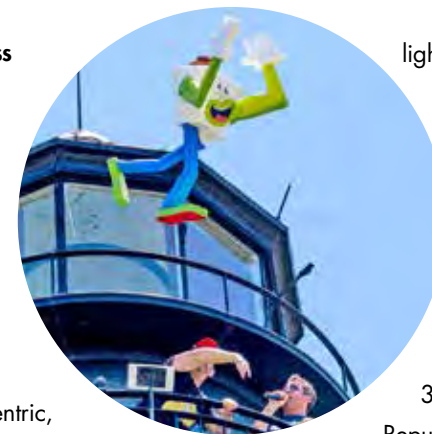
Learn how to care for and grow your very own key lime tree. Key lime tree included with ticket purchase. Four Flamingos Chef Demo/Dinner 5:30

pm - 6:30 pm | Hyatt Centric, 601 Front St. Executive Chef, Pietro Consorti showcases his signature Black Key Lime Crusted Swordfish. Reservations: keylimefestival.com.

SATURDAY, JULY 6TH

Key Lime Pie Drop

11 am - 2 pm | Key West Lighthouse, 938 Whitehead St. Creative minds try to outsmart gravity by finding a way to drop a Key Lime Pie from the top of the



lighthouse — without damaging the pie. Contestant registration: keylimefestival.com.

Key Lime Scavenger Hunt

3 - 5:30 pm | Conch Republic Seafood Co, 631 Greene St. Check in @ 2:30 PM. Tickets: keylimefestival.com.

Wheeling & Dealing Hot Wheels Race

4 - 6 pm | Mary Ellen's Bar, 420 Applerouth Ln. Test your driving skills on our Applerouth Track.

Key Lime In The Keys Dinner @ Bagatelle

5 - 10 pm | Bagatelle, 115 Duval St. A curated Tasting Menu showcasing Key

West's most popular fruit. Registration: keylimefestival.com

Key Lime Unity Table Dinner

7 pm | William's Hall, 729 Fleming St. William's Hall and Great Events Catering present a delectable 5-course Key Lime Dinner. Reservations: keylimefestival.com.

SUNDAY, JULY 7TH

Red, White & Brunch

10 am - 4 pm | First Flight, 301 Whitehead St. Enjoy House Brews, Bloody Marys, and a Brunch Menu with a key lime flair. Reservations: 305.293.8484.

Key Lime Pie Hop

Conch Republic Seafood Co, 631 Greene St. Check-in 20 minutes prior to Tour Start Times: 11 am, 11:30 am, Noon, 12:30 pm, 1 pm, 1:30 pm. Reservations: keylimefestival.com.



Splash & Rock!

The 40th Annual Underwater Music Festival



you'll never forget.

Staged by Keys radio WWUS 104.1 FM, the wave of music resonates from 10 am - 2 pm at Looe Key Reef, an area of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, which is approximately six miles south of Big Pine Key. The station broadcasts its specially curated 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.

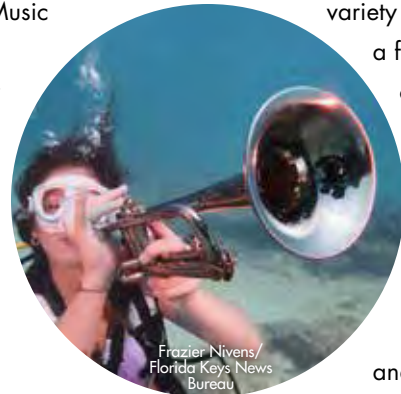
You can launch your boat from one of the public ramps and marinas in the area, or you can reserve space on boats run by Lower Keys dive operators who have their own onboard costume parties.

It truly is an underwater concert that will blow your fins off! Info: 305-872-2411; lowerkeyschamber.com.

Mystical mermaids and creatively costumed musicians playing artist-sculpted instruments are gearing up for the Lower Keys' notorious 40th Annual Underwater Music Festival on

Saturday, July 13.

Festivities for the quirky underwater concert kick off on Friday,



July 12, from 6 - 8 pm with an opening reception at Mote Marine (24244 Overseas Hwy, Summerland Key).

Enjoy live music, nibble on light bites, wet your whistle with a variety of tasty libations, and get a first-hand look at Mote's outstanding efforts to restore our endangered reefs.

On Saturday, July 13, it's time to put on your favorite costume, grab your fins, and hit the deck for a wild and wacky underwater concert



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FRIDAY, JULY 12 + SATURDAY, JULY 13 40TH ANNUAL UNDERWATER MUSIC FESTIVAL

Proudly Presented By The Lower Keys Chamber of Commerce

This world famous submerged songfest for divers, snorkelers, and the occasional mermaid is the only one of its kind and literally takes place underwater! Now celebrating 40 years, its guaranteed to be bigger and better than ever before!

LET THE FESTIVITIES BEGIN!

Friday, July 12 • 6 - 8 pm

Enjoy light bites, beverages, great live music and learn all about our precious reef Takes place at MOTE Marine 24244 Overseas Hwy, Summerland Key.

TIME TO DIVE IN!

Saturday, July 13 • 10 am - 2 pm

Photographers and videographers from all over the globe will be on hand to film this world famous concert and to share important info and footage about the delicate oceanic environment in the Lower Keys.

BE PART OF THE FUN!

To participate, just hook up with any of the local Lower Keys Dive Shops and hitch a ride out to Looe Key Reef (about 5 miles south of Big Pine) Enjoy onboard costume parties, contests and a whole lot more Reserve Early – Boats fill up fast!



Info: 305-872-2411; lowerkeyschamber.com.

Activities occur under permit within the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary



WHAT'S UP

July 3 - 7

Annual Key Lime Festival

Key West: Enjoy five days of fun Key Lime culinary events for every taste. The long limey holiday weekend includes a full menu of activities, including a Key Lime Sip & Stroll, Key Lime Pie Hop, a gravity-defying Key Lime Pie Drop from the top of the Key West Lighthouse, and the World Famous Key Lime Pie Eating Championship. It's one tasty, lip-smacking 5-day fest! Complete event schedule at keylimefestival.com.

July 4

Independence Day Celebration

Keys-Wide: There are lots of 4th of July happenings 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 9:45 am from MM 98 -100, followed by a picnic. Enjoy a fireworks display at 10 pm on Blackwater Sound, MM 104, Bayside.

Marathon: The holiday parade begins at 10 am on Sombrero Blvd. (MM 50, Oceanside), followed by free day-long festivities at Sombrero Beach, culminating with a massive 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 at 9 pm off the White St Pier.

July 4

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, a silent auction, children's activities and a giant fireworks display off of the White Street Pier by Higgs Beach. VIP seating on the beach is available. Festivities start at 5 pm on the lawn and beach of the historic Casa Marina Resort, 1500 Reynolds St. Info: 305-294-8812.

July 12 - 13

40th Annual Underwater Music Festival

Big Pine & The Lower Keys: The big 40th anniversary of this quirky underwater concert for divers, snorkelers, and the occasional mermaid is guaranteed to be bigger and better than ever! The annual shindig, which promotes

reef preservation, kicks off on Friday from 6 - 8 pm with live music, light bites, and beverages at Mote Marine, 24244 Overseas Hwy on Summerland Key. The submerged songfest, also broadcast on US 104.1 FM, takes place on Saturday 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 12 - 13

4th Annual Florida Keys Brew-BQ & Craft Beer Festival

Marathon: Mouth-watering BBQ and tons of delicious craft beers for washing it down are the stars of this annual shindig sponsored by the Marathon Chamber. Highlights include an amateur BBQ cooking competition, vendors, boats, live music, kids' games, and more. It takes place

on F from 5 - 9 pm, on Sa from 11 am - 8 pm, and on Su from Noon - 5 pm at Marathon

Community Park, 3911 Overseas Hwy (MM 49), Marathon. Info: 305-743-5417; keysbrewbq.com.

July TBD

Mel Fisher Days Celebration

Key West: This annual charity event tributes the rum-and-coke drinking, gold chain-adorned Keys character remembered as "the world's greatest treasure hunter" whose discovery of the Nuestra Señora de Atocha shipwreck and whose life and motto, "Today's the Day," inspired people worldwide to follow their dreams. The event includes live music, Mel Fisher trivia games, a 50/50 raffle, the ever-popular "X Marks the Spot Cupcake" game of chance where one lucky winner scores a piece of authentic treasure, a vast online silent auction, a live on-stage auction for a piece from the "Taffi's Treasures" jewelry line, and presentation of the annual Mel Fisher Lifetime Achievement Award. Festivities start at 4 pm at Schooner Wharf Bar, 202 William St in Key West's Historic Seaport. Info: 305-292-3302; schoonerwharf.com.

July 16 - 21

Hemingway Days

Key West: Writers, anglers, and fans of the late author Ernest Hemingway's work converge on Key West for the annual Hemingway Days celebration. The festival honors the legacy of the American literary giant who lived and wrote on the island for most of the 1930s. This celebration includes a three-day Marlin Tournament, the raucous Hemingway@ Look-Alike Contest, the wacky Running of the Bulls down Duval St, and a 5K run that salutes his sporting interests. Info: 305-294-0320; fla-keys.com.

July 20

Hemingway 5K Sunset Run/Walk & Paddle-Board Race

Key West: Fitness walkers and paddle board enthusiasts 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 on Sa at 5:30 pm from Higgs Beach, followed by the 5K Run/Walk at 7:30 pm at Key West's Southernmost Point. Register between 3 - 7 pm on the beach outside the Southernmost Cafe, 1405 Duval St. Stick around after the race for a great awards beach party from 8 - 10:00 pm with live music, free food, libations, and raffles. Info: 305-240-0727; keywesthalfmarathon.com.

July 24 - 25

Lobster Mini-Season

Florida Keys: Every Lobster mini-season, the coastal areas of Florida are flooded with lobster hunters trying to get their share of this year's bounty. There are two Florida Lobster Seasons, the two-day mini-season and the 8-month regular lobster season. The Lobster Mini-Season is always the last consecutive W and Th in July.



Hemingway Days, Key West

COMING SOON

August 7 - 11

Tropical Heat

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

September 4 - 8

Key West 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 lots of activities. Info: 305-294-4603; gaykeywestfl.com.

October 18 - 27

Key West Fantasy Fest: "It's A 90's Neon Cosmic Carnivale"

Key West: This outrageous ten-day costuming and masking celebration showcases flamboyant masquerade competitions (including one for pets!), a Headdress Ball, exuberant promenades, street fairs, and a grand parade

that stars marching groups, island-style bands, and lavish floats. A complete schedule of events at Fantasyfest.com.

OTHER FLORIDA HAPPENINGS

MONTHLY

Every Third Friday Music Walk

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May 26

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Tampa: Bite into the "official sandwich of Tampa Bay," handcrafted by Florida Cuban sandwich artisans, and enjoy live entertainment, Cuban art, culture, and the world's biggest Cuban sandwich contest. Takes place from Noon - 6 pm at Centennial Park, 1800 E 8th Ave in historic Ybor City. Info: 813-319-5850; CubanSandwichFestival.com.



Fantasy Fest, Key West

August 23 - 24

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Underwater with The Key Largo Princess



I've always wanted to explore the Keys magical underwater world, but truthfully, the thought of snorkeling or diving scares the fins off of me.

That's why I was thrilled to hop aboard the Key Largo Princess - a 75' luxury glass-bottom motor yacht. She swept me off for an eye-popping, two-hour tour of John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park and the exciting underwater world of

the adjacent Key Largo Marine Sanctuary.

The Marine Sanctuary is home to Molasses Reef, renowned for its clear water, many fish, and numerous boulder corals. Masses of fish ranging from moray eels, parrotfish, turtles,

rays, and even sharks, are all residents of this awe-inspiring underwater world.

It only takes about 45 minutes to get there, giving you plenty of time to kick back with a tropical cocktail in the air-conditioned main cabin or up top on the sundeck.

Once there, you'll be able to observe the coral reef through several large, flat viewing windows which provide a ringside seat to all the underwater action.

The Key Largo Princess holds up to 140 passengers, but truthfully, it never felt crowded, and we always seemed to have plenty of elbow room.

Cruising daily at 10 am, 1 pm, and 4 pm, you can find her moored dockside next to the Holiday Inn at 99701 Overseas Hwy, Key Largo.

FYI: You can check in online, electronically dockside, or in the Holiday Inn Lobby Gift Shop. Info: 305-451-4655; keylargoprincess.com.



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INDIAN KEY HISTORIC STATE PARK

Offshore Island, MM 78.5 Oceanside
Islamorada, FL 33036
305-664-2540; floridastateparks.org
Open Daily 8 am - Sunset
Historic Indian Site

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

JOHN PENNEKAMP CORAL REEF PARK

MM 102.6, Oceanside
Key Largo, FL 33037
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pennekamppark.com
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America's First Underwater Park
Approximately 21 miles long and four miles wide, this national treasure is famous for its spectacular coral gardens, 600+ species of exotic fish, turtles and old sailing wrecks. Plenty of activities throughout the park so there's lots to do and see. There are also two beaches, campsites, picnic areas, a Visitors Center, Gift Shop, Dive Shop and Concession Stand.

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DOLPHIN RESEARCH CENTER

MM 59, Gulfside
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9 am - 4:30 pm
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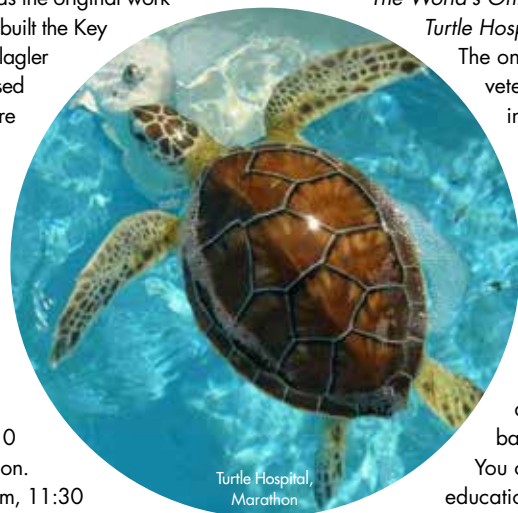
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Too fast? Ok, then maybe the Ocean Discovery Tour with clear bottom kayaks and paddleboards, a Dolphin Watch & Snorkeling Tour to Key West's Back Country, or the Sunset Harbor Cruise might be more your speed.

If captaining your own ship whets your appetite, try renting one of Barefoot Billy's Hobie Cats and create your own adventure along the Key's pristine waters.

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Think Outside the Salad Bowl!

Olive Morada Mixes Things Up

If you haven't noticed, olive oil and balsamic vinegar are not just for salads anymore. In fact, with the right combination of infused oil and balsamic, you can genuinely enhance any culinary creation — including cocktails!

And that brings us to a nifty little shop called Olive Morada.

Located in the heart of Islamorada, Olive Morada carries 42 flavors of infused oils and vinegar — all handcrafted from the freshest imported Extra Virgin Olive Oils and aged vinegars.

Believe it or not, vinegar, specifically balsamic vinegar, is processed like wine. A variety of quality grapes and a specific aging method result in an

elegant yet sour and tart condiment.

Extra virgin olive oil is considered the best or premium of olive oils. A unique mechanical cold-pressing method produces the "extra" in its production as long as the oleic acid is less than one percent free.

Now imagine taking these two beautiful condiments and adding an array of aromatic and delicious infusions that can be paired in hundreds of different ways.

So, how can you unleash your own culinary genius? Enter Olive Morada, owner and master mixologist Jen



White. Jen can show you infinite combinations of olive oil and balsamic vinegar for robust salads, marinades, desserts, beverages, and more.

FYI: Besides selling full-size bottles of her infused oils and balsamic, Jen also stocks sample packs and an exciting collection of gourmet foods and spices, gift baskets, and accessories.

So next time you feel like mixing things up, stop by Olive Morada at 82245 Overseas Hwy, Islamorada. Info: 305-735-4375; olivemorada.com.

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Owner/Curator, Jen White brings her love of all things "super cute" to this small Islamorada shop where fine imported olive oils, specialty oils, balsamic vinegars and unique island gifts are the main attraction. You'll be amazed at how many delicious possibilities you can whip up in your kitchen using their unique line of gourmet products. Jen offers a new in-store tasting each day which makes it a fun place to sample some of their tasty recipes.

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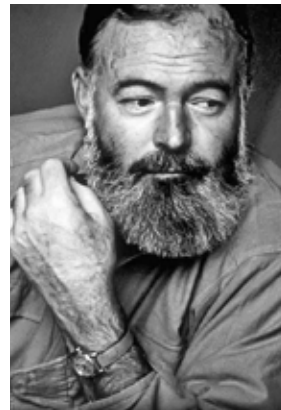
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The Perfect 10

Making Waves with Ron Jon

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Initially, the West Coast was the epicenter of it all. Just about every major surf brand and surfboard maker waxed their boards there. California was the place to go if you wanted one of the newest fiberglass surfboards.

And that's exactly what Ron DiMenna did. The enormous demand for custom

surfboards in the East inspired Ron to haul back not one, but three, fiberglass boards. He sold the extra two boards in a Jersey minute and suddenly found himself at point break.

In 1961, Ron opened his first Ron Jon Surf Shop at a trailer park on Long Beach Island, New Jersey. The tiny shop not only sold fiberglass surfboards but also supplied customers with boards to sell out of their own East Coast surf shops.

Two years later, the spirited entrepreneur headed to Florida to launch a "one of a kind" Ron Jon Surf Shop in Cocoa Beach. It was an instant hit.

Ron Jon Surf Shop is now the world's most renowned surf shop and has locations around the globe, including right here in Key West. So if you're



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Catch your wave at Ron Jon Surf Shop, 533 Front St, next to the Conch Train Depot. Info: 305-293-8880; ronjonsurfshop.com.

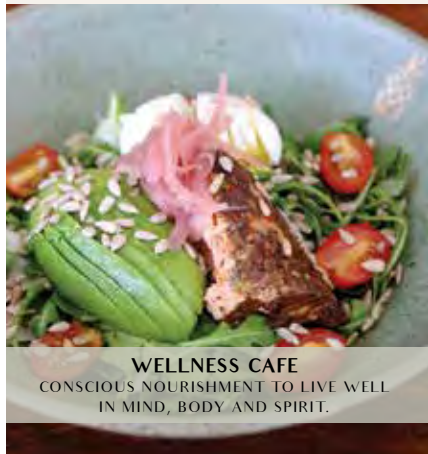
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305-451-4665; fishhouse.com
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Buzzards Roost, Key Largo

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Keys Eats



Italian Food Company, Key Largo, Tavernier & Islamorada

Owners Tony and Isis Wright have a true passion for everything Italian. Their authentic preparations may be simple and straight forward, but boy oh boy are they incredible! Original recipes, including the slow simmered sauces, Mama Maria's hand-rolled meatballs, traditional meat lasagna, classic parmigiana, and hand-tossed Neapolitan pizza — all originate from their own kitchen. Even the restaurant's decor has been thoughtfully curated with beautiful pieces from Italy (check out the gorgeous

Sicilian lava tables and imported hand-painted Italian ceramics). If you appreciate "real deal" Italian, you've found your nirvana. Wine and beer, too!

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305-707-0164;
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Authentic Award Winning Italian, Roman-Style Pizza & Sandwiches
Hand-tossed Roman-style pizza takes center stage at Tony and Isis Wright's "Express" location. It may look like pan pizza but don't be fooled. Distinguished by the added hydration and fermentation, their Roman style pie is crispy outside and buttery soft inside. But like its Neapolitan cousin, here it comes layered with authentic San Marzano tomato sauce and a variety of fresh toppings. With

almost a dozen options to choose from, you'll be hard-pressed to pick just one. In addition to the fabulous Roman-style pizza here, you can also enjoy a big selection of "swoon-worthy" sandwiches, and lots of grab-and-go delights. There's also a full menu of other signature dishes that all originate from their own kitchen. Wine & beer, too!

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italianfoodcompany.com
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Tony and Isis Wright's 4,000' large-scale trattoria is just down the road from their Key Largo and Tavernier locations. With two spacious levels, a lively full service bar, live entertainment and even dancing, their passion for everything Italian goes full throttle. You'll still find many of the same award-winning Italian dishes that the IFC is renowned for. But here, authentic wood-fired Roman-style pies share the limelight with

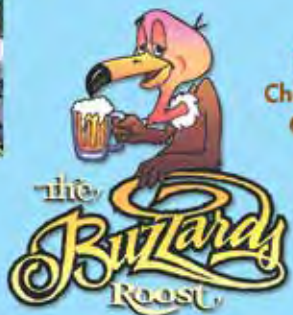
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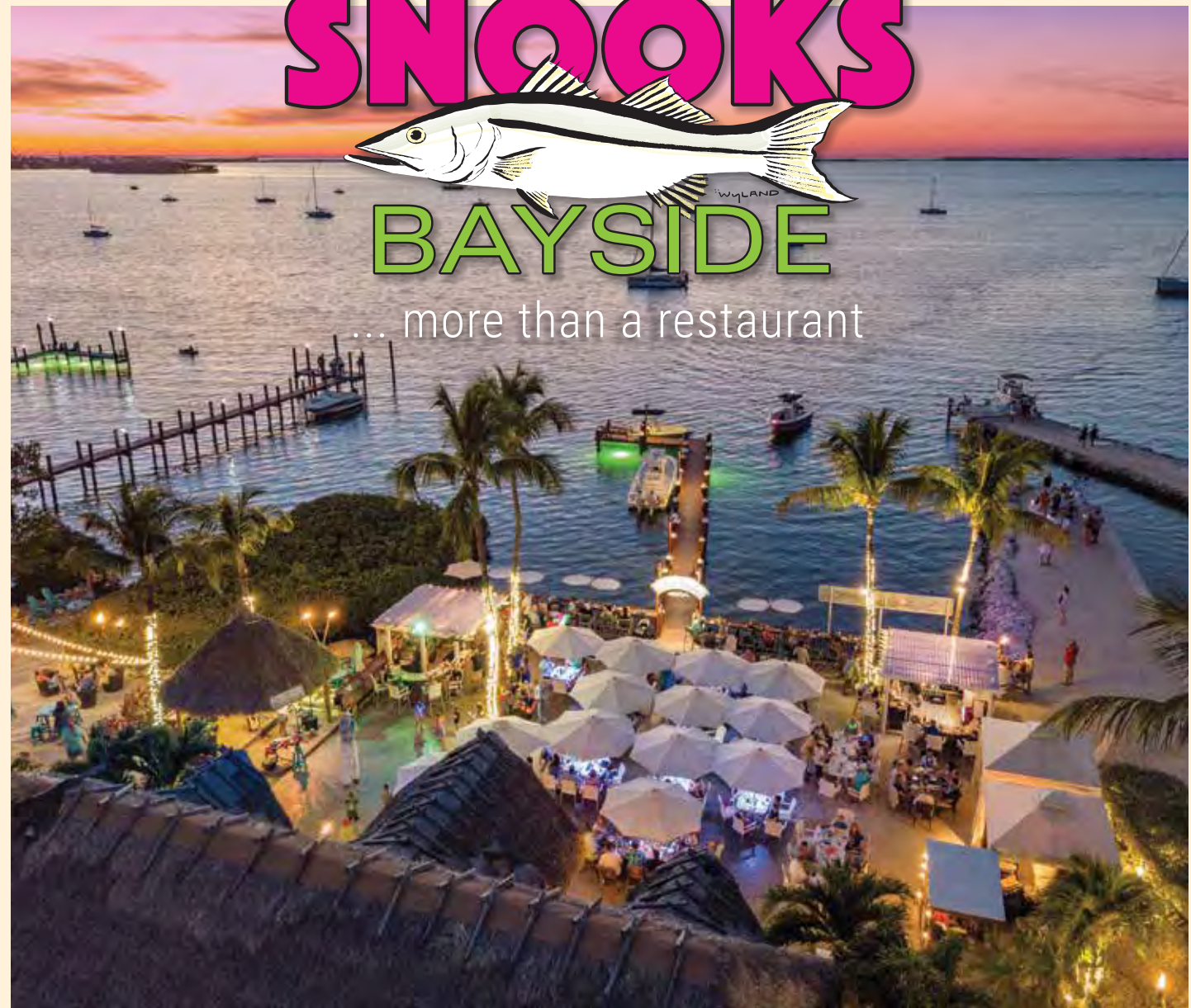
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Keys Eats



Nikai Sushi Bar & Restaurant, Islamorada

a larger, more elevated menu showcasing many meat and fish dishes. In addition to a bevy of risottos, pasta, salads, and of course, Mama Maria's famous hand-rolled meatballs, you'll find sensational items like Grilled Lamb Chops, a 36 oz Porterhouse Steak, freshly Grilled Mediterranean Octopus and lots of inventive seafood preparations. FYI: A seat here in season is as prized as catching a record-breaking marlin, so be sure to make reservations.

LAZY DAYS

MM 79.9, Oceanside Islamorada, FL 33036 305-664-5256 lazydaysislamorada.com Open Daily 11 am - 10 pm *Award-Winning Favorite* Here's a place where you can enjoy award-winning Keys-style dishes in a spectacular oceanfront setting. Boat-to-table seafood, certified Black Angus steaks, innovative pasta and chicken dishes, along with some terrific house specialties headline a large menu that consistently wins rave reviews. Lots of seating options, including an outside waterfront patio, covered seaside porch, cozy indoor dining room or beachside bistro with tables nestled in the sand. FYI: The fish sandwich is an absolute "Must!" Happy Hour from 4 - 6pm. with specially-priced appetizers at the bar.

MIA CUCINA

At Cheeca Lodge & Spa 81801 Overseas Hwy (MM82) Islamorada, FL 33036 305-517-4447; cheeca.com Daily 5 - 10 pm *Authentic Neapolitan Pizzeria* This authentic Neapolitan Pizzeria creates made-to-order artisanal pizzas, pastas, salads and other Italian specialties like Mama

Mia's Segreta Bolognese; Chicken Primavera Fettuccini; and Insalata Di Mare; as well as many other reimagined Italian classics.

MORADA BAY BEACH CAFÉ & BAR

81600 Overseas Hwy Islamorada, FL 33036 305-664-0604; moradabay.com Daily 11 am - 9 pm Bar 11 am - 11:30 pm (and often later) *Innovative, Eclectic American/Caribbean Fare* Super fresh, local seafood and produce are the stars of the show at this casually chic beachfront bistro. Enjoy toes-in-the-sand, outdoor dining on the glorious palm studded beach, or inside surrounded by a curated collection of vintage surfboards, longboards, sail and kite boards. For a relaxing, kicked back meal in a picture perfect setting, you found your place in the sun.

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salad, pineapple ginger glaze and toasted macadamia are also outrageously good. Big selection of hot and cold Sakes, boutique wines and tropical cocktails, too.

PIERRE'S LOUNGE & RESTAURANT

81600 Overseas Hwy Islamorada, FL 33036 305-664-3225; moradabay.com/pierres Nightly 6 - 10pm Lounge Nightly 5 - 10pm *French-Inspired Island Elegance* Nestled on the second floor of a magnificent plantation-style house, this "Islamorada Stunner" is renowned for its regionally influenced French fusion cuisine. Everything on the menu is beautifully prepared and served in a romantic candlelit, nineteenth century "Indian Arcade" which is walled with extraordinary artifacts from Morocco and Africa. You can also enjoy a bite downstairs in the Green Flash Lounge or outside on the beautiful wrap-around veranda overlooking the beach and bay. Really spectacular!

SNOOK'S BAYSIDE RESTAURANT & GRAND TIKI

MM 99.9, Bayside Key Largo, FL 33037 305-453-5004; snooks.com Open for Lunch & Dinner M - Su Noon - 10 pm Daily Sunset Celebration/ Happy Hour/Live Music *One Of The Keys Top Picks* Hidden away at the end of a private lane, just off US 1, this exotic tropical oasis with its flickering torches, beautiful orchids and SOBE-style lounges is oh-so-chic! A stunning bar, gorgeous, open-air dining area and lounging space offer unobstructed views of the Bay, giving you a ringside seat to one of the best sunset celebrations in the Keys. As seen on South Florida's popular TV show, "Check Please," the fresh, island-inspired seafood dishes and Prime steaks won high fives from the

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bite

Fish With Key Lime Butter Sauce *Lazy Days Restaurant, Islamorada*

Lazy Days Restaurant is a place where you can kick up your feet and enjoy award-winning Keys-style dishes in a spectacular oceanfront setting. This lovely dish is one of the most popular on the menu. Serve it with garlic mashed potatoes and a nice Pinot Grigio for a dinner that's made to impress!

Ingredients

(Yield 4 Servings)

- 2 Lbs Fish Fillets, like Yellowtail Snapper or other white fish
- 1 Tbl Key Lime Juice
- 2 Cups Panko Breadcrumbs
- 2 Tbs Fresh Parsley, chopped
- 1 Cup Scallion, chopped
- 1 Cup Tomato, chopped
- 2 Large Eggs
- 1/2 Tsp Garlic powder
- 3 Tsp Cornstarch
- 1 Cup Flour
- 1/8 Tsp White Pepper, fresh ground
- 1/4 Lb Butter
- 1/2 Cup Parmesan Cheese, grated
- 1/4 Cup Dry White Wine
- 1 - 3/16 Cup Water



Preparation:

Place the water, wine and key lime juice in a large saucepan over a high heat and reduce by half, about 5 minutes. Add the garlic powder. Add pepper to taste. Cut the butter into pats about the size of 1 tablespoon. Reduce the heat to low. Add one pat butter and whisk until the butter is incorporated. Add another pat and continue until all of the butter is used. Mix the water and cornstarch together and add to the sauce. Raise the heat to medium and stir until the sauce thickens and a few bubbles appear. Set aside while the fish cooks.

Mix the eggs and water together in a small bowl (whisk vigorously, until combined). Place the flour on a plate

and dip the fish fillets into flour, coating both sides. Dip the fish into the egg wash. Place the bread crumbs on a second plate and coat the fish with bread crumbs, making sure both sides are coated. Heat 4 tablespoons of the Key lime butter sauce over medium-high heat in a skillet large enough to hold the fish in one layer. Add the fish and sauté for 4 minutes until golden. Use a little olive oil for sautéing, if necessary. Turn the fish and sauté for 4 minutes for 1 inch-thick fillets. Sauté 2 minutes longer for thicker fish or 2 minutes less for thinner fish. The fish is cooked when the flesh is opaque, not translucent. Place the fish on 4 dinner plates. Spoon the sauce over each piece and sprinkle with the tomatoes, scallions, parmesan cheese and parsley.

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Lunch Daily 11am - 4pm Dinner Nightly Su-Th 4 - 10pm | Fi & Sa 4-11pm
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The Keys' Italian Food Co Keeps On Rollin'

Every Tuesday, Mama Maria spends the entire day rolling meatballs for a family that can't seem to stop growing. With so many mouths to feed, that's "a lotta" polpette.

Her son, Tony Wright, and daughter-in-law, Isis, are also on a roll. Now boasting three restaurants, each with its own distinct style, their family-owned and operated Italian Food Company is going gangbusters.

This food-obsessed couple recently opened their flagship Key Largo location at 98070 Overseas Highway.

Despite it being their first foray into the restaurant business, the avid foodies felt right at home. Together with Tony's Sicilian mother, Maria, an incredible home

cook with a repository of authentic recipes, they launched the Italian Food Company.

Their original Key Largo location is anchored by a mammoth wood-burning oven, which, like everything else in the restaurant, is imported from Italy.

This is where Grand "Pizzaiolo," Simone Calemme, skillfully spins his soft, airy dough into masterful works of art. Fresh from the oven and piping hot, his perfectly rendered Neapolitan pies lineup includes favorites like Margherita



with fresh garden basil, Diavola with spicy Calabrian salami, and the four cheese Quattro.

The rest of the menu at this popular Southern Italian cookery is simple and straightforward. The soulful homestyle preparations exceed expectations and feature slow, simmered sauces, Mama Maria's famous hand-rolled meatballs, traditional meat lasagna, classic parmigiana, and so much more.

Not to be missed: the Boccas — IFC's own unique twist on a Panini. Crafted with freshly made pizza dough, these addictive handhelds come stuffed with all kinds of deliciousness, ranging from mozzarella and meatballs to eggplant parmesan and sliced Prosciutto di Parma.

Just down the road is the Italian Food Company Express at 92330 Overseas Highway in Tavernier. Opened in 2023,

this is THE place to go for the Wright's extraordinary Roman-style pizza, "swoon-worthy" sandwiches, and lots of grab-and-go delights for folks on the run. There's also a full menu of signature specialties.

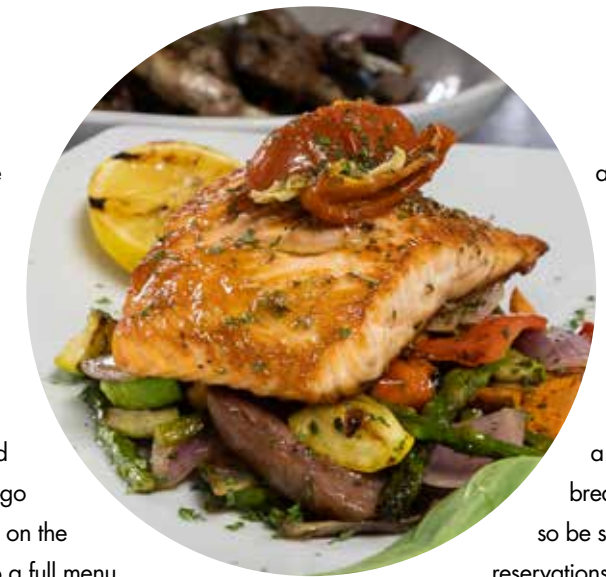
Both the Key Largo and Tavernier locations also serve wine and beer.

In Islamorada, Tony and Isis managed to snag 4,000' of prime Village space at 82779 Overseas Highway. With two spacious levels, this large-scale trattoria

has a lively full-service bar, live entertainment, dancing, and unique event space.

But here's the best part: You'll still find many of the same award-winning Italian dishes that the IFC is renowned for. Here, authentic wood-fired Roman-style pies share the limelight with a larger, more elevated menu.

In addition to a bevy of risottos, pasta, salads, and, of course, Mama Maria's famous hand-rolled meatballs, you'll find sensational meat and seafood items like Grilled Lamb Chops, a 36 oz Porterhouse Steak, freshly Grilled Mediterranean Octopus, several inventive Mahi - Mahi preparations



and much more.

FYI: A seat here in season is as prized as catching a record-breaking marlin, so be sure to make reservations.

And now for more Breaking

News: Tony and Isis are planning to open a fourth Islamorada eatery. Rumor has it that this "Lido Beach style" waterfront restaurant will have boat access and an extensive menu of fresh focaccia sandwiches, grilled fish, and meat dishes. Watch this space for more deets. Who knows, maybe they'll even cook up a new kind of fish sandwich — one with an Italian twist, of course!

More info at italianfoodcompany.com.





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 98070 Overseas Highway,
 Key Largo, FL 33037
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Tavernier
 92330 Overseas Highway,
 Tavernier, FL 33070
 ☎ 305-707-0164

Islamorada
 82779 Overseas Highway,
 Islamorada, 33036
 ☎ 305-780-7127





Florida's #1 Award-Winning Visitors Guide

Keys Eats



Lounge where "the higher you get, the better the view." But gorgeous sunsets are not the only brag here. Innovative and eclectic dining are still the star of the show. The Sunset Lounge menu is lighter than her downstairs gig and includes lots of great tapas, fresh seafood, and a raw bar as well as craft cocktails and a fantastic wine list.

TIKI BAR

Amara Cay Resort
80001 Overseas Hwy,
Islamorada,
FL 33036
305-664-0073;

amaracayresort.com

Su - W 11 am - 11 pm

Th - Sa 11 am - 12 am

Breezy Poolside Eats

Enjoy casual eats and tropical cocktails against a breathtaking backdrop of open ocean, blue skies and swaying palms. Fresh tacos, grilled jerk shrimp, burgers, coconut fried shrimp and fried chicken sliders make this tropical oceanside spot a fun place to chill. Live music on the weekends.

TIDES BEACHSIDE BAR & GRILL

Islander Resort

82100 Overseas Hwy (MM 82.1 Oceanside)
Islamorada, FL 33061

305-664-2031; islanderfloridakeys.com

Daily 10:30 am - 10:00 pm

Casual Beach Hang

A casual, Keysey menu and spectacular oceanfront setting make this poolside hang a perfect spot for chillin' with your favorite tropical libation. The all-day menu includes standard favorites including soups, salads, pizzas, burgers, and sandwiches along with signature plates like Mango Shrimp Tacos, House Smoked Wahoo Pate, Brick-Roasted Chicken, and Steak Frites.

show's panel of judges and are all made to order. Truly a great place to kick back with a crafted tropical cocktail and grab yourself a piece of paradise.

SQUARE GROUPE ISLAMORADA

80460 Overseas Hwy
(In the Islamorada Marina, MM 80.4 Bayside)

Islamorada, FL 33061

786-901-5678; squaregrouper
islamorada.com

W - Su 11 am - 2:30 pm; 5 - 10 pm;

Closed M & Tu

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 site with a comprehensive offering of fresh seafood, prime steaks, craft cocktails, and a fantastic wine list and full bar. 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 make it to the original Lower Keys location, now's your chance to see what everyone's been raving about!

SQUARE GROUPE SUNSET LOUNGE

80460 Overseas Hwy

MM 80.4 Bayside

Islamorada, FL 33061

786-901-5678; sunsetloungeislamorada.com

W - Su 4:20 pm - Close

My Kind of Joint

Renowned Florida Keys Chef, Lynn Bell, has added yet another great hang to Islamorada's stellar restaurant scene. Located above her popular Square Grouper Bar & Grill is her newest incarnation: The Sunset

ZIGGIE & MAD DOG'S

Dinner Nightly at 5 pm

Reservations recommended

8300 Overseas Hwy, Islamorada

305.664.3391

ziggieandmaddogs.com

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 a 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

BOONDOCKS GRILLE & DRAFT HOUSE & MINIATURE GOLF

27205 Overseas Hwy

Ramrod Key, FL 33042

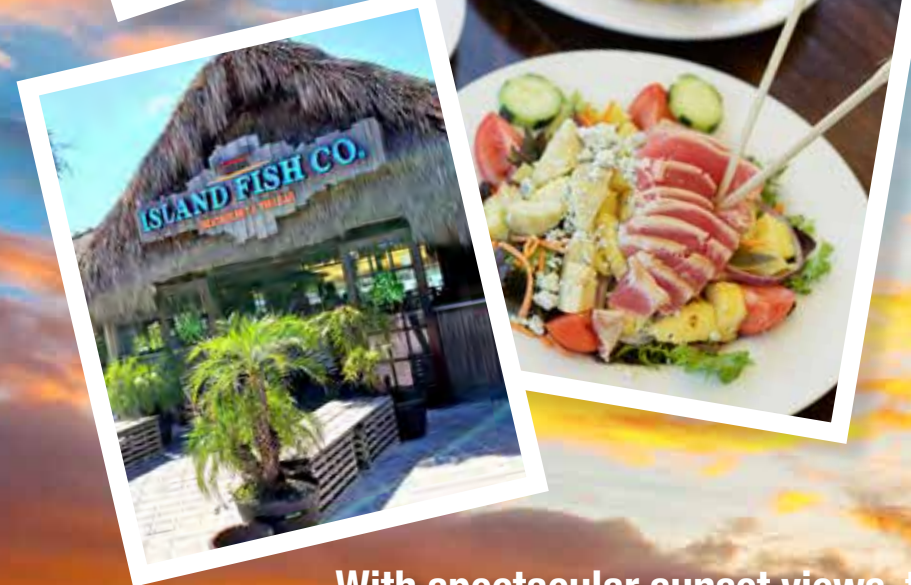
Daily 11 am - 10 pm

305 - 872-4094; boondocksfloridakeys.com

The Keys' Premiere Miniature Golf

Course! Whether you're a Shot-Guy, a Martini-Girl, or a Beer-Man, this monster Tiki Hut is always a fun place to hook up with other party lovers. Consistently good food is also a draw. The restaurant has a vast selection of sandwiches and dinner entrées, including fresh-catch baskets, artisan-crafted pizzas, crisp salads, two-fisted burgers, and more. Live music on the open-air patio seven days a week, lots of special events, and the Keys' tropical mini-golf course guarantee you'll never have a dull moment.

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This Is Why You Came to the Keys

With spectacular sunset views, the longest Tiki Bar in the Keys and terrific, locally inspired dishes it just doesn't get any better than this.

**Fresh Catch Daily • Chef's Specials • Mexican Sundays • Happy Hour 3 - 5pm
Island Mercantile Shop • Marina Backcountry & Offshore Charters**



Open Daily for Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
12648 Overseas Hwy, MM 54.5 Gulfside | Marathon
305-743-4191 | islandfishco.com

Keys Eats

HAVANA JACK'S OCEANSIDE

401 E Ocean Dr (MM 53.5)
Key Colony Beach, FL 33051
305-743-4849; HavanaJacksOceanside.com
Daily Happy Hour 4 pm - 6 pm
Mon & Wed 4 pm-11 pm
Thurs - Sun 11am - 11 pm
(Last seating for the kitchen 9:30pm)
Spectacular Oceanfront Restaurant & Bar
With the relaxed mood of the Caribbean, this dramatic oceanside tiki restaurant and bar serves up tasty American/Caribbean fare and tropical libations against the panoramic backdrop of the Atlantic. You'll find a friendly crowd, high-energy entertainment, indoor and outdoor dining, and an elegant outdoor patio great for kickin' back. Call for free pick-up and drop-off anywhere on Key Colony Beach!



ISLAND FISH CO

12648 Overseas Hwy
Marathon, FL 33050
305-743-4191; islandfishco.com
Daily 8 am - 10 pm
Waterfront Cheeky Tiki
Kick back with a frozen cocktail at the Keys' longest tiki bar where an intoxicating view of the Gulf transports you to Margaritaville. Open-air dining and a "Keysy" menu including items like Crabmeat Stuffed Shrimp, Crab Cakes, Conch Fritters, Burgers, and locally caught seafood. FYI: On Sunday, there's a special Mexican lunch menu.

KIKI'S SANDBAR BAR & GRILLE

183 Barry Ave (Gulfside)
Little Torch Key, FL 33042
305-872-4500;
Kikissandbar.com
Daily 11 am - 11 pm
Daily Happy Hour M - F 4 - 6 pm
Toes in the Sand, Drink In Hand
Come by land or sea to this spectacular waterfront chilling station where tropical drinking and eating on the beach or upstairs in the new Bayfront dining room is not just for locals. The vibe here is always upbeat. The people are super friendly, and the live music

sets the stage for Kokomo good times. An all-new menu features fresh seafood, great casual fare, and daily specials. Lots of bite bites, too, like their famous Ahi Tuna Nachos, Coconut Shrimp, Smoked Fish Dip, Conch Fritters, and other goodies. There's also a great selection of burgers & sandwiches, salads, tropical tacos, and fried baskets. A great place to kick back and enjoy a little piece of paradise in the Lower Keys. Live music daily and a pet-friendly doggie beach (leashes required).

LIGHTHOUSE GRILL

Faro Blanco Hyatt Resort
1994 Overseas Hwy
Marathon, FL 33050
305-743-9018; lighthousegrillmarathon.com
Lunch Daily 11 am - 5 pm
Dinner Nightly: 5 - 10 pm
Happy Hour Daily 3 - 6 pm
Outstanding Food & Views
Breathtaking views, gorgeous sunsets, and an eclectic menu of fresh seafood, local favorites, and inspired daily specials make this unique waterfront restaurant and tranquil veranda bar an excellent retreat for a casual lunch, generous cocktails, or romantic dinner. Located at Marathon's historic landmark, the

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Open Daily - 11am - 11pm | Daily Happy Hour 4 - 6pm

183 Barry Ave (MM28.5 Gulfside) Little Torch Key, FL 3304
305-872-4500; KikisSandbar.com



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Keys Eats

Faro Blanco Resort, the Lighthouse Grill raises the bar for great dining in the Middle Keys.

MAHINA

Isla Bella Beach Resort
Overseas Hwy
Marathon, FL 33050
786-638-8106; islabellabeachresort.com
Breakfast Daily: 7 - 10:30 am
Dinner Nightly: 6 - 10 pm
World-Class Polynesian-Inspired Cuisine
If you're looking for a special night out that doesn't include "Tiki," this tony Polynesian-Inspired restaurant may be just the elegant respite you had in mind. Perched directly on the beach with sweeping views of the Atlantic, Mahina serves a perfect blend of Pacific Rim cuisine using fresh Florida Keys seafood. Classic favorites include Hawaiian-style Ahi Poke, Hoisin Chicken, Misoyaki Salmon, Lobster-Crusted Mahi-Mahi, Whole Garlic Prawns, Seafood Pasta, and many other intriguing plates. The Kurobuta Pork Chop with Thai herb marinade is especially good, as is the Filet Mignon with a garlic-edamame potato and Chinese Broccoli. Excellent addition to the Middle Keys dining scene!

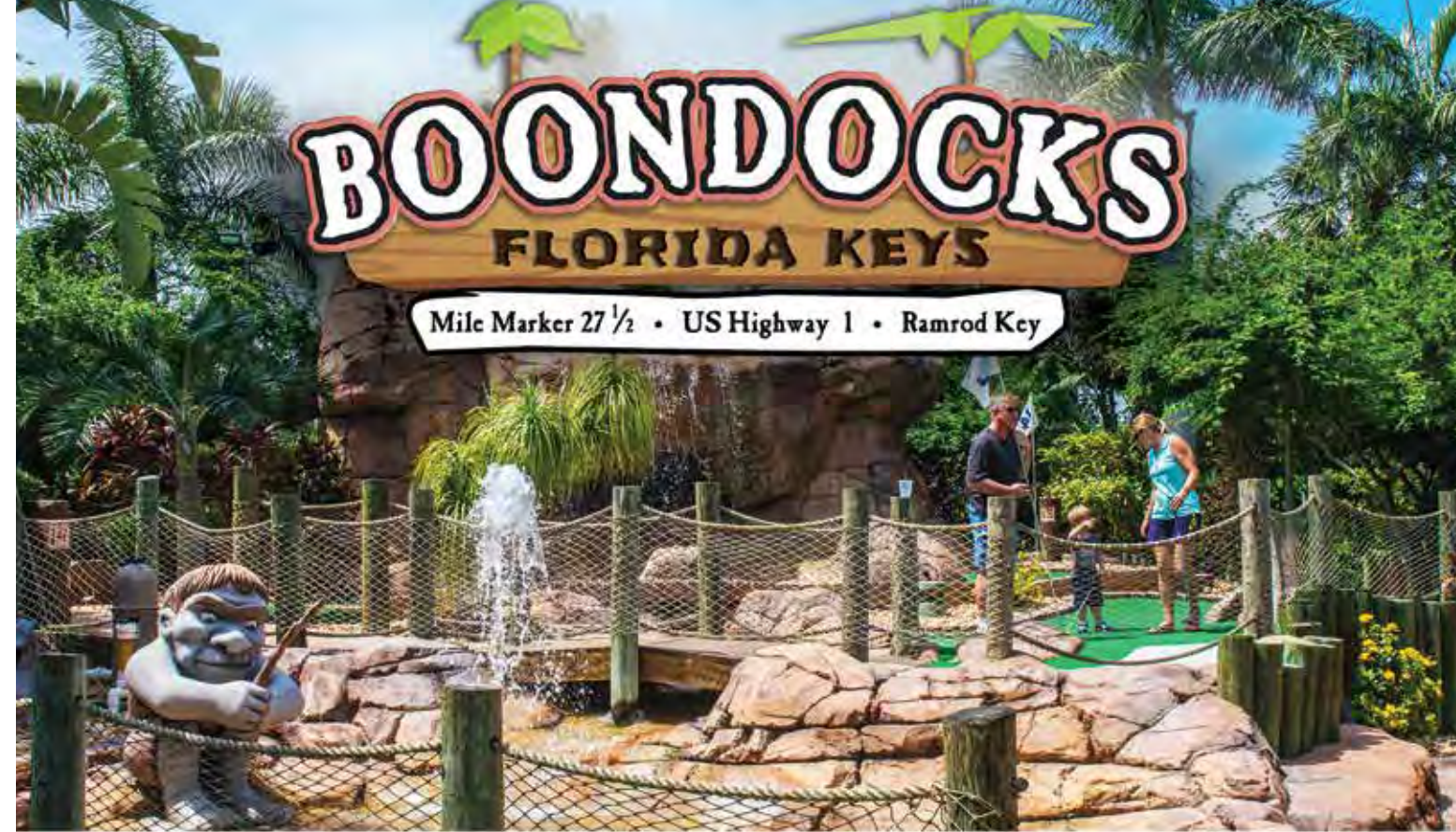
MY NEW JOINT 420 LOUNGE

(Located above the Square Grouper Bar and Grill)
22658 Overseas Hwy
MM 22.5 Oceanside
Cudjoe Key, FL 33042
305-745-8880;
mynewjoint420lounge.com
Tu - Sa 4:20 - 11 pm
Happy Hour 4:20 - 6:30 pm
Because Two Joints are Better Than One!
Located above the Square Grouper, this swanky bar and lounge is a hip spot to kick back with your favorite libation. You can also indulge in an innovative tapas/bar menu, Raw Bar with Fresh Shucked and Grilled Oysters, and some insanely delicious desserts! You'll also find one of the BEST specialty cocktail menus in The Keys and a unique tap system with 15 rotating draft beers and a whopping 150 canned and bottled beers. Fantastic wine list sure to please everybody. A great place to bring your buds!

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1410 Overseas Hwy
Marathon, FL 33050
305-289-2065; porkysbaysidebbq.com
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Real Deal Southern BBQ, Boat Rentals & Miniature Golf

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www.squaregrouperislamorada.com

Lunch 11-2:30 & Dinner 5-10 • Open Wednesday - Sunday • Waterfront dining!

Keys Eats

An old Keys island vibe, "real deal" house-cooked BBQ, fresh oysters & sushi, and local seafood are the hallmark of this funky open-air waterfront hangout that always draws a big local crowd. There are terrific nightly specials and homemade desserts, a great daily Happy Hour with the best mojitos in town, live entertainment, and the most challenging 18-hole miniature golf course in the Keys. FYI: You can even rent a boat, jet ski or book an Eco-Tour here. Pet friendly, too!

SQUARE GROUPER BAR & GRILL

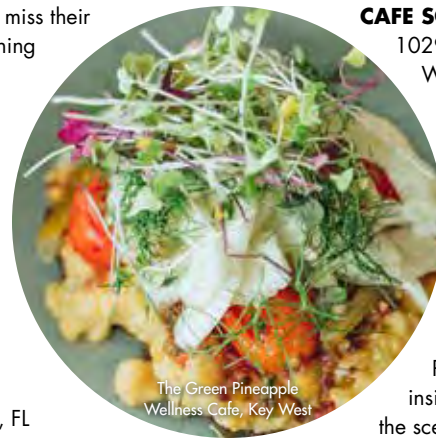
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MM 22.5 Oceanside
Cudjoe Key, FL 33042
305-745-8880;
squaregrouperbarandgrill.com
W - Su for Lunch 11 am - 2:30 pm; Dinner 5 - 10 pm, Cocktail Lounge 4:20 - 11 pm
A Keys Top Pick
A well-executed, innovative menu makes this unassuming roadside spot one of the Keys' Top Picks. Three cozy dining rooms and a massive fish tank set the stage for beautiful dishes like the Ahi Tuna and Avocado Egg rolls, Flash-Fried Cracked Conch, Seafood Pasta with Key Lime Butter Sauce, and other

heavenly delights. Don't miss their desserts and award-winning Key Lime Martini! Raw Bar, Tapas Bar Menu & Cocktail Lounge with live music is located upstairs and is open until 11 pm.

KEY WEST

BISTRO 245

Opal Resort & Marina
245 Front St., Key West, FL 33040
305-294-4000
Opalkeywest.com
Open M - Su 7 am - 9 pm
Best Sunday Brunch
Bistro 245's top culinary team creates exceptional Caribbean cuisine on Key West's scenic harbor front. You can enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner comfortably indoors or dine casually outside on Opal Resort's Sunset Pier which comes alive each evening with entertainment by the famous sunset performers. Award-winning Sunday Brunch from 10am - 2pm



The Green Pineapple Wellness Cafe, Key West

CAFE SOLE

1029 Southard St., Key West, FL 33040
305-294-0230;
cafesole.com
Open Nightly 5 - 10 pm
Innovative, Award-Winning Menu
You'll think you've stumbled off the sidewalk and into Provence when you step inside Cafe Sole and catch the scents of fresh herbs and sauteing garlic. Chef/Owner, John Correa is a master of seafood & French sauces and his food is a whoop of earthy, sun-drenched flavor. Must-Tries: the Conch Carpaccio and Hog Fish Snapper.

THE GREEN PINEAPPLE WELLNESS CAFE

1130 Duval Street
Key West, FL 33040
305-509-7378;
greenpineapplewellness.com
Daily 8 am - 5 pm
Plant-Based, Gluten-Free Cafe

Nestled inside The Green Pineapple Wellness Center in the heart of Upper Duval Street, this wonderful plant-based, gluten-free cafe serves up conscious nourishment throughout the day. Power up with a smoothie after yoga or grab one of their fresh juices to go. Try one of Chef Layla's delicious baked goods or indulge in a nutritious and delicious salad. Bring a friend and raise a glass or share a bottle of their worldly selection of organic, biodynamic and sustainable wines — all with a window view of world-famous Duval Street.

LATITUDES AT SUNSET KEY

245 Front St., Key West, FL 33040
305-292-5394; sunsetkeycottages.com
Open Daily for Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Stunning Beachfront Restaurant
Within minutes, the free boat launch at The Opal 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.



MANGIA MANGIA PASTA CAFE

900 Southard St., Key West, FL 33040
305-294-2469;
mangia-mangia.com
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Renowned for impeccable, fresh homemade pasta & made-from-scratch, herb-spiked sauces, this cozy trattoria is one of the Keys' best values and serves up simple, full flavors that are intoxicatingly good. Lots of grilled specialties, too, along with beef, seafood, chicken and vegetarian dishes. Excellent

gluten/egg-free pasta options including "Zucchini Zoodle Noodles." Seductive wine list features vintages dating back to the 1950's.

RED SHOE ISLAND BISTRO

411 Petronia Street
Key West FL 33040
305-509-7271
redshoelandbistro.com
M - Sa 6 - 9pm
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Valet	\$3 - \$5
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Intoxicating Food Worthy of 5 Stars

Key West's Red Shoe Island Bistro

If you've done your research, you already know that there are lots of dining options in

Key West. But it can be overwhelming for someone who hasn't been around the block. Especially around Duval Street, which can oftentimes be hit or miss. And because every vacation day is precious, the last thing you want to do is to pick the wrong restaurant.

So here's an inside tip and a sure bet you will never regret: Red Shoe Island Bistro.

Located on Petronia Street, just steps away from the madness of Duval, this cozy, offbeat restaurant is heralded for its terrific seafood-centric menu; house specialties like the extraordinary Certified Black Angus Beef Stroganoff; and sensational greens like the Pear and Blueberry Vanilla Goat Cheese salad with fresh watercress and toasted walnuts.

Owners John Bobon and husband Chip Junod recently took over the reins at this local hideaway and continue to raise the bar for great food.

For starters, you don't have to be a big fan of deviled eggs to revel in the Deviled Eggs and Scallops appetizer. Topped with four perfectly seared scallops balanced on a pool of signature lobster sauce, it's a great prelude to more beautiful things to come.

Another "can't miss" appetizer: the Lobster Roll Profiteroles with a classic



lobster roll filling served inside delicate house-made profiteroles. The Crispy Pork Belly Crostinis, with ginger and sesame coleslaw and an avocado with lemon sauce, is also noteworthy.

For entrees, we're totally hooked on the Seafood Medley: scallops, Prince Edward Island mussels, and Key West Pink shrimp, all served over fresh fettuccine with house-made tomato, shallot, and Boursin sauce.

If you've never tasted fresh yellow tail snapper, Red Shoe Island Bistro is the place to order it. This signature Bistro dish is a lovely melange of sautéed snapper filet with lemon and parsley sauce, paired with creamy parmesan topped risotto and sautéed asparagus.

The inventive menu also shines with the Bistro's Stuffed Poblano Pepper. Bursting with six Key West Pink

Shrimp surrounded by House grits, the pepper amazes with other surprising ingredients, including cheddar cheese, dried capers, spinach, and a fabulous bed of Boursin cheese sauce.

BTW: Save room for the absolutely divine creamy lavender cheesecake. The sublime flavor and delicate, flaky crust make for a perfect ending.

The Red Shoe Island Bistro is open Monday through Saturday from 6 - 9 pm. Find it at 411 Petronia Street in Key West. Info: 305-509-7271; redshoeislandbistro.com.

Trust me, this one's a winner!



Keys Eats

fresh local seafood, unique salads, beef stroganoff, and award-winning key lime pie, it's just steps off the beaten path but far from the maddening crowds. The compact menu includes stellar items like Shrimp Mango Toast, Lobster Roll Profiteroles, and the signature Yellowtail Snapper with lemon and parsley sauce, risotto topped with parmesan, and sautéed asparagus. Absolutely scrumptious!

SCHOONER WHARF BAR

200R Williams St.,
Key West, FL 33040
305-292-9520
schoonerwharf.com

M - Th 8 - 2 am; F - Su 7:30 - 2 am
A Last Little Piece Of Old Key West

This funky, open-air waterfront bar sits on the docks overlooking the marina. The food and mood are Key West casual, and the menu has all your island favorites, including wings, nachos, burgers, fish tacos, seafood platters, conch fritters, pink shrimp, and more. Great live music and two daily Happy Hours from opening until Noon and then again from 5 - 7 pm.

STONED CRAB

Ibis BayResort
3101 N. Roosevelt Blvd, Key West, FL 33040
305-296-1043; stonedcrab.com
M - Su 11 am - 10 pm
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

Beachside Resort & Residences
3811 N. Roosevelt Ave, Key West, FL 33041
305-296-8100
tavernntown.com

Open M - Su 5 - 10 pm
World-Class Dining & Entertainment
Key West notables dine on a fusion of globally-inspired tapas (small plates), designer pizzas, grilled meats, plancha seared fish and nightly specials. Two Daily 2-4-1 Happy Hours from 5 - 7 pm and again from 9 - 11 pm along with special Tapas Nights every Tues & Thurs from 5 - 7 pm. Nightly entertainment.

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Award – Winning Food At Its Best

Key West's Cafe Sole Steals the Show

John Correa loves, loves, loves food. As Chef/Owner of Key West's award-winning Cafe Sole, he's got his hands on the pots of some of the island's best dishes.



Boat-to-table seafood is the order of the day, and by combining his French mastery of sauces with locally caught fish, Chef Correa creates Caribbean fusion plates that are unlike any other restaurant on the island.

Perennial favorites like *Snapper Sole* — a sautéed Yellowtail filet with mango salsa; *Shrimp Romesco* — fresh shrimp with spicy roasted red

pepper and hazelnut sauce; and Chef Correa's signature, award-winning *Hog Snapper* with roasted red pepper zabaglione, top Cafe Sole's extensive menu. Also not to be missed: Correa's authentic French classics like *Duck L'Orange*, *Rack of Lamb* with

herbs de Provence, and his outrageously delicious Bouillabaisse French stew with homemade broth. There are lots of intriguing vegetarian and pasta dishes here, as well. The Baked Artichokes Aphrodisiac stuffed with garlic and

topped with Hollandaise makes a delicious starter. Another show stopper: the full-flavored Baby Clams with garlic, white wine, parsley, and crushed red pepper served over Angel Hair pasta.



BTW: If you're a fan of Gazpacho, Chef Correra makes the best chilled Andalusian soup you never had. Put this one on your Key West Bucket List. You can find Cafe Sole tucked away in Old Town at 1029 Southard Street. Info: 305-294-0230; cafesole.com. *C'est très bien!*

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5BD/5.2BA | 3,998sf | 12,478sf Lot
\$7,950,000



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1355 Coury Drive, Key Colony Beach
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Extraordinary custom home that epitomizes luxury and boasts open ocean views! Immaculate double lot, private beach, lush landscaping, and resort-style amenities! Opulent great room overlooks an infinity pool with breathtaking views of the Ocean. Included is a lot across the street boasting 62' dock!



201 West Seaview Drive, Duck Key
\$14,500,000

Monumental Oceanfront estate! Enveloped in tropical landscaping, the oversized lot boasts stunning Open Water views, and elevated amenities! 200' dock and two lifts, resort-style infinity pool, luxurious hot tub, and show-stopping ceilings throughout. This is the epitome of serene luxury!



57805 Morton St., Marathon \$4,999,000
Tropical Bayfront Estate on 2 lushly landscaped private acres. Main House, Guest House, Pool, Pool Apartment, Storage Building, Dock, Boat Basin, Boat Ramp, and UNBELIEVABLE never-ending turquoise sea views! Ideal location and superb Open Water boating access!



15 BAY DRIVE

Breathtaking ocean & sunrise views minutes from KW! Spacious 2 story, open floor plan, multiple porches, updated kitchen, new roof & AC system, impact windows/ doors, generator, dock w/ davits, boat launch, storage, carport.
3BD/2BA | 2,028sf | 7,500sf Lot
\$1,999,750



1500 JOHNSON STREET

Exquisite double lot property newly renovated to perfection! Coastal design, gourmet kitchen w/ Fisher & Paykel appliances & quartz counters, vaulted Cypress ceiling, laundry room, pantry, covered lanai, pool, carport, lush landscaping.
3BD/3.5BA | 1,884sf | 9,064sf Lot
\$2,825,000



908 FLEMING STREET

Magnificent estate offers complete tranquility in Old Town! Main house, guest house, artist/yoga studio, poolside pavilion w/ chef's kitchen, lagoon pool, lush tropical gardens, 500 bottle teak wine cabinet, top of the line finishes.
4BD/4.2BA | 3,440sf | 18,050sf Lot
\$8,350,000



116 Avenue G, Marathon \$4,900,000

Remarkable custom estate epitomizing luxury waterfront living! Open floor plan and cathedral ceilings give way to a wall of windows and pristine views. Chef's kitchen, 450-bottle walk-in wine closet and expansive deck area perfect for entertaining! Sparkling pool and outdoor kitchen overlook 60' dock granting superb boating access.



82 Tingler Lane, Marathon \$3,999,000

Sprawling retreat on an oversized lot, with pool, private sandy beach, and Open Water Views! Expansive dock for deep-draft boating adventures, just minutes to excellent fishing and diving. Impressive split floorplan, generous tiki hut and spacious covered patio, ideal for entertaining!



Lot 2 Gulf of Mexico Boulevard, Marathon \$3,899,000

Stunning Open Water Views from this expansive 39,301 Sq. Ft. lot! Build your dream Oceanfront retreat on your timeline as this property conveys with a deeded building right. Plans and renderings drafted, with permit in process for a gorgeous modern home. Boat slip included in a protected marina with quick access to open water.



1205 VON PHISTER STREET

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5BD/5BA | 3,130sf | 9,409sf Lot
\$3,750,000



811 FLEMING STREET

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1BD/1.5BA | 2,252sf | 2,324sf Lot
\$2,500,000



419 AMELIA STREET

Well established Guesthouse + parking lot in Old Town w/ 15 transient licensed rooms/suites & special 5COP liquor license. Pristine condition, updated rooms & furnishings, pool, bar area, lobby/office. Prime location, steps from Duval St.!
15BD/15.5BA | 7,616sf | 15,969sf Lot
\$13,500,000



1507 Sombrero Boulevard, Marathon \$3,850,000

New Construction with gorgeous Boot Key Harbor Views and excellent boating! Open-concept Great Room is bright and spacious and a full-length covered veranda boasting stunning Open Water Views! An opulent primary suite offers sweeping views of Boot Key Harbor and overlooks sparkling pool and generous T-dock.



281 West Indies Drive, Ramrod Key \$3,499,000

Spectacular Oceanfront pool home with panoramic Ocean Views! Boating, kayaking, and paddle boarding from a concrete dock and endless ocean breezes on your private sandy beach. over 2,900 Sq. Ft. of luxurious living space. Beautifully landscaped 1/2 acre lot features a circular driveway and carport with ample covered parking.



58618 Overseas Hwy., Marathon \$2,999,000

Nestled on over a half an acre lot, this spectacular property encompasses an elevated island lifestyle, boasting a endless Open Water Views! Inside, the sprawling interior features 4 generous bedrooms and 4.5 bathrooms. An expansive veranda on the second level offers spectacular views of the sparkling pool, private beach, and turquoise water beyond!

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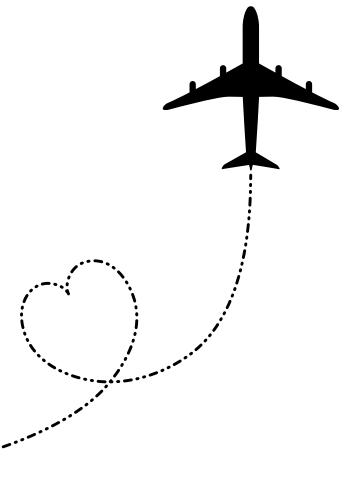
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