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Alan Maltz Unveils New Solar Series



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From April to September of 2024, renowned fine art photographer Alan S. Maltz embarked on a visual journey, capturing the otherworldly beauty of sunsets from his personal hotspot, MM13, located right on US1 in the lower Florida Keys.

Each evening revealed a new symphony of color and light, transforming the horizon into a celestial masterpiece.

In mid-July, the sun itself morphed into a massive red orb, slowly descending into the ocean like a cosmic apparition.

These rare and mystical encounters, captured so vividly through Maltz's lens, are now part of an upcoming solar series that bridges both the natural and supernatural realms.

"I am both delighted and grateful to have witnessed so many spectacular moments in nature over the last six months, and it is a true honor to present this new body of work to you," Maltz explains. For an intimate look at these captivating images and his remarkable 40-year collection, visit the acclaimed Alan S. Maltz Gallery, located at 1210 Duval Street in Key West.

To learn more, please visit: ALANMALTZ.COM or call (305) 294-0005.



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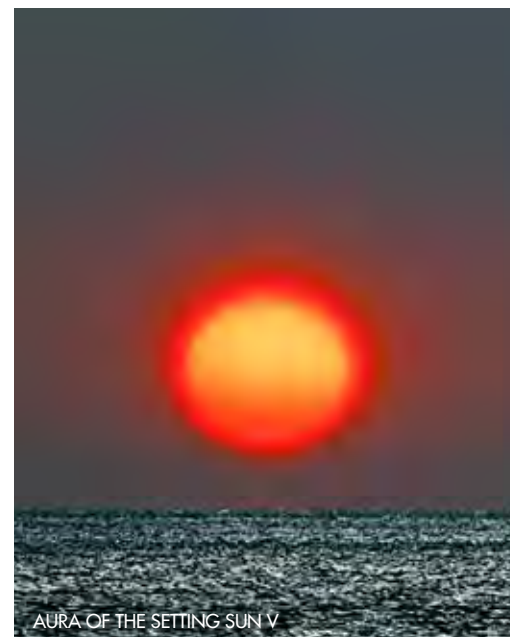
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"Reach Back," the mind-blowing image gracing the cover of DESTINATION FLORIDA's Holiday/Winter issue is the brain child of master artist, Debra Hill. As part of her "Submerged Serenity" Exhibition on display at the Studios of Key West through November 28, Hill pulls out all the stops. Her imagination literally runs wild in a show that is bold, whimsical, colorful and symbolic. See more of her work every Tuesday - Saturday, from 10 am - 4 pm at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton Street. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org. You can read more about her on page 14.

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Sailing Through the Holidays!



Holiday Events

- 12/14 Key West Lighted Boat Parade Sail
- 12/15 Holiday Full-Moon Sail
- 12/18-12/24 Cocoa and Carols Holiday Sails
- 12/24-12/25 Christmas Celebration Sunset Sails
- 12/25 Christmas Day Brunch Sail
- 12/31 New Year's Eve Dockside Party

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Tropical Spirits!

The Magic of Key West Holiday Fest

As one of America's top tropical holiday destinations, Key West is a small town that's big on holiday cheer. Nothing embraces its holiday spirit more than Key West Holiday Fest.

This annual month-long celebration which spreads good cheer all over our small island, kicks off on Wednesday, November 27 at 5 pm with the highly anticipated "Lighting of the Bight."

Every night, starting on Thanksgiving Eve, Key West's Historic Harbor Walk hits the switch for a breathtaking display of holiday lights. This spectacular "Harbor Walk of Lights" stays lit nightly through New Year's Eve and stretches along the Key West Historic Seaport and Key West Bight Marina.

The entire harbor area, including a Fishing Buoy Tree, fresh pine Nautical Christmas Tree and the original Key West Lobster Trap Tree, shimmer and shine with hundreds of thousands of festive holiday lights. This year, the island-wide celebration also includes a special tribute to the late Jimmy Buffet.

Things really kick into high gear starting on Saturday, November 30 when The Studios of Key West stages its annual **Holiday Market** from 9 am – 2 pm. The weekend culminates with a fun Tree **Trimming Party & Toy Drive** at



Schooner Wharf Bar which starts at 6 pm. On Friday, December 6, Wesley House launches its annual **Holiday Village & Belighted Bike Ride** at Truman Waterfront Park from 5 – 9 pm. On Saturday, December 7, Key West's very own **Hometown Holiday Parade** rolls out



more holiday cheer starting at 7 pm from the intersection of Truman Avenue and White Street.

On Sunday, December 8, it's time for the **Eaton Street Christmas Stroll** which begins at 3:30 pm at St Paul's Episcopal Church. The **8th Annual Holiday Concert & Bazaar** draws a fun crowd on Friday, December 13 and takes place from 5 – 9 pm at Key West's Custom House Museum. Also not-to-be-missed: Key West's famous **Schooner Wharf Lighted Boat Parade** which shoves off on Saturday, December 14 at 8 pm from the Historic Seaport.

During the entire month of December, there will be lots of other merry events, as well, including the oh-so festive **Key West**

Historic Home Tours on Friday, December 6 and again on Friday, December 13; the **Annual Key West Holiday Home Tours** on December 27 – 28; holiday island lights tours via the Conch Tour Train and Old Town Trolley; seasonal artisan markets and bazaars; and multiple New Year's Eve "Drops" that spoof New York City's annual Times Square Ball Drop. Topping it all off is a plethora of live concerts, art openings, and theatrical performances including a sensational production of **Nutcracker Key West**. This island interpretation of the fabled holiday ballet opens on Thursday, December 5, and plays for two festive weekends: Friday, December 6 – Sunday, December 8; and then again on Friday,



December 13 – Sunday, December 15 (read more about it on page 28).

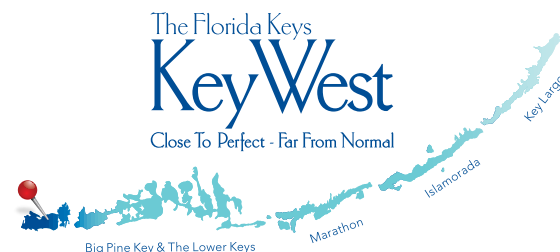
If a balmy tropical get-away adorned with twinkling lights and fun festivities popping up all over the island is your idea of a fun way to spend the holidays, then Key West is your place in the sun!

For more information on individual events, see pages 12 – 44. Late-breaking details at keywestholidayfest.com
Happy Holidays!



Deck the halls at the Inns.

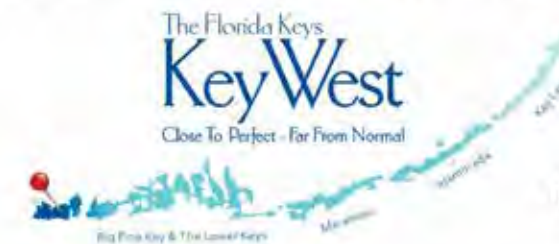
On two enchanted Friday nights in December, take part in the spectacular Historic Inns Tours and navigate yourself through a holiday universe. These self-guided tours feature some of Key West's most charming Inns and Guesthouses all decorated for the season. Whether you bike, walk, or ride the trolley to each destination, these tours will certainly transport you to a more enchanting time. Visit keywestholidayfest.com for more details.



There's no better place to be naughty or nice.

'Tis the season. And once again we're lighting up Old Town with a dazzling display of holiday decorations, twinkling light, food and family fun. It all begins with the spectacular lighting of the Harbor Walk on Wednesday, November 27 at 6 PM with a special Jimmy Buffett tribute, and continues with Historic Inns Tours and the celebrated Lighted Boat Parade.

For holiday schedules throughout December, visit keywestholidayfest.com.



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

606 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.

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Shade Ceramics and Shutter Photography

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Key West, FL 33040
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Open M – Sa 11 am – 5 pm
Contemporary Artisan Ceramics & Fine Art Photography
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.



Mario Sanchez



Barrel of Fish, 22" x 31" Intaglio



Cookoo Doing the ChooChoo, 16.5" x 35" Intaglio

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From Barber Shop Art to the Smithsonian Museum:

The Story of Mario Sanchez

What does a local Key West Barber Shop have in common with the world's largest museum? Answer: Mario Sanchez, regaled as the greatest living Cuban-American folk artist of the twentieth century, whose art tells the unwritten story of Key West.

Believe it or not, Key West's self-taught artist started by hawking his simple pencil sketches at local barber shops. Originally rendered on brown paper grocery bags from Fausto's Market, Mario's simple drawings included local scenes and real characters easily recognized by the native island folk.

Mario Sanchez, born in the Key West Cuban cigar community known as "Gatoville" in 1908, grew up in America's Southernmost City during WWI and the Great Depression. The son of a cigar maker, Mario spent most of his life on the island.

Despite hard times, Mario Sanchez

firmly believed in the Great American Dream. He went on to attend business school and after graduating, accepted a clerk's job in Tampa's Ybor City. However, it wasn't long before he realized that a desk job was not for him. Key West was calling his name and he took heed.

It was the early 1930s when everything changed. Now married and back in his beloved Key West, young Mario fully embraced his creativity. His small yard became "Mario's Studio Under the Trees," designated by a hand-painted sign nailed to a mango tree outside his Old Town home. Having never formally studied art, Mario cleverly used carbon



Mario Sanchez at work in his Key West Studio. Courtesy Key West Art & Historical Society

paper to transfer his rudimentary paper bag sketches onto pine and white cedar boards. He then chiseled the wood into fantastical bas-relief carvings and used dime store brushes to apply house paint mixed with oil.

To further bring his colorful carvings to life, Sanchez assimilated other unusual materials into his intaglios: clean kitty litter to provide texture for the streets, egg yolks, and Elmer's glue to make the windows shiny. More often than not, Mario's work incorporated a humorous twist, and his cherished memories of growing up in Key West were at the heart of his work.

Today, those intricately detailed images of flying kites, spinning tops, festive parades, and smiling neighbors rocking on their front porches reveal the humanistic values of a rich cultural

community. A community filled with diversity and cherished traditions.

Sanchez's images also embrace his motto of "One Race, the Human Race," as they document the lives of the people who helped shape our local landscape during turbulent times. Yet, even in the darkest days, every scene Mario Sanchez created — including the traditional island funeral processions — is filled with exuberance.

Sanchez's first major public showing was in 1961 at Key West's Fort East Martello Museum. This exhibition enriched his reputation as a well-respected artist and member of the Key West Cuban-American community.

During his seventy-plus-year career, Sanchez produced over 600 paintings and woodcarvings. His memory of events was precise, and he adamantly believed that "every generation should tell the next one about its ancestors." Mario often confessed that he could not carve a scene that was not accurate because "you can't just invent history."



Courtesy Gallery on Greene, Key West

His work also spotlights historic structures that were, and still are, iconic Key West landmarks, including Ernest Hemingway's home, the Key West Lighthouse, and the San Carlos Institute. Mario Sanchez died in Key West on April 28, 2005, just six months shy of his 97th birthday. His island funeral was exactly as he had wished and as he had also documented so many times in his paintings: an African Bahamian band led the procession to the city cemetery. At the same time, family and friends paraded behind the hearse. His whimsical art forever immortalized Key West's Cuban culture, and many of his intricately painted carvings are now valued at more than \$50,000.

In 2018, local curator, collector, and

Mario Sanchez expert Nance Frank, owner of Key West's acclaimed Gallery on Greene, was instrumental in getting Sanchez's "Untitled (Gato Cigar Factory)" intaglio into the permanent collection of the world-famous Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington, DC. The work aptly

depicts the artist's father reading to cigar makers at Key West's Gato Cigar Factory. Not only does this piece reflect Sanchez's personal heritage, but it also offers a unique view of an industry that helped shape Key West. His work is also part of the permanent collection of the American Folk Art & Museum in New York.

Sanchez's regaled one-man exhibitions appeared in other major museums, including the Bacardi Museum & Cuba's National Museum of Fine Art. But here is the most wonderful part of this story: From December 6 through May 18, you can see an absolutely fantastic collection of Mario Sanchez's original sketches and intaglios during a special Key West exhibition entitled "The Collecting of Key West: The Works of Mario Sanchez." This limited-time event takes place daily from 9:30 am – 4:30 pm at the Custom House Museum, 281 Front Street. Info: 305-295-6616; kwahs.org.

Collectors Take Note: Several of Mario Sanchez's original works are actually available for purchase at Nance Frank's acclaimed Gallery On Greene at 606 Greene Street in Key West. Info: 305-294-1669; galleryongreene.com.



Courtesy Gallery on Greene, Key West



Courtesy Key West Art & Historical Society

Wow, Just Wow!!!

The Wonder of Artist Debra Hill's Magic



“WOW” is right! The mind-blowing image gracing the cover of DESTINATION FLORIDA’s Holiday/Winter issue is the brainchild of artist Debra Hill. As part of her “Submerged Serenity” Exhibition on display at the Studios of Key West throughout the month of November,



Hill pulls out all the stops. Her imagination literally runs wild in a show that is bold, whimsical, colorful, and symbolic.

Barefoot and curious, Hill spent her

youth immersing herself in nature. She often draws inspiration from those memories — especially from the vibrant flora and bird life of her native Sydney, Australia. For Debra Hill, the joy of painting comes from creating colorful new worlds that narrate a fantastical “micro” moment in life. Her magical conceptual paintings are infused with an almost carnival-like quality that weaves metaphor and whimsy into a tapestry of vibrant color.

But what makes her work so mesmerizing is how she incorporates unnatural juxtapositions of images and fantasy. In DESTINATION FLORIDA’s cover image, Hill’s enchanted, surreal, underwater world of swirling nature is a morphism of tropical birds, exotic flowers, and young girls striding like a pair

of beautiful sea ballerinas across a sandy ocean floor. Like all of Debra Hill’s work, it’s a transfixing image that keeps you riveted.

We are proud to have Debra Hill as our featured cover artist for our mega Holiday/Winter issue. She regularly exhibits her work in numerous group and solo shows throughout the United States, as well as in her native Australia. Hill’s paintings are also showcased in private

collections internationally and online at DebraHillStudio.com.

But for a real treat, and for a very limited time, you can see Debra Hill’s



surreal images up close and personal right here in Key West. Her fantastical “Submerged Serenity” Exhibition opens Thursday, November 7 from 6 – 8 pm and continues through November 28, every Tuesday – Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm in the Sangar Gallery at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton Street. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

It’s a flight of fantasy that you’ll never forget!



Art & Cultural Happenings

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

Daily 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 aluminum, canvas, and glass at his beautiful multi-level gallery and studio. It is open daily at 10 am at 1210 Duval Street in Key West. Info: 305-294-0005.

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.

Daily EXHIBITION Origin of the Mark V Helmet and Military Diving

Islamorada: How many parts does it take to build a helmet? How do divers use a Bear Paw to traverse the side of a ship or submarine? Recently updated, this fascinating exhibit explores the dangerous work of salvage divers after the attack on Pearl Harbor and much more! Takes place daily from 10 am – 5 pm at The History of Diving Museum, 82990 Overseas Hwy. Info: 305-664-9737; divingmuseum.org.

Daily EXHIBITION William Beebe and the Bathysphere

Islamorada: Discover how William Beebe, one of history’s first naturalists, used a



The Alan Maltz Collection, Key West

diving helmet to record marine animals in their natural habitats. You can also see the actual scale model of his deep-sea submersible, the Bathysphere, created by engineer Otis Barton. Used to transport Beebe and Barton to a depth of 3,028’ in 1934, the Bathysphere shattered all diving records of the time. It also introduced them to never-before-seen sea creatures. Takes place

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Michel Delgado
AGITATED CURIOSITY
December 7-29

Opening reception December 7 5:30-7:30



HOLD ON LIGHTLY
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THE PLACE WE GROW THE MOST
mixed media on panel 48 x 48 in.



Michel Delgado

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From the Streets of Senegal to EMPIRE

Artist Michael Delgado Paints Stories

How does a self-taught artist from West Africa get his work showcased on the hit TV drama **EMPIRE**?

Meet Michael Delgado, a visionary artist whose unlikely journey inspires anyone who dreams of bigger and better things.

Born in Senegal's seaport capital of Dakar, Michael Delgado started his career as a young boy. Brimming with art, culture, music, and dance, the city of Dakar was a major launching pad for many African artists, including Delgado.

Enraptured by the vibrancy of Dakar's iconic African fabrics, the fourteen-year-old Delgado began creating loud, colorful cloth bags painted with his original artwork. Unfortunately, making a living as an artist in Dakar proved next to impossible. So, like many others before him, the aspiring young artist moved to Paris. Immersing himself in the local art scene, his new works exploded with intense colors, crisply painted shapes, and meticulous details conjured through the lens of his life in Dakar.

In 1988, Delgado emigrated to the United States, eventually landing in Key West where his work was an immediate hit.

Today, the internationally celebrated and award-winning artist is regaled for his daring, bold, and bright works that literally jump off the canvas. Taken individually, each one of his paintings is fresh and compelling. Shown together, the prolificacy is all-encompassing.



His impressive body of work is now being snapped up by many private collectors and is regularly exhibited at museums and galleries throughout the nation.

And that brings us back to the American music drama, **EMPIRE**. As luck would have it, one of Delgado's patrons was a stylist for the hit show. Because of that connection, his paintings, along with works by iconic artist Andy Warhol and other famous masters, became part of a staged art collection belonging to the

show's main protagonist, "Lucious Lyon." That unlikely break forever changed the trajectory of Delgado's career.

A recent recipient of the 2024 prestigious Gottlieb Foundation Individual Support Grant, Michel Delgado

will reveal his new collection of abstract paintings at Key West's acclaimed Jag Gallery. The exhibit, entitled "Agitated Curiosity," opens with a special reception on December 1 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm and continues through December 29 every Tu – Su from Noon – 5 pm. You can find Jag Gallery at 1075 Duval St in Duval Square. Info: 305-407-6202; jaggallery.art.



Art & Cultural Happenings

daily from 10 am – 5 pm at The History of Diving Museum, 82990 Overseas Hwy. Info: 305-664-9737; divingmuseum.org.

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.

WEEKLY

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 am 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). 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.



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 & libations, local musicians, authors, and glorious ocean views.

It takes place from 10 am – 2 pm at Indigenous Park on Higgs Beach. Info: 305-731-3385; keysartisanmarket.com.

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, archaeology, diving, and marine science topics. Takes place at 7 pm

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SeaSister Island Gallery

Stop in on your way to Sunset!

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Art & Cultural Happenings



EXHIBITION: The Antic Humor of Richard Weatherwax, Key West

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: This fun two-hour walking tour of our local galleries and studios in Key West's Historic Seaport District gives you an inside look at the island's vibrant culture. It leaves at 9:30 am from the Key West Art & Historical Society, 281 Front St. Info: 305-850-8343.

at the History of Diving Museum, 82990 Overseas Hwy. Info: 305-664-9737 or hit 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

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 Friday 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 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. Takes place from 6 – 9 pm. Info: 305-304-9001; fabflemingkw.com.

Second Saturday I Love Stock Island Art Stroll
Key West/Stock Island: Local artists showcase original works at several locations

around Stock Island. Takes place from 11 am – 5 pm in the Stock Island Arts District. Info: 305-731-5780; IloveStockIsland.org.

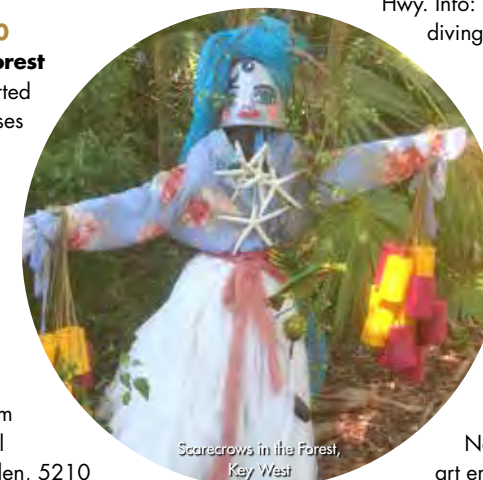
SPECIAL EVENTS

Now – November 24 Small Works Exhibit
Key West: This annual juried exhibit is one of the Keys' most highly anticipated art events and showcases the works of over 200 artists from across the globe. You'll be absolutely fascinated by the scope of these original works (painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, and textile) that do not exceed ten inches in any one direction – including the frame! Takes place Tu – Su from noon – to 5 pm at Jag Gallery, 1075 Duval Street, in Duval Square. Info: 305-407-6202; jaggallery.art.

Now – November 24 EXHIBITION The Antic Humor of Richard Weatherwax
Key West: Master photographer Richard Weatherwax shares his amusing view of life in Key West. This limited-time show is guaranteed to evoke lots of chuckles. It takes

place daily from 10 am – 5 pm at the Custom House Museum, 281 Front St. Info: 305-295-6616; kwahs.org.

Now – November 30 Scarecrows in the Forest
Key West: This lighthearted outdoor exhibit showcases scarecrows crafted from natural and recycled materials by local artists, residents, and students. The scarecrows are freestanding and no more than six feet tall. They are on display daily from 10 am – 4 pm at the Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden, 5210 College Rd. Info: 305.296.1504; keywest.garden.



Scarecrows in the Forest, Key West

Now – December 31 EXHIBITION Salvaging the Deep
Islamorada: This special limited-time exhibit explores some of the ocean's deepest wrecks and tells the incredible story of finding,

researching, and salvaging them. Takes place daily from 10 am – 5 pm at the History of Diving Museum, 82990 Overseas Hwy. Info: 305-664-9737; divingmuseum.org.

Now – January 26 EXHIBITION Monkey in Paradise: A Norbert Szilagyi Retrospective
Key West: Since arriving in Key West in the late 1980s, Norbert Szilagyi's art embraces his own unique concept of 'tropical primitivism.' His work crosses all mediums, from sculpture to high gloss house paint on wood, but it always stays unmistakably Norbert. Takes place daily from 10 am – 5 pm at the Key West Art & Historical Society, 281 Front St. Info: 305-295-6616; kwahs.org.

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MONKEY IN PARADISE

A NORBERT SZILAGYI RETROSPECTIVE

On Display November 1 to January 26

Key West Museum of Art & History
281 Front Street | Key West | kwahs.org



Art & Cultural Happenings

November 7 Holiday Artisan Market

Key West: Enjoy cookies and coffee as you stroll through a friendly, festive indoor market where over a dozen artisans showcase unique and locally produced gifts. Takes place from 10 am – 2 pm at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

November 7 – 26 EXHIBITION Summer Solstice Student Show

Key West: This past summer, watercolor enthusiasts joined Key West/New York artist Susan Sugar to learn new ways of observing the ephemeral shapes and transitory moods of the evening sky. This special exhibition includes a selection of their works, as well as one of Susan's own originals. Opens Th, Nov 7 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.org.

November 7 – 28 EXHIBITION Submerged Serenity by Debra Hill

Key West: Featured on DESTINATION FLORIDA's current Holiday/Winter cover,

acclaimed artist Debra Hill creates powerful narrative works drawn from her imagination and her native Australia. Her work is bold, whimsical, colorful, and symbolic. Opens Th, Nov 7 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.org.

November 7 – 28 EXHIBITION It Only Hurts by Emma Maclean

Key West: A chronically ill and disabled artist, Emma Maclean visualizes pain through 78 meticulously crafted textile pieces. Her interactive exhibition also fosters a deeper connection and understanding of chronic pain. Opens Th, Nov 7 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.org.

November 7 – 28 EXHIBITION Memory Lane by Catherine Solmo

Key West: Inspired by old photographs and by her grandfather's vivid stories, Catherine Solmo creates nostalgic paintings that pay tribute to past generations of Conchs and

their traditions. Opens Th, Nov 7 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.org.

November 13 – 17 2024 Key West Film Festival

Key West: Named one of the top 25 coolest film fests, this annual event showcases films that exhibit excellence in storytelling. Enjoy screenings, visiting filmmakers, workshops, and special events at landmark venues throughout Key West. Info: keywestff.com.

November 20 Immerse Yourself! Alligator Lighthouse Restoration

Islamorada: This free monthly presentation features an array of experts covering maritime history, archaeology, diving, and marine science topics. Presented in person by Captain Rob Dixon, this month's topic covers the history, conservation, and restoration of Islamorada's iconic Alligator Lighthouse. Takes place at 7 pm at the History of Diving Museum, 82990 Overseas Hwy (MM 83 Bayside). Info: 305-664-9737; divingmuseum.org.



November 27 – December 31 Key West Holiday Fest

Key West: A merry range of celebrations during Key West's busy holiday season includes the Harbor Walk of Lights, Holiday Historic Inn Tours, a spectacular lighted boat parade, and lots of good cheer. Other events include the annual hometown holiday parade, festive island lights tours via the

Conch Tour Train and Old Town Trolley, seasonal artisan markets, bazaars, and multiple New Year's Eve "drops" that spoof New York City's annual Times Square Ball Drop. Info: keywestinns.com/holiday-fest.

November 30 Big Pine & The Lower Keys Island Art Festival

Big Pine: This fun annual holiday event always draws a big crowd and includes live music, exhibits, arts and crafts, food vendors, and more. Takes place from 9 am – 3 pm at the Lower Keys Chamber of Commerce, MM 31, oceanside. Info: 305-872-2411; lowerkeyschamber.com.

December 1 – December 29 Exhibition Agitated Curiosity New Works from Michael Delgado

Key West: A recent recipient of the 2024 prestigious Gottlieb Foundation Individual Support Grant, Michael Delgado reveals his new collection of abstract paintings. The exhibit, entitled "Agitated Curiosity," opens with a special reception on Sa, December 1 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm and continues every Tu – Su from noon – 5 pm at Jag Gallery, 1075

Duval St in Duval Square. Info: 305-407-6202; jaggallery.art.

December 5 – 26 Winter Member's Show

Key West: This annual kickoff event celebrates the launch of The Studios of Key West's upcoming season catalog. A perpetual crowd favorite, it also includes a special exhibition of over 100 artworks. Opens on Tu, Nov 5 from 6 – 8 pm and continues every Tu – Su from 10 am – 4 pm at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

December 6 – May 18 EXHIBITION Collecting Key West: The Works of Mario Sanchez

Key West: Key West native the late Mario Sanchez, is among this country's finest and most-recognized folk artists. In hundreds of intricately painted wood carvings created in a lifelong labor of love, Sanchez has provided a better history of Key West in the first part of the 20th century than any annals or academic texts. His work also hangs in Washington DC's Smithsonian Museum.

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Noche Buena

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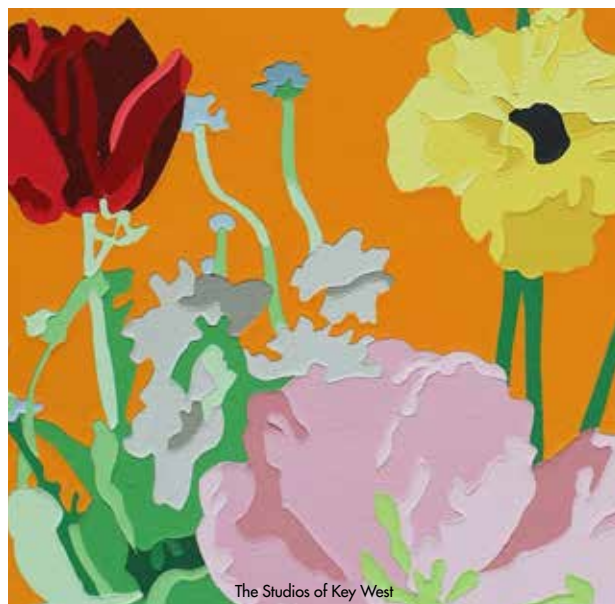
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SEMI-ANNUAL VISITORS GUIDE

OLD ISLAND RESTORATION FOUNDATION



December 7
Holiday Artisan Fair
The Studios of Key West
 Key West: With a full hall of artists and artisans showcasing their work, you're sure to discover something wonderful for every person on your list. BTW: TSKW is also launching their new line of merchandise in the museum store and will be offering over 100 works of art at the annual Winter Members Exhibit: "Gardens." (Dec 5 – 26). Takes place from 9 am – 2 pm at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

Assembled to honor the artist twenty years after his death, this extraordinary exhibit incorporates never-before-seen works, as well as many personal effects. Takes place daily from 10 am – 5 pm at the Custom House Museum, 281 Front St. Info: 305-295-6616; kwahs.org.

December 6 & 13
Holiday Historic Inn Tours
 Key West: This enchanted self-guided tour takes you to ve different decorated inns for a sampling of holiday treats and cheer at each property. Takes place from 6 – 8 pm. Info and tickets: 305-296-4959; keywesthistoricinns.com.

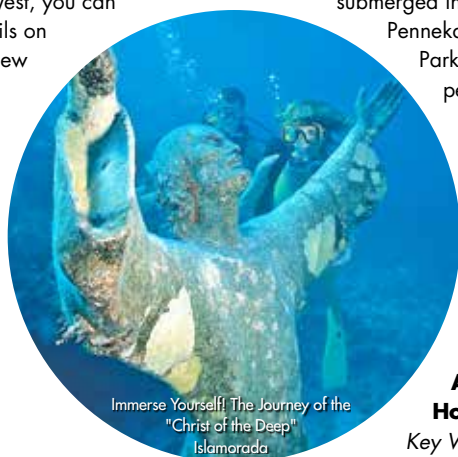
December 7
Celebrate the Season Holiday Event
 Key West: Each December the Key West Art Center changes out its entire collection in anticipation of the upcoming busy season. The new collection will be unveiled at this special holiday-themed reception and will be available — both for viewing and purchasing. Takes takes place from 5 – 7 pm and also includes refreshments. On view daily from 10 am – 5 pm at The Key West Art Center, 301 Front St. Info: 305-294-1241; keywestartcenter.com.

December 7
EXHIBITION
Military Divers
 Islamorada: In commemoration of the 83rd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, this special guided tour pays tribute to military divers. Takes place at 11 am and 2 pm and is included with regular admission at the History of Diving Museum, 82990 Overseas Hwy. Info: 305-664-9737; divingmuseum.org.

December 8
Eaton Street Christmas Stroll
 Key West: Keys Choral Arts presents a short program of sacred and secular music for this festive season at 3:30 pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 401 Duval St. Group Stroll follows at 4 pm along Eaton Street in Old Town.

December 8
Eaton Street Holiday Stroll at The Studios of Key West
 Key West: This annual holiday tradition includes various neighborhood venues hosting short Christmas-themed performances. At The Studios of Key West, you can sip on Christmas cocktails on the rooftop of Hugh's View and do some holiday shopping at the special Member's Show. Takes place from 3:30 pm – 7:30 pm at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: tskw.org.

December 8 – December 15
Festival of Trees
 Key West: Crafted and decorated by local students, a festive forest of holiday trees takes center stage on the porch of Key West's historic Custom House before being donated to families through the Housing Authority of Key West. Takes place daily from 10 am – 5 pm at the Key West Museum of Art & History, 281 Front St. Info: 305-295-6616; kwahs.org.



Immerse Yourself! The Journey of the "Christ of the Deep" Islamorada

December 13
8th Annual Holiday Concert & Bazaar
 Key West: One of Key West's most popular holiday celebrations boasts some of the island's finest artisans, musicians, and choirs; lots of great food, eggnog, and other festive libations; as well as a holiday light show projected on the face of the Custom House. You'll also have an opportunity to shop for lots of unique gifts and handcrafted items. Takes place from 5 – 9 pm on the historic porch of the Custom House Museum and spills out onto the street at 281 Front St. Info & tickets: 305-295-6616; kwahs.org.

December 17
Film Screening:
Florida On Film With Brittany Reeber
 Key West: Reeber presents a survey of Sunshine State cinema that spans 70 years of filmmaking and ranges from Hollywood studio classics to oddball documentaries and contemporary independent stunners. Takes place at 6 pm at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

December 18
Immerse Yourself!
The Journey of the "Christ of the Deep"
 Islamorada: This free monthly presentation features an array of experts covering maritime history, archaeology, diving, and marine science topics. This month, Elena Muratori of the Florida Park Services shares the fascinating history of the Florida Keys' iconic Christ of the Deep statue, which is submerged in the waters of John Pennnekamp Coral Reef State Park. Takes place both in person and virtually at 7 pm at the History of Diving Museum, 82990 Overseas Hwy. Info: 305-664-9737; divingmuseum.org.

December 27 – December 28
Annual Key West Home Tours
 Key West: Festively dressed Key West homes and gardens take center stage during this much anticipated annual event, which showcases exquisite restorations, creative renovations, and delightful interiors and exteriors. The self-guided tours take place from 1 – 4 pm and benefit the Old Island Restoration Foundation. Info: 305-294-9501; Tickets & schedules at OIRF.org.

January 2 – 30
EXHIBITION
Duke Riley
 Key West: Renowned for his inventive style that seamlessly blends the richness of history with the vibrancy of urban life, Duke Riley is a powerhouse in the art world. His diverse repertoire encompasses mixed media, performance, and site-specific installations. Opens Th, Jan 2 from 6 – 8 pm and continues every Tu – Su from 10 am – 4 pm at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

January 2 – 30
EXHIBITION
Object Permanence by Mena Ganey
 Key West: A self-proclaimed "artistic weirdo" inspired by nostalgia and personal reflection, Mena Ganey adeptly blends the familiar and the contemplative. Her art often features bizarre animals and characters that are equal parts adorable and comical. Opens Th, Jan 2 from 6 – 8 pm and continues every Tu – Su from 10 am – 4 pm at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

January 2 – 30
EXHIBITION
On the Reef by Jeffery Cardenas
 Key West: Key West resident Jeffrey Cardenas travels from Polynesia to the Mediterranean and Caribbean Sea, photographing vibrant coral reef ecosystems. His work reveals the beauty and essential role of coral reefs in supporting diverse marine life.. Opens Th, Jan 2 from 6 – 8 pm and continues every Tu – Su from 10 am – 4 pm at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

January 2 – 30
EXHIBITION
Parallels by Pamela Kostmayer and Jane Beck
 Key West: Pamela Kostmayer's wood sculptures and Jane Beck's glass creations come together in this captivating showcase, highlighting intriguing parallels in their artistic visions. Opens Th, Jan 2 from 6 – 8 pm and



Holiday Historic Inn Tours, Key West

continues every Tu – Su from 10 am – 4 pm at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

January 4 – 19
Exhibition
David Wegman & Cayman Smith Martin
 Key West: Local artist, musician and around-the-world sailor, David

Wegman's work reflects a visual journey of his life. A creative builder, welder, musician and muralist, Cayman Smith Martin has travelled the world as both a renegade and a professional artist. This exhibit brings them together for a mind-blowing exhibit that showcases their amazing talents and versatility. Opening Reception on Sa, January 4 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. The exhibit continues every Tu – Su from noon – 5 pm at Jag Gallery, 1075 Duval St in Duval Square. Info: 305-407-6202; jaggallery.art.

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KEY WEST

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Art & Cultural Happenings

January 15 – April 16

EXHIBITION

Dive Into Art: Fintastic Fish of Florida Islamorada: In collaboration with the Art Guild of the Purple Isles, this unique, limited-time exhibit celebrates the diverse fish of coastal Florida. The show also includes works by students throughout the Keys. On display daily from 10 am – 5 pm at the History of Diving Museum, 82990 Overseas Hwy. Info: 305-664-9737; divingmuseum.org.

January 18

EXHIBITION TOUR

Dive Into Art: Fintastic Fish of Florida Islamorada: This special tour celebrates the opening of this new featured exhibit. Takes place at 11 am and 2 pm and is included with regular admission at the History of Diving Museum, 82990 Overseas Hwy. Info: 305-664-9737; divingmuseum.org.

January 18

Art Under the Oaks

Tavernier: This annual outdoor fine arts and crafts show is literally held "under the oaks" with a variety of live music, refreshments, a Bake Sale, and raffles. Takes place from

9 am – 4 pm at the San Pedro Church Gardens, 89500 Overseas Hwy. Info: 305-852-5372; artundertheoaks.com.

January 24 – 25

65th Annual Key West Home Tours
Key West: Festively dressed Key West homes and gardens take center stage during this much anticipated annual event, which showcases exquisite restorations, creative renovations, and delightful interiors and exteriors. The self-guided tours take place from 1 – 4 pm and benefit the Old Island Restoration Foundation. Info: 305-294-9501; Tickets & schedules at OIRF.org.

January 25 – 26

21st Annual Big Pine & Lower Keys Nautical Expo
Big Pine: Get great deals on all things nautical as well as on local arts and crafts, clothing, and jewelry. Live music, food, and beverages, too. Free admission and parking. Takes place on Sa from 8 am – 4 pm and on Su from 8 am – 2 pm at the Lower Keys Chamber, MM31, Oceanside grounds. Info: 305-872-2411; lowerkeyschamber.com

COMING SOON

February 14 – 15

65th Annual Key West Home Tours
Key West: Festively dressed Key West homes and gardens take center stage during this much anticipated annual event, which showcases exquisite restorations, creative renovations, and delightful interiors and exteriors. The self-guided tours take place from 1 – 4 pm, benefiting the Old Island Restoration Foundation. Tickets and schedules are available online at OIRF.org. More info: 305-294-9501.

February 22 – 23

60th Annual Key West Art & Craft Festival
Key West: This nationally recognized juried fine art show attracts over 100 fine and skilled artists from across the country and includes painters, sculptors, photographers, collage artists, and other non-functional fine arts. Takes place from 10 am – 5 pm along the Quay at Truman Waterfront Park, 100 Southard St. Info: 305-294-1243; keywestartcenter.com.

MUSEUMS

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Florida Keys History & Discovery Center

On the Property of the Islander Resort
MM 82 Oceanside
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305-922-2237; keysdiscovery.com
Open Tu – Su 10 am – 5 pm
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.

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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, as well as the South Florida connection to this untold story. Venture through a timeline of exhibits that include Improbable

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 featured exhibits, scavenger hunts, special events and more.

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Marathon, FL 33050
305-743-9100; cranepoint.net
M - F 9 am - 5 pm; Sa 9 am - 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 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.



Key West Lighthouse & Keeper's Quarters

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



Mel Fisher Maritime Museum, Key West

was home to the wrecker Captain Francis B. Watlington, his wife Emeline, and their nine daughters. The former estate includes 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 - 5 pm
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.

Robert The Haunted Doll,
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Nutcracker Key West Is Back!

Nutcracker Key West is back! This Christmas spectacular is one of the largest, most elaborate stage productions ever to hit the Florida Keys and a perfect way to ring in the holidays.

Set to the music of Tchaikovsky, this island interpretation of the fabled holiday ballet was written and originally produced by Key West arts patron Joyce Stahl, an accomplished, classically trained dancer who performed with the American Repertory Ballet Theater for 35 years.

With over a dozen international professional dancers and a large cast of local actors and children, this over-the-top production is rich with original Key

West tropical imagery and familiar island icons.

Expect to see legions of toy sailors battling the Rooster King and his army of chickens, along with a Sea Star and Swordfish Cavalièr, a flock of snowy egrets, an underwater Kingdom ruled by King Neptune, and yes, even a Conch Shell Nutcracker!

Now produced by Key West's highly acclaimed Tennessee Williams Theater, the production incorporates elaborate sets and custom-made costumes enhanced with revolutionary fiber-optic



and LED lights. Because they are specially crafted to be nearly weightless, the dancers glide across the stage like magic.

This sumptuous theatrical experience has various showtimes with special matinees on

Saturday, December 7 and 14 at 1 pm.

Catch it at the Tennessee Williams Theater, 5901 College Road on Stock Island/Key West. For showtimes and tickets, call 305-295-7676 or visit keystix.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, multimedia 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 impressionist, 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 Tu – Sa at 8 pm. The

Aquanettes perform separately on M and Tu at 9 pm with two shows on W – Su at 7 and 9 pm. You can catch the lively Drag King show on Sunday nights at 7:30 pm. The bar is open Su – Th from 2 pm – 2 am and F and Sa 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 impressionist 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 M – Tu at 9 pm and W – Su at 7 and 9 pm. See it at the Aquaplex, 711 Duval St. Info: 305-294-0555; aquakeywest.com.

NIGHTLY

Cabaret @ D'Vine Wine Gallery

Key West: This is an excellent hang if you want to kick back with a fine glass of wine and settle



Randy Roberts Live! Key West

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.

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FOOTLIGHTS

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.

Every Tuesday

Glow Hours

Key West: This hip rooftop terrace offers the best views in town and is an ideal spot to catch the sunset and a drink with friends. The bar is open, admission is free, and everyone looks great in the golden twilight. Takes place from 6 – 8 pm at Hugh's View on the rooftop located at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

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

Every Wednesday

Renee Breslin

Key West: Performing modern covers and vintage hits, local favorite Renee Breslin always gets the crowd going! Takes place from 5:30 – 7:30 pm 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 W – Sa, 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.

Every Sunday

Flip the Bird Jazz Cabaret

Key West: Billed as "a musical comedy show that doesn't suck," this original one-of-a-kind comedy show swirls together stand-up, sketch comedy, and live music into one big rumble of a night. Takes place from 7 – 9 pm at the Birdcage Cabaret, 504 Angela St, in the Aquaplex. Info: 305-294-0555; aquakeywest.com.

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FOOTLIGHTS

SPECIAL EVENTS

November 7 - 9

Stand Up If You're Here Tonight
 Key West: Written by Olivier Award-nominated playwright John Kolvenbach, this love letter to the theatrical experience almost defies description. Showtime: 8 pm at the Waterfront Playhouse, 407 Wall St in Mallory Square. Info & tickets: 305-294-5015; waterfrontplayhouse.org.

November 12

Midnight Mirage with Sarah Dahnke
 Key West: Join Sarah Danke for a special reading of scenes from her screenplay, "Midnight Mirage." This hyper-realistic film explores intense parties, teenage turmoil, and misunderstood religious traditions, all through the lens of a transracial adoptee's journey. Takes place at 7 pm in the Helmerich Theater at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

November 19 - 23

H'tler's Tasters
 Key West: Times change, but tyrants and teens don't. This compelling production by Michelle Kohlos Brooks turns a historical footnote into provocative theater. Produced by Art House, Fringe. Showtime: 7 pm at the Armory, 600 White Street. Info & tickets: 305-295-7676; keystix.com.

November 20 - December 14

Into the Woods
 Key West: The original production of this musical on Broadway won ten Tony Awards, including Best Musical, Best Original Score, and Best Book. The journeys of a young maiden, a sad young man, a baker, and his wife, combined with the genius of Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine, make for a brilliant holiday production. Takes place at the Waterfront Playhouse, 407 Wall St in Mallory Square. Info & tickets: 305-294-5015; waterfrontplayhouse.org.

November 22

Gratitudes: A Thanksgiving Concert with Libby York, Tom Vaitas, & Jeff Dalton
 Key West: Celebrate the season of gratitude and generosity with this special holiday jazz concert starring celebrated vocalist Libby York, with Tom Vaitas on piano and Jeff Dalton on bass. Takes place at 8 pm in the Helmerich Theater at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

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December 5 - 8
December 13 - 15
Nutcracker Key West

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December 9
Classic Holidays with a View:
with Irie Monte & Crispin Campbell

Key West: Let the music get you into the holiday spirit when Irie Monte is joined by Crispin Campbell on cello for an evening of beautiful string music on the roof. Takes place at 5:30 pm at Hugh's View, on the rooftop of The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

December 10 - 14
Tony Konrath's Christmas Carol

Key West: 'Tis the season! Get into the holiday "Spirit" with this fresh take on the Charles Dickens ghost story of holiday transformation and redemption. Produced by Art House, Fringe. Showtime: 7 pm at the Armory, 600 White Street. Info & reserved tickets: 305-295-7676; keystix.com.

December 12 - January 11
The Foreigner

Key West: An American classic, this award-winning comedy is set in a rural Georgia fishing lodge, where a pathologically shy man adopts the persona of a Non-English speaking foreigner in an attempt to avoid conversation.

Hilarity ensues as an outrageous group of characters reveal secrets and scandals. On stage Tu - Sa at 7:30 pm at the Red Barn Theatre, 319 Duval St. Info & tickets: 305-296-9911; redbarntheatre.com.

January 2 - 4
The Vagina Monologues

Key West: Cited in 1999 by the New York Times as "probably the most important piece of political theatre of the last decade," and then reiterated in 2018 that "No recent hour of theatre has had a greater impact worldwide." Not to be missed! Showtime: 8 pm at the Waterfront Playhouse, 407 Wall St in Mallory Square. Info & tickets: 305-294-5015; waterfrontplayhouse.org.

January 7 - 8
Old Town New Folk:
Susan Werner & Jonathan Brooke In Concert

Key West: Acclaimed folk rock artists Susan Werner and Jonathan Brooke team up for a night of innovative songwriting, captivating harmonies, and masterful musicianship. Takes place on Tu, Jan 7, in the Helmerich Theater at 7 pm and on W, Jan 8 at 6 pm on Hugh's Rooftop - both located at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.



January 12
Impromptu
Concerts:
Thomas Mesa & Greg Zelek

Key West: One of the most charismatic, innovative, and engaging performers of his generation, Thomas Mesa is the recipient of the Sphinx Organization's 2023 Medal of Excellence, its highest honor. Greg Zelek is the principal organist of the Madison Symphony Orchestra and Curator of the Overture Concert Organ, where he regularly performs and oversees all the MSO's organ programming. Showtime 4 pm at St. Paul's Church, 401 Duval St. Info: keywestimpromptu.org.

January 14 - 15
Old Town New Folk:
Dom Flemons In Concert

Key West: Grammy-winner Dom Flemons "The American Songster" revives forgotten folk songs with masterful storytelling and musicianship.

Takes place on Tu, Jan 14, in the Helmerich Theater at 7 pm and on W, Jan 15 at 6 pm on Hugh's Rooftop - both located at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

January 14 - 25
I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change

Key West: This musical exploration of the epic truths and challenges of modern love and romance are both hilarious and insightful! Produced by Art House, Fringe. Showtime: 7 pm at the Armory, 600 White Street. Info & reserved tickets: 305-295-7676; keystix.com.

January 21
Menopause, The Musical

Key West: It's impossible not to laugh at this hysterical musical that follows four mature women shopping for lingerie at a Bloomingdale's sale. The tongue-in-cheek lyrics parody popular music from the baby boomer era to reflect symptoms of menopause. Showtime: 8 pm at The Tennessee Williams Theater, 5901 College Rd, Stock Island/Key West. Info & tickets: 305-296-1520; keystix.com.

January 27
Puppy Pals, Live!

Key West: This action-packed show stars adopted and rescued dogs who perform spectacular canine stunts, breathtaking feats, and laugh-out-loud canine comedy! Showtime: 8 pm at The Tennessee Williams Theater, 5901 College Rd, Stock Island/Key West. Info & tickets: 305-296-1520; keystix.com.

January 15
A Little Bit of Country, A Little Bit Rock N' Roll

Key West: Christine Mild returns with a new knockout show featuring the women who sing Country and Rock n Roll. Showtime: 7:30 pm at the Red Barn Theatre, 319 Duval St. Info & tickets: 305-296-9911; redbarntheatre.com.

January 20 - February 22
Ms Holmes and Ms Watson, Apt 2B

Key West: A satirical take on the Sherlock Holmes series, Kate Hamill's original screenplay cheerfully desecrates the stories of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. On stage Tu - Sa at 7:30 pm at the Red Barn Theatre, 319 Duval St. Info & tickets: 305-296-9911; redbarntheatre.com.

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January 26

**Impromptu Concerts:
Simone Porter**

Key West: An emerging artist of impassioned energy, interpretive integrity, and vibrant communication, Violinist Simone Porter has performed with the New York Philharmonic, the Philadelphia Orchestra, and the Los Angeles Philharmonic. Porter first made her professional solo debut at age 10 with the Seattle Symphony and her international debut with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in London at age 13. Showtime 4 pm at St. Paul's Church, 401 Duval St. Info: keywestimpromptu.org.

**January 22 - February 8
The Angel Next Door**

Key West: The Florida Premiere and only the fourth production of this recently published new farce, is sheer joy, sophistication, and wit of a 1940's screwball comedy. Brace yourself for what a critic called "a perfect storm of comedic chaos, irresistible charm, and rapid-fire banter." Showtime: 8 pm with a 2 pm matinee on Sa. Feb 1. Takes place at the Waterfront Playhouse, 407 Wall St in Mallory Square. Info & tickets: 305-294-5015; waterfrontplayhouse.org.

February 4 - 5

**Old Town New Folk:
Will Kimbrough In Concert**

Key West: A Nashville-based multi-instrumentalist and 2004's 'Instrumentalist of the Year' by the Americana Music Association, William Kimbrough has co-written songs with Jimmy Buffett and collaborated with Rosanne Cash, Emmylou Harris, and Mark Knopfler. Takes place on Tu, Feb 4, in the Helmerich Theater at 7 pm and on W, Feb 5 at 6 pm on Hugh's Rooftop — both located at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

February 8

A Blonde, Brunette & Some Duets

Key West: Eric McCormack, celebrated for his Emmy-winning TV career (Will and Grace), and Laura Bell Bundy, a Tony-nominated powerhouse, bring their magnetic chemistry from Broadway's "The Cottage" to the stage. It's an unforgettable night of Broadway hits, cinematic charm, and chart-topping tunes. Showtime: 8 pm at The Tennessee Williams Theater, 5901 College Rd, Stock Island/Key West. Info & tickets: 305-296-1520; keystix.com.

February 9

**Impromptu Concerts:
Dover Quartet**

Key West: Named one of the greatest string quartets of the last 100 years by BBC Music Magazine, the two-time Grammy-nominated Dover Quartet is one of the world's most in-demand chamber ensembles. Showtime 4 pm at St. Paul's Church, 401 Duval St. Info: keywestimpromptu.org.

February 9 - 10

Vail Johnson Is BASSically Incorrect

Key West: Star Bassist Vail Johnson has performed with some of the top names in music for over 40 years, and he's bringing a career full of behind-the-scenes stories and almost every note of the great music he's had a hand in his new one-man show. It doesn't matter what style of music or what particular artist you like. There's a very good chance Vail Johnson will tell you a story about touring with them, or play something you've heard by them in his one-man show. Showtime: 7:30 pm at the Red Barn Theatre, 319 Duval St. Info & tickets: 305-296-9911; redbarntheatre.com.

WHAT'S UP

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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). 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 impressive 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'll have 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. 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 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 The Green Pineapple Wellness Center, 1130 Duval St. Info: 305-509-7378; greenpineapplewellness.com.



Snook's Bayside Sunset Celebration, Key Largo

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

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Key West Sunset Celebration

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. Info: 305-453-5004; snooks.com.

NIGHTLY Lor-E-Lei Sunset Celebration

Islamorada: As that big ball of fire starts to sink into the horizon, the live music kicks in, and the bar crowd spills onto the beach for some serious toes-in-the-sand revelry. On most nights just after sunset, magician Michael Trixx, who was featured on America's Got Talent, performs a "Rock-N-Roll Magic Show" that will blow your mind. Daily Happy Hour from 4 – 6 pm. You can find the Lorelei Restaurant & Cabana Bar at 81925 Overseas Hwy. (MM 82, Bayside). Info: 305-664-2692; loreleicabanabar.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 reinvented 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 as well as 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 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.

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. It takes place from 2 pm – 7 pm at the Truman Waterfront (end of Southard St). FYI: Bring your own bags. Info: 305-731-3385; keysatisanmarket.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 see 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). Info: 305-872-4094; boondocksus.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.

MONTHLY

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. Takes place from 6 – 9 pm. Info: 305-304-9001; fabflemingkw.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; thekeyscollection.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. It takes place from 9 am to noon at the Key West Tropical Forest and Botanical Garden, 5210 College Rd. Info: 305-296-1504; keywest.garden.

SPECIAL EVENTS

November TBD Bacon Fest & Vendor Show

Islamorada: Take a Sunday stroll on Islamorada's historic Old Highway, where you can shop local and regional artists and vendors and indulge in lots of tasty bacon creations. Takes place from 8am – 2pm outside the Islamorada Moose Lodge, 81573 Old Highway (MM 81) oceanside. Info: 305-664-8120.

November 3 – 10 Key West World Championship Offshore Races

Key West: High-speed offshore powerboats race in Key West Harbor and surrounding waters during this breathtaking annual challenge, known internationally as the Indianapolis 500 of powerboat racing. A portion of the 6.5-mile course runs directly



Key West World Championship Offshore Races

through Key West Harbor, meaning smooth water where racers can achieve speeds above 140 mph. Info: 305-296-6166; raceworldoffshore.com.

November 7 Holiday Artisan Market

Key West: Enjoy cookies and coffee as you stroll through this festive indoor market. Over 20 artisans showcase unique and locally produced gifts, jewelry, textiles, home accessories, and quality crafts. Takes place from 10 am – 2 pm at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: tskw.org.

November 8 13th Annual Spaghetti & No Balls Gala

Key Largo: This annual fundraiser for MarrVelous Pet Rescues is one of the Upper Keys's most popular events. Enjoy a complimentary drink from the champagne bar, followed by appetizers, a fabulous dinner, live music, silent and live auctions, and a mega dance party! Dress is Keys Formal and is for Humans Only. Takes place from 6:30 – 11:30 pm at Snook's Bayside Restaurant & Grand Tiki, 99470 Overseas Hwy. Info: 305-453-1315; mprescues.org.

November 13 – 17 2024 Key West Film Festival

Key West: Named one of the top 25 coolest film fests by Moviemaker magazine, this annual "must-see" event showcases films that exhibit excellence in storytelling. Enjoy screenings, visiting filmmakers, workshops, and special events at landmark venues throughout Key West. Info: keywestff.com.

November 23 Annual Light Up Key Largo!

Key Largo: For one magical night, you can ice skate in the "Diving Capital of the World" as Key Largo lights Monroe County's tallest Christmas tree. The celebration includes an Ice Skating Rink, Santa's Workshop, Carolers, lots of Holiday goodies, and more. Tree Lighting at 6 pm. Takes place from 4 – 8 pm at the Murray Nelson Government Center, 102050 Overseas Hwy, MM 102 Bayside. Info: 305-451-1414; keylargochamber.org.



Spaghetti & No Balls Gala, Key Largo

November 27 – December 31 Key West Holiday Fest

Key West: A merry range of celebrations during Key West's busy holiday season includes the Lighting of the Key West Bight, The Harbor Walk of Lights, Holiday Historic Inn Tours, a spectacular lighted boat parade, and lots of good cheer. Other events that you won't want to miss: the annual hometown holiday parade, festive island lights tours on the Conch Tour Train and Old Town Trolley, seasonal artisan markets, bazaars, and multiple New Year's Eve "drops" that spoof New York City's annual Times Square Ball Drop. Info: keywestholidayfest.com.

November 27 Lighting of the Bight

Key West: The Key West Harbor lights up the waterfront with a dazzling display that includes a 16' fresh pine Nautical Christmas Tree, a Fishing Buoy Tree, the original 20' Key West Lobster Trap Tree, and a special

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WEATHER IN PARADISE

NOVEMBER
Average Temperature: 74°
Sunset: 5:47 p.m.
Average Rainfall: 2.45"
DECEMBER
Average Temperature: 71°
Sunset: 5:38 p.m.
Average Rainfall: 1.8"
JANUARY
Average Temperature: 74°
Sunset: 6:01 p.m.
Average Rainfall: 1.5"
FEBRUARY
Average Air Temp: 76°
Sunset: 6:16pm
Average Rainfall: 1.5"

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Friday Dec. 6 Founders Park on the Great Lawn

Tree-lighting

Holiday Parade 7:30 pm

Parade viewing area on the Great Lawn

Santa will be arriving at the end of the parade

Don't miss Santa's **Sweet Shoppe** ummm-yum!

Lighting of the Lights... at 6 pm

Parade Theme: Rockin' With The Rescuers

Food & Drinks

Vino Village

Craft Beers

Holiday Gifts

Visits with Santa!

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STAGE SCHEDULE

4:00 pm Holiday Music	6:00 pm Performances by students of On Your Toes Dance Studio
4:30 pm Santa Paws – Pet Parade	7:30 pm Parade (Around the Great Lawn) Theme: Rockin' with the Rescuers
5:30 pm Mister Gingerbread Man & Miss Sugarplum Fairy Contests	*** Holiday Music and Dancing Part II

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WHAT'S UP

tribute to Jimmy Buffet. Stays lit nightly through New Year's Eve, stretching along the Key West Historic Seaport and Key West Bight Marina. Festive music starts at 5 pm, with the lighting at 6 pm. Gather on the Harbor Walk Plaza at Greene and Elizabeth St. for the best viewing. For more details on other holiday events happening in Key West, go to keywestholidayfest.com.

November 27 - December 31 Key West Harbor Walk of Lights

Key West: This "Harbor Walk of Lights" honors the maritime history of the Key West waterfront and stays lit nightly through New Year's Eve. Stretches along the seawall past Greene, William, and Margaret Streets to the Key West Ferry Terminal. For more details on other holiday events happening in Key West, go to keywestholidayfest.com.



Tree Trimming Party and Toy Drive, Key West

**November 29
Black Friday Shopping Extravaganza**
Key West: Find one-of-a-kind gifts, unique handmade items, exquisite art, as well as delicious culinary delights, yummy beverages, and views you won't find at any mall. Takes place from 10 am - 6 pm along Weech Way at Truman Waterfront Park, 21 E Quay Rd. Info: 305-731-3385; keywestartisanmarket.com.

**November 30
Big Pine & The Lower Keys Island Art Festival**
Big Pine: This fun annual holiday event always draws a big crowd and includes live music, exhibits, arts and crafts, food vendors, and more. It takes place from 9 am to 3 pm at the Lower Keys Chamber of Commerce, MM 31, oceanside. Info: 305-872-2411; lowerkeyschamber.com.

**December 1
Schooner Wharf Bar's Annual Tree Trimming Party & Toy Drive**
Key West: Bring your nautical ornament

for Schooner Wharf Bar's big beautiful 8' Christmas Tree or an unwrapped kids' gift and enjoy a complimentary holiday cocktail — rum eggnog, Swedish Glog, or hot applejack. Prizes for most original, most nautical, and most popular with the crowd. Schooner Wharf's annual Toy Drive benefits a variety of children's organizations. FYI: Be sure to visit Santa's Southernmost Schooner Workshop, where local artists and authors sign and sell original works for holiday gift-giving. Local musicians are also on hand playing festive holiday tunes, Reggae, and Calypso with the island sound of Steel Drums. Takes place at 6 pm at the Schooner Wharf Bar at the foot of Williams St in Key West's Historic Seaport. Info: 305-292-3773; schoonerwharf.com.

December 5 - 8 December 13 - 15 Nutcracker Key West

Key West: Performed every other year, this Christmas spectacular is one of the largest, most elaborate stage productions ever to hit the Florida Keys and a perfect way to ring in the holidays. Set to the music of Tchaikovsky, this island interpretation of the fabled holiday ballet was written and initially produced by Key West arts patron Joyce Stahl. Elaborate

costuming, national and local dancers, and an imaginative assortment of Key West icons make it a major highlight of the holiday season. Showtimes vary. Takes place at the Tennessee Williams Theater, 5901 College Road on Stock Island/Key West. Tickets: 305-295-7676; keystix.com.

December 6 20th Annual Islamorada Holiday Festival

Islamorada: A 35' holiday tree blows magical snow at this spirited night of holiday fun, which includes a snow mountain, festive parade, community tree lighting, caroling, holiday gift bazaar, delicious food, live music, and a silent auction of masterpiece ornaments created by local artists. Takes place from 4 - 10 pm on the Great Lawn at Founders Park, MM 87, Bayside. Info: 305-664-4503; islamoradachamber.com

December 6 4th Annual Wesley House Holiday Village & BeLighted Bike Ride

Key West: This fun annual "pre-party" kicks off Key West's annual BeLighted Bike Ride. A magical Holiday Village includes photos with Santa, community booths, games, crafts,



food vendors, music, local performances, and more! The year's event also features rides and large holiday-themed inflatable obstacle courses for the kids! Takes place from 5 - 9 pm with the festively creative "Best Bike Contest" at 7:30 pm. The BeLighted Bike Ride follows at 8pm from the Coffee Butler Amphitheater. It all takes place at Truman Waterfront Park, 21 E Quay Rd. Tickets & info: 305-809-5000; wesleyhouse.org.

**December 6 & 13
Holiday Historic Inn Tours**
Key West: Enjoy two enchanted self-guided tours of five different decorated inns and a sampling of holiday treats and cheer at each property. Takes place on Friday and Saturday from 6 - 8 pm. Info and tickets: 305-296-4959.

December 7 Key West Hometown Holiday Parade

Key West: The most charming hometown parade you'll ever see, with lots of holiday floats and tons of kids of all ages. Of course, Santa will make a guest appearance! The festivities kick off at 7 pm on Truman Ave at White St. The parade then proceeds down to Duval and ends at Eaton. Info: 305-809-3881; keywesthistoricseaport.com.

December 8 Eaton Street Christmas Stroll

Key West: Keys Choral Arts presents a short program of sacred and secular music for this festive season at 3:30 pm at St Paul's Episcopal Church, 401 Duval St. Group Stroll follows at 4 pm along Eaton Street in Old Town. Info: stpaulskeywest.org

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WHAT'S UP



Descent of the Red High-Heel Shoe New Year's Eve Celebration, Key West

December 8 Annual Holiday Tree Lighting

Key Colony Beach: Wear your ugliest Christmas sweater and high-tail it over to the annual lighting of Key Colony's giant Christmas Tree "Under the Tiki." Make a donation to "Presents in Paradise" and add an ornament to the tree. There is lots of egg nog and hot chocolate to get you into the spirit, live music, a 50/50 raffle, food, drinks, and a visit from Santa himself. Kicks off at 5 pm with a tree lighting at 7 pm at Havana Jack's Oceanside, 401 E Ocean Dr, Key Colony Beach. Info: 305-743-4849; HavanaJacksOceanside.com.

December 8 Eaton Street Holiday Stroll at The Studios of Key West

Key West: During this holiday tradition on Eaton Street, neighborhood venues host short Christmas-themed performances. At The Studios of Key West, you can sip on Christmas cocktails on the rooftop of Hugh's View and do some holiday shopping at the Member's Show, displayed throughout all four gallery spaces. It takes place from 3:30 pm to 7:30 pm at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: tskw.org.

December 13 8th Annual Holiday Concert & Bazaar

Key West: One of Key West's most popular holiday celebrations boasts some of the island's finest artisans, musicians, and choirs; lots of great food, eggnog, and other festive libations, as well as a holiday light show projected on the face of the Custom House. You'll also have an opportunity to shop for lots

of unique gifts, including handcrafted jewelry, clothing, textiles, home decor, and more. FYI: Santa will be on hand for last-minute requests and "selfie" photos. Takes place from 5 – 9 pm on the historic porch of the Custom House and spills out onto the street in front of the Museum at 281 Front St. Info and tickets: 305-295-6616; kwahs.org.

December 14 Schooner Wharf Bar Lighted Boat Parade

Key West: A magical nautical display of lights and creativity is the hallmark of this enormous holiday maritime event in Key West's Historic Seaport. The boats come very close to the docks of the Schooner Wharf Bar, where the Judge's Stand is located, which makes it a great vantage point. Festivities kick off at 6 pm; the parade starts at 8 pm, followed by a big Awards Party at Schooner Wharf Bar, located at the foot of William St. Info: 305-292-3773; schoonerwharf.com.

December 14 Key Largo Lighted Boat Parade

Key Largo: The waters of Blackwater Sound in Key Largo shimmer as decorated boats put on "A Cartoon Christmas" along the shoreline to celebrate the holiday season. Boats line up at 6:30; the parade kicks off at 7:30 pm. The top spots for viewing are between MM 103 and 104. Info: 305-451-4502; keylargoboatparade.com.

December 14 Boot Key Harbor Lighted Boat Parade

Marathon: Marathon gets all decked out with their own festive Lighted Boat Parade. It sets sail at 6 pm from the West end of Boot Key Harbor (7 Mile Bridge side) and slowly winds its way east into the harbor towards Sombrero Marina Dockside. The parade continues until 8 pm. Best views include the Marathon Marina, Lazy Days South, Burdines, and Dockside Lounge.

December 15 Key Colony Beach Lighted Boat Parade

Key Colony Beach: Key Colony's Lighted Boat Parade shoves off at 6 pm from the 7th Street Canal and makes three passes by the Judges'

Stand before heading up and down the 8th – 12th Street canals. Info: 305-743-7214; kcbca.org

December 15 – 30 Waterfront Winter Wonderland

Key West: Coffee Butler Amphitheater transforms into an amazing winter wonderland with ice skating, rides, games, music, holiday lights, a vendor village with food and local artisans, and more. Takes place at Truman Waterfront Park, 21 Quay Rd.

December 25 Christmas Day Brunch Sail

Key West: Dreaming of a crystal clear, blue Christmas? Then, spend Christmas morning aboard the Schooner America 2.0 for a brunch sail that you'll never forget! This two-hour sail includes a fully catered brunch starting with complimentary Mimosas and Bloody Marys or champagne. Departs from Key West's Historic Seaport. Info & tickets: 305-292-7245; sail-keywest.com.

December 27 – December 28 Annual Key West Home Tours

Key West: Festively dressed Key West homes and gardens take center stage during this much anticipated annual event, which showcases exquisite restorations, creative renovations, and delightful interiors and exteriors. The self-guided tours take place from 1 – 4 pm and benefit the Old Island Restoration Foundation. Info: 305-294-9501; Tickets & schedules at OIRF.org.

December 31 New Year's Eve Fireworks on Blackwater Sound

Key Largo: The Back Bay is the setting for the annual midnight New Year's Eve fireworks extravaganza that's set to live music performed at Sundowners, MM 104 bayside. Info: 305-664-4651.

December 31 New Year's Eve Celebrations in Key West

Key West: Ring in 2025 with a "Conch Shell Drop" at Sloppy Joe's Bar, 201 Duval St; the descent of a super-sized red high-heel shoe (replete with a renowned local female impersonator) at the Bourbon St Pub/New Orleans House Complex, 724 Duval St; a big New Year's Eve Bash at the Schooner Wharf Bar, 202 William St; and a massive replica of a Key lime wedge splashing down into a larger-than-life margarita glass at Ocean Key Resort & Spa, 0 Duval St. *continued on page 46*



New Year's Eve Celebration, Key West

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Annual Schooner Wharf Wrecker's Cup Race, Key West

December 31

New Year's Eve at Cheeca Lodge & Spa Islamorada: This ultra-chic beachside resort hosts a midnight fireworks display over the Atlantic Ocean with tasty libations and live music. Takes place at Cheeca Lodge & Spa at MM 82 oceanside. Info: 305-664-4651; cheeca.com.

January 11 - 12

Annual Florida Keys Celtic Festival Marathon: Break out your kilts and dancing shoes because this festive Gaelic celebration will have you kicking up your heels. Enjoy top acts by international Celtic bands, Celtic food and beer, Highland Athletics, a Children's Glen, and a Celtic Marketplace. The festival begins on Sa from 10 am - 7 pm and on Su from 11 am - 5 pm at Marathon Community Park, MM 49. Tickets & info: 305-743-6412; floridakeyscelticfestival.com.

January 24 - 25

Annual Key West Home Tours
Key West: Festively dressed Key West homes and gardens take center stage during this much anticipated annual event, which showcases exquisite restorations, creative renovations, and delightful interiors and exteriors. The self-guided tours take place from 1 - 4 pm and benefit the Old Island Restoration Foundation. Info: 305-294-9501; Tickets & schedules at OIRF.org

January 25 - 26

21st Annual Big Pine & Lower Keys Nautical Expo
Big Pine: Get great deals on all things nautical and local arts and crafts, clothing, and jewelry. Live music, food, and beverages, too. Free admission and parking. Takes place on Sa from 8 am - 4 pm and on Su from 8 am - 2 pm at the Lower Keys Chamber, MM31, Oceanside grounds. Info: 305-872-2411; lowerkeyschamber.com.

January 26

Annual Schooner Wharf Wrecker's Cup Race
Key West: This is the first leg of the spirited 7-mile race to Sand Key, where bragging rights are the top prize. The race kicks off at 1 pm with an Awards Ceremony at 7 pm. Takes place at Schooner Wharf Bar in Key West's Historic Seaport. Info: 305-292-3302; schoonerwharf.com.

January 26

Wrecker's Race Aboard Schooner America 2.0
Key West: If you really want to enjoy the thrill of the Wrecker's Cup Race, then climb aboard the fastest schooner in Key West: Schooner America 2.0. It starts at 1 pm with their firing of the cannon. Tickets include a round of beer, wine, champagne, and a boxed lunch. Info & tickets: 305-292-7245; sailkeywest.com.

COMING SOON

February 14 - 15

March 14 - 15
Annual Key West Home Tours
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Annual Key West Home Tours, Key West

February 15 - 16

19th Annual Florida Seafood Festival
Key West: Lots going on for adults and kids, from feasting on fresh local seafood and shopping for marine-related crafts to face-painting, kids' hands-on activities, raffles, and live music. Takes place on Sa from 11 am - 8 pm and on Su from 11 am - 5 pm in Bay View Park at 1320 Truman Ave. Info: 305-619-0039; floridakeysseafoodfestival.com

February 22 - 23

60th Annual Key West Art & Craft Festival
Key West: This nationally recognized juried fine art show attracts over 100 fine and skilled artists from across the country and includes painters, sculptors, photographers, collage artists, and other non-functional fine arts. Takes place from

10 am to 5 pm along the Quay at Truman Waterfront Park, 100 Southard St. Info: 305-294-1243; keywestartcenter.com.

OTHER FLORIDA HAPPENINGS

January 25 - 26

Hoggetowne Medieval Faire
Gainesville: For one magical weekend, Depot Park transforms into "Hoggetowne" - a medieval marketplace where you can immerse yourself in the rich culture of the Middle Ages. A bastion of medieval revelry, this fantastical Faire showcases Olde World demonstrations and breathtaking staged combat shows, as well as Medieval music and dance, a living chessboard, royal knighting ceremonies, feasting on turkey legs and lots more! Takes place, rain or shine, from 10 am - 6 pm at Depot Park, 874 SE 4th Street in Gainesville. Tickets & info: 352-334-5084; HoggetowneMedFaire.com.

January 23 - 26

The 63rd Rolex 24 At DAYTONA Weekend
Daytona Beach: From sunrise to sunset and all through the night, witness North America's most prestigious sports car race in this twice-around-the-clock marathon that kicks off the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship season. The Rolex 24 also features a pre-race grid and garage access, the famous Ferris wheel and fireworks, autograph sessions, live entertainment, and displays from the top manufacturers. Takes place at Daytona International Speedway, the "World Center of Racing" at 1801 W International Speedway Blvd. Info: 800-748-7467; daytonainternationalspeedway.com.

January 31 - February 2

Artfest Fort Myers
Historic Downtown Fort Myers: Southwest Florida's Premier Art Festival celebrates its 25th anniversary on the spectacular downtown waterfront and showcases the works of 200+ outstanding professional artists from across the country. Also includes a high school art competition, children's craft area, sidewalk chalk extravaganza and yummy food and beverage. Plenty of parking and trolley service. Opening Night Party kicks things off on F from 6 - 9 pm and includes a special Pops Concert; The weekend-long festival continues on Sa from 10 am - 5 pm and on Su from from 10 am - 4 pm at Edwards Dr and Hendry St. Get lots of extra perks when you sign up for VIP Club tickets. More info at ArtFestFortMyers.com.

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UPPER KEYS

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 305-451-6300; pennekampark.com
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DOLPHIN RESEARCH CENTER

MM 59, Gulfside
Grassy Key/Marathon, FL 33050
305-289-1121; dolphins.org
Open Daily
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Offshore Island, Marathon, FL 33050
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Step Back In Time
This tiny coral island was the original work camp for workers who built the Key West extension of the Flagler Railway and once housed a thriving village of more than 400 people until the railroad’s demise in 1935. Today you can tour the island’s historic buildings, picnic on the lawn or snorkel in the shallow bay. Ferry departs from Faro Blanco Marina, check in at the Visitors Center, 2010 Overseas Hwy, Marathon. The Ferry departs 10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm and 2 pm.

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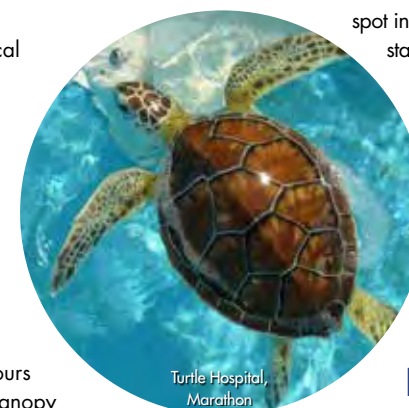
Civil War fort. The beach is shaded by several acres of Australian pine trees so it's always a bit cooler than the rest of the island. Good deep water swimming, chair rentals, grills, restrooms and a concession stand.

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The Green Pineapple, Key West

reefs. Today, it's much easier to get your hands on unusual handcrafted gifts, custom jewelry, unique clothing,

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Turn the page for some of our favorite shops to get you started.

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A walk through Bliss Jewelers is like walking through the "Who's Who" of brand name designer jewelry. You'll find lots of innovative collections from today's top fashion icons including John Hardy, Kabana and Pandora. Bliss also stocks a terrific selection of luxury watches including Omega, Breitling, Tag Heuer, Rado, Longines and Tissot, as well as a sensational array of diamonds, engagement rings, and precious gems. With two additional locations in St Thomas, Virgin Islands and another one in Bar Harbor, Maine, this family run business is Key West's official dealer of world-renowned jewelry.

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keyspawn.com
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Not Your Ordinary Pawn Shop!
Get terrific deals on an exclusive collection
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It's Like Having a Friend in the Business Keys Pawn Is Such a Deal

Used to be that when someone said "Pawn Shop," a little voice in my head would say, "Eh, maybe not."

But that all changed when I popped into Keys Pawn and met a very charismatic English chap named Melvyn Franks. Melvyn originally started out as a jewelry manufacturer before morphing into a wholesaler of luxury watches, jewelry, and diamonds. Before landing in the Florida Keys, he worked out of Miami where he became a trusted source for dealers around the world. He was, and still is, the "go-to-guy" for the finest vintage Rolexes, high-end jewelry, rare antiques, and collectibles at super-low prices.

With over forty years under his belt,

Melvyn now has a nifty little gig in Islamorada and knows every part of the business inside and out. In 2016, he and his wife, Rebecca Nachlas, opened their first brick-and-mortar in Tavernier before moving to larger digs in Islamorada. Today, the inventory is more extensive than ever before and is constantly changing. You'll discover all kinds of stellar products — all available at well below retail. FYI: If something catches your eye, grab it. Otherwise, it could be here today and gone tomorrow.

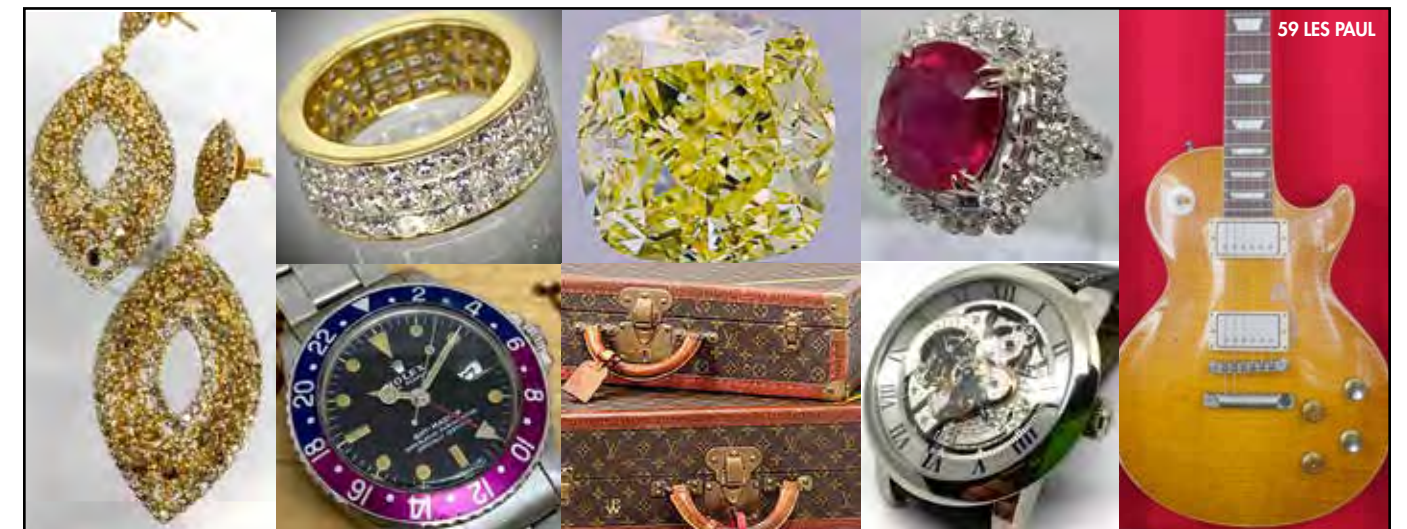
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You can find Keys Pawn at 82681 Overseas Highway Islamorada. Melvyn is there Monday – Friday from 10 am – 4 pm. If you're looking for something special or have a question, just buzz him at 305-962-1956 or shop his excellent website at keyspawn.com. It really is like having a friend in the business!

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The Olive Oil & Vinegar Store
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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chocolates, vapes, gummies, pre-rolls, flowers, and more. Find the Green House at three locations in Key West at 431 Front St; 211 and 532 Duval St; in Big Pine Key at 30964 Overseas Hwy; in Marathon at 10875 Overseas Hwy; in Islamorada at 82751 Overseas Hwy; and in Key Largo at 99304 Overseas Hwy. Additional locations on Marco Island and in Naples.

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Wet sand may also expose pirate bounty when the surf recedes after each wave. Hit the beach soon after an ocean storm. Heavy wave action stirs up sediment and at times picks up objects, like coins, which can tumble right onto the beach.

Look for areas with more shell deposits than others. It could indicate where strong currents stir up loose objects and deposit them on the shoreline.

But while eyeballing like this can yield a valuable surprise, you still can't beat a metal detector for finding hidden treasures under the sand!



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If you think that you have to jaunt off to the Caribbean to get “island” prices on brand name jewelry, diamonds, and precious stones, think again.

Bliss Jewelers, one of St Thomas’ preeminent luxury jewelers, has a location right here in Key West, as well as in Bar Harbor, Maine. As one of the Keys’ few fine jewelry stores, it’s your go-to shop for fabulous prices on some of the most coveted names in jewelry and watches.

David Yurman, John Hardy, Kabana,

fact, serious collectors consider it one of the greatest watches of all time.

Recently, Breitling introduced the Navitimer in two new slender 36- and 32-mm sizes for people who love the look and feel of a smaller-diameter watch. But these showstoppers have much more to boast about than just

their new trim sizes. Pops of pastel, mother-of-pearl, and traceable 18k red gold combine with the Navitimer’s distinct beaded bezel to create timepieces with a jewelry-like appeal — all of which add a versatile elegance to the legendary navigational



watch, which is available for both men and women.

However, brand-name watches and jewelry aren’t the only thing

Bliss Jewelers is famous for. The luxury boutique also specializes in 14k, 18k, and platinum jewelry.

You’ll find a large selection of diamonds, emeralds, rubies, sapphires, tourmaline, and lots of other semi-precious stone jewelry. Bliss also offers an array of anniversary and wedding bands, earrings, necklaces, bracelets, and bangles.

You can find all these head-turning collections at Bliss Jewelers, 269 Front Street, in Key West. Info: 305-998-4839; blissjewelers.com.



Pandora, Omega, Tag Heuer, Rados, Longines, and Tissot are just some of the world-class brands you’ll find here.

Oh, and let’s not forget Breitling — a brand that has been creating seriously exquisite, innovative watches since 1884. The company is renowned for the Navitimer — one of the most recognizable watches ever made. What began in 1952 as a tool for pilots has morphed into a highly coveted piece of workmanship for anyone who appreciates the finer things in life. In

What’s That You’re Wearing?

AQUA D’ KEYS – The Scent of the Keys

Who knew that someone would finally figure out how to capture the true essence of the Florida Keys and put it in a bottle?

Enter Key Wester’s, Dominik, Ron, Maurizio, and Todd.

After futilely searching for affordable gifts symbolic of Key West, the four long-time friends created their own: a proprietary line of signature scents and the only locally produced Eau De Parfum inspired by the beauty of the Florida Keys.



Their new Key West fragrance boutique, AQUA D’ KEYS, features six uniquely crafted home scents, unisex perfumes, and body care products that embody the fresh, adventurous, and romantic lifestyle of the Keys.

With names like Tortuga, Marquesas, West, Summerland, Islamorada, and Largo, they are truly an emblematic reminder of how wonderful our tropical island chain really is.

If you’re looking for a unique gift for yourself, your house guests, or the folks back home, this may be the perfect way to go!



Find your unique scent at AQUA D’ KEYS, located at two convenient Key West locations: 1075 Duval St in Duval Square; and 291 Front St in The Shops At Mallory Square. Open daily from 10 am - 9 pm. You can also order securely online at AquaDKeys.com. For more info, give them a ring at 305-676-5620.

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The Green Pineapple is all about living consciously — mind, body, and soul. With two Key West locations (Bahama Village and Duval Street), it's all about "conscious consumerism."

Both sustainable and eco-conscious boutiques feature brands based on a respect for the environment and on ethical practices and considerations.

In Key West's oh-so-hip Bahama Village neighborhood, The Green



Pineapple offers fun and trendy eco-friendly clothing for the whole family, as well as locally-made jewelry, and a vast collection of custom "Made in the Keys" artwork.

Step inside the Green Pineapple's Flagship location over on Duval Street and you'll discover a fabulous curated collection of authentic eco-conscious clothing, jewelry and accessories for men and women, as well as one-of-a-kind home accessories and gifts with

Open daily from 8:30 am – 3 pm. Discover it at 1130 Duval Street in Key West.
Info & Reservations: 305-509-7378 ext. 2; greenpineapplewellness.com

an island flair.

The Green Pineapple's downtown location is also home to a Hatha-based Yoga Studio that welcomes all yogi levels. This warm sanctuary



offers classes in Pilates & Yoga Flow, Vinyasa, Power, Yin, Restorative, Gentle, Breath and Mindful Movement, Meditation, and lots of events

and workshops.

Also sharing the Duval Street location is the highly acclaimed Wellness Cafe, where Chef Layla whips up terrific plant-based, organic and whole foods that will blow you away. There's also a healthy selection of breakfast drinks, smoothies, "To-Go" Juices, Elixirs, and Immunity Shots, as well as a worldly collection of organic, biodynamic and sustainable wines.

The Wellness Cafe is open daily from 9 am – 4 pm and also hosts special dinner and wine events throughout the year.

The Green Pineapple Boutique is open daily from 9 am – 6 pm at 1130 Duval Street. (305-509-7378); The Green Pineapple in Bahama Village is open daily from 9 am – 3 pm at 310 Petronia Street. (305-509-7065). More info: greenpineapplewellness.com.

It All Started With The "Green Fever"

The Intoxication of
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It's 1955, and 19-year-old Manuel Marcial de Gomar slowly reins his horse along a rugged trail high in Colombia's dangerous Eastern Andes.

Exploring the mountains' emerald-

bearing areas are intoxicating, and it's not long before de Gomar is stricken with "Green Fever" — the rush of seeing a flash of "emerald green" following the strike of a handpick.

After years of hands-on field mining, de Gomar evolves into an emerald wholesaler, gem consultant, and prolific jewelry designer.

His Colombian travels take him to the Caribbean coast, where his intoxication is further piqued by the locally harvested queen conch pearls. Eventually, de Gomar morphs into one of the world's foremost authorities on both emeralds and Conch Pearls.

In 1980, he opens Emeralds International in Key West, where his intriguing designs receive world acclaim.

Today, Emeralds International is still renowned for its spectacular emeralds, queen conch pearls, Swiss watches and innovative designs, but treasure buffs also flock here for the authentic bounty salvaged from sunken Spanish galleons. Discover it all at Emeralds International, 104 Duval St in Key West. Info: 305-294-2060; emeraldsinternational.com.

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The Green House has several Florida Keys locations in Key West at 431 Front Street and 211 and 532 Duval Street; in Big Pine Key at 30964 Overseas Hwy; in Marathon at 10875 Overseas Hwy; in Islamorada at 82751 Overseas Hwy; and in Key Largo at 99304 Overseas Hwy.

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17101 St Rd 31
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305-517-4447; cheeca.com
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21 Garden Cove Dr, MM 106.5
Just Off U.S. 1 at Card Sound Rd.
Key Largo, FL 33037
305-453-3746; buzzardsroostkeylargo.com
M – Sa 11:30 am – 9 pm;
Su 10:30 am – 9 pm

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90184 Overseas Hwy (MM 90)
Islamorada, FL 33070
305-741-7104; crookedpalmdistillery.com
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Snooks Bayside, Key Largo

entrees. Vibe to live music, kick back on the lush outdoor patio or grab a seat in the hip air-conditioned cocktail lounge. It's really a fun, local roost and a welcomed addition to the Upper Keys social scene.

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102401 Overseas Hwy, MM 102.4
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Italian Food Company, Key Largo, Tavernier & Islamorada

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Three Waters Resort & Marina
84001 Overseas Hwy
Islamorada, Fl 33036
305-847-4992;
islamoradapizzaco.com
Open Daily Noon – 11 pm
A Slice of Paradise
Backdropped by retro art and a beautiful ocean palette, Islamorada's newest indoor/outdoor pizzeria fires up a signature selection of hand-tossed pies, snacks and salads. If you're a meat lover, you may want to opt for the classic Carnivore. This monster red sauce pizza is piled high with Italian sausage, pepperoni, Italian beef, bacon and smoked provolone. Think out of

the box with bold creations like the locally inspired "Islander Pizza." Topped with white sauce, Scottish Bonnet sauce, fresh conch, and tomato-cucumber, it's a delicious tribute to our tropical roots. Other standouts include the "Nonna" — the restaurant's take on a classic white pizza as well as the spicy "Pepe" Pizza with red sauce, mozzarella,

pepperoni cups and hot honey. For dessert, you can indulge in the over-the-top "Nutella Pizza" topped with hazelnut praline, banana, whipped cream, cherries and caramel, or simply enjoy a refreshing Italian Ice. Beer and wine, too. FYI: Locals can enjoy 15% off of menu prices — available exclusive for Monroe County residents. *Order online and get it delivered!*

ITALIAN FOOD COMPANY WOOD FIRED PIZZERIA

98070 Overseas Hwy
Key Largo, Fl 33037
305-440-2700; italianfoodcompany.com
M – Th 4 – 9 pm; F 4 – 10 pm; Sa Noon – 10 pm; Su Noon – 9pm; Closed Tu
Authentic Award Winning Italian & Neapolitan Pizza
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

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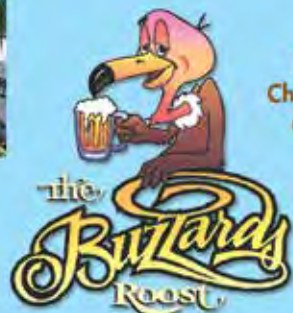
Heralded by Fodor's, Zagat, Southern Living and Travel & Leisure, this local landmark is famous for its "Conch-style" cooking and casual, "Old Keys" vibe. Fresh fish is the trademark here, brought in the back door daily by local fishermen and filleted on premises. FYI: The Baked Stuffed Catch with homemade blue crab stuffing is excellent and the Key Lime Pie is as good as it gets.

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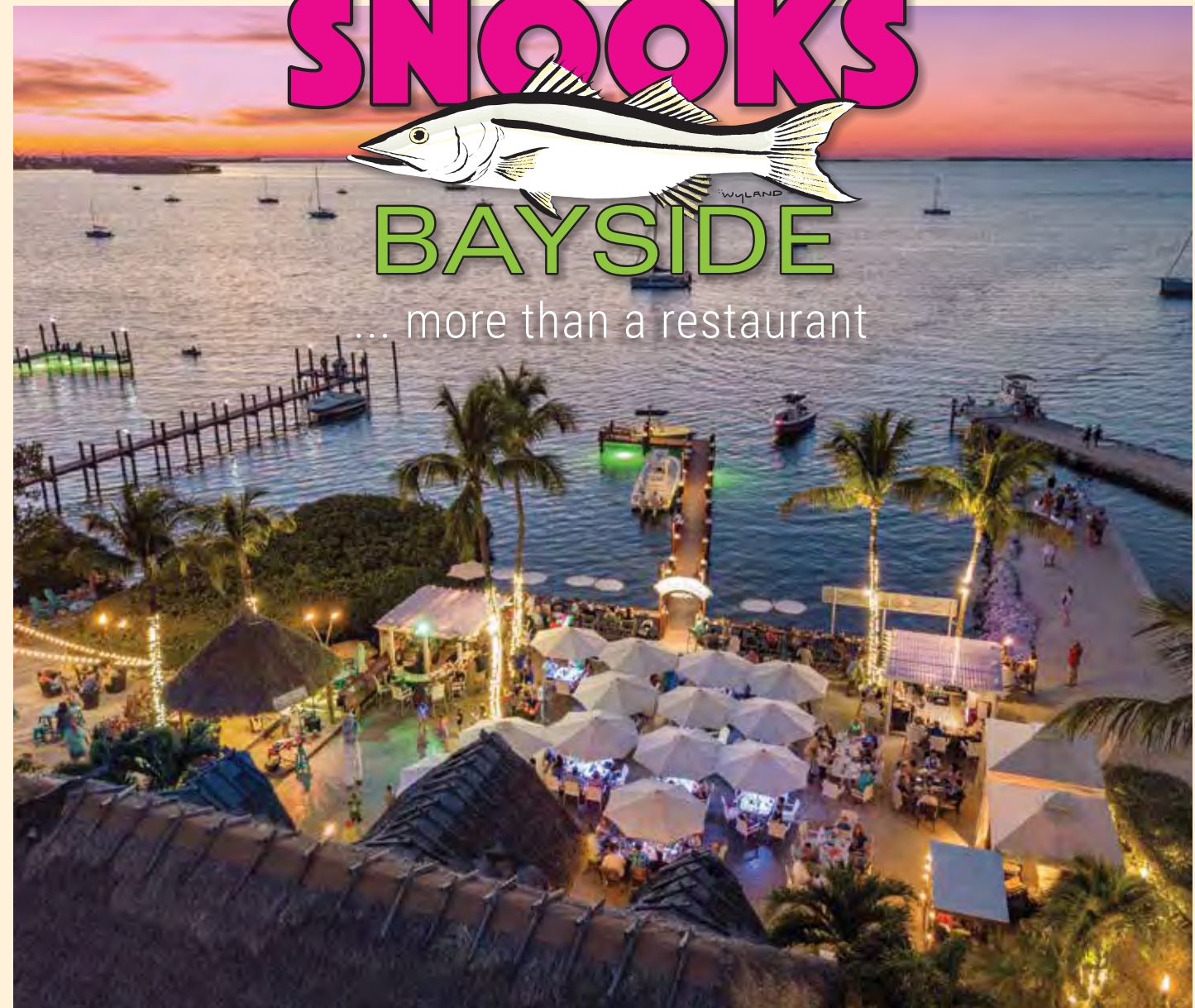
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own kitchen. Even the restaurant's decor has been thoughtfully curated with beautiful pieces from Italy (check out the gorgeous Sicilian lava tables and imported hand-painted Italian ceramics). If you appreciate "real deal" Italian, you've found your nirvana. Wine and beer, too!

ITALIAN FOOD COMPANY EXPRESS WOOD FIRED PIZZERIA

92330 Overseas Hwy
Tavernier, FL 33070
305-707-0164; italianfoodcompany.com
M – Sa 11 am – 9 pm; Closed Su
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!

ITALIAN FOOD COMPANY WOOD FIRED PIZZERIA

82779 Overseas Hwy
Islamorada, FL 33036
305-780-7127;
italianfoodcompany.com
Su – Th 5 – 9 pm; F & Sa 5 – 10 pm;
Closed Tu
Award-Winning Italian, Pizza, Seafood & More
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 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.

KINDLER WOOD FIRED FARE

Three Waters Resort & Marina
84001 Overseas Hwy
Islamorada, FL 33036
305-664-5300; islamoradaresortcollection.com
Dinner W – Su 5 – 10 pm;
Happy Hour W – S from 5 – 6 pm
Wood-Fired Regional Specialties
It's all about "WOW" moments at this new signature restaurant, which recently opened at the oh-so-fabulous oceanfront Three Waters Resort & Marina in Islamorada. A massive open-hearth kitchen takes center stage where master chefs sear, grill, and char inventive regional dishes from land and sea. Indulge in wood-roasted seafood towers, dry-aged meats, and a daily selection of fresh-caught fish. For the ultimate sea-to-table experience, bring your catch, and Kindler's Culinary Kings will create a custom dish tailored to your taste. A robust wine list is the topping on the cake. FYI: Great Happy Hour every W – Su from 5 – 6 pm.

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.

LITTLE LIMON

Three Waters Resort & Marina
84001 Overseas Hwy
Islamorada, FL 33036
305-433-9943; islamoradaresortcollection.com
Dinner: F – Tu 5 pm – 10 pm
Elevated Cocktail & Raw Bar
Vibrant Latin flavors backdropped by sweeping 270-degree vistas of the Atlantic are a major draw at Islamorada's new elevated cocktail and raw bar. Squeeze lemon over just-shucked oysters, ceviche, and crudo, or pony up for an enticing selection of shareable small plates. High Fives go to the Lobster Tostada, Smoked Fish Dip, Spicy Tuna Tacos, and Shishito Peppers. A great lineup of creative cocktails is the coup d'gras.

LOR-E-LEI RESTAURANT & CABANA BAR

96 Madeira Rd (MM 82, Bayside)
Islamorada, FL 33036
305-664-2692; loreleicabanabar.com
Daily 7 am – 10 pm; Happy Hour 4 – 6 pm
The Local Pulse of Islamorada
What began as a rustic 1940s Fishing Camp with only a dock, two folding chairs, and an "honor system" beer cooler is now one of Islamorada's most notorious waterfront restaurants and watering holes. Home to the world-famous Lor-e-lei Back Country Fishing Guides, this casual, family-friendly hang has also been voted "Best Sunset" year after year. It boasts a rockin' nightly sunset celebration that always draws a lively crowd. You can get breakfast, lunch, and dinner here seven days a week with nightly specials, fresh local seafood, and a variety of other delicious dishes. Live entertainment by local bands often inspires dancing on the beach. Just look for the Mermaid!

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Award-Winning Keys-Style Food Right On The Beach!



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Legendary Food With A Storied Past

Ziggie & Mad Dog's Has It All

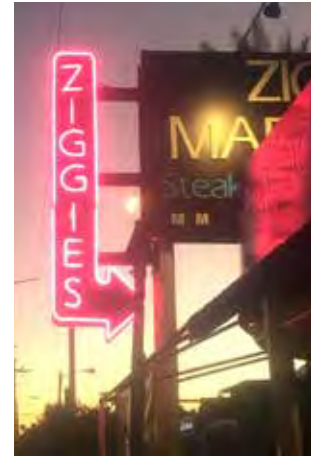
The Keys' storied past is ripe with colorful tales and locations worthy of a Mickey Spillane novel.

Islamorada's highly acclaimed Ziggie & Mad Dog's restaurant is no exception.

Originally built as an outbuilding on a local pineapple plantation in the 1930s, the property first grabbed headlines in 1948 when the Miami Herald reported on a police shootout with gamblers and shady characters referred to as "The New Capone Gang." Chicago Mob Boss Al Capone was rumored to be involved in the

Formica-topped tables, paper placemats, and lime green walls, Ziggie's is a true no-frills joint. But his food is a whole other story.

Ziggie's "New World Fusion Cuisine," which combined fresh local seafood with Caribbean-Asian recipes, is way ahead of its time. Soon, Ziggie's small roadside



Randy Kassewitz, resurrected the popular Keys icon to its former glory days.

Today, the legend lives on. You can still rub elbows with an eclectic crowd of celebrities, sports stars, notorious fishing captains, and local A-Listers who glam to this sleek and

digs becomes the hottest ticket in town, attracting all kinds of celebrities, including famous actors like Paul Newman.

In the thirty years of operation, "Ziggie The Conch" was world-renowned as one of the finest dining

sophisticated steak, chops, and seafood house for orchid-garnished cocktails, international wines, and outstanding preparations by a cracker-jack team of award-winning chefs.

Although all of the local boat-to-table seafood at Ziggie & Mad Dog's is absolutely sensational, (especially the Crabmeat Stuffed Snapper and Lobster Tail with White Truffle Mac & Cheese) it's the steak and chops that really make the All-Star list. Truth be told, you've never really had a steak until you've had a Ziggie's perfectly grilled Filet, Ribeye, or the 28 oz mega Porterhouse. Team these big boys up with some nutty Pistachio and Parmesan Creamed Spinach sided with a loaded, linebacker-sized baked potato, and you've got yourself a hands-down winner.

Ziggie & Mad Dog's is open nightly at 5 pm, and reservations are strongly recommended. Find at 83000 Overseas Hwy (MM 83) in the heart of Islamorada.

Info: 305-664-3391; ziggieandmaddogs.com. FYI: Get there early if you want to grab a coveted seat at the bar. I'll be the one sipping the French 75.

— Pamela Childs

experiences in the Florida Keys, and his culinary influence is still evident today in many of the Keys' best restaurants.

In 2005, the late Jim "Mad Dog" Mandich, a former tight end for the Miami Dolphins' undefeated 1972 Super Bowl team, along with radio broadcaster



high-stakes card games and casino action held in the back building before it later morphed into a small restaurant in the 1950s.

Fast forward to 1962. Sigmund "Ziggie" Stocki, an alleged drifter, gambler, and former casino maître d', opens "Ziggie The Conch Restaurant." A curved sign over the restaurant's entrance promises "Fine Food" with "Ziggie Your Host" scripted below in neon. With its



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The Pulse Of Islamorada

Lorelei Restaurant & Cabana Bar

What began as a rustic 1940s Fishing Camp with only a dock, two folding chairs and an "honor system" beer cooler, is now one of the Keys' most notorious restaurants and watering holes.

Located in the heart of Islamorada and marked by a ginormous roadside mermaid, Lore-Lei Restaurant & Cabana Bar is where flip flops, fish tales and spectacular sunset celebrations are de rigueur.

The crowd here is eclectic so you never know who you'll run into — especially during the daily Happy Hour from 4 – 6 pm when Well Drinks are just three dollars and domestic drafts go for a buck and a half.

A little eavesdropping at the bar may net you tall tales by a local back country fishing boat captain who is flanked by a Manhattan stockbroker on the left, and a local school teacher on the right.

But the real entertainment starts during the nightly "Sunset Celebration." As that big ball of fire starts to sink into the horizon, the live music kicks in and the bar crowd spills onto the beach for some serious toes-in-the sand revelry. On most nights, just after sunset, magician Michael Trixx, who was featured on America's Got Talent, performs a "Rock-N-Roll Magic Show" that will blow your mind.

Partying aside, the Lore-Lei also serves up some damn good fare. Topping the seafood-centric menu: Tuna Nachos, a



"World Famous" Fish Sandwich, Pulled Pork Sliders, the Alaskan Snow Crab Platter, fresh Local Catch, and Twin Cold-Water Lobster Tails. The New York Strip and Key Lime Peppercorn Snapper are also especially good. BTW: Save room for the Lore-Lei's award-winning Frozen Key Lime Pie — it literally takes the cake! You can find this fun Keys institution at 96 Madeira Road in Islamorada. Just Look for the Mermaid on the Overseas Hwy at MM 82. Info: 305-664-2692; loreleicabanabar.com.

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Tajin & Butter Basted Florida Lobster Tail from the Award-Winning Pierre's Restaurant

If you truly appreciate elegant "island chic" dining, you must, must, must put the legendary Pierre's Restaurant in Islamorada on your Bucket List. Here, Chef Stuart Dove shares his signature recipe for this unforgettable lobster dish, which includes lobster tails and truffle fingerling potatoes.

Ingredients for Lobster

(Yield Two Servings)

- 2 Large Fresh Florida Lobster Tails
- 1 Tsp Tajin Spice
- 1/2 Lemon
- 3 Oz Butter
- Fresh Baby Basil Leaves for garnishing

Lobster Preparation

Carefully remove the shell of the lobster tail. And lightly dust with Tajin. Pan sear in butter.

Truffle Mayo for Potatoes

- 1/2 Cup Mayonnaise
- 1 Tbsp Truffle Paste
- 1 Tsp Sherry Vinegar

Preparation: Mix together well with a whisk. Set aside.

Fingerling Potatoes

- 1/2 Lb Fingerling Potatoes
- 1 Oz Olive Oil
- 3 Oz Manchego Cheese, finely grated
- 1 Tsp Salt

Preparation: Bring a medium pot of water to a boil. Add salt and potatoes. Cook the potatoes for approximately



10 minutes or until they can be easily pierced with a fork. Remove from pot and peel; cut the potatoes in half and sauté in olive oil until golden brown. Toss with the Truffle Mayo and top with the Manchego cheese.

Red Pepper & Tomato Vinaigrette

- 1 Red Pepper
- 1 Large Ripe Tomato
- 1/2 Lemon, juiced
- 1/4 Cup Olive Oil
- Pinch of Salt

Preparation: Char the outside of the red pepper under a hot grill. Remove and place into a small plastic bag until

cooled. Quarter the tomato and then dice. Set. Reserve the centers of the tomato. Once cooled, peel and seed the charred pepper. Place in a blender with the tomato centers, lemon juice, olive oil, and a pinch of salt. Blend until smooth and then strain. Use the diced tomatoes for plating.

Plating: Place the cheesy roasted fingerling potatoes on each plate. Place the lobster on top. Add diced tomatoes around the plate and drizzle with the Red Pepper & Tomato Vinaigrette. Garnish with baby basil leaves.

Voilà!

You can enjoy more delicious dishes like this at the legendary Pierre's Restaurant, 81600 Overseas Highway in Islamorada. Info and reservations: 305-664-3225; moradabaykeys.com.

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A lot. A whole lot.

Now boasting 214 island-inspired guest rooms, suites, cottages, and several terrific restaurants, it recently morphed into the spanking new Three Waters Resort & Marina.

The re-imagined oasis spans a whopping 15 acres of spectacular oceanfront property and is quickly becoming one of Islamorada's most distinctive new dining destinations.

At the top of the list is the resort's impressive signature restaurant, **Kindler Wood-Fired Fare**. Serving wood-fired regional specialties, it's all about the "WOW" moments here. A massive open-hearth kitchen takes center stage where master chefs sear, grill, and char inventive regional dishes from land and sea. Indulge in wood-roasted seafood towers, dry-aged meats, and a daily selection of fresh-caught fish.

If you appreciate an elevated cocktail and raw bar, **Little Limon** may be just the spot for you. Backdropped by sweeping 270-degree vistas of the Atlantic, it's all about fresh flavors and Latin savors.

Squeeze a lemon over just-shucked oysters, nibble on fresh ceviche and crudo, or pony up for an enticing selection of shareable small plates. A great lineup of creative cocktails is the coup de gras.

At the epicenter of this luxe new resort is **Mercado Morada**. This unique outdoor "Street Market" celebrates Latin flavors from across Central America.

The shaded ocean front pavilion is perfect for strolling the caravan of food trucks serving up easy eats all day long. Kick back with an Agave Cocktail and vibe to some intoxicating, hip-swiveling live music.

It's "in the moment" social dining with spectacular views of the Islamorada Sandbar.

Looking for a slice of Paradise? **The Island Pizza Co** is Three Water Resort's answer to inventive island pie. Outfitted with retro art and a beautiful ocean palette, Islamorada's newest indoor/outdoor pizzeria fires up a unique

selection of hand-tossed pies, snacks, and salads. Arguably one of the Keys' most "think out of the box" pizzerias, you can order bold creations like the locally inspired "Islander Pizza." Topped with white sauce, Scottish Bonnet sauce, fresh conch, and tomato-cucumber, it's a delicious tribute to our tropical roots.

Oh, here is a special "heads up" for our Locals:

You'll be happy to know that the **Original Tiki Bar** — home of the Keys "Rum Runner," is still in the picture. Once known as "The Hapi Hula Hut," this iconic beachfront landmark has been a popular stomping ground since 1969. It's also where the original Rum Runner cocktail was invented by a local bartender known as "Tiki Jon." The now famous concoction has become a Keys-wide staple. However, the legendary Tiki Bar still reigns supreme as the place to go for the real

deal. With lots of lite bites, burgers, sandwiches, tacos and more, the casual Keys-inspired menu is better than ever. Epic sunsets, an island vibe and great live music — what more could you ask for?

On top of all these dining options (there are actually nine in all), Three Waters Resort & Marina also boasts a Rum Library where guests can enjoy tastings throughout their stay. Sounds pretty enticing, doesn't it? Find it all at the new Three Waters Resort located at 84001 Overseas Highway in Islamorada. Info: 855-868-5172; islamoradaresortcollection.com/three-waters-resort.



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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 GROUPEL SUNSET LOUNGE

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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 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.

THE ORIGINAL TIKI BAR

Three Waters Resort & Marina
84001 Overseas Hwy
Islamorada, FL 33036
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islamoradaresortcollection.com
Lunch Daily: 11 am – 5 pm
Dinner Nightly: 5 – 11 pm
Bar Nightly 11 am – 1 am
Home of the Original Rum Runner
Once known as "The Hapi Hula Hut," this iconic beachfront landmark has been a popular stomping ground since 1969. Legend has it that this is where the original Rum Runner cocktail was invented by a local bartender known as "Tiki Jon." The now famous concoction has become a Florida Keys staple. However, The Original Tiki Bar still reigns supreme as the place to go for the real deal. All your favorite tropical libations,



Porkey's Bayside, Marathon

along with some new crafted takes on classic cocktails, remain on the menu. With lots of light bites, burgers, sandwiches, tacos, and more, the casual Keys-inspired menu is better than ever. Epic sunsets, an island vibe, and great live music — what more could you ask for?

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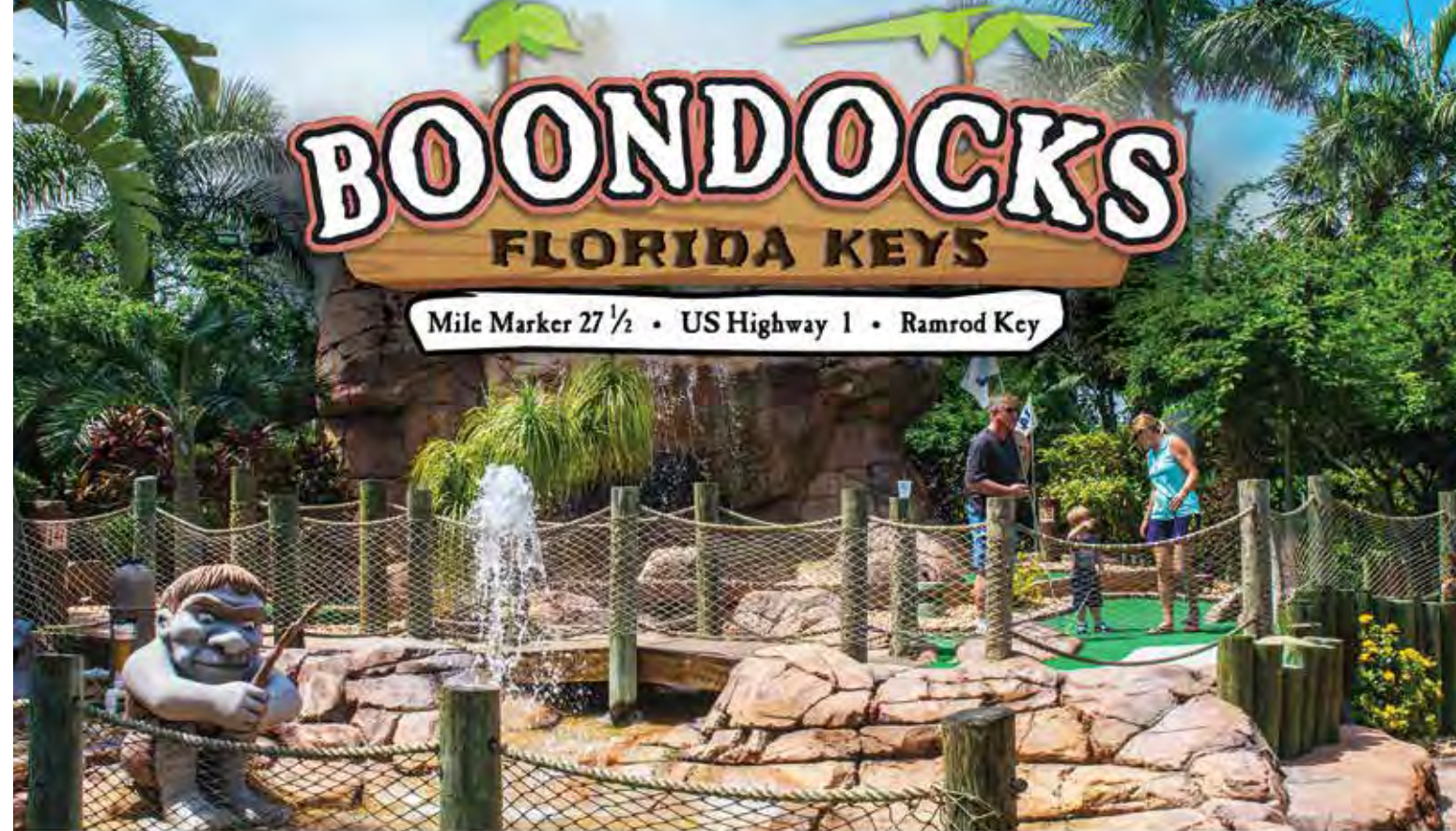
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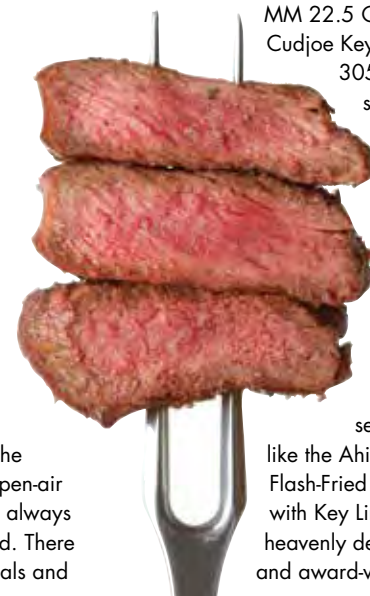
like the Ahi Tuna and Avocado Egg rolls,

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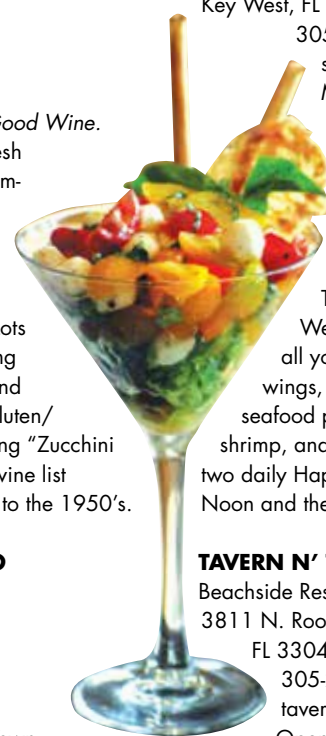
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Crooked Palm Cabana
90184 Overseas Hwy, Tavernier, Fl 33070
305-741-7104; crookedpalmdistillery.com

appetizers

Garlic Knots

wood fired pizza dough knots tossed in savory garlic herb and parmesan infused butter served with house made marinara

Yia Yia's Meatballs

topped with creamy whipped feta mousse and fresh basil

Keys Smoked Fish Dip

smoked mahi and wahoo, served with kalamata olives, bell peppers, fresh diced jalapeño, and house made dough bites

salads

Caprese

crisp field greens, cherry tomatoes burrata with strawberry infused balsamic vinaigrette and a balsamic drizzle

1920's Cabana Salad

fresh field greens, cherry tomatoes red onion, black olives, feta cheese & croutons dressed with creamy house vinaigrette

Strawberry Fields

crisp arugula, red onion, strawberries, cherry tomatoes, candied walnuts, feta cheese with balsamic infused vinaigrette

wood fired pies

Prosciutto Fig

evoo, roasted garlic, mozzarella, arugula, fig, prosciutto, caramelized red onion, balsamic glaze

Neapolitan

blistered cherry tomatoes, fresh mozzarella, fresh basil & house made sauce with a drizzle of balsamic glaze

Fire Roasted Veggie

seasonal grilled veggies, caramelized onions, sautéed mushrooms, mozzarella, & house made sauce

Chicken Pesto

diced grilled chicken, pesto, mozzarella, ricotta, caramelized onions

Meatatarian

meatballs, pepperoni, italian sausage, bacon & house made sauce



SAMPLE MENUS



Island Fish Co Restaurant & Tiki Bar
12648 Overseas Hwy Marathon, Fl 33050
305-743-4191; islandfishco.com

starters

Raw Bar

cold water oysters, clams on the half shell, gulf oysters, stone crab claws, shrimp, seafood tower

Fried Calamari

flash fried with banana peppers, onions, tomato, cilantro & key lime mustard aioli

Mango Crab Cakes

loaded with blue crab, pan-seared & served with key lime mustard sauce

Coconut Encrusted Shrimp

with mango chutney

Shrimp & Lobster Egg Roll

with mango chutney

Seared Ahi Tuna Tataki

wasabi, pickled ginger, seaweed salad, sesame ginger vinaigrette

sandwiches/wraps/tacos

New England Lobster Roll

hot buttered poached lobster on a brioche roll

Grouper or Mahi Mahi Sandwich

fried, grilled, or blackened

Baja Fish or Grilled Shrimp Tacos

soft tacos, cabbage, green chili, our cream, tomatoes, jack cheddar

Island Cheesesteak

thinly sliced sirloin, sautéed peppers, mushrooms, onions, cheddar

Angus Premium or Veggie Burger

choice of toppings

entrees/pasta

Fresh Catch

grilled, pan-seared, blackened, broiled, stuffed, almandine, francaise

Key West Shrimp Fra Diavolo

cajun spiced shrimp, spicy marinara over linguini

White Little Neck Clam Linguini

olive oil, garlic, white wine

Petite Surf & Turf

grilled filet mignon & 1/2 florida lobster with mango crabmeat stuffing béarnaise sauce, drawn butter



SAMPLE MENUS



Lor-e-lei Restaurant & Cabana Bar
81924 Overseas Hwy, MM 82, Bayside Islamorada
305-664-2692; loreleicabanabar.com
Breakfast, Too, Daily From 7 – 10:30 am

appetizers

Peppercorn-Crusted Tuna

lightly seared with sweet soy reduction, wasabi & sriracha sauces, seaweed salad

Santa Fe Chicken Egg Rolls

seasoned chicken, corn, black beans, roasted red peppers, lime cilantro aioli

Sunset Conch Fritters

ground conch in seasoned batter lightly fried with Out Island Sauce

Fried "Or" Coconut Shrimp

hand battered, lightly fried with orange horseradish sauce

Nachos

beef, chicken or pork, crafted cheese, pico de gallo, sour cream, guacamole, fresh tortilla chips

sandwiches

World Famous Fish Sandwich

grilled, fried or blackened with lettuce, tomato, onion on brioche bun

Hand Formed Cabana Burger

certified angus beef, lettuce, tomato, onion grilled to taste on brioche bun

Caprese Chicken Sandwich

grilled chicken breast, basil pesto, beefsteak tomato, fresh mozzarella, balsamic glazed on a ciabatta roll

entrees

Catch of the Day

grilled, fried, or blackened

Seafood Tacos

mahi, shrimp, grouper or snapper, grilled, fried or blackened

Alaskan Snow Crab Platter

Full pound with fries, fisherman's slaw

Key Lime Peppercorn Catch/Chicken

fresh snapper, mahi, grouper or chicken

Twin Lobster Tails

two cold-water lobster tails, chargrilled

Choice 12 oz New York Strip Steak

Chargrilled to taste



SAMPLE MENUS



Porky's Bayside Restaurant & Marina
1410 Overseas Hwy Marathon
305-289-2065; porkysbaysidebbq.com
Breakfast, Too, Daily From 8 – 11 am!

appetizers

Key West Jumbo Crab Cakes

with remoulade

Famous House Smoked Fish Dip

with tortilla chips

Baked Oysters Rockefeller

spinach, parmesan, breadcrumbs, pernod

Gulf Shrimp Ceviche

citrus marinated

Smoke House Chicken Wings

buffalo, bbq, or spicy thai peanut

Golden Fried Green Beans

horseradish dipping sauce

Fresh Sushi & Signature Rolls

made to order

sandwiches & burgers

Famous Smokehouse BBQ

bbq pulled pork, bbq pulled beef brisket, north carolina pulled pork, mojo cuban pork or bbq pulled chicken on a toasted brioche bun

Catch Of The Day

mahi, yellowtail, grouper, cobia — grilled, cajun, fried or beer-battered

Monzter House Burgers

1/2 lb hand made, fresh ground beef: plain, mesquite, black & blue, or pizza

New Orleans' Po' Boys

crab cake, fried clams, catfish, fried oysters, or shrimp

land & sea dinners

NY Strip Steak

10 oz grilled to taste

Fresh Catch Of The Day

grilled, cajun of fried

Fresh Seafood Dinners

country fried catfish, key west crab cakes, sesame seared sashimi tuna, oysters, or catch of the day

BBQ Sampler

choose bbq pork, north carolina pork, cuban pork, mojo marinade cuban pork, smokehouse bbq pulled chicken, bbq pulled beef brisket, quarter rack of spare ribs or 1/2 rack of baby back ribs



SAMPLE MENUS



Tavern N' Town Restaurant Bar Tapas
Beachside Resort & Marina
3841 N Roosevelt Blvd Key West, FL 33040
305-296-8100; tavernntown.com
 Breakfast, Too, Daily 8 am – 11 am

tapas

Charcuterie Board
 meats & assorted cheeses, truffle honey, dried fruit, macron almonds, focaccia

Ribeye Steam Buns
 wakami, soy ginger cabbage, sesame, shiso, pickled thai chili

Shrimp Cocktail & Lobster Ceviche
 house cocktail sauce, tavern aioli

Tuna Tostada
 yellowfin tuna, guacamole, soy ginger, pickled chili, crispy white corn tortilla

pizza

Tavern
 house-made fennel sausage, oregano, mozzarella, mushrooms

Margherita
 heirloom tomato, basil, mozzarella

Prosciutto
 burrata cheese, arugula, parmesan, lemon olive oil

entree

Prime Rib
 yukon mashed potatoes, fire-roasted brussels sprouts, au jus, horseradish cream

Sea Scallops
 corn salsa, parsnip, key lime beurre blanc, herb oil

Local Catch
 heirloom tomato, asparagus tips, mushrooms, lemon-caper butter over linguine

Ora King Salmon
 king salmon filet, roasted curry cauliflower florets, coconut carrot cream sauce, micro mint & cilantro

Parmesan Crusted Chicken
 pan seared chicken breast & thigh, hearts of palm, artichoke, lemon butter, basil

Tavern Burger
 1/2 lb australian wagyu, caramelized onion, white cheddar, smoked ketchup on brioche

A La Carte
 duroc bone in pork chop; australian wagyu ny strip; australian wagyu filet mignon; or australian wagyu ribeye — grilled to taste



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 Breakfast Th - Su from 8 am – 11 am!

Biscuits & Chorizo
 chorizo gravy, salsa verde, crema

barbecue/mains

1/2 or Full Rack Ribs
 with side(s)

French Dip/Pit Beef Sandwich/ Or Smoked Reuben
 with one side

Smash Burger
 two 1/4 pound patties, with onions, mustard

pizzas

Deluxe
 ham, pepperoni, sausage, mushrooms, green peppers, onion, cheese

Chicken Bacon Ranch
 Chicken, bacon, cheese, ranch dressing BBQ
 Chicken bbq sauce, chicken, bacon, onion, cheese

Big Daddy
 extra cheese, ground beef, pepperoni, onion, green peppers, banana peppers



breakfast

Shrimp & Grits
 with creole sauce

Stuffed French Toast
 with ranch or bleu cheese

Monte Cristo
 melted ham & swiss between french toast with egg and berry compote

Cheezesteak Omelette
 shaved smoked beef, caramelized onions, swiss, beer cheese



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1355 Coury Drive, Key Colony Beach \$14,900,000

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437 Harbour Drive, Duck Key \$7,499,000

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4500 Filer Cove Road, Marathon \$5,999,000

This private 4 BR/4BA Estate with over 2,000 ft. of waterfront epitomizes Luxury Living in the Florida Keys. Situated on over 12 picturesque acres, featuring guest house, separate boat house and 65' concrete dock, a true boater's paradise!



24 Floral Avenue, Key Haven \$4,999,999

Nestled on a lushly landscaped lot this exquisite Open Water estate seamlessly blends modern elegance with Caribbean charm. This gem boasts a resort-style pool, concrete dock with boat lift, and stunning indoor/outdoor integration. Breathtaking views of the turquoise water from almost every room!



2030 Avenue H, Marathon \$4,890,000

Endless Sunset Views over a deep draft lagoon, with enviable no-bridge, deep-water access to the Ocean! Nestled on nearly a half-acre, this updated retreat offers 300' of waterfront with boat lift, boat ramp, and composite dock, just steps away from a resort-style pool, spa and tiki hut.



137 Mockingbird Lane, Marathon \$3,900,000

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231 East Shore Drive, Summerland Key \$3,899,000

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Buying & Selling Real Estate 5 Valuable Tips

#1. Sellers: Redefine "Market Value"

Your home's value isn't what the tax assessor says. It's not what a similar-size home that sold across town. It's what a buyer is willing to pay today. To arrive at that sum, you must factor in foreclosures and short sales along with the average value of seller concessions in your submarket.

#2. Sellers: Extend The Selling Season

Spring is the best time to find the broadest universe of buyers and sellers. Parents don't want to uproot their kids from schools mid-term and would like to settle in a new neighborhood by mid-summer. These days, "spring" really means late winter. So if you're going to sell in 2025, get your house ready for showings by late February.

#3. Buyers: Check The Seller's Addition

Check for illegal additions. Revenue-starved cities are cracking down on unpermitted work. Unpermitted room additions, kitchen remodels, and garage conversions are

just a few areas that can haunt an unsuspecting buyer. Especially beware if square footage doesn't match tax assessor records. If you buy unwittingly, you'll be responsible for bringing the work up to code.

4. Sellers: Feel What The Buyer Feels

Neutral colors allow buyers to picture themselves in your house. Convey an inviting atmosphere by de-cluttering and stowing away your inexpensive or tattered furniture and cherished mementos. Employ the age-old tactic of baking fresh cookies before a showing or lighting a candle or two.

5. Buyers: Keep The Dream Alive After Foreclosure

Foreclosure doesn't necessarily mean you can't finance another home for a long, long time. Yes, it may remain on your credit record for up to seven years, but government-backed mortgage guarantors Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and FHA typically impose a minimum of just three years before they'll back another home loan – if your foreclosure was due to extenuating circumstances such as job loss, relocation, or illness. Next time, you might be asked for a bigger down and slightly higher interest rates. So start saving now.

-Steve McLinden, Bankrate.com



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1229 5TH STREET

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408 GRINNELL STREET

Stunning home near Historic Seaport! Built 2005, 2 stories, reclaimed pine throughout, tall ceilings, gourmet kitchen, wet-bar, impact windows/doors, composite decking, pool, front & rear porches & balconies, Chicago brick pathways, off St. pkg. **4BD/4BA | 2,475sf | 3,908sf Lot \$3,290,000**



1006 SEMINARY STREET

Wonderful Casa Marina home offers incredible indoor/ outdoor living! 2 stories, updated throughout, loggia w/ hot tub, pool, sun deck, generator, fully fenced, X flood zone. Potential for a great monthly vacation rental! **3BD/3.5BA | 3,049sf | 3,977sf Lot \$3,599,000**



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Flagler immediately jumped onboard. His first passenger train reached Miami a year later in 1896 and the city of Miami, with its whopping population of 300 residents, was officially incorporated.

But Flagler was just getting started. In 1897, he dredged a 12' channel in this same area and began regular passenger service between Miami and Key West. Flagler's Peninsular and Occidental (P&O) Steamship Company soon began the first regular shipping service between Miami, Grenada, and Nassau.

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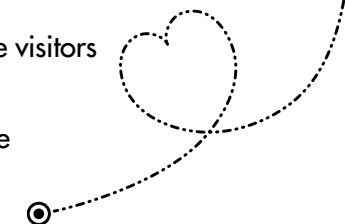


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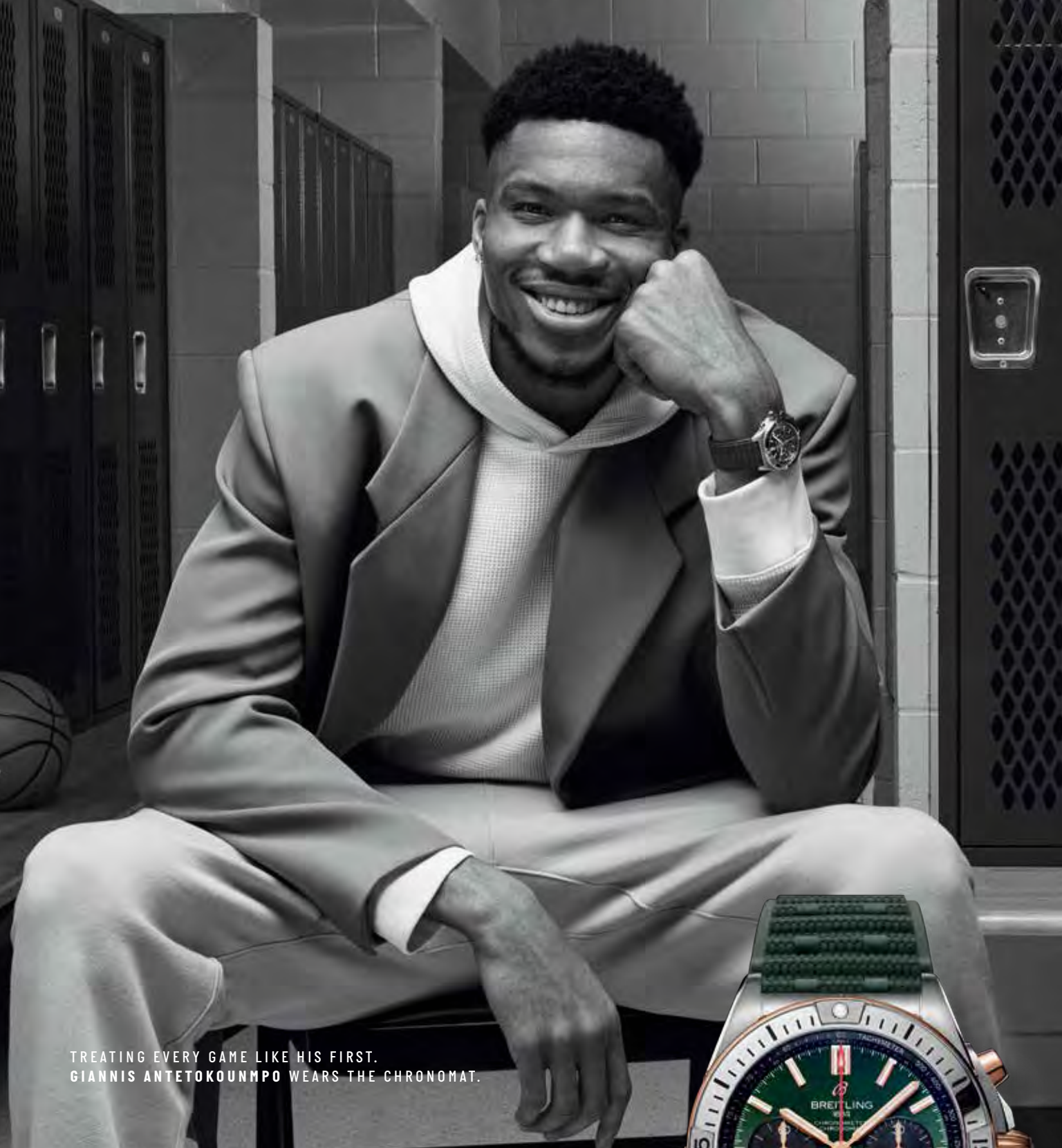
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