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Key West, Cayo Hueso, The Conch Republic, Margaritaville...its names are as numerous & varied as the perceptions & memories of those who have walked her streets, recording in each mind's eye images unique to America's Southernmost City. From the solitude & serenity of fly fishing on the crystal clear waters of the back country to the inundation of the sights & sounds at Fantasy Fest, the experience of Key West is first & foremost, a visually sensual one. For over four decades, Fine Art Photographer Alan S. Maltz has been capturing these Island images, both romantic & realistic, with the sensitivity & spirit of a true artist. The Alan S. Maltz gallery, located on iconic Duval Street, is a cornerstone of Key West's vibrant artistic heritage. Celebrating its 26th Anniversary, the gallery stands as a testament to the Island's creative spirit, attracting visitors from around the world to experience Alan's visionary art. Step outside the ordinary into a world of the extraordinary...where the past walks hand in hand with the future. Alan S. Maltz Gallery, 1210 Duval Street (305) 294-0005 ALANMALTZ.COM



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The Artist Behind Our Cover —

Master Impressionist, Peter Vey



“Red Bucket,” by regaled master impressionist Peter Vey, captures a serene moment in the Florida Keys and is the perfect preamble to DESTINATION FLORIDA’S exciting Spring issue.



Like Winslow Homer, one of the 19th century’s foremost painters, Vey is inspired by the landscapes, waters, and colors of the region. His canvases are as dazzling as his surroundings and often exude rich floral details, formal architectural patterns, and intricate, almost abstract, flowery geometric forms.

For over a quarter-century, Vey has painted the easy elegance of The Florida Keys — from its secret backcountry nooks, to the proud Victorian architecture, and over 3,000 other historic landmarks around Key West.

Using only an artist’s palette knife, Vey lays down explosive colors that reflect the bright, washed-out light of the islands. His lush vegetation, white sand beaches, breathtaking skies, and



local architecture echo the vibrant light of the sun-drenched tropics.

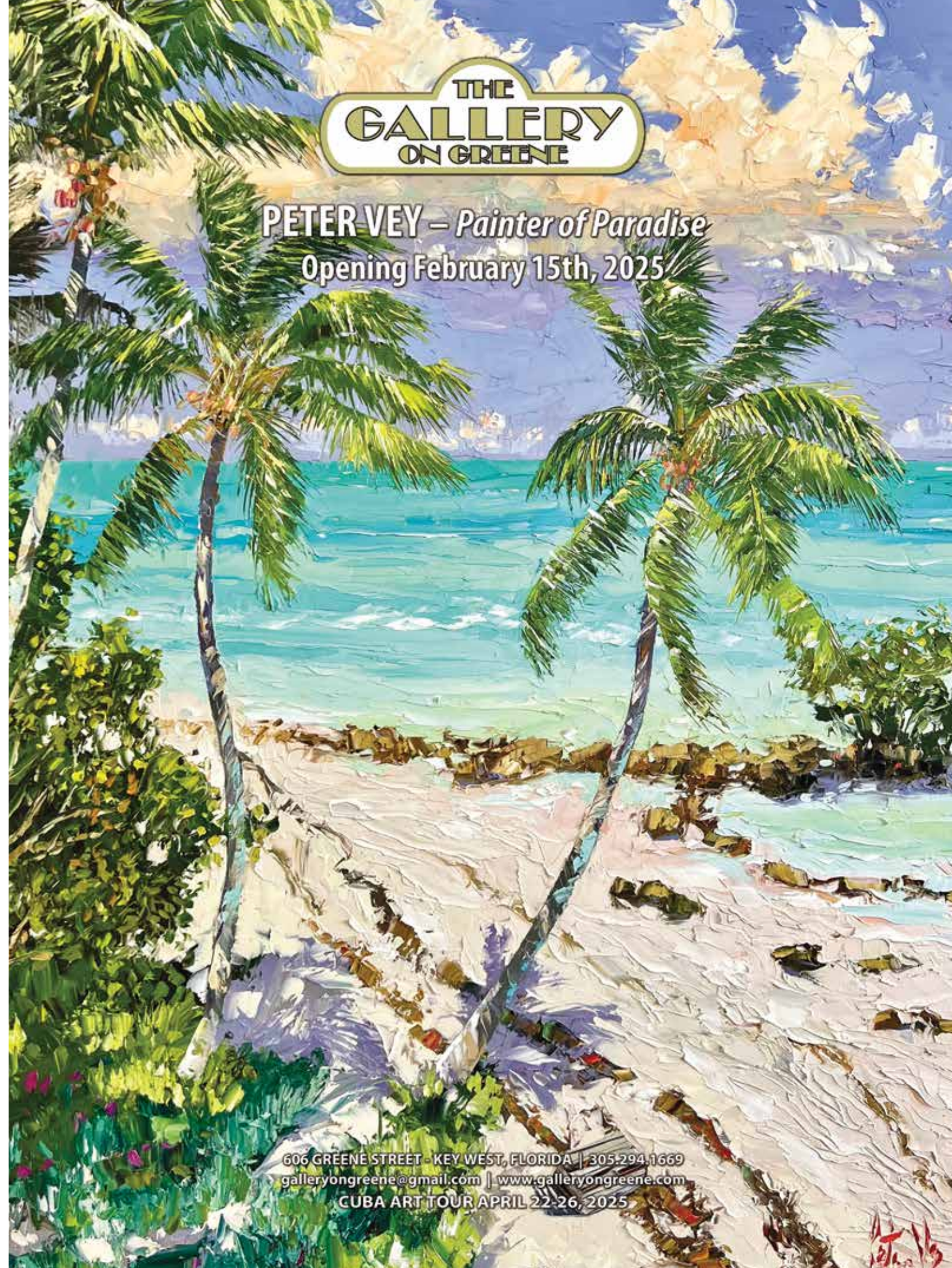
In addition to being a favorite of collectors, Vey’s work has graced the covers of innumerable magazines and has been featured in the Netflix series *Bloodline*, as well as in the film *Heart of a Lion*. His paintings have also debuted at the Newseum Museum in Washington, DC. Peter Vey’s unique view,

fresh colors, and mastery of painting technique result in works that are remarkable for their sense of place.

Tropical Shadows, Vey’s newest exhibition, opens at Key West’s renowned Gallery on Greene on Saturday, February 15, from 5 – 8 pm and will continue throughout the month. You can find Gallery on Greene at 606 Greene St. Info: 305-304-2323; galleryongreene.com.



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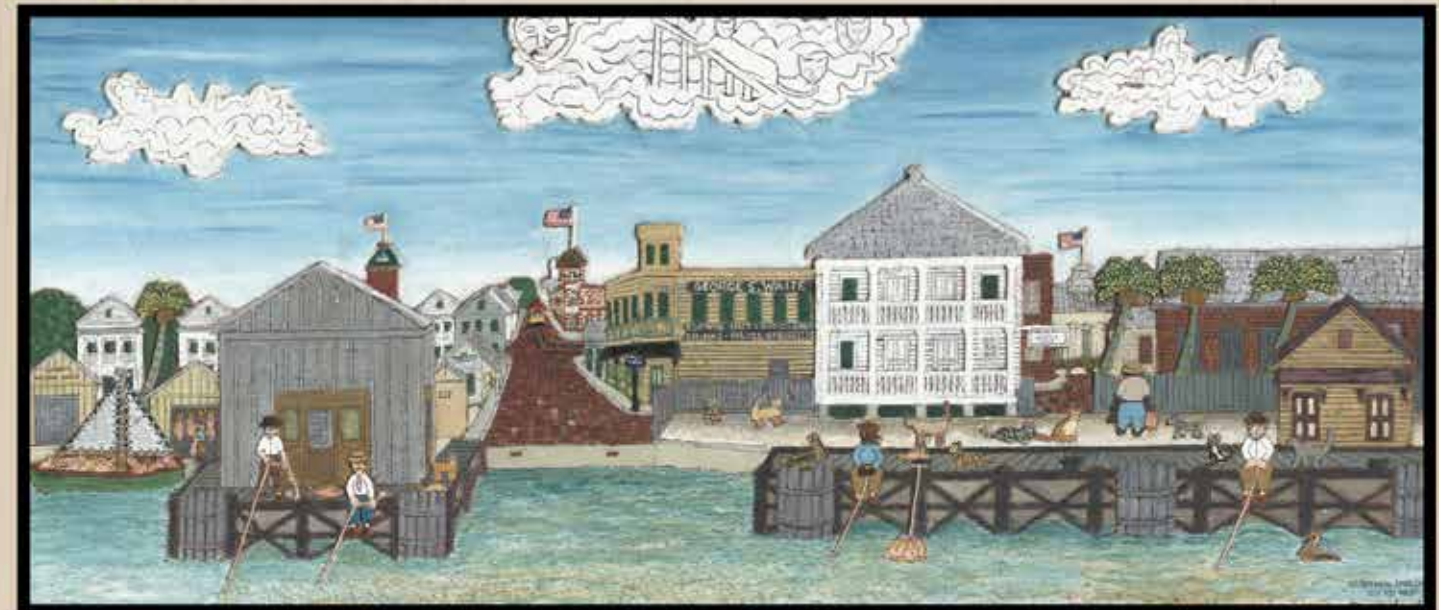
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Tennessee Williams Festival



Mark your calendars because starting on Saturday, March 1, Key West rolls out the red carpet for a month-long birthday celebration honoring Pulitzer Prize-winning literary icon Tennessee Williams, who resided here for 34 years.

Hosted by the Key West Art & Historical Society, the annual Tennessee Williams Festival pays homage to one of the world's most popular literary giants with a series of art and cultural events staged at various venues around the island.

Events honoring Williams include museum fundraisers, plein air painting competitions, poetry and short story writing contests, academic lectures, museum tours, film screenings, live theater, and a birthday party replete with cake and bubbly.

Born on March 26, 1911, Williams visited and lived in Key West from 1941 until 1983, when he inhaled an eyedropper bottle cap in a freak accident and choked to death.

During his storied life, Williams'

award-winning classics like "A Streetcar Named Desire" and "Cat On A Hot Tin Roof," earned him two Pulitzer Prizes, Tony Awards, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and many other literary awards. The Academy Award-winning film adaptation of his play, "The Rose Tattoo" was filmed here in 1954.

And here's a little tidbit that you might not know: Tennessee Williams was also a prolific painter.

While his award-winning stories often explored the dynamics of the American South and his tumultuous upbringing, he turned to painting to express other private thoughts. Struggling with alcohol and drug abuse as well as depression, the tormented Williams used writing and then painting as a coping mechanism.

His paintings and sketches span over 50 years and include portraits, landscapes, caricatures, compositions, a still-life, and several self-portraits.

In 2008, local resident Dennis Beaver began curating Tennessee Williams memorabilia and exhibiting a very small collection of artifacts. Throughout the years, his collection expanded and has now evolved into the acclaimed Tennessee Williams Museum which showcases photographs, artwork, first edition plays and books, rare newspaper and magazine articles, videos, a typewriter, and other fascinating artifacts.

You can visit Key West's Tennessee Williams Museum every M – Sa from 10 am – 5 pm at 513 Truman Avenue. For more details of the upcoming Festival events, see pages (18 – 24) or go to twfest.org.

FESTIVAL EVENTS

March 1 5:00 pm
Tennessee Williams Plein Air Painting Contest Reception
Key West Museum of Art & History's Custom House, 281 Front St.

March 2 5 pm
Tennessee Williams Street Car Named Desire Garden Party & Fundraiser
Dennis Beaver and Bert Whitt's residence, 1207 Whitehead St.

March 3 6:30 pm
Tennessee Williams Classic Movie Night: Cat on a Hot Tin Roof
Tropic Cinema, 416 Eaton St.

March 6 6:30 pm
Tennessee Williams Classic Movie Night A Streetcar Named Desire
Outdoor screening at the Tropic Cinema, 416 Eaton St.

March 7 10 am – 11 am
Tennessee Williams Curator Tour
A Streetcar Named Desire @ Tennessee Williams Museum 513 Truman Ave. Departs from Mallory Square

March 10 6:30 pm
Tennessee Williams Classic Movie Night: Eccentricities of a Nightingale
Tropic Cinema, 416 Eaton St.

March 13 5 – 6 pm
Happy Hour with the Historian: Tennessee Williams in Key West Comedy
Key West, 218 Whitehead St.

March 14 5 – 6 pm
Tennessee Williams Curator Tour The Rose Tattoo
Tennessee Williams Museum, 513 Truman Ave. Departs from Mallory Square

March 15 5 – 6:30 pm
Tennessee Williams Songbook Part II with Bobby Nesbit & Carmen Rodriguez
Key West Woman's Club 319 Duval St.

March 17 6:30 pm
Tennessee Williams Classic Movie Night: The Rose Tattoo
Tropic Cinema, 416 Eaton St.

March 18 11 am – Noon
Tennessee Williams Curated Trolley Tour
A Trolley Tour Named Desire @ Key West Museum of Art & History, 281 Front St. Departs from Mallory Square

March 21 6 – 7:30 pm
Tennessee Williams New Orleans-Themed Dinner
Williams Hall, 729 Fleming St.

March 21 8 – 9:30 pm
The Men of Tennessee Williams: A Staged Reading
Williams Hall, 729 Fleming St.

March 26 5 – 7 pm
Tennessee Williams Birthday Party & Contest Results
Tennessee Williams Museum 513 Truman Ave.

March 27 – 29 8 pm – 9:30 pm
A Distant Country Called Youth Staged Reading
Waterfront Playhouse, 407 Wall St in Mallory Square.

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Noteworthy Art Galleries



Gallery On Greene, Key West

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

Alan S Maltz Gallery

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

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

Gallery On Greene

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.

Shade Ceramics and Shutter Photography

1102 White St
Key West, FL 33040
305-767-3769
shadeandshutterkeywest.com
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.



Steve Bickis

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; alanmaltz.com

Mario Sanchez Original Works & Lecture

Key West: Cited as the most important Cuban-American Folk Artist of the 20th Century, Mario Sanchez's whimsical art forever immortalized Key West's eclectic, multi-cultural community. Many of his intricately carved and painted intaglios

are now valued at more than \$50,000. Nance Frank, owner of Key West's acclaimed Gallery On Greene, has curated multiple exhibits 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. Her fascinating presentation takes place daily at 2 pm at Gallery on Greene, 606 Greene St. Info: 305-304-2323; galleryongreene.com.

EXHIBITION: Underwater Photography

Islamorada: Learn about the fascinating evolution of underwater cameras, from the very first attempts in 1893, to modern GoPros and waterproof iPhone cases. What did the first underwater photos look like? Find out the answer to this and so 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.



Artist Mario Sanchez

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. *continued on page 14*



From a Woman's Hand
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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.

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 to 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, archeology, diving, and marine science topics. Coming up: Evolution of Diving Armor (February 19), Hemingway in the Keys (March 19), Conservation & Sustainability (April 16). Takes place at 7 pm 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: Art, conversation, and community come alive after hours! See the newest works in TSKW galleries, sip wine under the stars on the rooftop terrace, explore three floors of exhibition space, and discover hidden gems at Books & Books. 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 give 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.

Third Thursday Walk On White Gallery Walk

Key West: One of Key West's original Art Walks is now a celebration of more than 25 local businesses in the White Street Gallery District. Enjoy exhibition opening receptions, open artist studios, pottery-throwing demos, locally-made art, special events, and complimentary libations. FYI: Be sure to stop by Shade Ceramics & Shutter Photography at 1102 White St — just terrific! Takes place from 6 – 9 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.

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A Life Changing Trip to Key West

Shade Ceramics and Shutter Photography

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

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

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

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

and *Shutter Photography*.

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



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

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

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



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

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

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Art & Cultural Happenings

First Fridays

First Fridays On Fleming

Key West: "The Fabulous 500 Block of Fleming Street" showcases boutiques, galleries, and eateries with all kinds of extraordinary 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. It takes place from 11 am – 5 pm at the Stock Island Arts District. Info: 305-731-5780; IloveStockIsland.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Now – April 16

EXHIBITION:

Dive Into Art – Fintastic Fish of Florida

Islamorada: This special limited-time featured exhibit showcases artistic creations from students across the Keys, as well as from members of the Art Guild of the Purple Isles. These unique works focus on the diverse fish of the Florida coast, and delve into topics about sustainable fishing, aquaculture, and conservation. Takes place daily from 10 am – 5 pm at the History of Diving Museum, 82990 Overseas Hwy. Info: 305-664-9737; divingmuseum.org.

Now – May 18

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February 6 – 21

SPECIAL PREVIEW:

Annual Ann McKee Fine Art Auction

Key West: Art enthusiasts and collectors know that this annual auction is the one night of a considerable measure of the cream of the Keys' crop will be on display. Get a sneak peek of the beautiful works coming up for bid on February 9, during this special preview. Opens on Th, February 1, from 6 – 8 pm, and continues Tu – Sa from 10 am – 4 pm at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org or mckeefund.org.

February 6 – 27

EXHIBITION: Borderless – Sin Fronteras

By Mabel Poblet

Key West: One of Cuba's most exciting contemporary artists, Mabel Poblet blends photography, performance, video, and installations to explore themes of memory and identity. Poblet's work reflects her experiences growing up in Castro's Cuba. Opens Th February 6 from 6 – 8 pm and continues every Tu – Sa from 10 am – 4 pm at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

February 6 – 27

EXHIBITION: Gallus Gallus

Insidious

By Sally Binard

Key West: Sally Binard uses the beloved Key West rooster as a metaphor for patriarchal systems and behaviors. Her

portraiture and abstract mixed media works capture both the absurdity of patriarchy and how it is navigated. Opens Th, February 6 from 6 – 8 pm and continues every Tu – Sa from 10 am – 4 pm at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

February 6 – 27

EXHIBITION: Beyond the Veil

By Stacy Johnson-Hardy



History of Diving Museum, Islamorada

Key West: Stacy Johnson-Hardy describes her evocative clay figures as recurring characters from her childhood. While her amazing sculptures may "wear human anxieties and faults," they are also filled with "the kindness of animal souls." Opens Th February 6 from 6 – 8 pm and continues every Tu – Sa from 10 am – 4 pm at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

February 7 – April 20

EXHIBITION: From A Woman's Hand – A Juried Art Exhibit

Key West: This juried show features paintings, prints, sculptures, photographs, drawings, textiles, and ceramics created by female artists. Drawn entirely from the Florida Keys community, the exhibit illuminates the remarkable achievements of women artists who have been marginalized for centuries. Opens on Fr, February 7 with a special artist reception and continues daily from 10 am – 5 pm at the Key West Art & Historical Society's Custom House Museum, 281 Front St. Info: 305-295-6616; kwahs.org.

February 8

OPENING: Tropic Waters

By Priscilla Coote

Key West: Priscilla Coote immerses herself in the saturated hues of the Florida Keys and distills something entirely different from the common perception. Opens on Sa, February 8 from 5 – 8 pm at The Gallery on Greene, 606 Greene St. Info: 305-294-1669; galleryongreene.com.

February 14

43rd Wesley House Valentine's Day Gala

Key West: This "Keys Formal" doubles as a fundraiser for Wesley House Family Services includes top entertainers, the island's largest silent auction, an open bar, dancing, and an elegant dinner designed and prepared

by Catered Affairs. Takes place from 6:30 – 9:30 pm at the Key West Art & Historical Society's Custom House Museum, 281 Front St. Reservations and info: 305-809-5000; keystix.com.

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 15

2nd Annual Rum-Infused Adult Scavenger Hunt

Key West: Don your best pirate or mermaid costume for a night of rum-infused fun! Teams earn points for the most items found within one hour. Enjoy food and beverages, including unique rum cocktails and music by John Bartus. Prizes are awarded for the best pirate and mermaid costumes. Proceeds

benefit funding bus transportation for Monroe County school children's educational trips to the Garden in the coming year. Takes place from 6 – 10 pm at the Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Gardens, 5210 College Rd. Info and tickets: 305-296-1504; keywest.garden.

February 15

Wearable Art Fashion Show

Key West: This legendary event showcases bold, one-of-a-kind designs in three categories: Tropical Couture, Creative Costume, and Eleanor's Up-cycle—where donated garments are transformed into runway masterpieces. Bid live on these stunning creations and cheer on your favorites as designers compete for top honors! Takes place from 2 – 5 pm at Hellings Curry Museum, home of the Key West Women's Club, 319 Duval St. Tickets keystix.com

February 15

OPENING: Tropical Shadows

By Peter Vey

Key West: Renowned Abstract Expressionist Peter Vey paints the effortless elegance of the Keys, from its secret backcountry nooks to Key West's proud Victorian architecture.

His works exude lush floral details, formal architectural patterns and intricate, almost abstract, flowery geometric forms. Opens on Sa, February 15, from 5 – 8 pm at The Gallery on Greene, 606 Greene St. Info: 305-294-1669; galleryongreene.com.

February 15

44th Annual Garden Walk 2025

Tavernier: Tour several spectacular private out-of-sight gardens, then enjoy a fabulous Garden Market and groovy art show. Takes place from 10 am – 4 pm (rain or shine) and kicks off from the Francis Tracy Garden Center, 94040 Overseas Hwy. Info: gardenclubupperkeys.org

February 19

Valentine's Day Guided Tours History of Diving Museum

Islamorada: This unique guided tour of all the museum's exhibits is included with regular admission. FYI: Locals receive free admission throughout the Valentine's Day weekend. Guided tours take place at 11 am and 2 pm at the History of Diving Museum, 82990 Overseas Hwy (MM 83 Bayside). Info: 305-664-9737; divingmuseum.org.

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62ND ANNUAL CONCH HONK

THE KEY WEST CONCH BLOWING CONTEST

Saturday, March 8

Doors open at 10:30, Contest Noon-2 pm
Tom Majors Garden at the Oldest House Museum
322 Duval St.

The Conch shell has been used by Wreckers & Sailors to communicate for centuries. Register to compete at OIRF.org or just enjoy watching!

10 categories including novices & groups. Learn to blow with Key West High School Marching Band, How to cut a Conch demonstration by Clinton Curry, Coasting Cocktails featuring Emeline's Revenge, Cuban Yo-yo Fishing & more!






Art & Cultural Happenings

February 19

Immerse Yourself!

Evolution of Diving Armor

Islamorada: Georgann and Mike Yachter's storied history of early hard hat diving and the influence it had on the Great Lakes and Caribbean treasure and salvage work is absolutely fascinating. This special in-person presentation takes place at 7 pm at the History of Diving Museum, 82990 Overseas Hwy (MM 83 Bayside). Info: 305-664-9737; divingmuseum.org.

February 21

Let's Disco! KWAHS Annual Fundraiser

Key West: Dust off your platform shoes and break out the polyester for a high-energy night of glitter, glam, and groove! This 70's Disco Party transports you back in time with retro music, creative dancing, and terrific food from Antonia's Restaurant. Topping it all off is an open bar and silent auction, which makes for a fun night. Benefits the Key West Art & Historical Society. Takes place from 6 – 9 pm in the East Martello Museum Courtyard, 3501 S Roosevelt Blvd. Tickets and info: kwahs.org.

February 21

Annual Ann McKee Fine Art Auction

Key West: A favorite of Artists and Collectors since 1995, this annual fundraiser offers an exclusive selection of artwork from established and emerging artists from Key West and the Florida Keys. Artists receive 50% of the final auction price of their work and the remaining monies become the primary funding for yearly grants which are awarded to local artists. Doors open at 4:15 pm; Auction takes place from 5 – 6 pm at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org or mckeefund.org.

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.

March 1

OPENING: Continual Elegance of Innocence By Suzy DePoo

Key West: A legacy in the Key West Art community, Suzy DePoo was renowned for the original handprints she created for Key

West Handprints, which were made famous by fashion icon, Lily Pulitzer. She was also later celebrated for her paintings, recycled artworks, and ceramic tile creations. This unique exhibition showcases a wide variety of her work including hand-painted tiles on panels, original watercolors and oils, hand-painted porcelain boxes, and more. Opens on Sa, March 1 from 5 – 8 pm at The Gallery on Greene, 606 Greene St. Info: 305-294-1669; galleryongreene.com.

March 1

Artist Studio Tours

Key West: Step into the vibrant, creative energy of Stock Island as you explore private studios and get a behind-the-scenes look at how artists bring their work to life. Presented by The Studios of Key West, the tour takes place from 11 am – 3 pm offsite on Stock Island. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

March 1

25th Annual Schooner Wharf Open Air Art & Music Affair

Key West: This eclectic one-of-a-kind show features award winning local and national artists and crafters whose work isn't shown anywhere else. The Art Show takes place from 9:30 am to midnight; Live music from 10 am – 11:30 pm at Schooner Wharf Bar in the Historic Seaport at the foot of Williams St. Info: 305-292-9520; schoonerwharf.com.

March 1 – 26

Key West Tennessee Williams Festival

Key West: Celebrate the Pulitzer-prize-winning literary icon who resided here for 34 years. The annual month-long festival includes a museum fundraiser, plein air painting competition, poetry and short story writing contests, academic lectures, museum tours, film screenings, live theater, and a birthday party replete with cake and bubbly. Takes place at multiple venues throughout Key West. Full event schedule at twfest.org. Info: 305-295-6616.



Key West Art & Craft Festival

March 1

Tennessee Williams Festival: Plein Air Contest and Show

Key West: Local and national painters take to the streets with paint and easels in hand during this special Plein Air Painting Contest. As part of Key West's annual Tennessee Williams Festival, this professionally juried art show, sale and reception takes place from 5 – 7 pm at the Key West Museum of Art & History's Custom House, 281 Front St. Info: 305-204-4527; twfest.org.

March 2

Tennessee Williams Festival: A Streetcar Named Desire Party & Fundraiser

Key West: This kick-off event for Key West's Annual Tennessee Williams Festival includes an open bar, delicious hors d'oeuvres, and an exciting silent auction. Takes place from 5 – 7 pm at the private residence of Dennis Beaver and Bert Whitt, 1207 Whitehead St. Info & tickets: 305-295-6616; twfest.org.

March 3

Tennessee Williams Festival: Classic Movie Night – Cat On A Hot Tin Roof

Key West: Based on Tennessee Williams' 1955 Pulitzer Prize-winning play, the story takes place in the "plantation home of Big Daddy Pollitt" (Burl Ives), a wealthy cotton tycoon. The film examines the relationships among members of Big Daddy's family, primarily between his son Brick (Paul Newman) and Maggie the "Cat," Brick's wife (Elizabeth Taylor). Takes place from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the Tropic Cinema, 416 Eaton St. Info and tickets: 305-295-6616; twfest.org.

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It All Began With a Couple of Clothespins

The 60th Annual Key West Art & Craft Festival

Back in 1965, they called Key West's Old Island Days Art Festival the "Clothesline Art Show." It was a small Key West affair intended to raise renovation money for the historic building at 301 Front Street, now the home of the Key West Art Center.

At the time, local artists actually used clothespins to display their works on a fence in front of Key West's old Custom House, so the name was more than apropos.

Competition for inclusion in the funky little fine art show became so fierce that by 1985, festival organizers decided to limit participation to approximately 100 exhibitors.

Now, sixty years later, the Old Island

Days Art Festival and the popular Key West Craft Show have joined forces to become the new Key West Art & Craft Festival.

This juried open-air show is nationally recognized. It includes 150 exhibitors from across the country and Canada vying to showcase their original creations.

In addition to special art demos and hands-on art stations, you'll find everything from watercolors, acrylics, and oils to sculpture, collage, and photography. This year, there's also a massive selection of hand-crafted jewelry, pottery, glass, and



woodwork, as well as many other fine craft items. Lots of fabulous art (minus the clothespins!), all backdropped by the beautiful scenery of Truman Waterfront Park, along the Quay at Truman Waterfront Park, 100 Southard St. Info: 305-294-1243;

keywestartcenter.com.

One of Keys West's signature free events, the former "Clothespin Art Show" takes place from 10am – 5pm on Saturday, February 22, and on Sunday, February 23. For more info, call 305-294-1243 or hit up keywestartcenter.com.

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March 6 – 27

ART EXHIBITION: Tactile Response

By Beth Kaminstein

Key West: Combining an appreciation for space and color with a tactile sensibility, Kaminstein draws inspiration from nature to create clay sculptures, platters, and bowls that explore complex layering, light, and form. Opens Th, March 6 from 6 – 8 pm and continues every Tu – Sa from 10 am – 4 pm at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

March 8

16th Annual Plein Air Key West Competition

Key West: This annual non-juried event is open to artists in all media. Check-in and register at the Key West Art Center to get your paper or canvas stamped between 8:30 and 9:30 am. At 10 am, you can head out to your favorite location and start painting. Finished work needs to be submitted at the Art Center by 1:30 pm. Show and reception takes place from 5 – 7 pm at the Key West Art Center, 301 Front St. Info: 305-294-1241; keywestartcenter.com.

March 10

Tennessee Williams Festival: Classic Movie Night – Eccentricities of a Nightingale

Key West: Often cited as one of Tennessee Williams's finest works, this screen adaptation is about a repressed spinster who is obsessed with a young doctor who lives next door. Takes place from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the Tropic Cinema, 416 Eaton St. Info and tickets: 305-295-6616; twfest.org.

March 13

Tennessee Williams Festival Happy Hour with the Historian: Tennessee Williams in Key West

Key West: Historian Cori Convertito, Ph.D. gives you the fascinating backstory of Tennessee Williams: one of the most admired playwrights of the twentieth century. Williams wrote fiction and motion picture screenplays, but is most widely known for his plays, which are considered among the finest on the American stage. This fun historical lecture is part of Key West's Tennessee Williams Festival and includes a complimentary drink (beer, house wine,

or soft drink). Takes place from 5 – 6 pm at Comedy Key West, 218 Whitehead St #5. Info: 305-295-6616; twfest.org.

March 14

Tennessee Williams Festival Curator Tour – The Rose Tattoo

Key West: This fun, 1-1/2-hour tour takes you to some of the most beloved spots of America's greatest playwright. You'll visit theaters, bars, and hangouts where Tennessee Williams lived, worked, and returned to throughout his adult life. Takes place from 5 – 6 pm and departs from Mallory Square. Info: 305-295-6616; twfest.org.

March 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.

March 14 – 16

Robert the Doll Paranormal Weekend

Key West: Festively, this deep-dive paranormal weekend includes paranormal experiences, VIP seances, exclusive tours of Robert the Haunted Doll's House, psychic readings, rum tastings, a haunted doll scavenger hunt, a ghost tour of the historic Key West Firehouse, the Robert the Doll Experience & Fort Ghost Hunt, and more! Info: hauntedkeywest.com.

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Robert The Haunted Doll, East Martello Museum & Gallery, Key West

Sunday FUNday!

The Key West Artisan Market



Bring your dog. Bring your lawn chair. Bring your shopping bag. When Sunday rolls around, you can always count on good Ol' Key West to put more FUN into Sunday FUNday. Topping the "MUST-DO" list is The Key West Artisan Market. This eclectic extravaganza pops up on select Sundays and is a popular stomping

ground for anyone hunting for good deals. It's also where shopping and cocktailin' go hand-in-hand (full bar with Great Bloody Marys & Mimosas!), and where you can kick back to some great live tunes by local musicians.

Thoughtfully curated, the locally operated market always includes a unique selection of fine crafts, art, and jewelry created by talented Keys' artisans. You'll also find a good selection of home goods, artisanal soaps, and even fresh, hand-rolled cigars.

It's also THE place to go if you want to stock your pantry and fridge with fresh produce, artisan cheeses, local seafood, honey, pickles, pastries, and

other goodies. The pet-friendly Key West Artisan Market takes place from

10 am – 2 pm on select Sundays through April. You can find it right by Higgs Beach, 1801 White Street, in the parking lot of the Key West Wildlife Center at Indigenous Park.

This lively outdoor event is the perfect way to support the community and immerse yourself in the unique culture of the Florida Keys. Best of all, admission and parking are free.

FYI: Don't forget to bring your own bags! Info: 305-731-3385; keysartisanmarket.com.



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March 16 St Patrick's Day Weekend Guided Tours History of Diving Museum

Islamorada: This unique guided tour of all the museum's exhibits is included with regular admission. Guided tours take place at 11 am and 2 pm at the History of Diving Museum, 82990 Overseas Hwy (MM 83 Bayside). Info: 305-664-9737; divingmuseum.org.

March 17 Tennessee Williams Festival: Classic Movie Night – The Rose Tattoo

Key West: Tennessee Williams' classic drama centers on a widowed Sicilian woman living in the American South. Devastated by her husband's death, grief turns her into a recluse until she learns of her late husband's infidelities. The arrival of a new lodger offers hope of new love. Takes place from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the Tropic Cinema, 416 Eaton St. Info and tickets: 305-295-6616; twfest.org.

March 19 Immerse Yourself! Hemingway in The Keys

Islamorada: Dr Cori Convertito of the Key West Historical Society explores Ernest Hemingway's life in the Florida Keys and his relationship to the sea. Her engaging in-person presentation will also be available virtually. Takes place at 7 pm at the History of Diving Museum, 82990 Overseas Hwy (MM 83 Bayside). Info: 305-664-9737; divingmuseum.org.

March 21 Tennessee Williams Festival: A New Orleans–Themed Dinner

Key West: Enjoy an array of Cajun specialties followed by a special staged reading of two of Tennessee Williams' one-act plays (see info below). Dinner takes place from 6 – 7:30 pm, Staged reading from 8 – 9 pm at Williams Hall, 729 Fleming St. Tickets & Info: 305-295-6616; twfest.org.

March 21 Tennessee Williams Festival: The Men of Tennessee Williams

Key West: Pulitzer-winning playwright Tennessee Williams often portrayed strong

male characters in his works. This staged reading of two of Williams' one-act plays explores these men in greater detail. Takes place from 8 – 9:30 pm at Williams Hall, Williams Hall, 729 Fleming St. Tickets & info: 305-295-6616; twfest.org.



**March 21 – 28
2025 Associate Members Show**
Key West: This highly anticipated annual original art event is a terrific opportunity for you to see the exciting variety of talented artists that we have here in the Keys. Best of all, everything

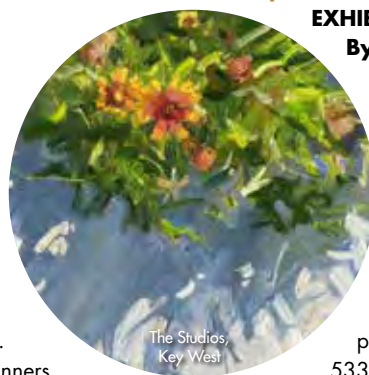
on display is available for purchase. Opening Reception takes place on F, March 21, from 6 – 8 pm at the Key West Art Center, 301 Front St. Info: 305-294-1241; keywestartcenter.com.

March 24 Tennessee Williams Festival: Classic Movie Night – Sweet Bird of Youth

Key West: Based on a play by Tennessee Williams, this 1962 film stars Paul Newman and Geraldine Page and is a riveting exploration of pleasure, sexual desire, drinking, and disease. Takes place from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the Tropic Cinema, 416 Eaton St. Info and tickets: 305-295-6616; twfest.org.

March 26 Tennessee Williams Festival: Tennessee Williams Birthday Party

Key West: Champagne and birthday cake take center stage at this special celebration that honors what would have been Tennessee Williams' 117th birthday. First and second-place winners of the short story and poetry contests will also be revealed. Winners will read their poems or selected pages from their manuscript. Takes place from 5 – 7 pm at the Tennessee Williams Museum 513 Truman Ave. Info: 305-204-4527; twfest.org.



March 27 – March 29 Tennessee Williams Festival: A Distant Country Called Youth

Key West: Spanning the twenty-five years from Tennessee Williams' boyhood to the opening of his hit play, *The Glass Menagerie*, this one-man show, evokes the evolution of an American genius through his extraordinary correspondence with family, friends, lovers, and other writers. Hilarious, raunchy and poetic, the piece spotlights these relatively obscure years in William's life. Showtime: 8 pm at the Waterfront Playhouse, 407 Wall St in Mallory Square. Info & tickets: 305-294-5015; waterfrontplayhouse.org.

April 3 – 24 EXHIBITION: A Fifty-Year Retrospective By David Wegman

Key West: More widely known for work in sculpture, John Martini's newest exhibit unveils a parallel universe with two dimensional works on paper consisting mainly of monoprints and drawings. Opens Th, April 3 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.

April 3 – 24 EXHIBITION: Interior By Wendell Smith

Key West: Using alternative materials and rooted in folk traditions, Smith's work explores vulnerability and the resiliency of the human spirit through the lens of Caribbean society and culture. Opens Th April 3 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.

April 3 – 24 EXHIBITION: Beach Blues By Lucy Paige

Key West: Paige's distinctive artistic styles are all united by shades of blue. Inspired by ocean landscapes, her semi-abstract paint and pen series celebrate coastal life. Opens Th, April 3 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.

April 3 – 24 EXHIBITION: This Is Key West By Nataliia Nosyk

Key West: Nataliia Nosyk celebrates Key West's beauty, architecture, and vibrant

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Look What's Inside!

The 65th Annual Key West Home Tours

Key West's renovated cigar-makers cottages, historical restorations, and lavish Victorian mansions create an intriguing architectural fusion unlike anywhere else.

The fact is Key West's historic Old Town contains what is believed to be the largest predominantly wooden historic district in the US, featuring almost 3,000 structures.

And while it's always fun to stroll by the doorsteps of these beautiful buildings, it's even better when you can actually go inside and see the fantastic interiors.

Now in its 65th year, Key West Home Tours unlocks the mystery of what's behind many of Key West's most intriguing front doors.

Presented by the non-profit Old Island Restoration Foundation(OIRF), these annual tours are some of America's oldest and longest-running tours. The tours are also an integral component of OIRF's ongoing mission to promote the restoration and preservation of Key West's historically significant buildings.

Each tour features five lovely homes and gardens reflecting the varied tastes and originality of their owners. The upcoming Spring tours take place from 1 – 4 pm on Friday and Saturday, February 14 and 15, and again on Friday, March 14, and Saturday, March 15.

If you want to look inside some of Key West's most intriguing homes, this self-guided tour is a "must-do!"



You can purchase tickets online at OIRF.org or at The Oldest House Museum, 322 Duval Street. More Info at 305-294-9501.

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spirit through oil paintings inspired by her time spent in residency at The Studios. This exhibition captures both her plein air studies and expansive studio works, reflecting her deep connection to our unique island. Opens Th, April 3 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.

April 12 14th Annual Ocean Fest: A Community Celebration

Key West: Enjoy a fun day of crafts, games, music, food, local brews and shopping, along with some really great conservation and environmental exhibits. You'll also get to meet Mote scientists and interact with other conservation and environmental organizations from around Florida. Takes place from 10 am – 3 pm at Truman Waterfront Park, 0 Southard St. Info: mote.org.

April 19 Earth Day Guided Tours History of Diving Museum

Islamorada: This special guided tour of all the museum's exhibits is included with regular admission. Guided tours take place at 11 am and 2 pm at the History of Diving Museum, 82990 Overseas Hwy (MM 83 Bayside). Info: 305-664-9737; divingmuseum.org.

April 19 Immerse Yourself! Conservation and Sustainability

Islamorada: CJ O'Brien Weddle, Ocean Friendly Projects Manager shares the initiatives being taken by many restaurants and hotels to reduce wasteful single-use plastic and to make more sustainable choices that benefit our ocean. The evening will also be the last day to see the limited-time exhibit Dive Into Art: Fintastic Fish of Florida. The presentation will be both in-person and virtual, starting at 7 pm. Takes place at the History of Diving Museum, 82990 Overseas Hwy (MM 83 Bayside). Info: 305-664-9737; divingmuseum.org.

April 22 – 26 Art Tour to Cuba

Key West: If you want to visit some of the most cutting-edge artist studios in Cuba, this

intimate trip to the Pearl of the Caribbean may be right up your alley. Havana's famous Biennial Festival will be in full swing, and it's an incredible opportunity to meet with internationally recognized artists and discuss their work. Best of all, you can go there legally and in style! To find out more about arranging your fascinating visit, contact Nance Frank, Owner/Curator at Gallery on Greene, which features the Florida Keys' and Cuba's finest regional art. Find it at 606 Greene St. Info: 305-304-2323; galleryongreene.com.

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First Fridays Gallery Night

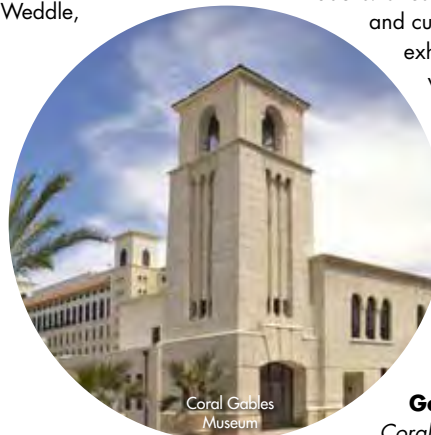
Coral Gables: Each first Friday of the month, the Coral Gables Museum opens its doors to the public as part of Coral Gables Gallery Night! Enjoy live music, wonderful exhibitions, and a cocktail bar before heading for your Friday night plans! Takes place at the Coral Gables Museum from 6 – 9 pm at 285 Aragon Ave. Info: 305-603-8067; coralgablesmuseum.com

Second Saturdays Family Day on Aragon

Coral Gables: Packed with educational, fun and creative activities, Family Day on Aragon is an enjoyable outing for both children and adults. Uncover the wonders of history and culture, enjoy interactive exhibits, participate in a workshop, and more! Free admission. Takes place from 10 am – 6 pm at the Coral Gables Museum, 285 Aragon Ave. Info: 305-603-8067; coralgablesmuseum.org.

Third Sundays Gables Bike Tours

Coral Gables: This fun, educational bike tour through "The City Beautiful" offers a different theme and route each month. Bike tours are organized by Bike Walk Coral Gables in partnership with the Coral Gables Museum. FYI: Bring your own bike. Helmets are required for children under 16. Kicks off at 10 am from the Coral Gables Museum, 285 Aragon Ave and is included with general admission. Info: 305-603-8067; coralgablesmuseum.org.



Coral Gables Museum



Seminole Theatre, Homestead

SPECIAL EVENTS

February 28 Almost ABBA

Homestead: This #1 ABBA Tribute band recreates the magic and nostalgia of ABBA in a stunning costumed, choreographed, audience interactive show. Showtime: 7:30 pm at the Seminole Theatre, 18 N Krome Ave. Info: 786-650-2073; seminoletheatre.org.

March 1 Cash Unchained: Ultimate Johnny Cash Experience

Homestead: Immerse yourself in the unforgettable sounds of Johnny Cash's timeless hits brought to life on stage. Showtime: 8 pm at the Seminole Theatre, 18 N Krome Ave. Info: 786-650-2073; seminoletheatre.org.

**March 1 – 2
26th Annual Carnival on the Mile**
Coral Gables: Miracle Mile — the heart of Coral Gables, morphs into a fantastic cultural village during this annual celebration of Miami's Latin and Caribbean heritage. At the heart of it all is more than 200 exhibiting artists showcasing their talents at the festival's Artist Village. There will also be multiple stages featuring a broad spectrum of genres. Two stages — on Douglas Rd (Southwest 37th Ave) and on Le Jeune Rd (Southwest 42nd Ave), will border the fest. Vibe or dance to the sounds of jazz, funk, rock, Latin jazz, and blues. Kicks off both days at 10 am. Info: carnivalmiami.com

**March 8 – 9
18th Annual Jazz in the Gardens**
Miami Gardens: Regaled as one of the most important live jazz and R&B events in the world, Jazz in the Gardens celebrates the diversity, music, and art of Black culture with some of the biggest names in jazz, R&B, and gospel, as well as several terrific local homegrown acts. Takes place at Hard Rock Stadium, 347 Don Shula Dr, Info: 305-943-8000; miamiandbeaches.com/event/jazz-in-the-gardens.com.

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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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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.

Historic Pigeon Key Offshore Island

1090 Overseas Hwy (Visitors Center)
Marathon, FL 33050
305-743-5999
pigeonkey.net
Open Daily 10am - 4pm
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. The open-air train service runs four times a day and gives you an up close and personal view of the historic Old 7 Mile Bridge. Departs from the Pigeon Key Visitors Center, 1090 Overseas Hwy (Gulfside) at 10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm and 2:30 pm.

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 Firehouse Museum

1024 Grinnell St
Key West, FL 33040
305-849-0678
keywestfirehousemuseum.com
Tu - Sa 10 am - 3 pm
Key West's Firefighting Legacy
This Key West treasure boasts an incredible collection of artifacts from an island where fires changed the course of history. Located in one of Florida's oldest firehouses, the historic 1907 Firehouse No. 3 displays historical artifacts and vintage fire gear. Don't miss the last remaining steamer coal pit in America, rare fire badges and antique call boxes, a 1906 cemetery fire bell, 9/11 Memorials, and much more.



Key West Lighthouse & Keeper's Quarters

Key West Lighthouse & Keeper's Quarters

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

Mel Fisher Maritime Museum

200 Greene Street
Key West, FL 33040
305-294-2633; melfisher.org
Open M - Su 10 am - Last Visitor 4 pm
A Bounty Of Shipwreck Treasures
The legendary Mel Fisher and his team of treasure hunters come to life at this fascinating maritime museum. It displays a bounty of precious loot salvaged from the Spanish Galleon, Atocha, which sunk off Key West over 400 years ago. Treasure coins, gold, emeralds, swords, and more are all on display here, along with special historical exhibits that explore maritime history.

Oldest House Museum

322 Duval St
Key West, FL 33040
305-294-9501; oirf.org
Open 10 am - 4 pm; Closed Weds & Sun
Built in 1829, Key West's oldest house was home to the wrecker Captain Francis

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

Tennessee Williams Museum

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

Truman Little White House

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

Key West Turtle Museum

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

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Mel Fisher Maritime Heritage Museum

200 GREENE STREET
KEY WEST, FLORIDA
WWW.MELFISHER.ORG
305.294.2633



People are talking ...

"Spectacular museum"

"So interesting"

"Huge fan of this place"

"So many artifacts to view"

"Well done and great story"

"One of our Top Three in Key West"

"A must see"

New Exhibitions

"A Wealthy World"

"Spirits of the Passage"



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MUSEUMS

SOUTH MIAM-DADE HOMESTEAD/FLORIDA CITY AREA

Coral Castle Museum & Sculpture Garden

28655 S Dixie Highway
Homestead, FL 33033
305-248-6345
coralcastle.com
Open M, Th & Su 9 am – 6 pm;
F & Sa 9 am – 7 pm
"One of the Wonders of the World"
Often compared to the Ancient Megaliths of the Egyptian pyramids, this 100-year-old "Coral Castle" was built single-handedly by Latvian-born Edward Leedskalnin. From 1923 to 1951, Leedskalnin secretly carved over 1,100 tons of coral rock without the aid of modern mechanics and without any help. The castle boasts a hand-carved 9-ton gate, a Polaris telescope, and the world's only Sundial with seasons. Today, Leedskalnin's awe-inspiring engineering feat still remains shrouded in mystery and is one of the world's most mysterious accomplishments.

CORAL GABLES AREA

Coral Gables Museum & Visitors Center

285 Aragon Ave
Coral Gables, FL 33134
305-603-8067
coralgablesmuseum.org
Tu – F & Su 11 am – 5 pm
Gallery Nights (First F) 10 am – 6 pm
Family Days (Second Sa) 11 am – 5 pm
Celebrate, Investigate, and Explore the Civic Arts
Located in the Coral Gables Police and Fire Department building, this historic landmark is a great place to explore the vibrant history of Coral Gables and the surrounding areas. The museum also doubles as the Coral Gables Visitor Center and provides lots of helpful info about the area.



Vizcaya Museum & Gardens, Miami

Lowe Art Museum

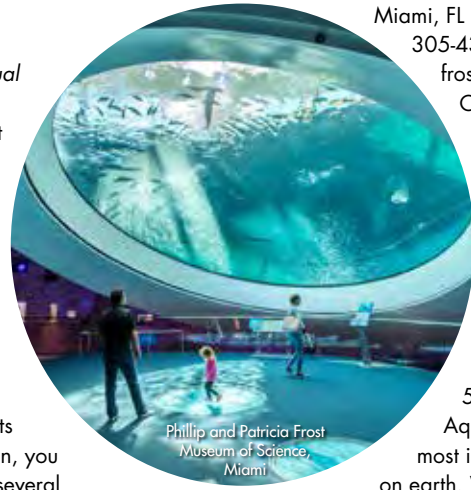
1301 Stanford Dr
Coral Gables, FL 33146
W-Sa 10 am – 4 pm
305-284-3535
lowe.miami.edu
An Astounding Visual Arts Museum
Located in the heart of the University of Miami campus, this extraordinary visual arts museum opened in 1952 as the first art museum in South Florida. With more than 19,000 objects in its permanent collection, you can literally spend several days here exploring a wide variety of exhibits from around the world. Important collections include significant examples of Asian, Ancient American and African art, as well as the Barton Collection of Native American art, regaled as one of the finest in the country.

Montgomery Botanical Center

11901 Old Cutler Rd
Coral Gables, FL 33156
305-667-3800
montgomerybotanical.org
Guided Tours Every Saturday By Appt.
A Living Natural History Museum
This spectacular 120-acre botanical garden and research center is home to nearly 14,000 plants in the living collection – many of which are rare and endangered. Originally, the bayfront estate of Colonel Robert H Montgomery and his wife, Nell, the property now showcases an amazing collection of palms and cycads. Over the years, this living palm collection has evolved into one of the most scientifically valuable collections in the US and has also become an invaluable resource for scientific research. The Montgomery's original Mediterranean revival house has also been preserved as just as Nell left it when she died in 1990, including tea and coffee pots, glassware and bric-a-brac.

Frost Science Museum,

Aquarium & Planetarium
At Maurice A Ferré Park
1101 Biscayne Blvd
Miami, FL 33132
305-434-9600
frostsience.org
Open 365 Days from 10 am – 7 pm
World Class Planetarium, Aquarium & Science Museum!
This beautiful bayfront complex is one of the only museums in the world that boast a stunning three-story 500,000-US-gallon Aquarium and one of the most innovative Planetariums on earth. With six floors of interactive exhibits dedicated to the Everglades ecosystem, the Aquarium also features a special Touch Tank where you can actually pet a stingray and an aviary. The Frost Planetarium features an impressive 250-seat auditorium that is powered by an 8K visual system. Using six 3D-capable projectors with 16 million colors and surround sound, the auditorium provides a nearly 360-degree virtual experience within a 67' span. Whether you're tumbling through space, exploring the ocean's depths, or stargazing space, it's an immersive and exciting experience. FYI: On select dates, the planetarium also hosts Laser Show Nights with eye-popping laser graphics set to popular music.



Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science, Miami

Vizcaya Museum & Gardens

3251 S Miami Ave
Miami, FL 33129
305-250-9133
W-M 9:30 am-4:30 pm
vizcaya.org
The "Hearst Castle of the East"
This National Historic Landmark is the former villa and waterfront home of businessman James Deering of the Deering McCormick-International Harvester fortune. Located on Biscayne Bay in Miami's Coconut Grove neighborhood, this magnificent 20th Century estate was built between 1914 and 1922 at a whopping cost of \$15 million. Boasting magnificent Italian Renaissance gardens, a native woodland landscape, and a historic village outbuildings compound, the Vizcaya Museum is a treasure trove of Gilded Age technology that was the first of its kind in Miami-Dade County.

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 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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Christopher Peterson, Key West



WATERFRONT PLAYHOUSE

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FEB 26 - MAR 22

MAR 27 - 29

APR 16 - MAY 3

UPCOMING MAIN STAGE & SPOTLIGHT SERIES SHOWS!

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WATERFRONTPLAYHOUSE.ORG

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.

Wednesday – Sunday

Comedy Magic Bar:

The Magic of Frank Everhart

Key West: Key West comedian and magician Frank Everhart, never ceases to amaze. Renowned as one of the country's top comedians and magicians, his regaled "Chicago-style, close-up magic show" not only showcases his awe-inspiring magic, it's also absolutely hilarious. Takes place W – Su starting at 7 pm at the notorious Schooner What Bar, 202 William St in Key West's Historic Seaport. Info: 305-292-9520; schoonerwharf.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.



Aquanette, Inga, Key West

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

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.

Every Sunday

Jazz in the Gardens

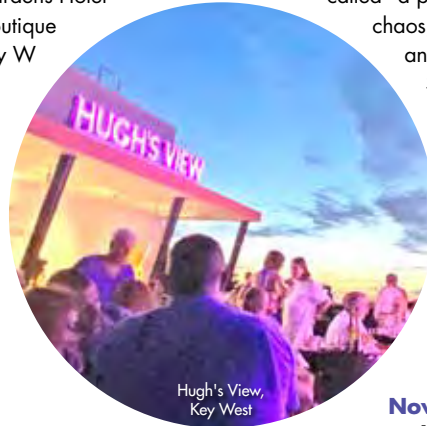
Key West: Enjoy terrific jazz amidst lush flora and fauna during this free hang that draws Key West's top jazz cognoscenti. Full bar, champagne, and fabulous wines. This popular Sunday happening takes place from 5:30 – 8 pm at the Gardens Hotel, 526 Angela St. Info: 305-294-2661; gardenshotel.com.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Now – 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,



Hugh's View, Key West

sophistication, and wit of a 1940s screwball comedy. Brace yourself for what one critic called "a perfect storm of comedic chaos, irresistible charm, and rapid-fire banter."

Showtime: 8 pm with a 2 pm matinee on Sat, Feb 1. Takes place at the Waterfront Playhouse, 407 Wall St in Mallory Square. Info & tickets: 305-294-5015; waterfrontplayhouse.org.

Now – 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: 305-295-7676; keystix.com.

February 4 – 5

Old Town New Folk Series: Will Kimbrough In Concert

Key West: Will Kimbrough, a Nashville-based multi-instrumentalist and the 2004 "Instrumentalist of the Year" by the Americana Music Association has co-written songs with Jimmy Buffett and collaborated with Rosanne Cash. Takes place on Tu, February 4, at 7 pm in the Helmerich Theater and on W, February 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

Dive Into Art & Music: Grateful Dead Experience Benefit Concert

Islamorada: This special benefit concert and art exhibit tributes legendary musician, artist, and avid diver Jerry Garcia of the prolific rock band, The Grateful Dead. Headlining the event is Rainbow Full of Sound, a renowned Grateful Dead Experience Concert band who performs a rockin' roster of timeless tunes. Presented by Islamorada History of Diving Museum, this amazing night of music, community, and philanthropy also helps to preserve the fascinating history of diving and underwater exploration. Takes place from 5:30 – 9 pm at Safe Harbor Angler House, 80500 Overseas Hwy. Tickets & info at 305-664-9737; divingmuseum.org.

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: During his 40-year career, star Bassist Vail Johnson performed with some of the top names in music. His new one-man show includes behind-the-scenes stories, and almost every note of the great music he's ever had a hand in. Whatever style of music or what particular artist you like, there's a good chance that Vail Johnson has a story to share about touring with them. Showtime: 7:30 pm at the Red Barn Theatre, 319 Duval St. Info & tickets: 305-296-9911.

February 14 – 16

MICROPARTY

Key West: This unique live performance fuses acting, live music, puppetry, and dance as

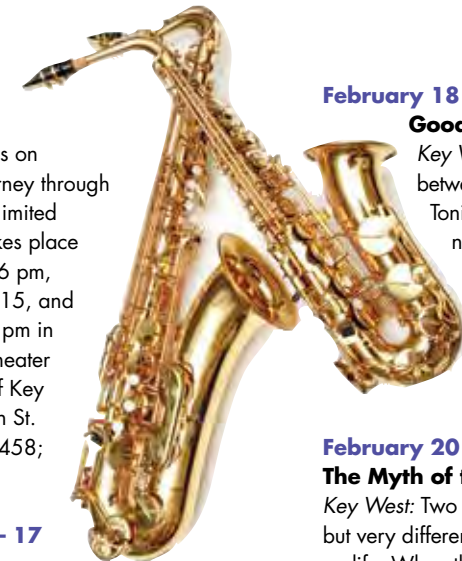
it transports young explorers and their families on a whimsical journey through a universe of unlimited imagination. Takes place on F, Feb 14 at 6 pm, and on Sa, Feb 15, and Su, Feb 16 at 3 pm in the Helmerich Theater at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

February 16 – 17

Gerri Louise Standup:

Senior Moments Or What the Hell Happened?

Key West: A consummate performer, local icon Gerri Louise Gates has performed regularly on Key West stages and done stand-up comedy for many benefits over the last 25 years. Her cutting-edge humor is guaranteed to garner more than just a few chuckles. Showtime: 7:30 pm at the Red Barn Theatre, 319 Duval St. Info & tickets: 305-296-9911; redbarntheatre.com.



February 18 – March 1

Goodnight, Oscar

Key West: There's a fine line between genius and insanity. Tonight, that line appears on national television. Smart and Funny. Produced by Art House, Fringe. Showtime: 7pm at the Armory, 600 White St. Info and reserved tickets: 305-295-7676; keystix.com.

February 20 & 22

The Myth of the Two Marcos

Key West: Two boys may have the same name but very different personalities and outlooks on life. When they discover a mutual love of comic books, the local comic store becomes their sanctuary and is also where they meet an Aztec superhero who becomes their guide. Takes place at 8 pm in the Helmerich Theater at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

February 22

Pops In the Park: Kokomo Key

Key Largo: This Keys Community Concert Band free outdoor concert moves to Key Largo for a night of island favorites.

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fringe theater key west

out of the box theater fringetheater.org

H*tlers Tasters

by Michelle Kohlos Brooks

Goodnight, Oscar

by Doug Wright

A Christmas Carol

Tony Konrath's

Kaleidoscope

by Michael D. Robinson

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change

by Joe DiPietro & Jimmy Roberts

More KEY WEST CHARACTERS

in partnership with Williams Hall

fringe theater tix sold online at keystix.com or call 305-295-7676



Waterfront Playhouse, Key West

Pack a picnic basket and bring a blanket or lawn chair. Kicks off at 4 pm at Peace Park, Murray E Nelson Center, 102050 Overseas Hwy (MM 102 Bayside). Info: 305-451-4530; keyscommunityconcertband.org

February 23

Impromptu Concerts: Avery Gagliano

Key West: Heralded as Impromptu's 2025 "Rising Star," pianist, Avery Gagliano came to international acclaim as the First Prize and Best Concerto Prize winner at the 2020 National Chopin Piano Competition. She was also the only American semifinalist at the 18th International Chopin Competition in 2021. Showtime: 4 pm at St Paul's Church, 401 Duval St. Info: keywestimpromptu.org.

February 26 – March 22

The La Cage Aux Folles

Key West: Winner of six Tony Awards, this classic American musical is about family, tolerance, love, and understanding. Showtime: 8 pm at the Waterfront Playhouse, 407 Wall St in Mallory Square. Info & tickets: 305-294-5015; waterfrontplayhouse.org.

February 28

Come Rain or Shine: The Story of Judy Garland's Comeback

Key West: Through a meticulously curated selection of songs, Darcy Cooke pays homage to Judy Garland, a perennial inspiration who embodies determination and unsurpassed talent. Takes place at 7 pm in the Helmerich Theater at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

March 4 – 29

Brooklyn Laundry

Key West: Pulitzer Prize- and Tony-winning author, John Patrick Shanley returns with the world premiere of this wonderful new play. Shanley's latest work is about three sisters, a guy who runs a laundry in Brooklyn, and the sometimes savage tricks life plays on them. Showtime: 7:30 pm at the Red Barn Theatre, 319 Duval St. Info & tickets: 305-295-7676; keystix.com.

March 5

Anne McKee Artists Fund Performance: Sam Carlson In Concert

Key West: Acclaimed singer-songwriter Sam Carlson takes the stage for a one-of-a-kind concert in this first collaboration between the Tennessee Williams Theatre and the Anne McKee Artists Fund.

Carlson's soulful melodies and heartfelt lyrics blend the power of music with the magic of theater. Takes place from 8 – 10 pm at the Tennessee Williams Theater, 5901 College Rd. Info & Tickets: 305-295-7676; keystix.com.

March 5 – 6

Old Town New Folk Series: Over the Rhine In Concert

Key West: A supremely talented couple, Karin Bergquist and Linford Detweiler's music bursts at the seams with loss, lament, and resilient hope. Karin's timeless voice "has the power to stop the world in its tracks." Takes place on Tu, March 5, at 7 pm in the Helmerich Theater and on W, March 6, at 7 pm on Hugh's Rooftop — both located at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

March 7

Journey of the Two Spirit: Table Read + Conversation with Moriah Joy

Key West: A tale of self-acceptance through the lens of Native American culture, Joy presents her latest work, followed by a conversation about finding your voice through the arts and turning marginalization into power. Takes place at 7 pm in the Helmerich Theater at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

March 8

Drag Story Hour With Pudding Taine

Key West: Key West's official 2024 Queen Mother brings children's tales to life during this fantastical, glitter-fueled experience. A fun time for all ages. Takes place at 7 pm in the PEAR House Courtyard at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.



Drag Story Hour With Pudding Taine, The Studios, Key West

March 9

Impromptu Concerts: Poulenc Trio

Key West: A pioneering oboe, bassoon, and piano ensemble, the Poulenc Trio garnered international recognition and has firmly established themselves as one of the most active and sought-after touring piano-wind ensembles in the country. Showtime 4 pm at St Paul's Church, 401 Duval St. Info: keywestimpromptu.org.

March 11 – 12

Old Town New Folk Series: Ellis Paul & Radoslav Lorkovic In Concert

Key West: Paul's storytelling songs meet Lorkovi's eclectic piano, blending folk, blues, and classical influences for a concert that spans genres and generations. Takes place on Tu, March 11, at 7 pm in the Helmerich Theater and on W, March 12, at 6 pm on Hugh's Rooftop — both located at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

March 12 – 14

Kaleidoscope

Key West: The inner story and musical journey of a prodigy turned island pianist. Produced by Art House, Fringe. Showtime: 7pm at the Armory, 600 White Street. Info and reserved tickets: 305 295-7676; keystix.com.

March 13

Hayden to Hendrix: Classical Crossover with Irie Monte & Stephanie Jaimes

Key West: From Messiaen to Radiohead, Chopin to Queen, Monte and Jaimes draw their inspiration from a rich classical repertoire, reshaping the context of the music to link past and present. Takes place at 7 pm in the Helmerich Theater and at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

March 18 – 19

Old Town New Folk Series: Beth Nielsen Chapman In Concert

Key West: From #1 hits to inspiring tales of survival and creativity, Chapman's music blends heartfelt storytelling with a diverse range of influences. Takes place at 7 pm on Hugh's View Rooftop located at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

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Key West's Cultural Epicenter!

The Studios of Key West Sets the Stage

Key West has been a haven for writers ever since Hemingway set down roots here in the 1930s. Over the years, our tiny island has blossomed into a thriving arts community dedicated to nurturing creative minds, hearts, and souls.

At the center of it all is The Studios of Key West. Located just one block from the hustle and bustle of Duval, TSKW has hosted Pulitzer prize-winners, world-renowned artists, authors, performers, and other creatives, as well as an extraordinary lineup of America's finest singer-songwriters.

A beacon of cultural activity since 2006, TSKW boasts a 200-seat professional theater; the island's

largest gallery devoted to contemporary art; nine studios for practicing artists; and two dedicated classrooms, including a cutting-edge digital media lab. Books & Books, a locally owned, independently minded neighborhood bookstore, also makes its home here.

In season, TSKW's rollicking concert series features roots-oriented music from folk and blues to world music and jazz. You can also expect to see a lively lineup of dance, performance art, and small-scale theatrical productions.

On top of it all is Hugh's View, a beautiful rooftop terrace overlooking the



Ellis Paul And Radoslav Lorkovic In Concert, The Studios, Key West

Atlantic where sunset Happy Hours and other fun events create "aha" moments. But you don't have to be an artist to appreciate this cultural epicenter. TSKW is a touchstone for all who visit. Find it at 533 Eaton Street. Open Tu – Su from 10 am – 4 pm. For more info and events, at tskw.org or call 305-296-0458.

The Studios of Key West. Contemporary art center, steps off Duval Street. Free to visit! Open Tue-Sun, 10am-4pm



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FOOTLIGHTS

March 21

Tennessee Williams Festival: The Men of Tennessee Williams

Key West: Pulitzer-winning playwright Tennessee Williams often portrayed strong male characters in his works. This staged reading of two of Williams' one-act plays explores these men in greater detail. Stakes place from 8 – 9:30 pm at Williams Hall, 729 Fleming St. Tickets & info: twfest.org.

March 21

ACT OUT!

Kids Spring Break Performance

Key West: This short but very sweet presentation was conceived by a small group of local kids who spent their spring break tuning their funny bones and honing their theatrical muscles. Takes place at 2 pm on the Hugh's View Rooftop at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

March 21 – 22

Swimming in the Dark: Workshop of a New Opera

Key West: Set in Poland in 1980, this riveting opera explores a consuming love affair between two young men engulfed by a political thriller in a country being torn apart. Takes place at 8 pm in the Helmerich Theater at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

March 23

Impromptu Concerts:

Duo Beaux Arts: Catherine Lan & Tao Lin

Key West: This world-renowned husband-and-wife concert pianists and recording artists are renowned for their adrenalized performances. The dynamic Duo has performed across Europe, the US, and China to critical and audience acclaim. Showtime: 4 pm at St Paul's Church, 401 Duval St. Info: keywestimpromptu.org.

March 27

Spring Has Sprung With Libby York

Key West: A perennial Key West favorite, Libby York has curated a special collection of songs celebrating rebirth, fresh starts, blooming flowers, falling rains, and all things fresh and new. Takes place at 7 pm on the Hugh's View Rooftop at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

March 27 – March 29

Tennessee Williams Festival A Distant Country Called Youth

Key West: Spanning the twenty-five years from Tennessee Williams' boyhood to the opening of his hit play, *The Glass Menagerie*, this unplugged one man show evokes the evolution of an American genius through his extraordinary correspondence with family, friends, lovers and other writers. Hilarious, raunchy, and poetic in turn, the piece spotlights these somewhat obscure years in Williams' life. Showtime: 8 pm at the Waterfront Playhouse, 407 Wall St in Mallory Square. Info & tickets: 305-294-5015; waterfrontplayhouse.org.

March 28 – March 29

Vienna, Vienna, Vienna

Key West: Three generations of Jewish women from a close and complicated family arrive in Vienna for an award celebration, discussing the past, present, and future while eating chocolate cake. Takes place at 8 pm in the Helmerich Theater at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

March 29

Pops In the Park: Twilight Tunes

Islamorada: The Keys Community Concert Band performs another great, free outdoor concert under the stars. Pack a picnic basket and bring a blanket or lawn chair. Kicks off at 4 pm at Founders Park, 87000 Overseas Hwy (MM 87 Bayside). Info: 305-451-4530; keyscommunityconcertband.org

April 4 – 5

Adam & Paul: Dueling Pianos The Rematch

Key West: After last year's showdown ended in a devastating tie, Broadway's dueling pianists/singers are settling the score. It's a high-energy musical battle of words, wit, and talent to claim the title of reigning champ. Takes place at 8 pm in the Helmerich Theater at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

April 8 – May 3

Short Attention Span Theater: Alternative Facts

Key West: This collection of eclectic short plays includes an intriguing mix of characters



John McCutcheon In Concert, Key West

who are in conflict with larger forces. Always a season favorite. On stage Tu -Sa at 7:30 pm at the Red Barn Theatre, 319 Duval St. Info & tickets: 305-295-7676; keystix.com.

April 11 – 12

Wilma

Key West: In 1999 South Carolina, a mother tamps down her fury at the President while her daughter vies to win a speech contest. Trapped by a flood, the two women contend with mass media, each other, and the most brutal stages of life. Takes place at 8 pm in the Helmerich Theater at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

April 15 – 16

Old Town New Folk Series: John McCutcheon In Concert

Key West: A master of the hammer dulcimer and folk music's "Rustic Renaissance Man," John McCutcheon delivers an unforgettable concert blending traditional and original songs with engaging storytelling. Takes place on Tu, April 15 at 7 pm in the Helmerich Theater and on W, April 16, at 8 pm on Hugh's Rooftop — both located at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

April 16 – May 3

Wait Until Dark

Key West: Cited by the New York Post as a "First Rate Shocker," this classic suspense drama takes place in Greenwich Village during post-WWII. The story unfolds as a blind woman is being imperiled by con men who are trying to recover diamonds that have accidentally come into her possession. Showtime: 8 pm at the Waterfront Playhouse, 407 Wall St in Mallory Square. Info & tickets: 305-294-5015; waterfrontplayhouse.org.

April 17

DAR HE: The Story of Emmet Till

Key West: This powerful story chronicles the murder, trial, and unbelievable confession of the men accused of Emmett Till's lynching. Takes place at 7 pm at the American Legion Post 168, 803 Emma Street. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

April 18

A Game Apart

Key West: Writer Mike Wiley gives a powerful and entertaining glimpse of Jackie Robinson's life during a bygone era. Although the star baseball player was showered with adulation on the field; he became a second-hand citizen when he walked off the diamond. Takes place at 7 pm at the American Legion Post 168, 803 Emma Street. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

April 19

Pops In the Park:

Conch Classics

Islamorada: Groove to some of your favorite island tunes during the Keys Community Concert Band's final outdoor concert of the season. Pack a picnic basket and bring a blanket or lawn chair. Kicks off at 4 pm at Founders Park, 87000 Overseas Hwy (MM 87 Bayside). Free! Info: 305-451-4530; keyscommunityconcertband.org

April 22 – 23

Old Town New Folk Series: Henhouse Prowlers In Concert

Key West: Blending powerful Bluegrass with global influences, this enthralling quartet rocks the House with a robust repertoire of unique traditional American music. Takes place on Tu, April 22, at 7 pm in the Helmerich Theater and on W, April 23, at 8 pm on Hugh's View Rooftop — both located at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

April 23 – 24

Key West Characters: More True Stories

Key West: This beloved show includes some previous favorites, as well as a host of new (true) Key West Characters. Produced by Art House, Fringe. Showtime: 7pm at Williams Hall, 729 Fleming St. Info and reserved tickets: 305 295-7676; keystix.com.

April 26

Remarkable Dance Project

Key West: A special benefit for MARC House, this innovative dance program combines the talents of Dance Key West, Blue's Clues' Steve Burns and everyone's favorite "ReMARCable" Citizens. Takes place at 4 pm in the Helmerich Theater at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

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Music to Your Ears!

Key West's Impromptu Concert Series

How did a single "impromptu dinner and concert" morph into one of Key West's most exciting concert series?

Was it timing? Talent? Luck? Or perhaps a combination of all three? Whatever it was; the stars aligned one magical night

attracted over fifty patrons and was a huge success. Among the attendees was a fellow named Raymond Weiss. A part-time Key Wester, Weiss also happened to own a successful concert-artist management agency in New York City. After seeing Alicia de Larrocha's performance at The



Greg Zelek, Organist

on January 6, 1972.

It all started when the renowned concert pianist Alicia de Larrocha came to Key West to visit her good friend and local music lover, Richard Lischer. At the time, Lischer owned the former Buttery Restaurant, a popular local's hang just off Duval Street.

As a special "thank you" for Richard's hospitality, Alicia de Larrocha offered to stage a concert at the restaurant. This special impromptu dinner and concert

Buttery, Weiss's excitement was palatable. He pitched Richard on producing more concerts together — not only when Richard's musical friends were visiting, but also whenever one of Weiss's renowned clients was scheduled to play in South Florida.

So what began as an informal partnership between two local music lovers slowly blossomed into a successful series of "Impromptu Concerts," which were regularly staged at multiple venues around the island. Over the years, the show's popularity continued to grow. So much so that by 1994, the producers were desperate to find a larger venue, as well as a permanent home.

The stars aligned once again for the hometown concert series when Key West's historic St Paul's Episcopal

Here's what's in store for Spring:

- **Sunday, February 9: Dover Quartet** – Named one of the greatest string quartets of the last 100 years by BBC Music Magazine.
- **Sunday, February 23: Avery Gagliano** – This prolific twenty-two-year-old is an internationally acclaimed pianist as well as Impromptu's 2025 "Rising Star."
- **Sunday, March 9: Poulenc Trio** – This pioneering oboe, bassoon, and piano ensemble is one of the country's most active and sought-after touring piano-wind ensembles.
- **Sunday, March 23: Duo Beaux Arts** – World-renowned husband and wife concert pianists Catherine Lan & Tao Lin are renowned for their adrenalized performances. Showtimes are at 4 pm in St Paul's Church, 401 Duval St. Tickets are just \$20 per person at keystix.com. Info: keywestimpromptu.org. *Hope to see you there!*

church graciously opened its doors. Today, the church remains a welcome host for the now-renowned Impromptu Concerts.

The annual six-series concerts are no longer "impromptu" and booking world-class performers can often take up to a whopping two years. Over the last five decades, the concerts have showcased a roster of artists that includes internationally acclaimed performers along with many up-and-coming virtuosos.

This year's concert season is off to an impressive start and is once again marqueeing an exciting line-up of well-known classical chamber music groups.

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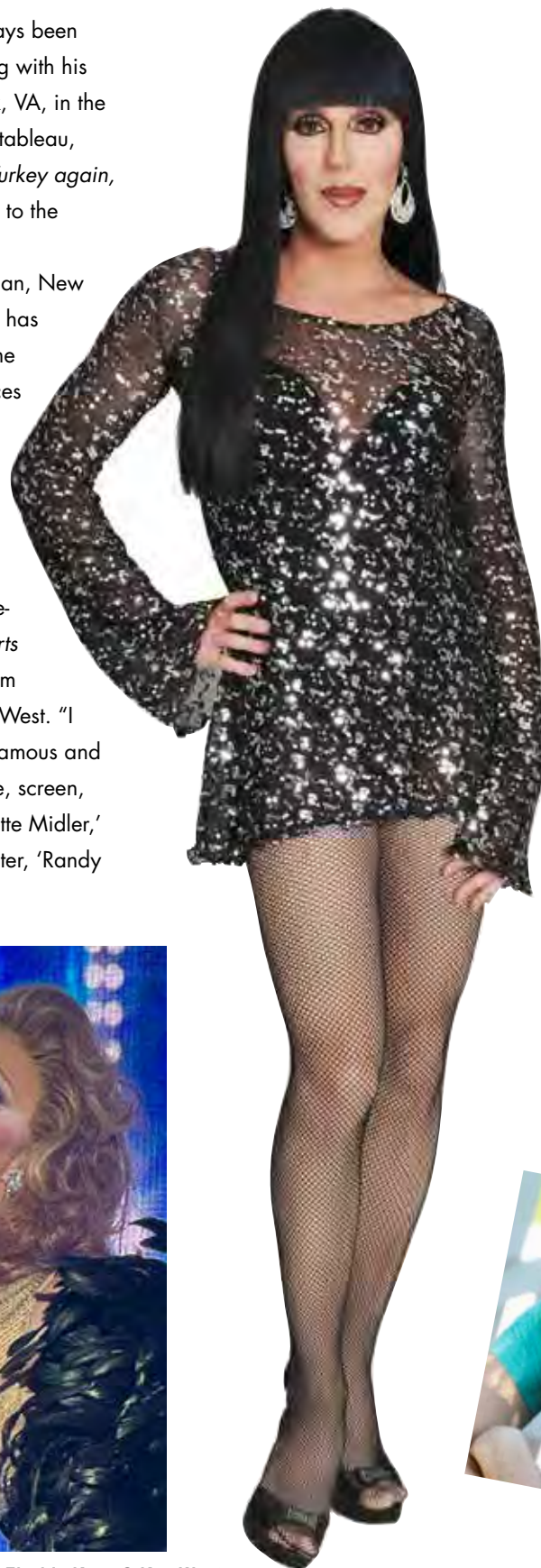
Randy Roberts Shines —

Lip Gloss and Pumps...Or Not

Randy Roberts has always been a bit of a ham. Starting with his stage debut in Norfolk, VA, in the Temple Israel Thanksgiving tableau, where he famously said, "Turkey again, Oy!" he has been addicted to the spotlight.

From Las Vegas to San Juan, New York City to Madrid, Randy has dragged his drag around the world, entertaining audiences for almost forty years (that's a lot of lip gloss) in casinos, cabarets, clubs, and theaters.

He's spent the last two decades performing his one-man show — "Randy Roberts LIVE!" — in the Crystal Room Cabaret at La-Te-Da in Key West. "I call it a tribute to the most famous and infamous ladies of the stage, screen, and in my mind. I bring 'Bette Midler,' 'Cher,' and my own character, 'Randy Roberts' to life."



No lip-synching here: Randy sings all the songs live. And he does it very, very well. So well, in fact, that he made it to NBC's hit show, "America's Got Talent" and also appeared on ABC's former award-winning daytime drama, "One Life to Live."

And while Randy hasn't made it to Broadway yet, he has co-starred with acclaimed actor, Alan Cumming in the indie film "Any Day Now," and has also appeared on nearly every stage in Key West — in and out of drag.

"I used to sing a song from the Broadway show 'Pippin' called 'Corner of the Sky.' I can honestly say that in Key West, I've found mine!"

You can catch "Randy Roberts LIVE" in the Crystal Room Cabaret at La-Te-Da in Key West. Tickets and info: 305-296-6706.



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Aquaplex Is at the Center of it All



None knew quite what to expect when Mike and Jon Barrett took over the reins of Key West's infamous Aqua Nightclub. The former Taco Bell franchisees may have owned 109 restaurants throughout Upper New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio, but operating a multi-venue nightclub just 90 miles from Cuba was a whole different enchilada. It turns out that these guys knew how to roll.

In addition to transforming Aqua into "Aquaplex," the Keys' largest, most lavish new live-performance venue, the dynamic duo recently acquired "Lips" in Ft Lauderdale, a leading drag show hotspot since 2007.

Now called "Aquaplex Ft Lauderdale," the couple has totally reimagined their new venue. But renaming the former "drag-tastic restaurant/bar/cabaret" was just the beginning. Like their highly acclaimed Key West venue, Mike and Jon's newest "Plex" attracts a fun mix of straight and LGBTQ+ customers. It also

boasts state-of-the-art sound and lighting, as well as a variety of live shows, food and dining options, and more — all under one roof.

In addition to the all-new "Drag-A-Licious," other new shows include the Thursday night "Celebrity Impersonations," a tribute to past and present stars like Cher, Rihanna, Aretha Franklin, Beyoncé, Donna Summer, and more. Sunday nights are now "Retro Nights — An '80s/'90s Revue." Also topping the marquee: The Aquanettes. Using elaborate costuming, dramatic make-up, and lots of chutzpah, this spicy troupe of dragsters is regaled for their great lip-synching and outrageous numbers.

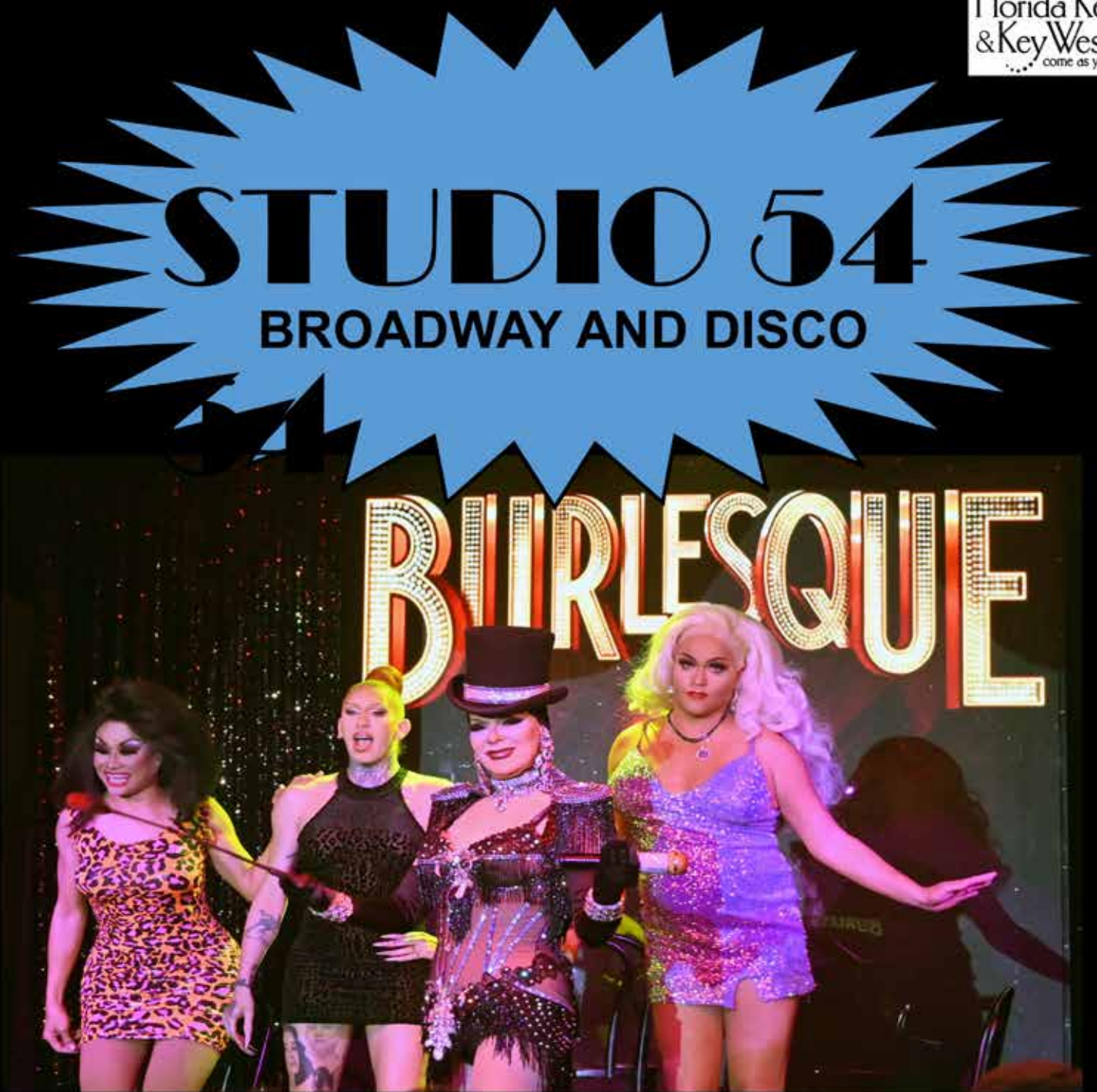


On select nights, world-renowned female impressionist Christopher Peterson brings his fantastic Bird Cage Cabaret Show to the stage. Performing regularly at the Aquaplex in Key West, Peterson's incredible 90-minute, three-act show includes his notorious LIVE impersonations of famous divas like Marilyn Monroe, Bette Midler, Tina Turner, Barbra Streisand, Judy Garland, Cher, Lady GaGa and other Red Carpet icons.

When you're in Key West, you can see the original Aquanettes and Christopher Peterson's Birdcage Cabaret at Aquaplex, 504 Angela St. Info and tickets at 305-294-0555; aquakeywest.com.

If you're heading north from the Keys, you can find Aquaplex Ft Lauderdale at 1421 Oakland Park Blvd. More info at 954-567-0987; fladragshow.com.

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ONGOING

Daily Mini Golf

Ramrod Key: This kid-friendly 18-hole course 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). 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. 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 beer. Open

daily 10 am – 10 pm at Porky's Bayside, 1410 Overseas Hwy. Info: 305-731-7592; porkysbaysidebbq.com.

Nightly Snook's Bayside Sunset Celebration

Key Largo: Kick back with a rum punch on Snook's 5,000-square-foot waterfront patio, listen to some great live music, and enjoy an unobstructed panoramic view of the sun sinking into the Florida Bay. The nightly event is ceremoniously marked by the "Sunset Horn" bellowing just before the fiery ball disappears into the horizon. The fun continues well after dark with live entertainment and dancing under the palms. Happy Hour prices from 4 – 6 pm on various libations and appetizers. 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 96 Madeira Rd. Just look for the giant mermaid



Snooks Bayside Sunset Celebration, Key Largo

at 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 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. 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 Tuesday Farmers Market

Key Colony Beach: Stock up on all of your favorite local produce, fruits, baked goods, and more at this home town favorite outdoor market. Takes place from 9 am – 2 pm on the corner of 7th St and W Ocean Dr. Info: 305-289-1212 ext 2; keycolonybeach.net.

Every Thursday Key West Waterfront Farmers Market

Key West: This traditional farmer's market includes seasonal produce, 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; keysatanmarket.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



Native Plant Sale, Key West Tropical Forest and Botanical Garden

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.

Third Saturday Native Plant Sale

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

February 14 Valentine's Day Champagne & Aphrodisiacs Sunset Sail

Key West: Celebrate Valentine's Day aboard the romantic Schooner America 2.0 with an oh-so-special Champagne and Aphrodisiacs Pairing Sunset Sail. You and your true love can sail along Key West's beautiful turquoise green waters, sipping luscious champagnes, and sparkling wines from around the world paired with a titillating selection of gourmet hors d'oeuvres. Shoves off from the docks behind Schooner Wharf Bar in Key West's Historic Seaport at the foot of William St. Info: 305-293-7245; sail-keywest.com.

February 14 Wesley House 42nd Valentine's Day Gala

Key West: The "Keys Formal" doubles as a fundraiser for Wesley House Family Services and includes top entertainers, the island's largest silent auction, an open bar, dancing, and an elegant dinner. Takes place from 6:30 – 9:30 pm at the Key West Art & Historical Society's Custom House Museum, 281 Front St. Info: 305-809-5000; keystix.com.

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February 14 – 15

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.

February 15

44th Annual Garden Walk 2025

Tavernier: Tour several spectacular private out-of-sight gardens, then enjoy a complimentary fabulous Garden Market and groovy art show. Takes place from 10 am – 4 pm (rain or shine) and kicks off from the Francis Tracy Garden Center, 94040 Overseas Hwy. Info: gardenclubupperkeys.org.

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 at Truman Waterfront Park, 21 E Quay Rd. Info: 305-743-0294; 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, including painters, sculptors, photographers, collage artists, and other 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.

February 22 – 23

Annual Gigantic Nautical Flea Market

Islamorada: Get great deals on new and used boats, marine equipment, electronics, fishing tackle, dive gear, nautical arts & crafts, and more from over 200 vendors. Takes place from 8 am – 3 pm at Founders Park, 87000 Overseas Hwy. Info: 305-712-1818; upperkeyrotary.com.

February 23

Wrecker's Cup Race Series

Key West: Watch the second leg of the spirited 7-mile race to Sand Key, where bragging rights are the top prize. The race kicks off at 1 pm, followed by an Awards Party & Ceremony at Schooner Wharf Bar in Key West's Historic Seaport at 200 Williams St. Info: 305-292-3302; schoonerwharf.com.

February 23

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. Tickets include a round of beer, wine, champagne, and boxed lunch. Shoves off at 1 pm from the docks behind Schooner Wharf Bar in Key West's Historic Seaport. Info: 305-292-7245; sail-keywest.com.

March 2

Key Colony Beach Day

Key Colony Beach: This old-fashioned annual event is a lazy day of good food, drinks, and music. Stroll the arts and crafts booths, try your luck at the world-famous barracuda



Annual Key West Home Tours

races, or bet on your favorite plastic ducky in a race against all odds! Takes place from 9 am – 4 pm at City Hall Park, 600 West Ocean Dr. Info: KCBCA.org.

March 8

61st Annual Conch Shell Blowing Contest

Key West: Watch enthusiastic contestants pucker up as they demonstrate their shell-blowing talents and attempt to make "music" on fluted conch shells during this favorite Old Island Days tradition. Conch shells for blowing on sale in the gift shop. Takes place from 10 am – 2 pm in the garden of the Oldest House Museum, 322 Duval St. Info: 305-294-9501; oirf.org.

March 8

Gardenfest & Green Market Place

Key West: This annual native plant sale also features arts and crafts, green products, healthy living vendors, and a special Kids' Science Corner. You can also enjoy food and music in the Beer Garden. Free garden tours at 11 am and 2 pm. Takes place from 10 am – 4 pm at Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden, 5210 College Rd. Info: 305-296-1504; keywest.garden.

March 8 – 9

49th Annual Marathon Seafood Festival

Marathon: This popular fresh seafood extravaganza showcases a plethora of fresh boat-to-table seafood. You can enjoy some great live music, a fine art show, a boat show, and lots of shopping. Open Sa from 10 am – 9 pm and Su from 11 am – 5 pm at Marathon Community Park, 200 Ocean, 36th St. Info: 305-743-5417; floridakeysmarathon.com.

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Spring Has Sprung!

33rd Annual Florida Keys Island Fest

Mark your calendars: The 33rd Annual Florida Keys Island Fest hits

Islamorada on Saturday and Sunday, April 5th and 6th. The annual spring fling, which takes place on both days from 10 am – 5 pm, pops up at Islamorada's beautiful Founders Park. If you've never been to this beautiful bayside respite, this is a perfect time to check it out.

During the annual Island Fest celebration, the park and beach area transform into an outdoor musical, artistic, and food emporium with over 100 juried artists and crafters, local food vendors, and terrific live entertainment.

Besides strolling the art show and grooving to live music, you can take in an old-fashioned All-American Road Vintage Cruisers Car Show showcasing some very cool cars, trucks, motorcycles, and rat rods. Kids can also have their own beachside fun with painting, building sand sculptures, and competing in outdoor contests beneath kite-filled skies.

One of the festival's notable highlights is the wacky "What Floats Your Boat" Race where homemade "boats" set sail from the beach to see who can stay afloat the longest. It's a total hoot and always draws a cheering crowd. All of the festival's events take place rain or shine. Admission is free, and there's



on-site parking available for a small \$5 donation. BTW:

Organizers suggest that you bring lawn chairs and blankets so that you can fully enjoy the beach and music.

You can find Founders Park at 87000 Overseas Hwy (MM 87 Bayside) in Islamorada. Info: 305-664-4503; islamoradachamber.com.

Happy Spring!

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Conch Shell Blowing Contest, Key West

WHAT'S UP

March 14 - 15

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.

March 17

Schooner Wharf Bar's St Patrick's Day Party

Key West: Get your Irish up at this wild celebration that includes live music, a traditional beer-steeped corned beef and cabbage dinner, and plenty of green beer. The party starts at 1 pm at Schooner Wharf Bar in Key West's Historic Seaport at 200 Williams St. Info: 305-292-3302; schoonerwharf.com.

March 29 - 30

NAS Key West Southernmost Air Spectacular

Key West: The infamous Blue Angels, as well as other ace flyers, perform death-defying maneuvers in this heart-pounding air show. You can also enjoy static aviation marvels, a Boat Show and Car Show, and more. Takes place at the Naval Air Station, Boca Chica Rd. Info: 305-293-2027; keywestairshow.com.

March 30

Wrecker's Cup Race Series

Key West: This is the third 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 Party & Ceremony at Schooner Wharf Bar in Key West's Historic Seaport at the foot of Williams St. Info: 305-292-3302; schoonerwharf.com.

March 30

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. Tickets include a round of beer, wine, champagne, and a boxed lunch. Shoves off at 1 pm. Info: 305-292-7245; sail-keywest.com.



Conch Republic Independence Celebration Bed Races, Key West

April 5 - 6

33rd Annual Island Fest

Islamorada: This lively hometown festival showcases over 100 juried artists and crafters, as well as classic cars and several "take it to the mat" competitions, including a Smoked Fish Dip contest, Sand Sculpting contest, and even a homemade "What Floats Your Boat?" Race. There's also great live music and lots of yummy food. Takes place on Sa and Su from 10 am - 5 pm at Founders Park, 87000 Overseas Hwy (MM 87 Bayside). Info: 305-664-4503; islamoradachamber.com.

April 18 - 27

43rd Annual Conch Republic Independence Celebration

Key West: Commemorate the founding of our Conch Republic with a raucous celebration that includes a reenactment of the Great Sea Battle of the Conch Republic, Art & Craft Fair, Pirate's Ball, Red Ribbon Bed Races, a wacky "Drag Queen" Race, and much more. Info: 305-296-0213; conchrepublic.com.

April 18

Conch Republic Independence Celebration: Kick-Off Party

Key West: Enjoy great live music, a fun Conch Shell Blowing Contest and lots of tall tales. Kicks off at 7 pm at Schooner Wharf Bar in the Historic Seaport at 200 Williams St. Info: 305-292-3302; schoonerwharf.com.

April 19

Conch Republic Independence Celebration: Drag Races On Duval

Key West: Key West's hottest drag queens go heel to heel for a series of races and obstacle courses. Takes place from 2 - 6 pm at Bourbon Street Pub, 724 Duval St. Info: 305 747 0343; conchrepublic.com.

April 20

Conch Republic Independence Celebration: Art & Craft Street Festival

Key West: Shop for one-of-a-kind artworks from local artists that you'll treasure for a lifetime. Takes place from 10 am - 6 pm along Duval St. Info: 305 747 0343; conchrepublic.com.

April 25

Conch Republic Independence Celebration: World's Longest Parade & Post Parade Party

Key West: This world-famous, quirky, and colorful parade runs from the Atlantic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico. Takes place from 8 - 9 pm, followed by a raucous post-parade party at Schooner Wharf Bar in Key West's Historic Seaport at 200 Williams St. Info: 305-292-3302; schoonerwharf.com.

April 25

Conch Republic Independence Celebration: Great Battle Victory Party & Surrender Ceremony

Key West: Celebrate the Conch Republic's raucous sea battle victory over the US Coast Guard. Kicks off at 7 pm at Schooner Wharf Bar in Key West's Historic Seaport at 200 Williams St. Info: 305-292-3302; schoonerwharf.com.

April 25

Conch Republic Independence Celebration: Pirates' Ball & Costume Contest

Key West: Arghh - don your best pirate threads and get ready for the biggest pirate bash in the Keys. Prizes for best costume. The fun starts at 7pm at Schooner Wharf Bar in Key West's Historic Seaport at 200 Williams St. Info: 305-292-3302; schoonerwharf.com.

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Conch Republic Independence Celebration, Key West

NASCAR Returns to South Florida

Homestead-Miami Speedway is Where it's Happening



NASCAR race fans take note: Better mark your calendars for the weekend of Friday, March 21 through Sunday, March 23 because Spring Break in South Florida just got a whole lot faster!

In case you haven't heard, the NASCAR

CRAFTSMAN Truck Series and Xfinity Series has shifted its infamous action-packed March weekend to the Homestead-Miami Speedway.

Regaled by drivers as one of their favorite tracks on the schedule, this exciting triple-header gives racers an early-season

shot at speeding into a coveted spot in the Playoffs.

For fans, the new March race weekend is the ultimate summer experience in the heart of spring. Not only can you experience some of the best racing on the planet, but you can also get down with "Beach Bash," an on-site beach party with water activities, beach games, and great deejay-powered grooves.

Takes place at Homestead-Miami Speedway, 1 Speedway Blvd, Homestead. Info: 305-230-7223; homesteadmiamispeedway.com.

Does it sound like your kind of weekend? Then don't wait to grab your tickets!

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WHAT'S UP

April 26

Conch Republic Independence Celebration: Blue Ribbon Bed Race

Key West: Billed as "the most fun you can have in bed with your clothes on," the race pits multi-person teams against each other as they pilot their rolling beds down Duval. Kicks off at 1 pm from Upper Duval. Info: 305-296-0213; conchrepublic.com.

April 27

Wreckers Cup Race Series

Key West: Catch the last leg of the spirited 7-mile race to Sand Key, where bragging rights are the top prize. The race kicks off at 1 pm, followed by an Awards Party & Ceremony at 7 pm at Schooner Wharf Bar, 200 Williams St in Key West's Historic Seaport. Info: 305-292-3302; schoonerwharf.com.

April 27

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. Takes place from 1 - 4 pm. Tickets include a round of beer, wine, champagne, and boxed lunch. Info & tickets: 305-292-7245; sail-keywest.com.

SOUTH MIAMI-DADE

February 7 - 9

55th Annual Everglades Seafood Festival

Everglades City: Known as Florida's Stone Crab Capital, this small historic fishing village draws an estimated 50,000+ visitors for three fun-filled days of tantalizing seafood, live country music, carnival rides, and arts & crafts. Takes place on F, Feb 7, from 4:30 - 10pm; on Sa, Feb 8, from

10 am - 10 pm; and on Su, Feb 9, from 10 am - 6pm in the downtown area. Info: evergladesseafoodfestival.org.

February 13

Burgerliscious 13! Block Party

Coral Gables: Sink your teeth into some really amazing burgers, enjoy a lovely cold Sam Adams, and enjoy live music and entertainment at this tasty event. This annual "eat your heart out" event is a meaty gathering of the local community's tastiest and trendiest restaurants. Takes place from 5:30 - 8:30 pm at 201 Alhambra Circle. Info and tickets: 305-446-1657; burgerliscious.com.

March 8 - 30

5th Annual Flower Festival

Miami: This one-of-a-kind floral extravaganza in The Redland boasts a 4-acre sunflower maze bursting with vibrant blooms and a kaleidoscope of colors from sunflowers, zinnias, and marigolds in full bloom. Select weekends and times. Takes place at The Berry Farm, 13720 SW 216th St. Info: 305-560-0531; visittheberryfarm.com.

March 21 - 27

NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series & XFINITY Series

Homestead: This action-packed weekend has now moved to South Miami-Dade. Not only can you experience some of the best racing on the planet, you can also get down with "Beach Bash," an on-site beach party with water activities, beach games, and great deejay-powered grooves. Takes place at Homestead-Miami Speedway, 1 Speedway Blvd. Info: 305-230-7223; homesteadmiamispeedway.com.

April 26 - 27

5th Annual Watermelon Festival

Miami: Enjoy all kinds of watermelon-themed activities, including a watermelon-eating contest and a seed-spitting challenge. Cool down and

savor the sweetness of the season while enjoying live entertainment and other farm festivities. Takes place from 9 am - 7 pm at The Berry Farm, 13720 SW 216th St. Info: 305-560-0531; visittheberryfarm.com.

May 2 - 4

Formula 1 Crypto.com Miami Grand Prix™



Miami Gardens: The fourth edition of this world-wide circuit event is the sixth race of the 24-race season. Built around Hard Rock Stadium, the three-day action-packed weekend attracts the world's greatest F-1 drivers and teams and includes best-in-class racing, epic parties, celebrity musicians, original art and more. Tickets & info: f1miami.com.

OTHER FLORIDA HAPPENINGS

February 21 - April 5

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre: Crazy For You

Fort Myers: A young banker who dreams of being a star is sent to foreclose on a failing theater, but he falls for the theater owner's daughter and tries to win her heart. Confusion and hilarity ensue. Gershwin's hits include "I Got Rhythm," "Embraceable You," and many more! Info & tickets: BroadwayPalm.com.

March 14 - 23

Sarasota County Fair

Sarasota: This annual salute to agriculture features 4H livestock judging, sheep-shearing and cow-milking contests, horticulture displays, midway thrills, racing pigs, magic shows, a petting zoo, and more. Takes place on M - Th from 4 - 10 pm; F from 5 - 11 pm; Sa from Noon - 11 pm; and on Su from Noon - 10 pm at the Sarasota Fairgrounds, 3000 Ringling Blvd. Info: sarasotafair.com.

March 28 - March 29

84th Annual Daytona Beach Bike Week

Daytona: This 10-day high-octane party is considered the "World's Largest Motorcycle Event" and attracts over 500,000 motorcyclists and enthusiasts who make the annual pilgrimage. Celebrations occur all over town and include street festivals, concerts, motorcycle races at Daytona International Speedway, bike shows, rallies, manufacturer showcases, and much more. Info: 386-255-0415; officialbikeweek.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



Dolphin Research Center, Marathon

Open Daily 8 am - Sunset
America's First Underwater Park
Approximately 21 miles long and four miles wide, this national treasure is famous for its spectacular coral gardens, 600+ species of exotic fish, turtles and old sailing wrecks. Plenty of activities throughout the park so there's lots to do and see. There are also two beaches, campsites, picnic areas, a Visitors Center, Gift Shop, Dive Shop and Concession Stand.

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Key Largo, FL 33037
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Wrecker's Race Aboard Schooner America 2.0, Key West

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Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park – the only undersea park in the United States. Not only will you be able to get an up-close and personal view of the beautiful underwater world of the Key Largo National Marine Sanctuary, you'll also be able to peer into the depths of Key Largo's spectacular Molasses reef. Best of all, you can view it all from the comfortable air-conditioned cabin or outside on the spacious sun deck. With room for 140 passengers, you'll have plenty of elbow room.

LIGNUMVITAE KEY BOTANICAL PARK

Offshore island, MM 78.5, Gulfside Islamorada, FL 33036; 305-664-2540
Open Th – M 8am – 5:30 pm; Tours F – Su
The Real Florida Keys

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

MIDDLE & LOWER KEYS AREA

BOONDOCKS MINI GOLF

27205 Overseas Hwy
Ramrod Key, FL 33042
Daily 10 am – 10 pm
305 - 872-4094; boondocksus.com
The Keys' Premier Miniature Golf Course
Wandering through the Boondocks 18-hole mini golf course is like traversing through a lush garden...with a putter in your hand. This kid-friendly course is a perfect family adventure with a fun Caveman theme, two giant waterfalls, four fountains, and a full bar. Fore!

BAHIA HONDA STATE PARK

MM 37, Oceanside, Big Pine Key, FL 33043
305-872-2353, bahiahondapark.com
Open Daily 8 am – Sunset
One Of The Nation's Top Beaches
Often cited as one of the nation's "Top 10 Beaches," this glorious palm-studded beach, with its beautiful crystalline water, offers superb swimming and snorkeling close to shore. In addition to the beach, the Park's

524 acres of subtropical flora and fauna, nature trails, cabins, campsites, and boat ramps make it a nature lover's dream. Snorkeling and windsurfing rentals available. Admission free.

DOLPHIN RESEARCH CENTER

MM 59, Gulfside
Grassy Key/Marathon, FL 33050
305-289-1121; dolphins.org
Open Daily 9 am – 4:30 pm
One Of The Keys Oldest Dolphin Facilities
Founded in 1984 as a non-profit marine mammal education and research facility, the DRC is one of the oldest dolphin facilities in the Keys. There are several sensational opportunities here for up-close introductions with many exciting interactive programs available daily, as well as educational narrated sessions. Advance reservations are usually required for dolphin swims.

HISTORIC PIGEON KEY

Offshore Island, Marathon, FL 33050
305-743-5999; pigeonkey.net
Open Daily 10 am – 4 pm
Step Back In Time
This tiny coral island was the original work camp for workers who built

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Mask & Fins Not Required—

Underwater with the Key Largo Princess



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

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

the adjacent Key Largo Marine Sanctuary.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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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.

PORKY'S BAYSIDE MINI GOLF

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1410 Overseas Hwy
Marathon, FL 33050
305-731-7592; porkysbaysidebbq.com
Daily 10 am – 10 pm (weather permitting)
Eighteen Holes of Fun for the Whole Family
The Keys' newest and largest mini golf attraction is a full-size 18-hole course that challenges the best of the best. A fun tropical theme, lush landscaping, and an amazing local coral rock waterfall make it one of the Keys' "Must See" destinations. Top it all off with a variety of snacks, slushies, frozen daiquiris, or cold beers, and you've got yourself a great day – not at the beach! Special event packages and tournaments, too!

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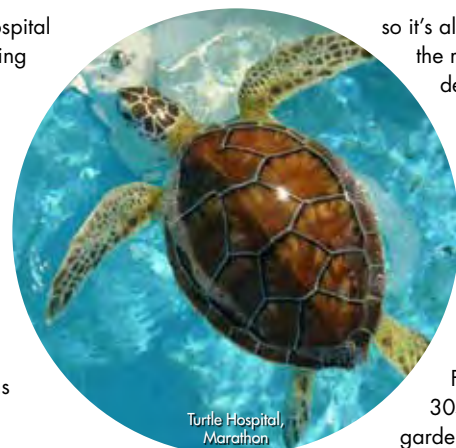
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Marathon, FL 33050
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turtlehospital.org
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The World's Only Certified Sea Turtle Hospital
The only state-certified veterinary hospital in the world for sea turtles. This unique non-profit organization is also the only facility that rehabilitates injured sea turtles (up to 70 per year) and releases them back into the wild. You can engage in educational discussions, get a behind-the-

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BAREFOOT BILLY'S

Island-Wide Locations
Key West, FL
305-735-2241;
barefootbillys.com
Open Daily 8 am – 8 pm
Home Of The Original Island Jet Ski Tour
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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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SOUTHERNMOST POINT MONUMENT

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Key West, FL 33040
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A True "Kodak Moment"
"The most photographed icon in the Keys" does, indeed, provide a true "Kodak Moment" for virtually everyone who visits here. The larger-than-life buoy commemorates the southernmost spot in the continental U.S. and stands next to a plaque memorializing the Cuban refugees who drowned in their attempts to reach America.

SOUTH MIAMI-DADE HOMESTEAD/FLORIDA CITY AREA

Biscayne National Park

9700 SW 328th St
Sir Lancelot Jones Way
Homestead, FL 33033
305-230-1144
nps.gov/bisc
Park Grounds: Daily 7 am – 5:30 pm
Visitors Center: Daily 9 am – 5 pm
A National Treasure
Regaled as the largest marine sanctuary in the National Park Service, ninety-five percent of the park's 173,000 acres are actually underwater. You'll see lots of abundant wildlife here, including more than 600

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Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden

How Fast Do You Want to Go?

Barefoot Billy's World-Class Watersports



At Barefoot Billy's, it's all about how fast you want to go. If zipping around Key West going 40mph is your idea of a day in the sun, then Billy's high-octane jet ski experience is your ticket to ride. Go it alone or

jump on Barefoot Billy's original two-hour, 28-mile guided jet ski tour, where you can zoom from the Atlantic to the Gulf, explore the Backcountry, and stop at lots of fun places along the way.

Too fast? Ok, then consider leisurely exploring the Backcountry and meeting the wildlife on a kayak or paddle board with Billy's Dolphin Watch & Snorkel Tour.

Looking for a perfect way to end your day? Billy's exclusive Sushi & Sunset Cruise aboard the 42' luxury Corinthian Powercat might be right up your alley. The catered cruise takes you on a relaxed route away from the rush of Key West's armada of sunset-bound

boats. You can enjoy elevated hors d'oeuvres, complimentary premium Prosecco, wine, beer, and soft drinks. In addition to all the cool water sports rentals and tours, Billy's crew can also hook you up with bicycles and scooters to get around the island. Barefoot Billy's is open daily from 8 am – 10 pm with three convenient Key West locations: the Casa Marina Resort at 714 Seminole St; the Reach Resort, 1435 Simonton St; and at Garrison Bight Marina, 719 Palm Ave.

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Call 305-900-3088 or hit up barefootbillys.com.

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species of native fish and sea life, neotropical water birds, and over 30 threatened or endangered animal species. Bordered by thriving mangrove forests, the park also encompasses several islands, as well as the Florida Reef — the world's third-largest coral reef system and the only living coral barrier reef in the US. If you like to dive or snorkel, the park's Maritime Heritage Trail provides a fascinating underwater exploration of the reef. Divers can also journey deeper to visit six deep ship wrecks spanning nearly a century. There are plenty of adventures for all ages, including both land and sea guided tours.

Everglades National Park

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Florida City, FL 33034
306-242-7700
nps.gov/ever
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The Largest Subtropical Wilderness in the US
There are just so many terrific ways to explore and experience this national treasure! The park's diverse wildlife and pristine coastal ecosystems are simply awe-inspiring and should not be missed when you're in the area. Stroll through a canopy of nature

on the Boardwalk; take a leisurely boat tour in Florida Bay to see manatees and tropical birds; hop on a flying Airboat and enjoy a gator wildlife show or access remote areas with a guided boat, kayak, and walking Eco Tour. It's one trip that you will never forget!

Fruit & Spice Park

24801 SW 187th Ave
Homestead, FL 33031
305-247-5727
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Open Daily 10 am – 5 pm
Finders Keepers!
Home to fabulous gardens, fun festivals, and tastefully exotic experiences, this 37-acre subtropical paradise is loaded with more than 500 varieties of exotic fruits, herbs, spices and nuts. Not only is the park absolutely gorgeous, it's also a place where you can eat whatever varieties of fruit you find! The rule here is simple: any piece of fruit on the ground is fair game to eat! Come during mango season and you can feast on an all-you-can-eat buffet of fallen mangoes. The \$15 admission fee nets you a halved mango with a plastic spoon for scooping. After that, it's finders-keepers. FYI: Bring your own small knife for easy slicing.



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Home of NASCAR Racing in South Florida
There's always something going on at this action-packed 600-acre attraction. With an accessible location just north of the Florida Keys, the track has both a 1.5-mile oval course with 18 – 20 degree variable banking in the turns, as well as a challenging

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Romance, Adventure & Stargazing!

Epic Sailing Events On Schooner America 2.0

If you've never sailed Key West's emerald green waters with the wind in your hair and a sea breeze kissing your cheek, you've never really experienced our island paradise. Now that Spring is upon us, there are even more reasons to get out on the water. And there's no better way to do it than aboard Key West's majestic Schooner America 2.0.

Docked in Key West's Historic Harbor, this regal, 105-foot replica of the 19th-century Schooner America (the first America's Cup winner!) is the Queen Mother of all sailing adventures.

From sunset sails, sightseeing cruises, nighttime excursions, and even special event sails, the luxury Schooner America 2.0 is renowned for the best sailing in Key West.

Climb aboard for a relaxing morning or afternoon *Classic Day Sail*, where you'll get an incredible harbor view of some of Key West's most famous landmarks before heading out for some glorious open-water sailing. If you're lucky, you might even see a wild dolphin show!

Schooner America's premiere *Champagne Sunset Sails* (nightly) is an awe-inspiring way to experience a spectacular Key West sunset. Make no mistake: sailing aboard Schooner America 2.0 is a totally different experience than sailing aboard one of Key West's party boats. It's an elevated cruise that delivers a primal "Ah-ha" sensation. It's about sailing. Real sailing.

Feeling starry-eyed? Then mark your calendar for Schooner America's special *Full Moon Sail* (February 12, March 13, and April 12) or the *"After-Hour" Stargazing Cruise* (February 21 and 22) with resident astronomer Kevin Gallagher. The celestial phenomena on both of these night cruises are a totally immersive experience that's absolutely enthralling!

On February 14, nothing says "I love you" like Schooner America 2.0's amorous and memorable *Valentine's Day Cruise*.



exhilarating, join the crew of Schooner America 2.0 for Key West's *Annual Wreckers Cup Race*. This raucous four-leg race is a wild 7-mile sail to nearby Sand Key but is anything but serious.

It's always a hoot; the race happens on the last Sunday of the month. The first leg took place in January, but there are three more legs coming up on the last Sunday of the month (February 23, March 30, and April 27). But here's the best part: you're welcome to join the crew of Schooner America 2.0 for all the fast action.

That's right. You can actually participate in the race and feel the thrill of "burying the rail" in a race that will give you goosebumps!

And get this: when the *Blue Angels Air Show* returns on Saturday, March 29, you can glean their breathtaking aerial maneuvers in high style — from the sleek teak decks of Schooner America 2.0. Your adventure includes three complimentary premium beverages and a delicious, gourmet lunch. It's a fantastic event that only occurs once every two years. Seats are limited, so reserve now!

The Schooner 2.0 sails in Key West from November through April, and her sister ship, the 80' Adirondack III, an 1890s-style pilot schooner, hoists her sails here year-round. Find them both at 202 William Street, on the docks fronting Schooner Wharf Bar. Info: 305-293-7245; sail-keywest.com.

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2025 Schedule
Last Sunday of the Month:
February 23
March 30
April 27

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2.21-mile road course. It also boasts a premier go-kart track with a kart shop, rentals, and races. In addition to thrilling NASCAR racing action, the Speedway hosts quite a few special events, including car shows, motorcycle races, concerts, and more throughout the year. You can also enjoy race car rides, fan drag races, and fishing in an 18-acre lake stocked with rare Peacock Bass. Tent and RV camping, too!

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A Mandatory Miami/Florida Keys Stop
This family-owned market has been a popular pitstop for over 60 years and is renowned for having "the best milkshakes in the universe." Not only is it a fun place to shop for rare and exotic fruits, fresh local produce, homemade hot sauces, jams, and other goodies, it's also home to a small Animal Farm right behind the store where you can mingle with goats, cows, pigs, and even some emus. There's also a huge aviary for bird lovers.

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coralgables.com
Seasonal Hours
Historic Coral Rock Swimming Pool

This is the only swimming pool in the nation to earn a coveted spot on the National Registry of Historic Places. And with good reason. Chiseled out of a limestone rock quarry in the 1920's, it is an amazing work of art that emulates a natural rock formation. The 820,000-gallon pool ranges in depth from 4' to over 8' and is embellished with lavish Mediterranean-style fountains, whimsical waterfalls and a grotto where natural water-filled caves stretch back into the hillside. It's truly one-of-a-kind!



Venetian Pool, Coral Gables

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12400 SW 152nd St
Miami, FL 33177
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One of the Largest Zoos in the US

With almost 750 acres and 4 miles of walkways, Zoo Miami is the only sub-tropical zoo in the continental US and is also home to more than 2,000 animals and 375 different species. The lush, tropical open-air exhibits replicate natural habitats, which are designed to give you an up close and personal experience with some really exotic wildlife. The zoo also houses more than 750 species of trees, palms, and other plants, and over 100 special exhibits showcasing a broad number of species and scientific topics.

Put On Your Big-Boy Boots!

Check Out the Everglades Alligator Farm

If you want to get up close and personal with a real, live Florida alligator, here's your ticket to ride. Located in Homestead, on the skirts of Everglades National Park, it is the oldest and largest alligator farm in South Florida. Home to more than 2,000 alligators and crocodiles, the historic Alligator Farm started out as a family-owned airboat attraction in 1979 before morphing into a commercial alligator farm in 1985. Today, the Everglades Alligator Farm is home to an extended family of alligators, a variety of crocodiles, caimans, and other exotic wildlife. Walk along the winding paths surrounding the breeding ponds, and you'll get a good, up-close look at some of these massive reptiles and be able to watch



them emerge for a meal during the two daily feedings. If "gator wrestling" is more your style, stop by the Alligator Show, where you can watch handlers sit on top of the alligators, prying open their jaws and demonstrating capturing techniques. There's also a Snake Show three times a day. If you're brave enough to pick one up, you may be surprised to discover that snakes aren't the least bit slimy but actually dry and soft.

Full admission into the park also includes a thrilling Airboat Ride (hold onto your hat and expect to get wet), which takes you for a high-speed skim over a "river of grass," spinning wildly at the turns. All in all, you'll have a great day. But remember, this is the wild Everglades, so dress appropriately and douse yourself with lots of bug spray. The Everglades Alligator Farm is open daily from 9 am – 5:30 pm at 40351 SW 192nd Ave, Homestead. Info: 305-247-2628; everglades.com.



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In Key West, eager shoppers have been combing the island for treasured goods since the mid-1800s. Back then, local wrecking captains auctioned off highly coveted goods salvaged from merchant ships grounded on nearby

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

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

FLORIDA KEYS & KEY WEST

AQUA D' KEYS

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Daily 10 am – 9 pm

The Scent of the Keys

Who knew that someone would figure out how to capture the true essence of the Keys and put it in a bottle? Enter Key Westers, 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 inspired by the Florida Keys. Their new fragrance boutique includes uniquely crafted home scents, unisex perfumes, and body care products that embody the fresh, adventurous, and romantic lifestyle of the Keys. 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!

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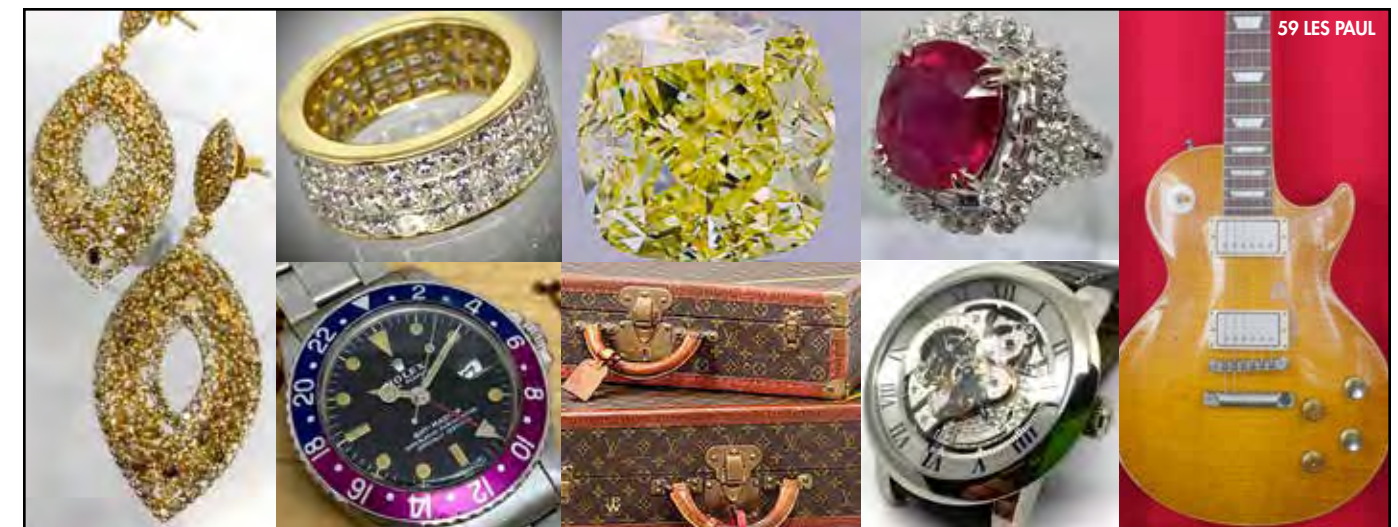
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The Original Key West Bracelet, a sleek one-of-a-kind bangle created by Jay and Carneza Pfahl of Key West's premiere Neptune Designs, pays tribute to our beautiful Southernmost City. Handmade from 14-karat yellow gold, the Original Key West Bracelet is a statement piece that features an eye-catching embellished hook clasp design. Don't

be surprised to see this popular signature piece adorning the wrists of many locals. Neptune Designs is regaled throughout our community as one of the top places to go for unique designs – especially when it comes to treasure coin jewelry. Jay, Carneza, and their son, Jason, are well known for meticulously crafting unique designs from authentic cut coins minted from 1622-1715 and from reproductions of Spanish new world gold.

Their family-run business also stocks a massive selection of



original charms, pendants, and chains. Still, it is truly famous for its rare cultured Tahitian Black Pearls. If you need a ring resized, a jewelry repair, or your dream piece fabricated, they can do that, too.

Neptune Designs is open Monday through Saturday from 10 am - 10 pm and, in true Key West fashion, sometimes on Sunday from noon - 6 pm. You can find them at 301 Duval Street. Info: 305-294-8131; neptunedesignskeywest.com.



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,

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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.

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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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A Man to Watch

Marcial de Gomar's Time Has Come

How will you be remembered? In the case of Marcial de Gomar, emerald mining expert, renowned gem consultant, acclaimed jewelry designer, and founder of Key

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Backdropped by beautiful streetscapes, this fashion-forward mall is home to a variety of boutiques, major department stores, and almost a dozen eateries. There's a movie theater and fitness center, as well. You can shop over 60 upscale brands here, including *Gucci*, *Nordstrom*, *Neiman Marcus*, *David Yurman*, *AnnTaylor*, *Jimmy Choo*, *Johnny Was*, *Lululemon*, *Madewell*, *Chico's*, *Banana Republic*, *Crate & Barrel*, *Pottery Barn* and lots of other favorites. Wear your sneakers!

Bayside Marketplace

401 Biscayne Blvd
Miami, FL 33132
305-557-3344
baysidemarketplace.com
M – Th 10 am – 10 pm;
F & Sa 10 am – 11 pm;
Su 11 am – 9 pm
Premier Shopping, Good Eats & Fun Tours
This sprawling marketplace isn't just about trendy fashion boutiques and specialty shops — it's also a culinary haven with dozens of acclaimed waterfront cafes, gourmet eateries, and cozy bistros. On top of it all there are several local cruise and land tours here so it's also a perfect place to launch your next adventure. Towering more than 200' above the Marketplace, is *Skyviews Miami*. This massive "Ferris wheel" is equipped with 42 climate-controlled gondolas and gives passengers an unparalleled birds-eye view of Biscayne Bay, Bayfront Park, and the iconic Downtown Miami skyline.



Good Eats

UPPER KEYS

ATLANTIC'S EDGE RESTAURANT

At Cheeca Lodge & Spa
81801 Overseas Hwy, (MM 82)
Islamorada, FL 33036
305-517-4447; cheeca.com
Breakfast 7am – 11am; Lunch 11:30am – 5pm; Dinner 5 – 10pm
A Taste of Land & Sea
Renowned for its tropically inspired cuisine and spectacular ocean views, the classically modern Atlantic's Edge offers freshly caught seafood, Prime hand-cut steaks, locally grown organic produce, and over 100 select hand-picked wines. Cited as one of "Florida's 500 Best Places to Dine" and honored with Wine Spectator's Award Of Excellence.

BUZZARDS ROOST

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

Terrific Waterfront Hideaway

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

ISLAMORADA PIZZA CO

Three Waters Resort & Marina
84001 Overseas Hwy
Islamorada, FL 33036
305-847-4992; islamoradapizzaco.com
Open Daily Noon – 11 pm
A Slice of Paradise
Islamorada's newest indoor/outdoor pizzeria fires up signature hand-tossed pies, snacks and salads. You'll find all of your favorites here, along with bold "Think Out of the Box" 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. Also unique: 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. Beer and wine, too. FYI: Locals receive 15% off of menu prices — available exclusive for Monroe County residents. *Order online and get it delivered!*

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Come for the Beachfront Dining — Stay for the Nightly Sunset Celebration!



Home of the Upper Key's most spectacular sunset celebration, Islamorada's world famous Lor-e-Lei dishes up some of the Keys' best local seafood and cuisine, as well as a big selection of delicious appetizers, hearty meals and signature cocktails.

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Just Look for the Mermaid!

On the Overseas Hwy at MM 82
96 Madeira Rd, Islamorada
305-664-2692; loreleicabanabar.com

Good Eats



Italian Food Company, Key Largo, Tavernier & Islamorada

ITALIAN FOOD COMPANY

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 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

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!

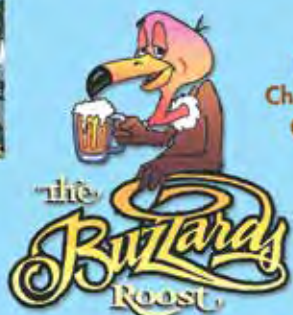
ITALIAN FOOD COMPANY

82779 Overseas Hwy
Islamorada, FL 33036
305-780-7127; italianfoodcompany.com
Su – Th 5 – 9 pm; F & Sa 5 – 10 pm;
Closed Tu
Authentic Award Winning Italian Dishes & 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 pizza shares the limelight with a larger, more

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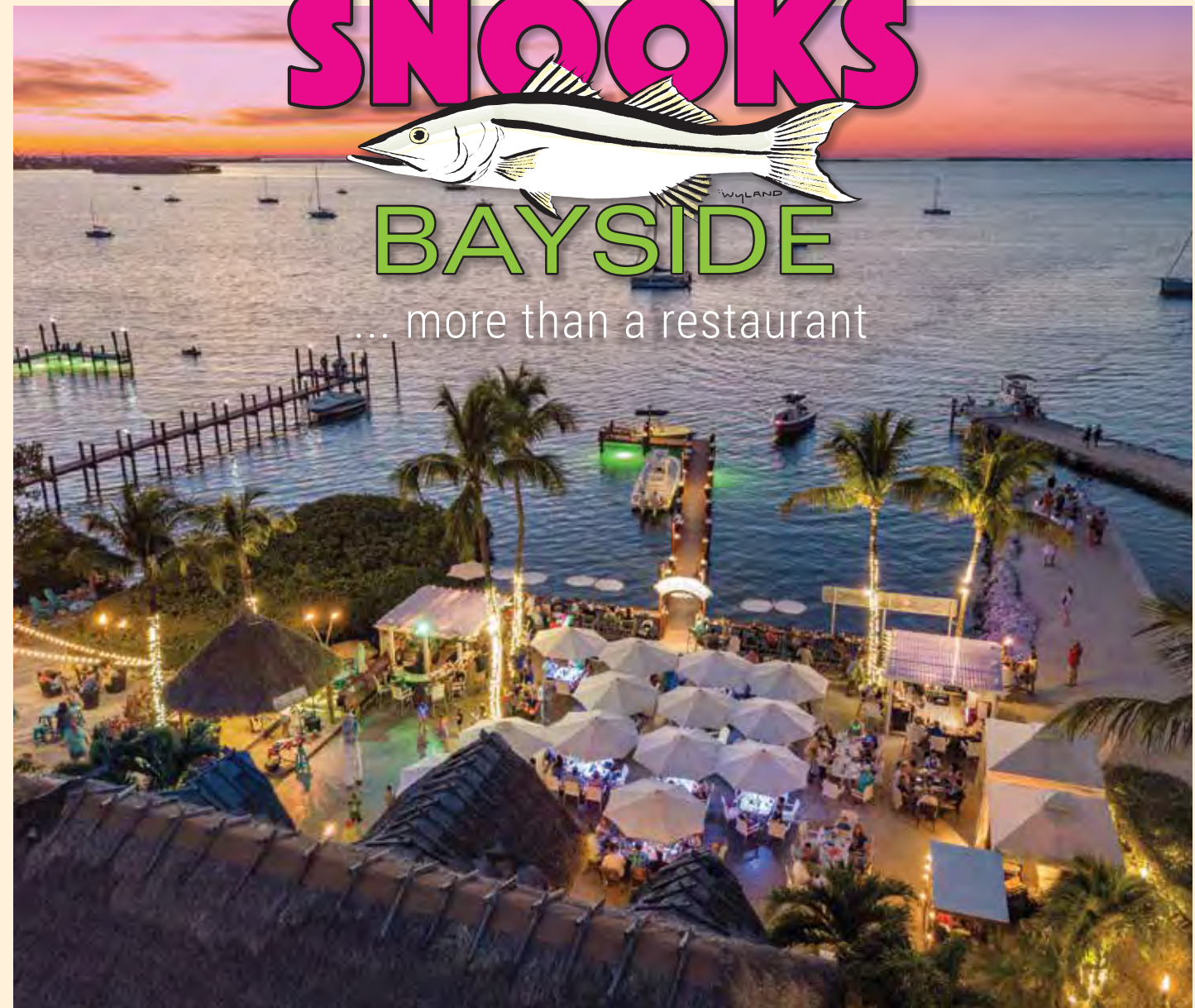
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elevated menu showcasing many meat and fish dishes. In addition to a bevy of risottos, pasta, salads, and of course, Mama Maria's famous hand-rolled meatballs, you'll find sensational items like Grilled Lamb Chops, a 36 oz Porterhouse Steak, freshly Grilled Mediterranean Octopus and lots of other inventive seafood preparations. Full bar. 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
W – Su 5 – 10 pm

Wood-Fired Regional Specialties

It's all about "WOW" moments at this new signature restaurant which recently opened at the 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 just for you!

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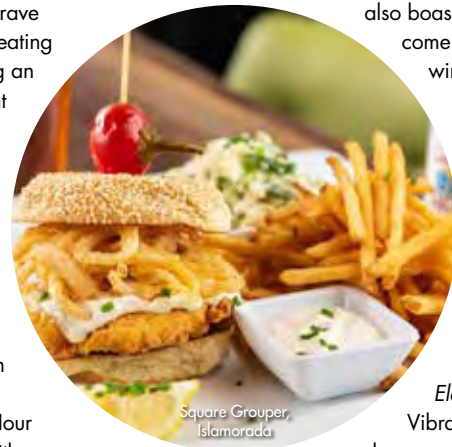
MM 79.9, Oceanside
Islamorada, FL 33036
305-664-5256
lazydaysislamorada.com
Open Daily

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.



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90451 Old Hwy
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Lido73.com

Open M, W & Th 11:30 am – 9 pm;

F 11:30 am – 10 pm; Sa 9 am – 10 pm;

Su 9 am – 9 pm

Waterfront "Lido Beach Style" Eatery

What was once a funky dockside Dive Center is now home to this new "Lido Beach Style" eatery. The casual restaurant is the latest food concept launched by the acclaimed Italian Food Company. Locally owned and operated by Tony and Isis Wright, this indoor/outdoor hot spot serves up really good cause fare and pays homage to its former dive shop digs. To fully immerse you in the restaurant's "scuba roots," the Wrights retained renowned photographer, Stephen Fink to install a series of sensational underwater murals. The stunning graphics create a perfect backdrop for immersing yourself in an extensive menu of fresh baked focaccia sandwiches, specialty flatbreads, Sicilian-inspired fish dishes and inventive meat preparations. The restaurant

also boasts ocean access so you can come by car or by boat. Beer and wine.

LITTLE LIMON

Three Waters Resort & Marina
84001 Overseas Hwy
Islamorada, FL 33036
305-433-9943;
islamoradaresortcollection.com

F – Tu 5 pm – 10 pm

Elevated Cocktail & Raw Bar

Vibrant Latin flavors, backdropped by sweeping 270-degree ocean vistas, are a big draw at Islamorada's new elevated cocktail and raw bar. Enjoy an array of raw bar favorites including fresh just-shucked oysters, island ceviche and crudo, or opt 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 Lore-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!

MERCADO MORADA

Three Waters Resort & Marina
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305-433-9949;
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Breakfast: M – Su 7 am – 11 am

Lunch: F – Su 11:30 – 5 pm

Dinner: M – Sa 5 – 10 pm

Festive Outdoor Street Market & Eatery

At "the epicenter" of Islamorada's new luxe Three Waters Resort & Marina, is this unique

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MIA CUCINA

At Cheeca Lodge & Spa
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305-517-4447;
cheeca.com
Daily 5 – 10 pm
Authentic Neapolitan Pizzeria
This authentic Neapolitan Pizzeria creates made-to-order artisanal pizzas, pastas, salads and other Italian specialties like Mama Mia's Segreta Bolognese; Chicken Primavera Fettuccini; and Insalata Di Mare; as well as many other reimagined Italian classics.

MORADA BAY BEACH CAFÉ & BAR

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



NIKAI SUSHI BAR & RESTAURANT

At Cheeca Lodge & Spa
81801 Overseas Hwy (MM 82)
Islamorada, Fl 33036
305-517-4447;
cheeca.com

Open Nightly 5 – 10 pm
The Keys Premier Spot for Sushi

Using locally and internationally sourced fish, spices and vegetables, Nikai's beautifully crafted Japanese-inspired dishes melds the art of sushi and Japanese cooking with the flavors of the Florida Keys. Must Haves: the Wahoo Tataki, Tuna Poke Bowl, and Scallop Shooters. Signature sushi rolls like the "Big Kahuna," made with tuna, avocado, lobster salad, pineapple ginger glaze and toasted macadamia are also outrageously good. Big selection of hot and cold Sakes, boutique wines and tropical cocktails, too.



Nikai Sushi Bar & Restaurant, Islamorada

PIERRE'S LOUNGE & RESTAURANT

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

SNOOK'S BAYSIDE RESTAURANT & GRAND TIKI

MM 99.9, Bayside
Key Largo, Fl 33037
305-453-5004; snooks.com
Open for Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
M – Th 8 am -9:30 pm; F -Su 8 am – 10 pm
Daily Sunset Celebration/Happy Hour/Live Music
One Of The Keys Top Picks
Hidden away at the end of a private lane, just off US 1, this exotic tropical oasis with

its flickering torches, beautiful orchids and SOBE-style lounges is oh-so-chic! A stunning bar, gorgeous, open-air dining area and lounging space offer unobstructed views of the

Bay, giving you a ringside seat to one of the best sunset celebrations in the Keys. As seen on South Florida's popular TV show, "Check Please," the fresh, island-inspired seafood dishes and Prime steaks won high fives from the show's panel of judges and are all made to order. Truly a great place to kick back with crafted tropical cocktail and grab yourself a piece of paradise. Breakfast, too!

SQUARE GROUPEL ISLAMORADA

80460 Overseas Hwy
(In the Islamorada Marina, MM 80 Bayside)
Islamorada, Fl 33061
786-901-5678; squaregrouperislamorada.com
W – Su 11 am – 2:30 pm; 5 – 10 pm;
Closed M & Tu
Heralded Keys Landmark Eatery Comes to Islamorada
Good news for Square Grouper fans at MM 22.5 on Cudjoe Key: the heralded Lower Keys landmark has opened a new waterfront location within the Islamorada Marina complex. The innovative and eclectic menu mirrors the original site with a comprehensive offering of fresh seafood, prime steaks, craft cocktails, and a fantastic wine list and full bar. Local favorites include the Ahi Tuna Egg Rolls, Flash Fried Conch, homemade Smoked Fish Dip, and lots of signature Land and Sea dishes. If you haven't had an opportunity to make it to the original Lower Keys location, now's your chance to see what everyone's been raving about!

SQUARE GROUPEL SUNSET LOUNGE

80460 Overseas Hwy
MM 80 Bayside
Islamorada, Fl 33061
786-901-5678; sunsetloungeislamorada.com
W – Su 4:20 pm – Close
My Kind of Joint
Renowned Florida Keys Chef, Lynn Bell, has added yet another great hang to Islamorada's stellar restaurant scene. Located above her popular Square Grouper Bar & Grill is her newest incarnation: The Sunset Lounge where

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"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.

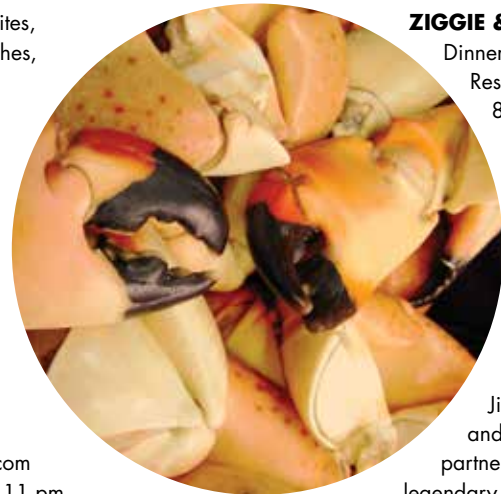
THE ORIGINAL TIKI BAR

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305-433-9949;
islamoradaresortcollection.com
Daily: 11 am – 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 and The Original Tiki Bar still reigns supreme as the place to go for epic sunsets, island vibes and great live music.

With lots of lite bites, burgers, sandwiches, tacos and more, the casual Keys inspired menu is better than ever.

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Overseas Hwy,
Islamorada,
FL 33036
305-664-0073;
amaracayresort.com
Su – W 11 am – 11 pm
Th – Sa 11 am – 12 am
Breezy Poolside Eats
Enjoy casual eats and tropical cocktails against a breathtaking backdrop of open ocean, blue skies and swaying palms. Fresh tacos, grilled jerk shrimp, burgers, coconut fried shrimp and fried chicken sliders make this tropical oceanside spot a fun place to chill. Live music on the weekends.



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Spaghetti Allo Scoglio

Classic Italian Seafood Pasta

The Italian Food Company

Made with mussels, clams, calamari, and shrimp, this signature dish from the Italian Food Company packs a savory punch with delightfully simple flavors. A true classic, "Spaghetti Allo Scoglio" has many variations throughout Italy but the primary star is always the fresh "Catch of the Day". Buon Appetito!

Ingredients

14 oz Cooked Spaghetti
9 oz Clams
9 oz Calamari
14 oz Mussels
12 oz Shrimp
3-4 Garlic Cloves, minced
One Dozen Cherry Tomatoes, halved
¾ Cup White Wine
2 Tbl Olive Oil
Red Pepper Flakes and Salt for seasoning

Prep Note:

Be sure to soak the clams in cold water and a teaspoon of salt for 2-3 hours to expel sand and other impurities. To clean the mussels, place them in a bowl and rinse them thoroughly with running water.

Preparation: Place mussels and clams in a pan and add enough water to create steam. Cover with lid. Over medium heat, let the clams and mussels open (about 7-10 minutes). The mussels and clams will have released their juices. Strain this juice and set it aside. Remove most of the clams and mussels



from their shells. Keep a few in their shells for garnish. Set it all aside. In a pan, heat the olive oil. Add the garlic, season with salt and chili flakes.

Sauté for a few seconds. Add the calamari rings and cherry tomatoes. Cook for 5 minutes Add the white wine and let the alcohol evaporate. Add the shrimp and cook through about 5 minutes.

Add your freshly cooked pasta along with a ladle of the saved clam and mussel juice.

Add mussels, clams and fresh cut parsley; mix pasta with tongs. Top with mussels and clams still in the shell and serve.

With locations in Key Largo, Tavernier and Islamorada, the family owned and operated Italian Food Company is renowned for using simple ingredients and traditional recipes for all of its scratch-made sauces, pizza and Italian specialities. You can find their signature Seafood Pasta, as well as many other terrific dishes at all of their locations: **KEY LARGO:** 98070 Overseas Hwy (305-440-2700); **TAVERNIER:** 92330 Overseas Hwy (505-707-01640); **ISLAMORADA:** 82779 Overseas Hwy (305-780-7127). FYI: Be sure to check out their newest restaurant, LIDO 73 at 90451 Old Hwy in Tavernier (786-982-0060). More info: italianfoodcompany.com.



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Square Grouper is Smokin' Hot!

The Keys' Favorite "Joint" Hits Key West!

There's just no stopping renowned chef/restaurateur, Lynn Bell. With multiple award-winning restaurants throughout the Keys, she has now expanded her heralded Square Grouper restaurant concept to the Southernmost City.

It's no surprise that her newest "Joint" is already a huge hit.

In addition to the stunning raw bar, you can expect to find familiar favorites like Ahi Tuna & Avocado Egg rolls, Coconut Shrimp, Almond-Crusted Grouper, Seafood Platters, Grilled Steaks, Jasmine Rice Bowls, and a host of handhelds.

So what's with the name? Derived from the 1980s drug-running era, "Square Grouper" refers to the bales of

marijuana that were frequently found floating off the coast of Florida. The name may be funny, but the food is seriously good. So good, in fact, that Lynn's hip eateries consistently make the Keys Top 10 restaurant list.

Whether you go to the original Square Grouper on Cudjoe Key, upstairs to "My New Joint 420 Lounge," or to Square Grouper Islamorada & Sunset Lounge at the Islamorada Marina, you can expect the food to be consistently fantastic.

Menus for each eatery are a bit different, but some of Lynn's signature dishes pop up at all locations.

You can find her newest Key West "Joint" at 920 Caroline St (305-292-1975), The Original Square Grouper, and



the upstairs, "My New Joint 420 Lounge" at 22658 Overseas Hwy on Cudjoe Key (305-745-8880); and Square Grouper Islamorada & the Sunset Lounge at 80460 Overseas Hwy (786-901-5678). Info: squaregrouperbarandgrill.com.

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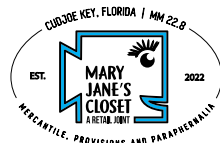
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Key West

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Dinner 5 - 10 pm
squaregrouperkeywest.com

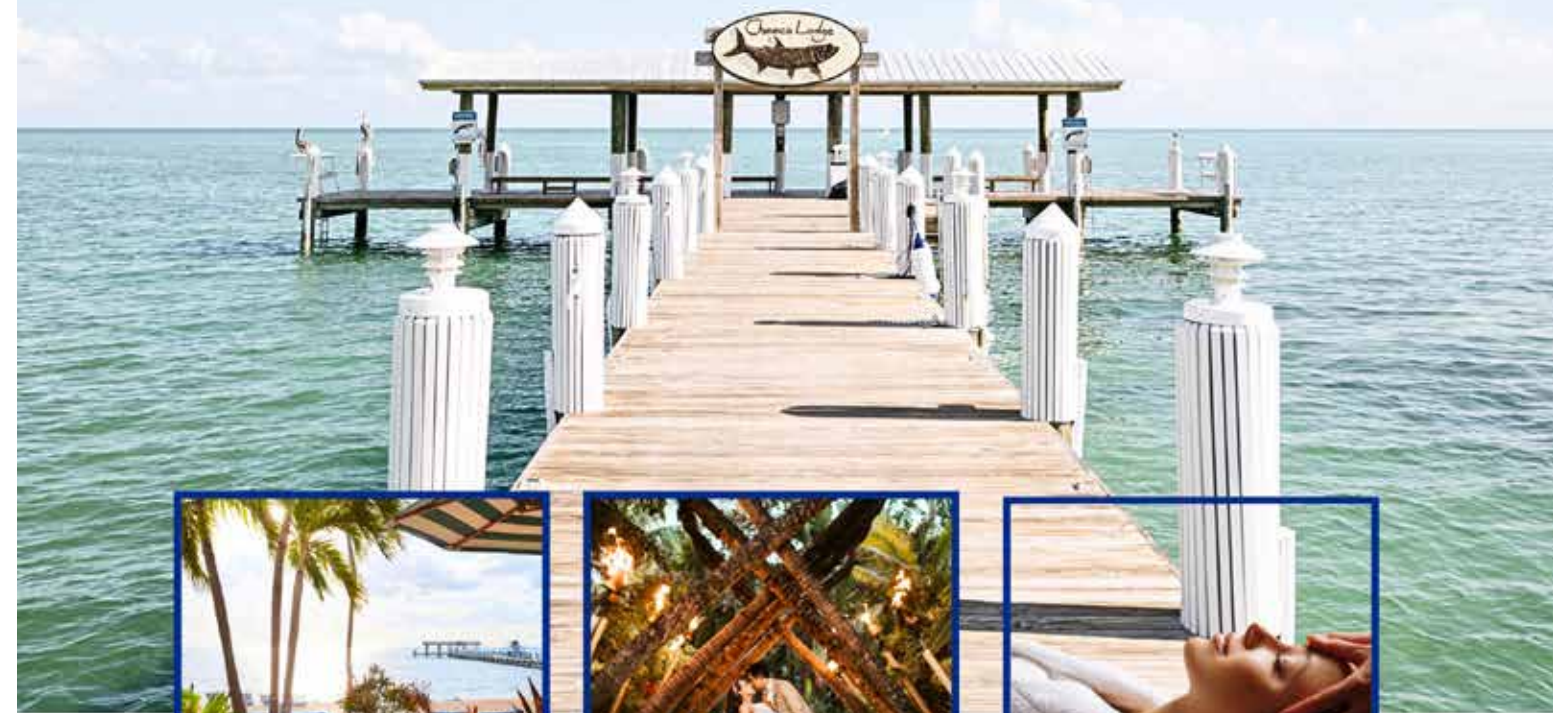


mynewjoint420lounge.com



ISLAMORADA MM 80: Square Grouper Islamorada W - Su Lunch 11 am - 2:30 pm | Dinner 5 - 10 pm squaregrouperislamorada.com;
upstairs Sunset Lounge W - Su 4:20 pm - Close; sunsetloungeislamorada.com CUDJOE MM 22.5: Square Grouper Bar & Grill Tu - Sa Lunch 11 am - 2:30 pm |
Dinner 5 pm - 10 pm squaregrouperbarandgrill.com; My New Joint 420 Lounge (upstairs) mynewjoint420lounge.com
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Dockside Dining — Reimagined
This under-the-radar Lower Keys gem is the place to go for elevated world-class dining on the waterfront. The scratch kitchen here raises the bar with a really imaginative take on seafood dishes, prime meats, and pasta (the Seafood Pasta is especially good!). You can also find some unusual appetizers like Buffalo Bleu Cheese Brussels Sprouts and Coconut Crusted Grouper Cheeks. Handhelds run the gamut from Hot Honey Chicken and the local Fish sandwich with House remoulade sauce to the over-the-top "Beast Burger." Just about everything on this intriguing, ever-evolving menu has an inventive "Bent" twist. Even the escargot appetizer comes with a "Bent" version, replacing classic snails with lobster medallions baked in garlic herb butter. Yeah, baby!

BOONDOCKS GRILLE & DRAFT HOUSE & MINIATURE GOLF

27205 Overseas Hwy
Ramrod Key, FL 33042
Daily 11 am – 10 pm
305-872-4094; boondocksfloridakeys.com
The Keys' Premiere Miniature Golf Course! Whether you're a Shot-Guy, a Martini-Girl, or a Beer-Man, this monster Tiki Hut is always a fun place to hook up with other party lovers. Consistently good food is also a draw. The restaurant has a vast

selection of sandwiches and dinner entrées, including fresh-catch baskets, artisan-crafted pizzas, crisp salads, two-fisted burgers, and more. Live music on the open-air patio seven days a week, lots of special events, and the Keys' tropical mini-golf course guarantee you'll never have a dull moment.

HAVANA JACK'S OCEANSIDE

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



ISLAND FISH CO

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

locally caught seafood. FYI: On Sunday, there's a special Mexican lunch menu.

KIKI'S SANDBAR BAR & GRILLE

183 Barry Ave (Gulfside)
Little Torch Key, FL 33042
305-780-7753;
Kikissandbar.com
Daily 11 am – 11 pm
Happy Hour M - F 4 – 6 pm
Toes in the Sand, Drink In Hand
Come by land or sea to this spectacular waterfront chilling station where tropical drinking and eating on the beach or upstairs in the new Bayfront dining room is not just for locals. The vibe here is always upbeat. The people are super friendly, and the live music sets the stage for Kokomo good times. An all-new menu features fresh seafood, great casual fare, and daily specials. Lots of lite bites, too, like their famous Ahi Tuna Nachos, Coconut Shrimp, Smoked Fish Dip, Conch Fritters, and other goodies. There's also a great selection of burgers & sandwiches, salads, tropical tacos, and fried baskets. A great place to kick back and enjoy a little piece of paradise in the Lower Keys. Live music daily and a pet-friendly doggie beach (leashes required).

MY NEW JOINT 420 LOUNGE

(Located above the Square Grouper Bar and Grill)
22658 Overseas Hwy
MM 22.5 Oceanside
Cudjoe Key, FL 33042
305-745-8880;
mynewjoint420lounge.com
Tu – Sa 4:20 pm – 11 pm
Happy Hour 4:20 pm – 6:30 pm
Because Two Joints are Better Than One!
Located above the Square Grouper, this swanky bar and lounge is a hip spot to kick back with your favorite libation. You can also indulge in an innovative tapas bar menu, Raw Bar with Fresh Shucked and Grilled Oysters, and some insanely delicious desserts! You'll also find one of the BEST specialty cocktail menus in The Keys and a unique tap system with 15 rotating draft beers and a whopping 170 canned and bottled beers. Fantastic wine list sure to please everybody. A great place to bring your buds!

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Best sunsets in the Florida Keys



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Get Your Tiki On

The Island Fish Co Rocks the Boat



If you're ready to get into the island groove, flip-flop on over to the Island Fish Company (MM 54 in Marathon) and park your beer can shorts at the longest tiki bar in the Florida Keys.

Heralded as Marathon's most happening party place, this open-air Tiki Bar & Restaurant sits on a spit of sand that pokes into the Gulf of Mexico and is the only restaurant in the Keys that you can reach by land, air (that is if you own a helicopter) or by sea.

This is THE place to get your "tiki" on with a litany of high-powered, crafted tropical cocktails that include Mai Tais, Hurricanes, flavored Daiquiris, or our own personal favorite, the "Painkiller" — Pussers rum,



Coco Lopez, orange juice, pineapple, and nutmeg, and, if this doesn't put you on island time, nothing will.

But it's not just the cocktails that keep this joint jumpin'!

The million-dollar view perfectly frames the nightly sunsets as fire and water become one and the same.

Oh, and the food here is pretty damn good, too. A huge menu with a fantastic Raw Bar selection includes East and West Coast cold water oysters shucked to

order, Clams or Gulf Oysters on the Half Shell, Florida Keys Stone Crab, and Peel-And-Eat Pink Shrimp. The Oysters Moscow (freshly shucked and dolloped with horseradish sour cream and red and black caviar) are also especially good.

Other standouts: the meaty Conch Fritters, Shrimp & Lobster Egg

Rolls, crispy New England Lobster Roll and the locally caught Mahi Mahi or Grouper Sandwich.

And get this: in addition to all of the fresh catch preparations and pasta peppering the menu, the Island Fish Co is also notorious for its exceptional Mexican specialties.

Especially on Mexican Sundays when you can get Burritos, Tacos, Fajitas, Nachos, and lots of other south-the-border favorites.

The Island Fish Co is open daily from 8 am – 10 pm for breakfast, lunch and dinner. It also has a rockin' daily Happy Hour from 3 – 5pm.

Find it at 12648 Overseas Highway (MM 54) Gulfside in Marathon.

FYI: If you're coming by boat, you can reach the Island from either the Gulf or the Atlantic. Just set your GPS for 24 43.988 N, 81 01.140 W. Info: 305-743-4191; islandfishco.com.



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305-289-2065; porkysbaysidebbq.com
Daily M - Su 8 am - 10 pm
Happy Hour 3 - 6 pm
Real Deal Southern BBQ, Boat Rentals & Miniature Golf

An old Keys island vibe, "real deal" house-cooked BBQ, fresh oysters & sushi, and local seafood are the hallmark of this funky open-air waterfront hangout that always draws a big local crowd. There are terrific nightly specials and homemade desserts, a great daily Happy Hour with the best mojitos in town, live entertainment, and the most challenging 18-hole miniature golf course in the Keys.

SQUARE GROUPER BAR & GRILL

M22658 Overseas Hwy
MM 22.5 Oceanside
Cudjoe Key, FL 33042
305-745-8880;
squaregrouperbarandgrill.com
W - Su for Lunch 11 am - 2:30 pm; Dinner 5 - 10 pm, Cocktail Lounge 4:20 - 11 pm
A Keys Top Pick

A well-executed, innovative menu makes this unassuming roadside spot one of the Keys' Top Picks. Three cozy dining rooms and a massive fish tank set the stage for beautiful dishes like the Ahi Tuna and Avocado Egg rolls, Flash-Fried Cracked Conch, Seafood Pasta with Key Lime Butter Sauce, and other heavenly delights. Don't miss their desserts and award-winning Key Lime Martini! Raw Bar, Tapas Bar Menu & Cocktail Lounge with live music is located upstairs and is open until 11 pm.

KEY WEST

BIG CHEEZES PUB AND GRUB

404 Southard St
Key West, FL 33040
305-741-7113;
bigcheezespubandgrubkw.com
M - Th 11 am - 10 pm; F 11 am - 11 pm; Su 9 am - 10 pm
Brunch: Sa & Su 9 am - 1 pm
Happy Hour: M - F 3 - 6 pm
Key West's Favorite Sports Bar & Pub Delivers With over thirty TVs, 24 Taps, fresh hand-tossed pizzas and award-winning wings, there's no better place to kick back and watch your favorite team battle it out. Located next to the famous Green Parrot Bar, this popular downtown sports pub is also where you can satisfy your comfort food hankering. Genuine Coney Dogs, Smash Burgers, and House BBQ, headline a big menu that checks off all the boxes. You can also feast on almost a dozen different hand-tossed signature pizzas. They even deliver!

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Real Southern BBQ & Golf, Too!

Porky's Bayside, Marathon

If you're looking for an authentic Keys experience, head on over to Porky's Bayside in Marathon. Originally known as Bill Thompson's Villa and Marina, it was the place to be in the 1950s and hosted all sorts of famous visitors, including Ernest Hemingway, Jimmy Hoffa, and Elizabeth Taylor.

Today, the legend continues. Overlooking Capt Pip's Marina & Hideaway, this funky, open-air local hang is renowned for its rough-hewn waterfront setting, top live entertainment, and famous house-smoked BBQ. Topping the list is BBQ Pork and Beef, North Carolina Hot Pepper Pulled Pork, or Citrus Marinade Cuban Pork, all served as lumberjack-

size sandwiches or in big baskets with your choice of sides. The juicy Quarter Smokehouse Chicken and Quarter Rack of fall-off-the-bone spareribs are also excellent.

If fresh local seafood is more your gig, the Lobster Bisque, Asian Seared Sashimi Tuna, and Florida Bay Jumbo Shrimp are also excellent. Believe it or not, they also have terrific fresh sushi.

Whatever you choose, make sure to save room for Porky's original Fried Key LimePie — it's an original, totally out-of-body experience!

Oh, and get this: they also have a



tropical-themed new 18-hole miniature golf course — the only one like it in the Middle or Upper Keys!

Porky's Bayside is open daily, 8 am - 10 pm for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Find it at MM 47.5, Gulfside, Marathon. Info: 305-289-2065; porkysbaysideBBQ.com.



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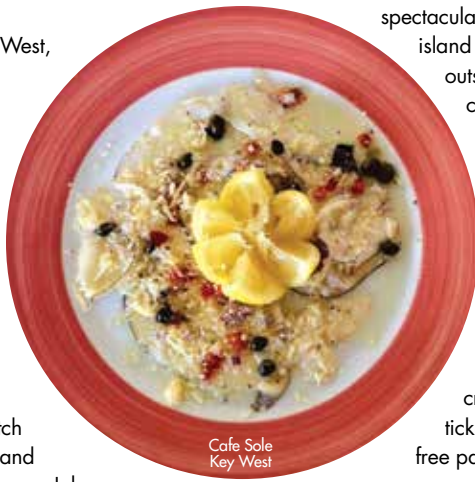
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305-294-2469;
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that are intoxicatingly good. Lots of grilled specialties, too, along with beef, seafood, chicken and vegetarian dishes. Excellent gluten/egg-free pasta options including "Zucchini Zoodle Noodles." Seductive wine list features vintages dating back to the 1950's.

RED SHOE ISLAND BISTRO

411 Petronia Street
Key West FL 33040
305-509-7271
redshoeislandbistro.com
M – Sa 6 – 9pm
A Delectable Find in Old Town
This small unpretentious restaurant in the heart of Old Town Key West is a favorite destination for locals. Renowned for its fresh local seafood, unique salads, beef stroganoff, and award-winning key lime pie, it's just steps off the beaten path but far from the maddening crowds. The compact menu includes stellar items like Shrimp Mango Toast, Lobster Roll Profiteroles, and the signature Yellowtail Snapper with lemon and parsley sauce, risotto topped with parmesan, and sautéed asparagus. Absolutely scrumptious!

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

SQUARE GROUPE BAR & GRILL

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A Keys' Favorite Comes to Key West
Renowned Chef/Restaurateur Lynn Bell has expanded her heralded Square Grouper restaurant concept to the Southernmost City. Eagerly awaited by her legions of fans, her newest digs are garnering rave reviews. In addition to the stunning raw bar, you can expect to find signature dishes like Ahi Tuna & Avocado Egg rolls, Coconut Shrimp, Almond-Crusted Grouper, Seafood Platters, Grilled Steaks, Jasmine Rice Bowls, and a host of handhelds and vegetarian options. Ring the bell for this new Key West favorite!

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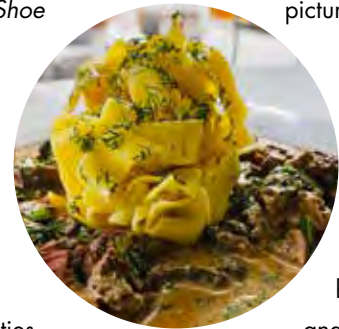
This One Is a Winner!

Key West's Red Shoe Island Bistro

If you've done your research, you already know that there are a ton of eateries in Key West. And because every vacation day is precious, the last thing you want to do is to pick the wrong one.

So make a note: "Red Shoe Island Bistro."

Located just steps away from the madness of Duval, this cozy, offbeat hideaway is heralded for its terrific seafood-centric menu and exceptional house specialties (the Certified Black Angus Beef Stroganoff is simply extraordinary!). The preparations here are both



inventive and inviting: Lobster Roll Profiteroles with classic lobster roll filling served inside house-made profiteroles; Deviled Eggs with scallops and lobster sauce; Shrimp Mango Toast with garlic, scallion, and caper aioli — you get the picture!

Other notables include the Seafood Medley: scallops, Prince Edward Island mussels and Key West Pink shrimp over fresh fettuccine topped with house-made tomato, shallot, and Boursin sauce.

Bursting with six Key West Pink Shrimp surrounded by House grits, the Bistro's signature Stuffed Poblano



Pepper also amazes. Filled with cheddar cheese, dried capers, spinach, and a fabulous Boursin cheese sauce, it's a dish where everything comes together in perfect harmony.

Bottom line: **don't miss this one!** The Red Shoe Island Bistro at 411 Petronia St. Info: 305-509-7271; redshoeislandbistro.com.

Key West's Favorite Place to Get Happy

Tavern N' Town Restaurant, Bar & Tapas

There are Happy Hours, and then there are really "Happening" Happy Hours.

For anyone who enjoys fine wine, spirited cocktails, and great food, the Happy Hour at Key West's acclaimed Tavern N' Town is all that

Locals flock here nightly from 5 – 7 pm for the generous 2-4-1 cocktails and the revolving lineup of top-notch entertainment, which regularly features island chanteuse, Carmen Rodriguez.

But what really rocks the boat is the Happy Hour Tapas. These globally inspired gourmet appetizers are all artfully prepared and

include lite bites like Fresh Calamari, Blistered Shishito Peppers, Bang Bang Shrimp Tacos, and a Giant

Australian Wagyu Ground Meatball. The line-up is constantly changing and you can easily make a meal out of several small plates.

At just \$10 per plate, it's an absolute steal!

Dinner here is just as wonderful.

Stewarded by Executive Chef James Jernigan, the restaurant is a regular recipient of Key West's Master Chef Competition. Jernigan's curated menu showcases several Tavern N' Town originals, including House Prime Rib, Ora King Salmon, Key West Pink



Shrimp & Pasta, and the Za'atar Lamb Chops. There's also a good selection of signature wood-fired pizzas.

Dinner is served nightly from 5 – 10 pm, and the bar is open until 11 pm. You can find Tavern N' Town at Key West's Beachside Resort & Residences, 3811 North Roosevelt Blvd, Key West. Info: 305-296-8100; tavernntown.com.

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Thumbs Up for Big Cheezees Pub & Grub



Key West is renowned for its plethora of fine-dining restaurants and cutting-edge cuisine.

Still, sometimes nothing hits the mark, like delicious, frill-free comfort food.

And no one masters the art of comfort food better than Big Cheezees Pub & Grub.

As Key West's favorite sports bar and pub, Big Cheezees is the "go-to" spot for signature hand-tossed pizzas. They have almost a dozen creative combinations on the menu,

from the "Little Italy" — pepperoni, sausage, green peppers, onion, banana peppers, black olives, and cheese; and the "Big Daddy" — extra cheese, ground beef, pepperoni, onion, green peppers and banana peppers; to the garlic butter-crusted "Parmesan" with chicken, tomato, extra cheese, and sprinkled parmesan. Any pie can be tailored to your liking, or you



can go ahead and create your own masterpiece.

But Big Cheezees isn't just about the pizza. With over thirty TVs and 24 Taps, there's no better place to kick back with cold brewskis and watch your favorite sports team battle it out.

The action always tastes better with an order of Mac & Cheese Bites, Smoked Chicken Wings, or Pub French Fries with beer cheese and bacon. Or how about a genuine Coney Dog loaded up with onions and mustard?

Are you not a sports fan, but do you just have a comfort craving? You may want to go big with the ultimate Smash Burger — two 1/4 pound patties topped with bacon and a side of fries, a juicy rack of BBQ ribs, or one of their gobbling good handhelds.

Lighter fare includes favorites like Peel & Eat Shrimp and several meal-size salads. There's also an excellent Weekend Brunch on Saturday and Sunday from 9 am – 1 pm, as well as a weekday Happy Hour every Monday – Friday from 3 – 6 pm. Eat in or take out. Best of all — they deliver!

You can find Big Cheezees Pub & Grub at 404 Southard St, right next to the Green Parrot Bar. More info at 305-741-7113; bigcheezeespubandgrubkw.com.



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Culinary Cruising

Coral Gables' Top Tables



The Collab at the Thesis Hotel, Coral Gables

While Miami's South Beach and the Florida Keys may be home to some notoriously excellent restaurants, there are also dozens and dozens of other fabulous food finds making waves in between.

Just south of Miami, the tony neighborhoods stretching through Coral Gables have become a hotbed of culinary creativity. Some of the world's top chefs are laying down roots in the "Beautiful City" in areas that include the famed "Miracle Mile," the reinvented Geralda Plaza, and many other "Downtown Streetscapes."

There are currently eight James Beard or Michelin-Awarded Chefs who are creating inventive, global-infused cuisines that span the borders of Italy, Spain, and Asia to Latin America, the Caribbean, and beyond.

Michelin award-winner Chef Donatella Arpaia has transformed the

former Redfish Grill into **Noma Beach at Redfish**. As Coral Gables' only waterfront restaurant, her latest digs are unrivaled for Italian-infused, seafood-centric dishes that are even more stunning than the views.

At the **Thesis Hotel**, Celebrity Chef Nicolas "Nico" Mazier is the headliner at both of the hotel's highly acclaimed restaurants. With a lineup of full-fusion dishes, his vibrant global cuisine at **Mamey Miami** is one of the reasons his star continues to rise. It's also

where you can immerse yourself in an unexpected tsunami of flavors that shine in both his shareable and main plates.

Often referred to as a "Culinary Maestro," Mazier's innovative approach to gastronomy continues to go full throttle at **The Collab**. Also located at the **Thesis Hotel**, Mazier's cutting-edge Mediterranean and Asian venue heralds his innovative approach to gastronomy. With an eclectic mix of light fare and shareable plates, all created with seasonal ingredients, his menu is both traditional and contemporary.

At **Luca Osteria** on Giralda Plaza, you can revel in creative Italian classics and indulgent, house-made pasta that is absolutely out of this

world. Celebrity Chef/Owner **Giorgio Rapicavoli**, also renowned for Coral Gables' wildly popular "Eating House," is at the top of his game here.

Chef/Owner Khoa Duong is the ninja of everything sushi at his fun **Mai Sushi Tapas & Bar** on Miracle Mile. Pull up a kimono-draped seat at the bar and watch the magic unfold as Duong whips up his signature rolls and imaginative sushi and sashimi specials.

Michelin-starred chef Michael White's new coastal Mediterranean restaurant, **MIKA**, at The Plaza, is also buzz-worthy. A James Beard Award winner and the brainchild of Central Park's celebrated Marea restaurant, White's newest venue is terrific with show-stopping starters, adventurous pasta creations, and masterful main plates.

At **Shingo**, a classic Omakase den on Alhambra Circle, Michelin-starred Chef Shingo Akikuni masters the art of "Omakase-style" dining. This elaborate and ritualized experience includes a unique selection of chef-chosen dishes designed around seasonal ingredients. The sleek 14-seat Hinoki wood counter provides a ringside seat to all the action. It's where you'll see Chef

Akikuni, a fourth-generation sushi chef from Osaka, create his signature handcrafted sushi platters, seasonal sashimi, traditional Japanese nigiri, and Yakimono dishes. Put this one on your Bucket List. For more Top Tables in Coral Gables and South Miami-Dade, keep reading for a list of our favorite hot spots.



Noma Beach at Redfish, Coral Gables

Good Eats

SOUTH MIAMI-DADE FLORIDA CITY/HOMESTEAD AREA

Chefs on the Run Gastro Pub

10 E Mowery Dr
Homestead, FL 33030
305-245-0085
chefsontheruninhomestead.com
Open Tu – Th 11 am-8 pm
F, Sa 11 am-9 pm
Innovative Caribbean-American Gastro Pub
Located in the heart of "Old Homestead," this small, no-frills, family-owned restaurant is big on bold flavors, prepared in unexpected ways. Chef/Owner Jodrick Ujaque likes to think out of the box, and his creativity knows no bounds. His Puerto Rican roots shine through his unusual Caribbean creations. Some may sound a bit off-beat, but somehow the flavors magically work in perfect harmony. There are also terrific Asian-inspired plates on the menu, as well as an amazing Burger Collection.



City Hall Bistro & Martini Bar

Hotel Redland
5 S Flagler Ave
Homestead, FL 33030
305-246-1904
cityhallbistrohomestead.com
Open Tu 4 – 10 pm; W & Th Noon – 10 pm;
F & Sa Noon 11 pm; Su 11 am – 4 pm
A Great Find & Fabulous Southern Hospitality
Located in the Historic Hotel Redland and just 800' from the center of Homestead, this lively bistro is both sophisticated and casual. You'll find everything from Spicy Tuna Tartare, Blackened Salmon, Chimichurri Lamb Chops, and a grilled Porterhouse, to perennial favorites like Loaded Nachos, Bang Bang Shrimp, and a variety of tasty sandwiches.

Taqueria Morelia

961 W Palm Dr
Florida City, FL 3304
305-247-7552
taqueriasmorelia-flc.com
Open Daily, 9 am – 10 pm
Real Deal Mexican
Yes, it may be tucked away next to a gas station, but don't let that stop you. Fresh, fresh ingredients and authentic recipes are the trademarks of this popular Mexican eatery. Tacos are the main attraction here, and the Salsa Station is a fun way to turn up the heat. The Tostadas, Enchiladas, and really

humongous Burritos are all over the top. Also located at 1871 NE 8th St in Homestead.

White Lion Cafe

146 NW 7th St
Homestead, FL 33030
305-248-1076
whitelioncafe.com
Lunch: Tu – Sa 11 am – 3 pm;
Dinner: F 5 pm – 'Till The Fat Lady Sings
For the Love Of Cooking
What started out as a family-owned antique shop is now one of the most unique and charming neighborhood cafes in South Florida. Hearty lunch offerings (or Friday night-only dinners) look and taste like they came straight out of Aunt

B's kitchen. The menu showcases throwbacks like down home Fried Chicken, Old Fashioned Meat Loaf, and Romanian Tenderloin topped with mushrooms. Other than the massive burgers, the only sandwich you'll find here is the "PJ & Don." Cited as the world's largest peanut butter and jelly sandwich (for two), it comes with a complimentary bottle of Dom Perignon!

CORAL GABLES AREA

Bayside Marketplace

491 Biscayne Blvd
Miami, FL 33132
305-557-3344
Baysidemarketplace.com
M – Th 10 am – 10 pm;
F & Sa 10 am – 11 pm; Su 11 am – 9 pm
Big Name Restaurants & Premier Shopping
This sprawling marketplace isn't just about trendy shops — it's also a culinary haven with dozens of acclaimed waterfront cafes, gourmet eateries, and cozy bistros. You'll find lots of big names here, including the **Bubba Gump Shrimp Company**, **Hard Rock Cafe**, **Jimmy Buffet's Margaritaville**, **Landshark Bar & Grill**. Also, not to be missed: **La Industria Bakery & Cafe** — a vibrant culinary spot founded by music icon Nicky Jam; **Kuba Cabana** — a sleek dining and entertainment venue; and **Pier 5** — a multi-dining emporium with a curated collection of casual eats.

Café Pannise

7310 SW 57th Ave
South Miami, FL 33143
305-665-3322
Lunch: M – Sa 11:30 am – 2:30 pm
Dinner: Tu – Sa 6 – 9:30 pm
Quintessential French Bistro
Just say, "C'est la Vie" to the tight quarters and tiny kitchen. When that freshly made, brown-bagged baguette arrives at your cozy bistro table, you'll be hooked. The extensive menu includes classic French dishes like Homemade Duck & Black Peppercorn Pate with fig tapenade, Escargot sizzling in garlic butter, Roasted Lamb Shank in a fresh thyme sauce, and the luscious Bouillabaisse. There's also a large chalkboard of rotating specials.

Caffe Abbracci

318 Aragon Ave
Coral Gables, FL 33134
305-441-0700
cafeabbracci.com
Lunch: M – F 11:30 am
Dinner: Su – Th 6 – 10:30 pm; F & Sa 6 – 11 pm
Swoon-Worthy Northern Italian
Although this may be an iconic hot spot for Miami's movers and shakers, you don't have to be an insider to feel right at home. A well-executed menu showcases master-class preparations of quintessential Northern Italian dishes. Upscale homemade pasta and risotto include classic Fettuccine Bolognese, traditional Veal-Stuffed Cannelloni; and Risotto with Porcini mushrooms. Also "to-die-for": Veal Scaloppini with Porcini mushrooms, brandy and a hint of cream. Bravo!

The Collab

Thesis Hotel
1350 S Dixie Hwy
Coral Gables 33146
305-667-6766
thecollabmiami.com
T – Th 5:30 – 10 pm;
F & Sa 5:30 – 11 pm;
Cutting Edge Global Cuisine
Often referred to as a "Culinary Maestro,"

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El Carajo International Tapas & Wine

2465 SW 17th Ave
Coral Gables, FL 33145
305-856-2424
el-carajo.com
Restaurant: Su — Th Noon — 10 pm;
F-Sa Noon — 11 pm
Brunch: Sa & Su 11 am — 2 pm
Fabulous Tapas, Great Wines & Old World Charm
Secreted away in the back of a Mobile Gas Station is this cozy Spanish tapas and wine bar. With an extensive roster of light bites and main dishes, as well as a boast-worthy wine list

with over 2,000 bottles, El Carajo truly is the epitome of an authentic "hidden gem." The food here isn't just affordable: it's absolutely fabulous! Main Plates feature items like tender grass-fed New Zealand Lamb Chops and Seafood Paella. But the Mother of it all is the Tabla de Carne — a mixed meat plank with Angus churrasco, petit fillet skewers, Butifara sausage, Morcilla sausage, chicken breast, and pork ribeye.

Fiola Ristorante & Bar

1500 San Ignacio Ave
Coral Gables, FL 33146
305-912-2639
fiolamiami.com

Lunch: Tu — F Noon — 3 pm
Brunch: Su 11:30 am — 3 pm
Dinner: M 5:30 pm — 8:30 pm; Tu — Th 5:30 — 9 pm; F & Sa 5:30 — 10 pm; Su: 5:30 — 8:00 pm;
Fine Traditional Italian Fare
White tablecloth dining and artfully prepared, unpretentious Italian specialties, have made

Fiola a mainstay in Coral Gables' highly competitive restaurant scene. A spinoff of Chef Fabio Trabocchi's acclaimed Michelin-starred eatery in Washington DC, this is where locals and insiders go when they're looking for authentic Italian dishes that may include several Truffle preparations, Wagyu Beef Meatballs, Lobster Ravioli, Canary Island Bronzino, and a 48 oz Double Bone Milk Fed Veal Chop. There are also lots of pasta options, too, as well as a sensational Raw Bar.



Chef Nicolas "Nico" Mazier is heralded for his innovative approach to gastronomy, as well as his cutting-edge Mediterranean and Asian creations. With an eclectic mix of light fare and shareable plates, all created with seasonal ingredients, his menu is both traditional and contemporary. You'll find a diverse selection of delectables, including dishes like the Faroe Islands Salmon Tartare, Australian Lamb Chops, Airline Chicken, Soppresata Pizza, and Crispy Duck Potatoes. BTW: Save room for the Sticky Toffee Pudding.

Eating House Miami

Giralda Plaza
28 Giralda Ave
Coral Gables, FL 33134
786-580-3745

eatinghousemiami.com
Dinner: Tu — Th & Su 5:30 — 10 pm;
F & Sa 5:30 — 11 pm;
Brunch: Sa & Su 11 am — 4 pm

Take A Walk on the Wild Side
Miami native and a winner of the Food Network's hit show "Chopped," Giorgio Rapicavoli infuses his Argentine and Italian heritage at what was originally one of Miami's first "Pop-Up" restaurants. Rapicavoli's insanely wonderful menu includes soon-to-be cult classics like American Caviar — salt and vinegar Tater Tots with French onion creme fraiche; Pasta "Carbonara" — al dente pasta tossed with warm egg yolk, breadcrumbs, bacon, Parmigiana, and black truffle; and "Ken-Turkish" Fried Chicken with Green Goddess, shawarma spice, and green herb salad. Really wild!

Fontana

Miami Biltmore Hotel
1200 Anastasia Ave
Coral Gables, FL 33134
305-913-3189 Ext 2407
biltmorehotel.com/coral-gables-dining/fontana/
Breakfast: M — Sa 7 am — 11 am;
Brunch: Su 10 am — 3 pm;
Lunch: M — Sa 11:30 am — 3 pm;
Dinner Nightly 6 pm — 10 pm
Elegant Italian-Inspired Cuisine
A stunning rustic stone and tile interior, anchored by a dramatic theater kitchen and wood-burning oven, sets the stage for memorable meals at one of Miami's most famous hotels. Dining fountain-side in the beautiful outdoor courtyard is incredibly romantic and also a great spot for an intimate rendezvous. The Italian-centric menu shines with traditional favorites like Chicken Parmigiana, Shrimp Scampi, Classic Beef Milanese, and Lobster Ravioli. FYI: Fontana's Sunday Champagne Brunch Buffet is totally over-the-top!

Luca Osteria

Giralda Plaza
116 Giralda Ave
Coral Gables, FL 33134
305-381-5097
lucamiami.com

Kitchen: Tu — Th & Su 5:30 — 10 pm;
F & Sa 5:30 — 11 pm
Creative Italian Classics
Know this: The pasta here is absolutely out of this world! Celebrity Chef/Owner Giorgio Rapicavoli, also renowned for Coral Gables' wildly popular "Eating House," now brings the best of Italy to the "Beautiful City." His thoughtfully sourced seasonal menu features a variety of indulgent house-made pasta, along with an intriguing selection of inventive main plates. "Must Order" pasta; the Bucatini All' Amatriciana with prosciutto di Parma, semi-dried tomatoes, and house-made chili oil; and the Short Rib Bolognese — pappardelle enshrined in mortadella butter, nutmeg short rib ragù and aged parmigiana-reggiano. The seafood and meat preparations are just as superb.

Mai Sushi Tapas & Bar

98 Miracle Mile
Coral Gables 33146
206-696-0674
maisushitapas.com
M-Th 11:30 am — 3 pm; 5 pm — 9:30 pm
F 11:30 am — 3 pm; 5 pm — 11 pm
Sa 5 — 11 pm; Su 5 — 10 pm
Elevated Japanese Tapas
Chef/Owner Khoa Duong is the master of everything sushi. Pull up a kimono-draped seat at the bar and watch the magic unfold

as Duong creates his signature rolls and imaginative sushi and sashimi specials. Especially good are the scallops mixed with sweet shrimp and soy truffle oil with ponzu sauce and shiso leaf, as well as the Toro Tataki: fatty tuna with spicy ponzu and truffle sauce, garlic chips, and onions. Other top hits include sautéed shishito pepper with chili soy garlic sauce, Japanese deep-fried chicken, and chili green beans sautéed with chili soy garlic sauce.

Mamey Miami

THesis Hotel
1350 S Dixie Hwy
Coral Gables 33146
305-266-2639
mameymiami.com
Breakfast: Daily 7am — 10:30 am
Brunch: Su 11 am — 3 pm
Lunch: Daily 11:30 am — 3 pm
Dinner: Su — Th 5:30 — 10 pm;
F & Sa 5:30 — 11 pm

A Fusion of World Cuisines
Celebrity Chef Nicolas "Nic" Mazier makes a splash wherever he goes, and at Mamey Miami, he goes full fusion. Mazier's impressive lineup of vibrant global cuisines from Latin America, Asia, and beyond is a tsunami of flavors. You'll find shareable plates like Ahi-Ahi Taquitos with yellowfin tuna, sweets, red onion, and yuzu kasha aioli; delicate Crispy Calamari; and Pork Belly Tacos. Main Plates include dishes like Braised Boneless Short Ribs, slow-cooked with gochujang; Caribbean Tiger Prawns in agave jerk marinade and Grilled Chicken with red and yellow anticuchos.

MIKA

The Plaza Coral Gables
3007 Ponce De Leon Blvd,
Coral Gables, FL 33134
mikacoralcables.com
Lunch: M — F 11:30 am — 3 pm;
Dinner: M-Th 5:30 — 10:00 pm
F — Sa 5:30 — 11:00 pm
Elegant Tastes of Coastal Riviera
Michelin-starred chef Michael White's new coastal Mediterranean restaurant is all the buzz. A James Beard Award winner and the wizard behind Central Park's celebrated Marea restaurant, White's newest venue is all that and more. Show-stopping starters include Beef Tartare with black truffle and chives, and the Sea Scallop with gooseberries, Fresno chili, and citrus couteur. The lineup of fresh pastas are equally adventurous with standouts like Squid Ink Lobster Ravioli and Spaghetti with blue crab, caviar, and lemon butter. Entrees also break the

mold with masterful creations like Salmon with crispy artichokes and White's signature Bone-in Veal Chop with béchamel, pomodoro, and Parmigiano-Reggiano.

NOMA Beach at Redfish

9610 Old Cutler Rd
Coral Gables, FL 33156
305-668-8788
noma-beach.com

W & Th Noon — 9 pm;
F Noon — 10 pm; Sa Noon — 10:30 pm;
Su 11:30 am — 8:30 pm
Unrivaled
Contemporary Waterfront Dining
Celebrity Chef and Michelin Star winner, Donatella Arpaia is making more big waves in South Miami's culinary community. Located just inside Matheson Hammock Park & Marina, NOMA Beach is Coral Gables' only waterfront

restaurant. The only thing more stunning than the view here is Arpaia's Italian-infused lineup of seafood-centric dishes. Fresh Raw Bar bites include Spicy Tuna Crispy Rice, Truffle Salmon Crudo, and Market Oysters. Pasta and Risotto dishes like the Lobster Pappardelle, Black Truffle Carbonara, and Wild Mushroom Risotto with Crispy Enoki are absolutely phenomenal. Topping the Sea & Land options: the Diver Scallop paired with creamy Milanese risotto, the Pan-Seared Salmon with a sweet and spicy honey glaze, and the Surf & Turf with stone-pounded polenta.

Shingo

112 Alhambra Circle
Coral Gables, FL 33134
shingomiami.com
Tu — Sa 6 pm — 11 pm
Michelin Starred Japanese Omakase
If you've never experienced "Omakase" style dining, (an elaborate and ritualized selection of chef-chosen dishes), you're missing out on one of life's great culinary experiences. A legend in Coral Gables culinary community, sushi master and Michelin-starred chef, Shingo Akikuni's 18-course feast is performance art for foodies. The sleek 14-seat Hinoki wood counter is your ringside seat to all the action, and it's where you'll see Chef Akikuni create his signature sushi platters, seasonal sashimi, traditional Japanese nigiri, and Yakimono dishes. Using only the highest quality fish sourced directly from Japan, every dish he creates is, quite literally, a masterpiece.



Shorty's Bar-B-Q

9200 South Dixie Hwy
Miami, FL 33156
305-670-7732
shortys.com
Open Daily 11 am — 10 pm
Damn Good Down Home Cookin'
With three locations throughout South Florida, this original spot is where it all started and still exudes the same vibe it had over 70 years ago. With its log-cabin exterior and ranch-style decor, Shorty's remains a nostalgic and delicious landmark for serious BBQ. The menu has all the favorites: award-winning Baby Back Ribs, Hickory Smoked Chicken, Texas Smoked Beef Brisket, and Shorty's legendary Steak and Pork Specialties. Lots of two-fisted sandwiches, too and the best Corn on the Cob you'll ever eat!

Zitz Sum

396 Alhambra Circle
Coral Gables, FL 33134
786-409-6920
zitzsum.com
Tu — Sa 6 pm -10 pm
Buckle Up Buttercup!
A Michelin Bib Gourmand winner, Chef/Owner Pablo Zitzmann really loves to mash things up. From Asia to Italy, Mexico, Latin America, and beyond, the world is the oyster of his imagination. You might say that every dish he crafts is an autobiographical journey. Buckle up for bold plates like Gnocchi Style Potato Dumplings & Key West Pink Shrimp mounted with spicy Calabrian butter and house-cured ikura, Charred Cabbage spiced and grilled over charcoal with Japanese curry and Makrut lime and herbs. Off the charts!

Zucca

Hotel St Michel
162 Alcazar Ave
Coral Gables, FL 33134
786-580-3731
zuccamiami.com
Su — Th Noon — 10 pm;
F & Sa Noon — 11 pm
Flawless, Soul-Satisfying Regional Italian Dining
at Zucca is like hop-scotching through the best regions of Italy. You'll find authentic seafood preparations from Sardinia, popular beef and meat dishes from Tuscany and a litany of wonderful cheeses, handcrafted charcuterie, house-made pasta and specialties from across the country. With over 2,000 bottles of hand-selected regional wines and innovative craft cocktails, it's a culinary journey you won't soon forget.



SAMPLE MENUS



Lor-e-lei Restaurant & Cabana Bar
81924 Overseas Hwy, Bayside Islamorada MM 82
305-664-2692; loreleleicabanabar.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



Havana Jack's Oceanside Restaurant & Bar
401 E. Ocean Dr Key Colony Beach MM 53.5
305-281-0071; ,havanajacks oceanside.com

handhelds

HJ Beach Burger

8 oz usda choice ground beef patty, LTO & choice of cheese on brioche bun

Captain's Fish Sandwich

grilled, blackened or fried with LTO on brioche bun

Pollo Caribbean Sandwich

caribbean spiced grilled chicken breast, spinach, red peppers, onion, brioche bun

signature entrees

Citrus Beurre Blanc

fresh pan-seared fish or chicken, lemon caper beurre blanc sauce

Char-Grilled 14oz Ribeye

grilled to taste with truffled herb butter

Coconut-Mango Mahi

coconut encrusted, tropical salsa, rice, spinach

Chicken Havana

sautéed chicken breast, white wine citrus butter, tomato, red onion, capers, penne

Shrimp Jacques Entree

caribbean jerk shrimp, cilantro mango broth, citrus cilantro gremolata



SAMPLE MENUS



THE BEACH CAFE & BAR

Morada Bay Keys Beach Cafe & Bar
81600 Overseas Hwy, Islamorada
305-664-0604; moradabaykeys.com

starters

Keyz Coconut Rice Bowl

coconut rice, black beans, pico de gallo, guacamole, haitian pikliz, chipotle aioli

Morada Bay Chicken Wings

guava chipotle bbq sauce, crispy onions, cojita cheese, pickled sweet peppers, cilantro

Tuna Tataki

seared & sliced atlantic yellowfin tuna, sesame wakame salad, shaved white daikon, sweet sesame ponzu

Smoked Fish Dip

flat bread crackers, pickled house vegetables, baby carrots, celery, lemon

from land to sea

Big Boy BBQ Beach Burger

ground ribeye, brisket, short rib blend, house pickle chips, hydroponic leaf lettuce, heirloom beefsteak tomato, white cheddar, applewood smoked bacon, kaiser bun

Seared Ahi Tuna Club

house pumpernickel bread, pecan smoked bacon, beef steak tomato, lettuce, onion, mizo & soy aioli

Chicken Milanese

breaded fried chicken breast, roasted lemon pepper fingerling potatoes, caper & sun blushed tomato brown butter sauce

Whole Fried Yellowtail Snapper

lime bathed yellow tail snapper, coconut rice & black Beans, spicy Pikliz, caramelized sweet plantains

Thai Key West Tacos

local wild pink shrimp, tempura battered, spiced sriacha aioli, thai basil cilantro pesto, toasted coconut flake

Herb Garlic Marinated Churrasco Steak

chimichurri sauce, coconut rice, black beans, crispy yucca, chipotle aioli, aguacate mash



SAMPLE MENUS



The Bent Prop Bar & Grill
457 Drost Dr, Cudjoe Keyl
305-741-701; bentpropkeys.com

starters/salads

House-Made Meatballs

four hand-rolled meatballs, marinara, mozzarella, shaved parmesan cheese

Buffalo Bleu Cheese Brussels

Sprouts
crispy fried sprouts, house hot sauce, crumbled bleu

Lobster Cargot

local spiny lobster medallions, baked in garlic herb butter & asagio cheese

Roasted Beet|Baby Arugula Salad

toasted pistachio, heirloom tomato, goat cheese, key lime vinaigrette

Wedge

iceberg, smoked bacon, heirloom tomato, red onion, crumbled bleu, house-made bleu cheese dressing

sandwiches

Beast Burger

blend of bison, elk, wild boar, topped w/ crumbled bleu, fried heirloom tomato, onion bacon jam & arugula on brioche

Hot Honey Chicken

butter milk marinated chicken, hot honey sauce, bread & butter pickles, on brioche

Fresh Fish - Blackened, Grilled or Fried

lettuce, tomato & remoulade on brioche

mains

Catch of the Day

grilled, blackened or coconut crusted, citrus butter, cilantro lime rice & vegetable

Seafood Pasta

key west pink shrimp, mussels, clams & lobster in spicy plum tomato-basil sauce over pasta

Shrimp & Smoked Gouda Grits

seasoned shrimp, smoked gouda grits, andouille sausage, peppers, onions, tomato broth

14 oz Prime Ribeye

topped w/ porcini demi glaze with mashed potatoes & vegetable



SAMPLE MENUS

Café Panisse

Café Panisse
7310 SW 57th Ave, South Miami, FL 33143
305-665-3322; chezpanisse.com

sandwiches

Jambon Cru, Tomate Et Mozzarella
prosciutto, tomato, fresh mozzarella

Poitrine De Poulet à L"harissa"
spicy harissa marinated chicken

Jambon Cru Et Brie Chaud Au Pesto
pesto prosciutto, baked brie

Saumon Fumé, Avocat, Pesto Aux Poivrons Foux
smoked salmon, avocado, roasted pepper pesto

Merguez Grillées, Moutarde
grilled spicy lamb sausage with mustard

Les Salades

Croutons De Tapenade Aux Figue
fresh tuna tartare with orange & basil, fig tapenade croutons

Salade Nicoise

eggs, tomatoes, sweet peppers, olives & potatoes on mesclun salad with choice of seared tuna, fresh salmon, grilled chicken breast

Planche De Charcuterie Saucisson; Pate & Jambon Cru
duck pate, french salami, prosciutto

Confit; Vinaigrette Aux Agrume
grilled shrimps over lemon-fresh herbed tabouleh & candied apricot feuilles d'endives au roquefort et noix roties,

Les Spécialités

Moules Marinières
steamed mussels in white wine and shallots

Blanc De Volaille
chicken breast, olives, tomatoes, onions, roasted fennel

Entrecôte Grillée

grilled new york steak, roquefort parsley butter

Poisson Du Jour
grilled fish of the day

Merguez Grillées
grilled spicy lamb sausage, couscous, grilled vegetables



NEST

OK, so here you are, ready to snatch up your own little piece of Paradise. But here's the big question: "Which Key is right for you?"

Our 125 mile-long subtropical island chain consists of more than 1700 islands, many of which offer unique opportunities for investing in real estate.

Known as "The Dive Capital Of The World," **Key Largo** is the first and northernmost Key of the Florida Keys and although it's only about an hour's drive from South Florida's two major airports, this funky spot is a world away and a perfect Key to hang your flip flops.

Just south of Key Largo is **Islamorada**, aka "The Sportfishing Capital of The World" where backcountry sport fishing and saltwater fly fishing were pioneered. Quiet and upscale, it's also one of the Keys' top dining destinations.



Often referred to as "The Keys Boating & Family Destination," **Marathon**, boasts homey resorts, luxury accommodations, marinas and the conveniences of a modern community, airport, golf course and plenty of shops while retaining the charm of its roots as a 19th-century fishing village.

Big Pine & The Lower Keys is the Keys' "Eco-Destination" and home to two national wildlife refuges including the National Key Deer Rescue - a safe haven for the miniature Key deer. Things are very laid-back here and

it's a perfect place to live the "Old Keys" lifestyle.

Located closer to Cuba than to Miami, **Key West** is Florida's irreverent southernmost subtropical paradise where Gingerbread mansions share palm-studded streets with tin-roofed "Conch" houses. It's unique confluence of history, climate, natural beauty, cultural diversity, architecture and unabashed romantic appeal makes it a colorful place to set down roots.

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SAMPLE MENUS



Fontana, Miami Biltmore Hotel
1200 Anastasia Ave, Coral Gables, FL 33134
305-913-3189 Ext 2407;
biltmorehotel.com/coral-gables-dining/fontana/

antipasti

Fiori di Zucca Ripieni
squash blossoms stuffed with ricotta cheese, tomato coulis, parmigiano reggiano

Polpette di Manzo
meatballs braised in tomato sauce, parmigiano reggiano, stracciatella, grilled bread

Cioppino
bronzino, clams, shrimp, calamari, lobster, tomato broth, grilled bread

pasta & risotto

Aragosta Fra Diavolo
fettuccine pasta, cold water lobster, pomodoro sauce, calabrian pepper, white wine

Lasagna Bolognese

beef bolognese, tomato sauce, ricotta cheese, parmigiano reggiano, parmesan fonduta, basil

Ravioli di Zucca

butternut squash ravioli, creamy pesto sauce, pumpkin seeds

Risotto Agli Spinaci

carnaroli rice, baby spinach, crushed red pepper flakes, parmigiano reggiano

carni & pesce

Ossobuco alla Milanese

braised veal shank, saffron risotto, gremolata

Branzino

roasted mediterranean branzino, mash potato, seasonal vegetable, vellutata

Piccata di Vitello

veal scallopini, piccata sauce, artichoke hearts, spinach, mashed potato

Filetto di Manzo alla Gorgonzola

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1130 Calle Ensenada, Marathon 1,899,000
Located minutes from Sombrero Beach, this 3-Bed, 3-Bath custom home offers 2,492 sq. ft. of luxury on a 21,000 sq. ft. lot. Highlights include a heated saltwater lap pool, waterfall, tropical landscaping, solar power system, rainwater collection, and a chef's kitchen with Thermador appliances.



205 15th St Circle, Key Colony 8,999,000
Nestled on a lushly landscaped, oversized lot, lies a stunning Oceanfront estate of unrivaled opulence. Boasting in-ground saltwater pool and spa, private sandy beach, built-in outdoor kitchen, and sprawling dock with boat lift, this home caters to elevated Florida Keys living, and the 13,659 Sq. Ft. a manicured lot across the street is also included in the sale!



58213 Morton St, Marathon \$5,950,000
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2150 No Name Dr, No Name Key \$3,499,000
Nestled on No Name Key, this stunning 3-bed, 3-bath home offers unparalleled Gulf views and ultimate privacy. With expansive screened porches on every level, a coral rock fireplace, and a versatile den with kitchenette, it's perfect for entertaining. Enjoy a private pool, two docks, 360-degree water views, lush landscaping, and direct water access on two sides.



281 W Indies Dr, Ramrod Key \$2,999,000
Spectacular 3-bed, 3.5-bath, oceanfront pool home with panoramic Ocean Views! Enjoy year-round temperate weather, this property offers a concrete dock. Nestled on a private sandy beach. Boasting over 2,900 Sq. Ft. of luxurious living space, ideal for entertainment. Beautifully landscaped 1/2 acre lot featuring a circular driveway for ample open parking.



948 Gulf Dr, Summerland Key \$2,300,000
This 3-bed, 3-bath Summerland Cove Isles retreat on a deep-water canal offers 2,010 Sq. Ft. of luxurious living space. The chef's kitchen dazzles with quartz countertops and Sub-Zero appliances including a wine cooler. Outdoor highlights include 75' of concrete dockage with a 20K boat lift, davits, and maintenance-free turf.



474 Caribbean Dr E, Summerland Key \$1,999,000
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2000 Dolphin Dr, Marathon \$1,999,000
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3BD/3BA | 1,675sf | 2,906sf Lot
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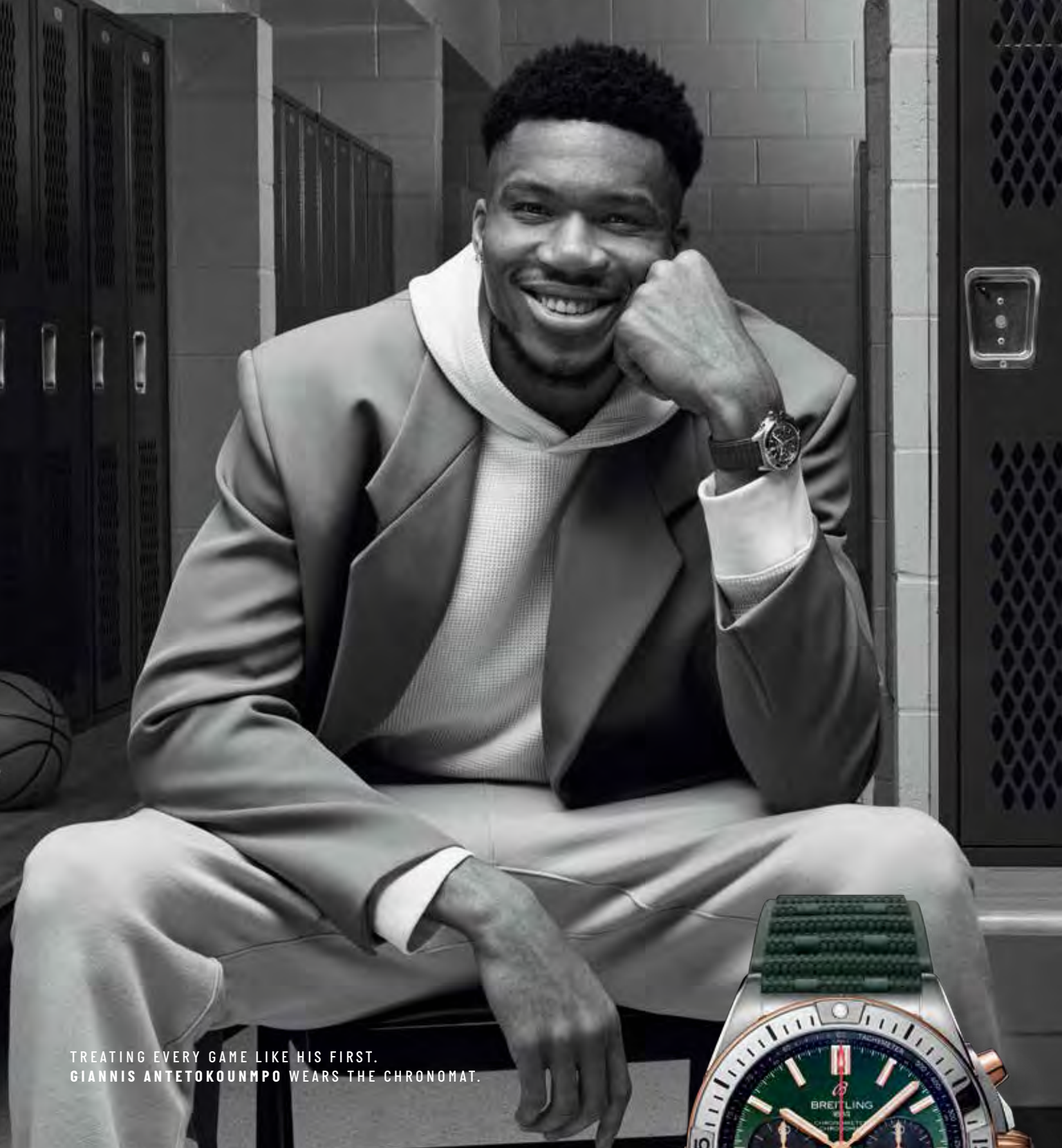
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