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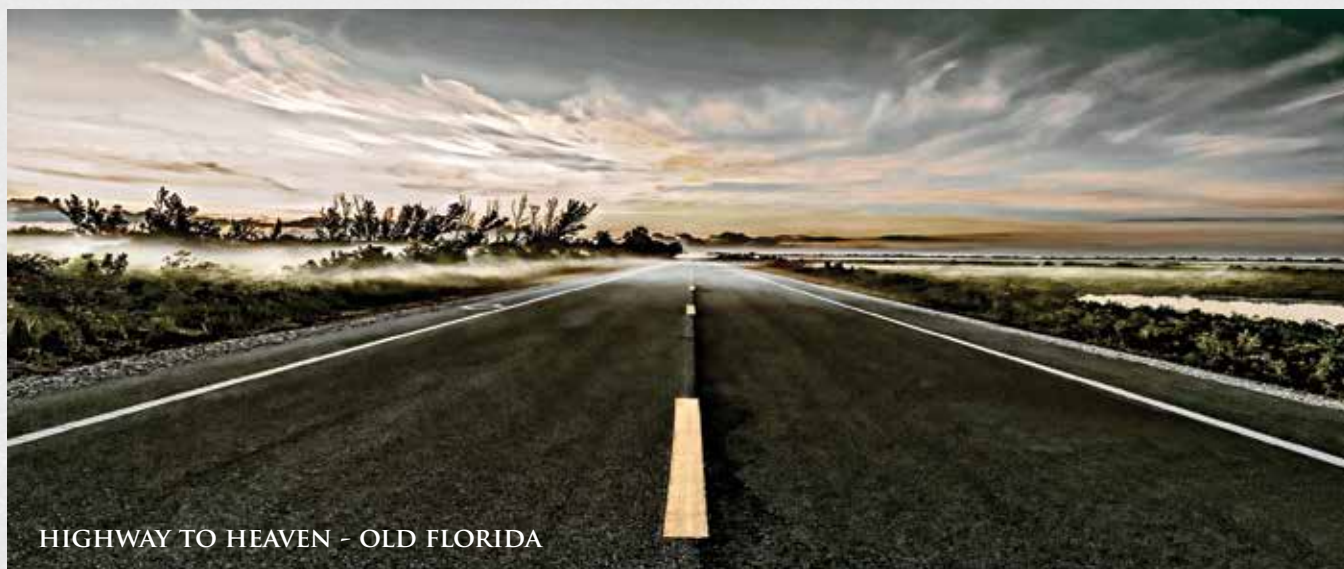
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Sometimes the road ahead reveals more than the destination itself. Traveling into the light, the unknown begins to take on deeper meaning. It is with this understanding that I find wonder and inspiration in not knowing what awaits around the bend.

Time and again, I travel between my home in Sugarloaf Key and my Key West gallery, a 17-mile drive along the Overseas Highway. I often plan my return trips to align with the setting sun. It is my honor to share with you some of those sacred moments I have witnessed—and was graced with the knowing to capture them. —Alan S. Maltz

The Alan S. Maltz Gallery, located on historic Duval Street in Key West, has been an integral part of the Island's cultural landscape for almost three decades. Welcoming visitors from around the world, the gallery offers an intimate connection to Alan's vision—a place where nature, spirit, and creativity come together in perfect harmony.

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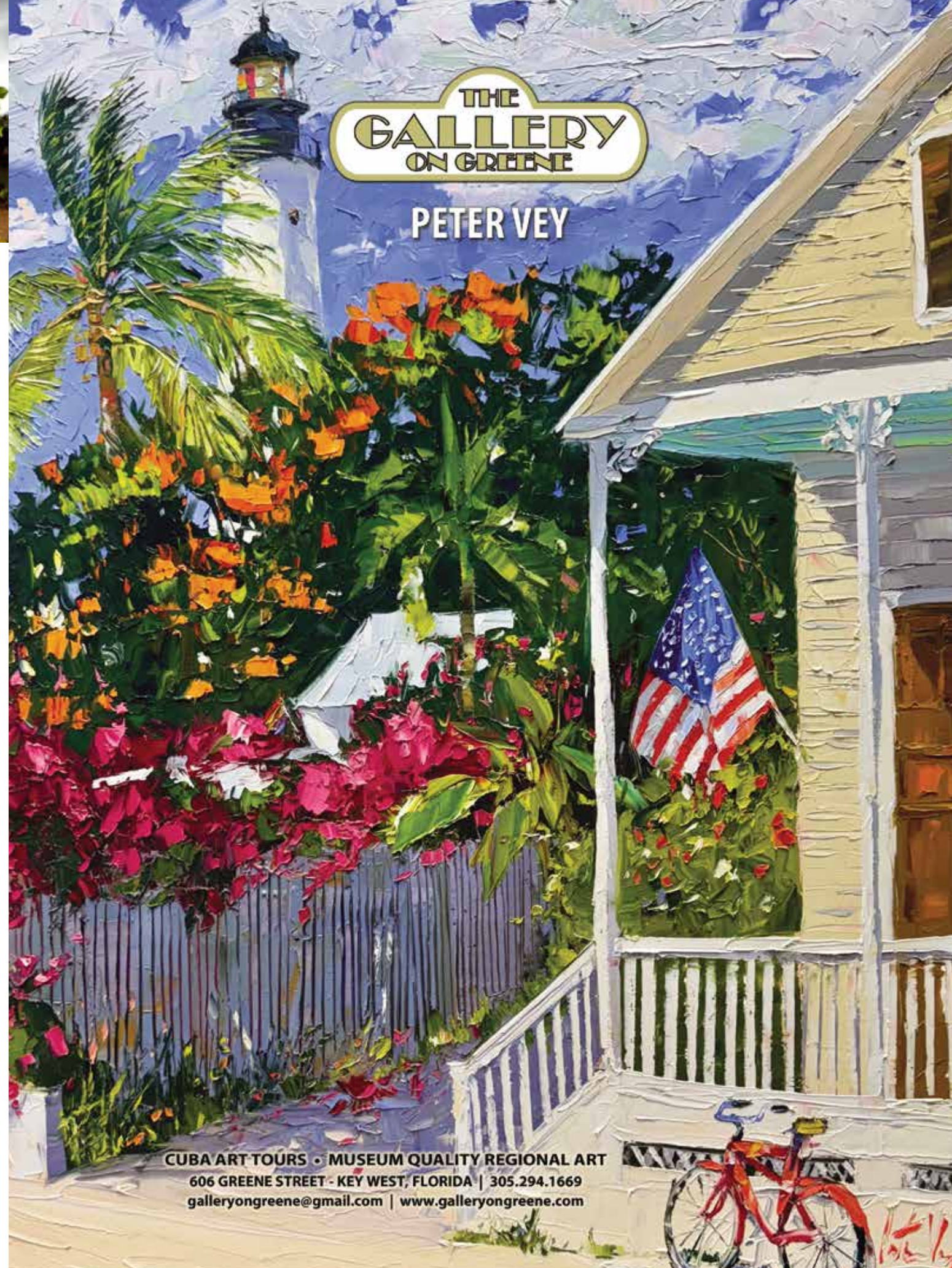
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ABOUT THE COVER: "Sky King" — An American Icon

"Sky King," the majestic image gracing the cover of our special America 250 Celebration Edition is the remarkable creation of award-winning photographer, Alan S. Maltz. A befitting salute to America's once-in-a-lifetime Semi-quincentennial and to our Constitution, "Sky King" is emblematic of the strength and determination that has shaped our country. Get the whole story on page 11. BTW: You can find the acclaimed Alan S. Maltz Gallery at 1210 Duval St in Key West. Info: 305-294-0005; alanmaltz.com.

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Noteworthy Art Galleries



Gallery On Greene, Key West

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

Alan S. Maltz Gallery

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

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

Gallery On Greene

606 Greene St
Key West, FL 33040
305-304-2323; 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
M – Su 10 am – 5 pm; M by Appointment
Fine Contemporary Art

Founded by master artist Letty Nowak, Jag Gallery is a top Key West destination for fine contemporary art in a variety of mediums. Carefully curated exhibits showcase works from the studios of prominent and award-winning artists from Key West and beyond. In addition to Nowak's big, bold images, you'll also find works by other highly

acclaimed artists, including John Martini, Cathy Rose, Rick Worth, Carol Munder, Sharon McGauley, Kaline Carter, B. Lucy Stevens, Tory Mata, and others. The gallery is also home to guest art makers, artist talks, and a highly acclaimed online gallery, as well as two annual international juried exhibits: "Poolside" and Small Works." For exceptional contemporary art, this truly is a "must-see" gallery.

Monarch Fine Art

910 Duval Street
Key West, FL 33040
786-929-9711
themonarchgalleries.com
Su – Th 10 am – 10 pm
F & Sa 10 am – 11 pm

Elevating Contemporary Art In Key West
More than a gallery, Key West's newest fine art destination is also a place of discovery. The welcoming space for both seasoned collectors and first-time buyers showcases museum-quality works from around the world. With a dynamic roster of established artists and up-and-coming rising stars, the gallery's collection is impressive and diverse. You'll find everything from original paintings, stunning sculptures, and exclusive collaborations, to designer collectibles and limited-edition prints. Whatever the medium, each curated piece sparks dialogue and reflects the ever-evolving landscape of contemporary culture. Whether you're building a collection, searching for a meaningful work for your space, or exploring contemporary art for the first time, the friendly staff here will make your journey fun and comfortable.

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.

Art & Cultural Happenings

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

FLORIDA KEYS & KEY WEST

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. Open daily at 10 am at 1210 Duval St. 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.



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

EXHIBITION: Robert the Doll

Key West: Reportedly haunted, this life-like, 40" tall straw-filled doll was originally gifted to the young Robert Eugene Otto by his grandfather in 1904. According to local folklore, the doll, who looked remarkably like Eugene, possessed supernatural abilities that enabled it to move, change its facial expressions, and make spooky giggling sounds. Throughout the decades, Key West's creepiest resident has purportedly caused "car accidents, broken bones, job loss, divorce and a cornucopia of other misfortune." Some museum visitors even claim to have experienced "post-visit misfortunes" for "failing to respect Robert." If you dare, you can visit with Robert the Doll daily from 10 am – 5 pm at Fort East Martello Museum, 3501 S Roosevelt Blvd. Just remember to be nice! Info: 305-296-3913; kwahs.org.

EXHIBITION "Spirits of the Passage"

Key West: This powerful exhibit documents the slave trade, its legacy, and its Florida Keys heritage. It also examines Key West's role in the US Navy's early anti-slavery effort with a series of educational panels, large-scale graphics, and sound recordings. A number of historical artifacts are also on display, including original slave shackles recovered from the Henrietta Marie, a 1700 English merchant slave ship that sank 35 miles west of Key West. A "must-see," this moving collection is unique in the Americas. On view daily from 10 am – 4 pm at the Mel Fisher Maritime Museum, 200 Greene St. Info: 305-294-2633; melfisher.org.

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

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

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JAG GALLERY

fine contemporary art featuring prominent artists from Key West and beyond



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Roberta Marks



Carole Faye



Brendan O'Connell

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Art & Cultural Happenings

EXHIBITION: Origins of the Navy Mark V

Islamorada: Learn how the US Navy's most iconic helmet came to be, and how salvage divers endured some of the most dangerous diving conditions imaginable. You can also view the tools of the trade, including an interactive magnet hand tool and a deconstructed Navy helmet. Takes place daily from 10 am – 5 pm at The History of Diving Museum, 82990 Overseas Hwy. Info: 305-664-9737; divingmuseum.org.

EXHIBITION: Parade of Nations

Islamorada: Immerse yourself in the largest public display of historic diving equipment in the entire world! This signature exhibit showcases 45 diving helmets from 24 countries — one from every nation that ever made one. See a Soviet helmet used to train cosmonauts during the Space Race; Greek sponge diver helmets; a British helmet used to recover underwater explosives; and many more. You'll also discover the back stories of each helmet, as well as the international story of the quest to explore under the sea. Takes place daily from 10 am – 5 pm at The History of Diving Museum, 82990 Overseas Hwy. Info: 305-664-9737; divingmuseum.org.

MONDAY – TUESDAY (NOW – JUNE 28)

Glow Hours: Rooftop Happy Hour on Hugh's View

Key West: For a headier Happy Hour, head up to Hugh's View, where the bar is open, admission is free, and everyone looks great in the golden twilight. The Studios of Key West's rooftop bar is an ideal spot to catch the sunset with friends and enjoy panoramic



History of Diving Museum, Islamorada

vistas from the Gulf of Mexico to the Atlantic. Takes place from 6 – 8 pm at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Call for July schedule. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

TUESDAY – SATURDAY EXHIBITION: Mote Marine Coral Reef Exploration

Islamorada: Boasting three aquariums, educational storyboards, interactive kiosks and video monitors, this immersive new exhibit provides both a beautiful and educational view of our unique coral reef ecosystem, as well as the challenges it faces. Major themes include the 1935 Labor Day Hurricane, Henry Flagler's Overseas Railway, and our fishing and maritime heritage. Takes place on Tu – Su from 10 am – 5 pm at the Florida Keys History & Discovery Center, 82100 Overseas Hwy (on the grounds of the Islander Resort). Info: 305-922-2237; keysdiscovery.com.

TUESDAY – SATURDAY 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 grounds of the Islander Resort). Info: 305-922-2237; keysdiscovery.com.



Florida Keys History & Discovery Center, Islamorada

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 the Islamorada area's State Parks.

Films begin at 10:30 and continue throughout the day, with the last showing at 4 pm. Takes place at the Florida Keys History & Discovery Center, 82100 Overseas Hwy (on the grounds of the Islander Resort). Info: 305-922-2237; keysdiscovery.com.

FRIDAYS Islamorada Artisan & Gourmet Market

Tavernier: Shop a curated mix of culinary and artistic vendors including small-batch foods, local art, and music in a serene garden space. Takes place from 10 am – 4 pm at Island Home Garden Nursery, 88720 Overseas Hwy (MM 88). Info: 786-971-2299; islandhomegardencenters.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: Prescribed Pressure (May 20), Marine Mammals We Love (June 17), and Dive Safety and Hyperbaric Medicine (July 15). FYI: Exhibits and Museum Store have extended hours for this special event. Takes place at 7 pm at the History of Diving Museum, 82990 Overseas Hwy. Info: 305-664-9737; divingmuseum.org.

FIRST THURSDAY Open House at The Studios

Key West: 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 gives you an inside look at the island's vibrant culture. Departs at 9:30 am from the Key West Art & Historical Society's Custom House Museum, 281 Front St. Info: 305-850-8343; kwahs.org.

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"Sky King" — An American Icon

From Award-Winning Photographer, Alan S. Maltz



Photo: Alan S. Maltz

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A befitting salute to America's once-in-a-lifetime Semi-quincentennial and to our Constitution, "Sky King" is emblematic of the strength and determination that have shaped our country.

It also stands as a tribute to Maltz's artistic mastery.

As Florida's Official Wildlife and Fine Art Photographer, Maltz uses his camera as both "brush and palette," to create works of art that exude the same visual impact as a fine oil painting.

For Alan Maltz, lighting is everything. His prodigious gift for capturing the sensual, romantic, and magical aspects

of light fully immerse you in his visionary magic often evokes deep emotion.

Described as "sheer poetry," many of Maltz's highly coveted creations hang in private, public, and corporate collections throughout the world.

Maltz's collection of large-format, coffee-table books is just as stunning. His ever-evolving hardcover series showcases breathtaking images of local wildlife, hidden treasures, and iconic architecture, as well as many other riveting subjects. FYI: Maltz's newest release, "My Old Florida," is being unveiled this Fall.

The next time you're in town, swing by Maltz's critically acclaimed Key West gallery. Now celebrating 27 years, this uplifting sanctuary of color and light showcases a poignant collection of

Maltz's cutting-edge fine art and limited edition prints on aluminum and canvas, as well as a library of his published works.

You can find the Alan S. Maltz Gallery at 1210 Duval Street. Info: 305-294-0005; alanmaltz.com.

Tell him I said hello!
—Pamela Childs



Alan and Leslie Maltz

Art & Cultural Happenings

THIRD THURSDAY (NOW – MAY)

Walk On White

Key West: The newly re-energized Walk on White is not just a celebration of art, but also a celebration of more than 25 local businesses. The monthly stroll through White Street's art and business district takes place from 6 – 9 pm. Info at 305-767-3769; walkonwhitekeywest.com.

THIRD THURSDAY

Morada Way Arts & Cultural District Art Walk

Islamorada: Explore the Morada Way Arts & Cultural District while you celebrate creativity and community in paradise. A local favorite, this special night showcases fine art, live music, delicious food, and unique shops along a lively, walkable corridor. Takes place from 6 – 9 pm along the Morada Way Arts District at 151 Morada Way (MM 81.5 Oceanside). Info: 305-664-2471; moradawayarts.org.

FIRST FRIDAYS

First Fridays on Fleming

Key West: This monthly "shop local" evening stroll along historic Fleming St showcases vibrant boutiques, galleries, antique stores, artist studios, eateries and other creative businesses. Lots of cool events, too! Takes place from 6 – 9 pm along the 500 Block of Fleming St, all the way to Grinnell St. Info: 305-304-9001; fabflemingkw.com.



Walk on White, Key West Photo: Carol Tedasco

SPECIAL EVENTS

NOW – JANUARY 23, 2027

EXHIBITION: FOOD – Celebrating Conch Cuisine

Key West: This landmark Smithsonian exhibit celebrates the powerful role food plays in shaping human culture, identity, and society. This Key West Edition brings a regional focus to the story, and takes a deep dive into the culinary traditions of the Florida Keys. It's a totally immersive experience that provides a fascinating insight into how food has defined life in our unique island chain. On view daily from 9:30 am – 4:30 pm at the Custom House Museum, 281 Front St. Info: 305-850-8343; kwahs.org.



Food— Celebrating Conch Cuisine Exhibit, Key West

MAY 7 – 28

EXHIBITION: Giants Among Us By Tim Marshall Curtis

Key West: Artist Tim Marshall Curtis showcases seven monumental sculptures including totems, sentinels, and story-holders that reflect a lifetime of creative exploration. Forged from materials including aluminum, bronze, stainless steel, mahogany, and acrylic, each piece embodies a bold idea: from the vanishing presence of whales in Wail Tale, to the metaphysical inquiry of Ascension/Resurrection, to the raw, expressive form of a Viking. On view from 10 am – 4 pm every Tu – Sa at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

MAY 7 – 28

EXHIBITION: Reverence/ Irrelevance By Carole Faye

Key West: Local artist, Carole Faye transforms scavenged and found materials into paintings and sculptures that explore nostalgia, place, and personal evolution. Each piece reimagines

the discarded as a unique treasure, reflecting on resilience, reinvention, and the beauty of the overlooked. On view from 10 am – 4 pm every Tu – Sa at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

MAY 7 – 28

EXHIBITION: Roots of a City By Andrée B Carter

Key West: Andrée B Carter reimagines eight cities and translates their essence into large-scale textile paintings that hang like vibrant, architectural tapestries. Each 48 x 60" work blends painting, needlepoint, and collage. Abstracting architectural details, colors, and textures, Carter creates narratives that reflect the mood and identity of a place without dictating how it should be seen. On view from 10 am – 4 pm every Tu – Sa at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

MAY 7 – 28

EXHIBITION: Once There Was a Railroad By Wayne Garcia

Key West: A third-generation Cuban American, master woodcarver Wayne Garcia brings the monumental story of Flagler's Overseas Railroad to life. Drawing on the folk art tradition of his mentor, Mario Sanchez, Garcia's vivid series of colorful, shallow relief carvings tell the story of the railroad's construction across the Florida Keys and honors the local residents whose labor shaped this amazing engineering feat from 1906 – 1912. On view from 10 am – 4 pm every Tu – Sa at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

MAY 16 – SEPTEMBER 7

EXHIBITION: Blue Star Museums

Islamorada: Armed Forces Day (May 16) pays tribute to the men and women who serve in our country's armed forces. It also marks the beginning of the 2026 Blue Star Museums Program, which offers free admission to active-duty soldiers and up to five members of their families through Labor Day. Open daily from 10 am – 5 pm. Takes place at the History of Diving Museum, 82990 Overseas Hwy (MM83). Info: 305-664-9737; divingmuseum.org.

MAY 20 – DECEMBER 31

EXHIBITION: Prescribed Pressure

Islamorada: This special limited-time featured exhibit explores the fascinating world of undersea and hyperbaric medicine. Learn how the dreaded "bends" was first discovered in people who were not divers at all; how high pressure can both harm and heal the body; and how hyperbaric oxygen treatments are used to treat illness today. On view daily from 10 am – 5 pm at the History of Diving Museum, 82990 Overseas Hwy (MM83). Info: 305-664-9737; divingmuseum.org.

JUNE 7 – JULY 30

EXHIBITION: Mango Madness!

Annual Summer Members Exhibit

Key West: For the 100+ local artists in this highly anticipated summer exhibit, the mango is not only a fruit best savored under a tropical sun – it's also a metaphor for the annual bounty of our island, meant to be shared with friends and neighbors. The results never fail to nourish the soul. On view from 10 am – 4 pm every Tu – Sa at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.



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Barbara Hann, Mango Madness Exhibit, Key West

SOUTH MIAMI-DADE

DAILY

Exhibition: The Dig

Miami: This fascinating exhibit explores how scientists use the fossilized remains of prehistoric creatures to discover and study the ancient life that once roamed Earth. Interactive displays allow you to explore what it's like to be a real paleontologist, and you'll actually see them working in real-time on fossils collected in the field. Happening daily from 10 am – 6 pm at the Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science, 1101 Biscayne Blvd. Info: 305-434-9600; frostsscience.org.

Exhibition: Feathers to the Stars

Miami: Follow the astounding story of flight – from feathered dinosaurs, to brilliant feats of human ingenuity, to the adventure of future space travel. You'll come face-to-face with a 30-foot dinosaur; meet daredevil inventors who risked their lives pioneering human aviation; and actually build and launch your own air rockets. And that's just the beginning! Takes place

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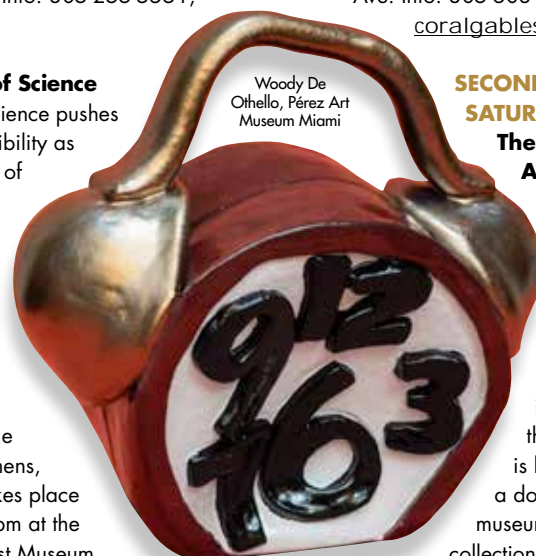
daily from 10 am – 6 pm at the Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science, 1101 Biscayne Blvd. Info: 305-434-9600; frostsience.org.

Exhibition: Florida – Mission Everglades

Miami: This amazing journey focuses on the urgent need for conservation and showcases close to 60 Indigenous species. You'll also get to see the James A Kushlan South Florida Wading Bird Exhibit; experience the Lostman's River Boat Ride; crawl through a "tunnel" at the crocodile habitat; slide through the North American River Otter Exhibit; and shimmy through a viewing area at the black bear exhibit. Takes place daily from 10 am – 5 pm at Zoo Miami, 12400 SW 152nd St. Info: 305-255-5551; zoomiami.org.

Exhibition: Power of Science

Miami: Explore how science pushes the boundaries of possibility as you step into the shoes of researchers, explorers, and inventors who made some of the world's most groundbreaking discoveries. Your exploration continues with a series of hands-on exhibits, cutting-edge interactive, rare specimens, and so much more. Takes place daily from 10 am – 6 pm at the Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science, 1101 Biscayne Blvd. Info: 305-434-9600; frostsience.org.



Woody De Othello, Pérez Art Museum Miami

SECOND SATURDAYS The Wynwood Art Walk

Wynwood: This funky Art District boasts one of the largest open-air street art installations in the world and is home to over a dozen galleries, museums, and art collections. This diverse neighborhood art scene really heats up during the monthly Art Walk, when you can catch local street artists in

MONTHLY

FIRST FRIDAYS Gallery Night

Coral Gables: This monthly open house celebrates the Coral Gables gallery scene with live music, wonderful exhibitions, and a cocktail bar. 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: Uncover the wonders of history and culture; enjoy interactive exhibits and creative activities; and more! Takes place from 10 am – 6 pm at the Coral Gables Museum, 285 Aragon Ave. Info: 305-603-8067; coralgablesmuseum.org.

action as you dine, drink, and shop along the way. Takes place in the Wynwood Art District between North 36th St and North 20th St Tour Info: 305-814-09290; info@wynwoodartwalk.com.

SPECIAL EVENTS

NOW – JUNE 7 EXHIBIT: Shadows and Traces: Selections from PAMM's Collection by Woody De Othello

Miami: Through staged photographs and intricate print processes, women artists from PAMM's collection explore how personal and collective histories can be at once fleeting and enduring. Their works reveal unseen layers of identity, absence, and the emotional landscapes that persist in everyday life. Takes place every Th from 11 am – 9 pm and on F – M from 11 am – 6 pm at the Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM) Maurice A Ferré Park, 1102 Biscayne Blvd. Info: 305-375-3000; pamm.org.

NOW – JUNE 28 EXHIBIT: Coming Forth by Day by Woody De Othello

Miami: Renowned for his hand-built ceramics, Othello animates everyday objects — clocks, mirrors, phones, vessels — blurring the line between body and object. His new series of ceramic and wood sculptures, tiled wall works, and a large-scale bronze, explore the primordial relationship between body, earth, and spirit. Takes place every Th from 11 am – 9 pm and on F – M from 11 am – 6 pm at the Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM) Maurice A Ferré Park, 1102 Biscayne Blvd. Info: 305-375-3000; pamm.org.

NOW – NOVEMBER 1 EXHIBIT: Quipu Gut by Cecilia Vicuña

Miami: Poet and artist Cecilia Vicuña grew up in a Chilean commune, hearing about the persecution and incarceration of those struggling for social justice. Vicuña's interest in the quipu ("knot") became a constant source of inspiration for her work. Often used by political activists fighting against fascism and human rights violations in Chile and other countries, this ancient Andean form of communication uses knotted strings to record information. Vicuña's extraordinary Quipa Gut exhibit, which is constructed out of fifty large strands of unspun wool, dyed red and knotted rhythmically along its almost 33' length, bridges shared histories, Indigenous weaving practices, ritual, and environmental activism. Takes place every Th from 11 am – 6 pm and on F – M from 11 am – 9 pm at the

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An Exhibition Exploring the Culinary Heritage of the Florida Keys

Key West Museum of Art & History
kwahs.org





Laser Evening, Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science, Miami

Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM) Maurice A Ferré Park, 1102 Biscayne Blvd. Info: 305-375-3000; pamm.org.

NOW – AUGUST 23
EXHIBIT: Get in the Game – Sports, Art, Culture

Miami: Competition, spectacle and physical endurance take on new meaning through contemporary art from artists around the world. Showcasing more than 100 works, this large-scale exhibition examines the cultural impact of sports across generations and geographies. Takes place every Th from 11 am – 6 pm and on F – M from 11 am – 9 pm at the Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM) Maurice A Ferré Park, 1102 Biscayne Blvd. Info: 305-375-3000; pamm.org.

MAY 8
Laser Evening

Miami: Get ready for a spectacular show where music legends and cutting-edge laser visuals collide under the Frost Planetarium's massive 67-foot dome. Soar through space and time with the K-Pop Demon Hunters, and the legendary music of Michael Jackson. Takes place from 7 – 11 pm at the Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science, 1101 Biscayne Blvd. Info and tickets: 305-434-9600; frostsience.org.

MAY 16 – SEPTEMBER 7
EXHIBITION: Extreme Sports – Beyond Human Limits

Miami: Jump, fly, dive, and climb, as you explore some of the most extreme sports in the world! This action-packed, adrenaline-fueled exhibition reveals the real science behind extraordinary athletic performance. Immersive hands-on challenges and dynamic simulations enable you to feel the rush of breathtaking heights, exhilarating speeds, and profound depths On view daily from 10 am – 6 pm inside the Hsiao Family Special Exhibition Gallery at the Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science, 1101 Biscayne Blvd. Info and tickets: 305-434-9600; frostsience.org.

MAY 27
FilmGate Documentary Festival
Miami: As the longest-running monthly short film series in Florida, FilmGate celebrates local culture, diversity and regional creativity. Every month, FilmGate Miami highlights Florida's community of actors, filmmakers, and video + audio production studios. Takes place from 6:30 – 10 pm at Silverspot Cinema, 300 SE 3rd St.

Info & tickets: 305-916-6973; filmgate.miami

MAY 27 – 31
30th Annual American Black Film Festival

Miami: Now in its thirtieth year, the ABFF showcases a wide range of entertainment content made by and about people of African descent. The celebratory festival draws a global community of creators, executives, and more than 7,000 fans for five days of screenings, panels, networking, and cultural experiences adding to the significance of this year's milestone, the 2026 festival will introduce a unique curatorial approach with a portion of the lineup shaped by ABFF alumni and longtime supporters. Various times and locations. Info and festival passes at abff.com.

JUNE 6
World Ocean Day

Miami: Ocean science meets American ingenuity during this special celebration that tributes World Ocean Day. Aligned with this year's global theme, "Strong Marine Protected Areas for Our Blue Planet," the celebration explores how research, conservation, and protected ocean spaces sustain marine life and coastal ecosystems. Takes place from 11 am – 3 pm at the Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science, 1101 Biscayne Blvd. Info: 305-434-9660; frostsience.org.



Extreme Sports, Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science, Miami

JUNE 12
Laser Evening: Pride
Miami: Turn up the volume and celebrate Pride under the dome at Laser Evening. Dance, sing and shine through dazzling laser shows set to ABBA, Lady Gaga and Queen, plus a new high-energy Laser Pride show. It's an unforgettable night of big anthems, bold visuals and pure joy! Takes place from 7 – 11 pm at the Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science, 1101 Biscayne Blvd. Info and tickets: 305-434-9600; frostsience.org.

JUNE 20 – JULY 5
Freedom Plane National Tour: Documents That Forged a Nation
Miami: The National Archives celebrates America's 250th birthday with this fascinating exhibition that showcases a rare collection of original Founding-era documents. Miami is one of only eight cities nationwide selected to host the traveling exhibition, which expands public access to documents that have seldom traveled outside Washington, DC. In addition to the exhibition, you can also interact with a digital mural where you can share your personal wish for America's future. Takes place on Th – Su from 11 am – 3 pm at the History Miami Museum, 101 W Flagler St. Info: 305-375-1492; historymiami.org.

JUNE 26
FilmGate Fusion
Miami: This mind-expanding collaboration between FilmGate and Frost Science explores science, tech, and art – all within immersive dome experiences.

The new series brings together some of the most innovative audiovisual artists from around the globe to explore the fusion of these disciplines. The first edition features Creators x AI, featuring DRIFT. This outstanding performance by Frédéric Deslias and Le Clair Obscur, combines live theater, AI-generated visuals, and dynamic sound inside the Frost's Planetarium's 67-foot dome. Kicks off at 7 pm in the Planetarium at the Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science, 1101 Biscayne Blvd. Info: 305-434-96600; frostsience.org.

MUSEUMS

UPPER KEYS

Florida Keys History & Discovery Center

On the Property of the Islander Resort MM 82 Oceanside Islamorada, FL 33036 305-922-2237; keysdiscovery.com

Open Tu – Su 10 am – 5 pm
Where the "Old Keys" Come to Life
This fascinating educational attraction encapsulates what living in the "Old Keys" was like through a series of engaging exhibits that include the infamous Labor Day Hurricane of 1935, Henry Flagler's Railroad, the Overseas Highway, legendary anglers and fishing guides along with a host of other unique displays.

History Of Diving Museum

82990 Overseas Hwy (MM83), Islamorada, FL 305-664-9737; divingmuseum.org
Exhibits & Museum Store
Open Daily 10 am – 5 pm
A "Must-See" for Divers & Non-Divers Alike
Dedicated to telling the international story

of "the quest to explore under the sea," this fascinating museum contains 5,000 years of diving history – from breath-hold diving to modern scuba and also explores the unique South Florida connection to this untold story. Venture through a timeline that includes *Improbable Early Diving Inventions*, *Deep Sea Diving in the Abyss* and *Parade of Nations*, an international collection that displays helmets from every country that ever made one. There's also an extensive line-up of limited-time featured exhibits, guided tours, scavenger hunts, special events and more.

MIDDLE KEYS

Crane Point Museum & Nature Center

5550 Overseas Hwy, MM 50, Gulfside Marathon, FL 33050 305-743-9100; cranepoint.net
M - S 9 am – 5 pm;
Su Noon – 5 pm
Take a Walk Back in Time
Tucked away in the heart of Marathon lies this historic 63-acre tropical oasis of hardwood trees, 2.5 miles of beautiful nature trails, and a Museum of Natural History. Initially, the site



Florida Keys History & Discovery Center, Islamorada

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.

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Historic Pigeon Key Offshore Island

1090 Overseas Hwy (Visitors Center)
Marathon, FL 33050
305-743-5999

pigeonkey.net

Open Daily 9 am – 4 pm

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

3501 South Roosevelt Blvd
Key West, FL 33040
305-296-3913;

kwahs.org

Open Daily
10 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 St
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 St
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

keywestfire.com

W – Sa 10 am – 2 pm

Key West's Firefighting Legacy



Custom House, Key West

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

938 Whitehead St
Key West, FL 33040
305-294-0012; kwahs.org

Open Daily

10 am – 5 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 lighthouse 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.

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"Today's the Day!"

Mel Fisher Maritime Museum



It was 1969 when former chicken farmer turned treasure hunter Mel Fisher started hunting for the shipwreck, *Nuestra Señora de Atocha*. The Spanish Galleon sank in 1622 during a violent hurricane in the Florida Straits.

For over a decade, Fisher's dogged search yielded little, but the hunt was just too intoxicating to stop.

At the time of its demise, the *Atocha* was laden with a horde of contraband plundered from Central and South America. The galleon's treasure was so immense that the ship's Panama departure was delayed.

At the same time, the crew spent two months recording and loading their spoils. Valued at between 250 and 500 million dollars, the *Atocha's* cache included silver from Bolivia, Peru, and Mexico; gold and emeralds from

Colombia; pearls from Venezuela; a gold chain valued at over a quarter million dollars; and so much more.

When the *Atocha* caught up with the rest of its Spanish *Tierra* fleet in Cuba, hurricane season was already upon them.

On September 4, 1622, the 28-ship convoy set sail for Spain. The hurricane smashed into them on the following day. Eight ships went down, including *The Nuestra Señora de Atocha*. All was lost.

But that all changed on Friday, July 22, 1985. After 16 years of proclaiming "Today Is The Day," Fisher's crew hit pay dirt. Just thirty-five miles offshore lay the ship's elusive "Mother Lode." With an estimated worth of \$450 million, Fisher's haul was only about half of the *Atocha's* original trove. The rest still remains hidden beneath the ocean.

Mel Fisher died just three years after his discovery, but his legacy still lives on at Key West's Mel Fisher Maritime Museum.

The museum boasts the richest single collection of 17th-century maritime and shipwreck antiquities in the Western Hemisphere and is home to a priceless



collection of artifacts from the prized *Nuestra Señora de Atocha* and her ill-fated sister ship, the *Santa Margarita*. The museum is also home to other relics from several other historical wrecks, including the English merchant slave vessel *Henrietta Marie*, which sank in 1700 near the Marquesas Keys.

You can see it all at the Mel Fisher Maritime Museum, 200 Greene St. More info at 305-294-2633; melfisher.org.

Mel Fisher Maritime Heritage Museum

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305.294.2633



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Mel Fisher Maritime Museum

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

Open M – Su 10 am – 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 Tu – W

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 10 am – 5 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.

Key West Turtle Museum

200 Margaret St
Key West, FL 33040
305-294-0209; keywestturtlemuseum.org

Open Th – Sa

10 am – 4 pm

A Piece of Key West History

Located next to a former turtle cannery building, this former fish house is now home to the Key West Turtle Museum. Here you can explore the history of the green sea turtle fishing industry and see a burgeoning collection of archeological objects and turtle bones. Opened by Mel Fisher Maritime Museum, the Turtle Museum focuses on turtle conservation efforts, including promoting awareness, protecting habitats, and tagging for research and study.

SOUTH MIAM-DADE

CORAL GABLES AREA

Montgomery Botanical Center

11901 Old Cutler Rd
Coral Gables, FL 33156
305-667-3800

montgomerybotanical.org

Guided Tours Every Saturday by Appointment.

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 bay-front 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. It has also become an invaluable resource for scientific research. The Montgomerys' original Mediterranean revival house has also been preserved just as Nell left it when she died in 1990, including tea and coffee pots, glassware, and bric-a-brac.

MIAMI AREA

Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA)

61 NE 41st St
Miami, FL 33137
305-901-5272

icamiami.org

W – Su 11 am – 6pm

The Cultural Hub of the Miami Design District
ICA's recent expansion to the previous home of the de la Cruz Collection is a huge leap

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MUSEUMS



Vizcaya Museum & Gardens, Miami

for this regaled admission-free museum. Now, with over 30,000 square feet of added space, this cultural hub is home to a much larger permanent collection, special exhibits, lecture space, and performance programming. It also boasts a dedicated lab for digital and audio-visual art creation and classrooms for educational community events.

Lowe Art Museum

1301 Stanford Dr
Coral Gables, FL 33146
305-284-3535
lowe.miami.edu

W – Sa 10 am – 4 pm

An Astounding Visual Arts Museum

Located in the heart of the University of Miami campus, this extraordinary visual arts museum is lauded as one of the most prominent art museums in the region. Opened in 1952, Lowe is also regaled as Florida's very first art museum. Today, 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 several significant Renaissance and Baroque pieces from Europe, an impressive collection of Greek and Roman antiquities, a diverse trove of contemporary Latin American works, and the Barton Collection of Native American art, considered one of the finest in the country.

Phillip & Patricia Frost Museum of Science

At Maurice A Ferré Park
1101 Biscayne Blvd
Miami, FL 33132
305-434-9600

frostsience.org

Open Every Day Starting At 10 am
World Class Planetarium, Aquarium & Science Museum!

With six floors of interactive exhibits, this beautiful bay-front complex is one of the

only museums in the world that boasts a stunning three-story, 500,000-gallon aquarium (including a touch exhibit where you can pet a stingray!) The Frost Planetarium houses an impressive 250-seat auditorium 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: The planetarium hosts Laser Evening events with eye-popping laser graphics set to popular music on select dates.

Pérez Art Museum Miami

Maurice A Ferré Park
1103 Biscayne Blvd
Miami FL 33132
305-375-3000

pamm.org

Th 11 am – 9pm;

F – M 11 am – 6 pm

Miami's Most Popular Art Museum

With a legendary award-winning design and a jaw-dropping location on Biscayne Bay, "PAMM" is renowned for its exceptional collection of 20th and 21st century modern and contemporary art.

The museum's expansive 120,000-square-foot space boasts over 3,000 international works, spanning fifteen galleries. It also showcases an array of fabulous art by Cuban, Caribbean, Latin, and African diaspora artists. Outside, you'll find the



Pérez Art Museum Miami

museum's iconic hanging gardens and large-scale sculptures, backdropped by a stunning panorama of the bay. Sharing the view is a really great restaurant serving seasonal specialties. FYI: Don't skip the Gift Shop here. Curated with quirky t-shirts, handmade goods, decorative objects, books, and lots of fun novelties, it's the perfect place to pick up some great memorabilia.

Vizcaya Museum & Gardens

3251 S Miami Ave
Miami, FL 33129
305-250-9133

vizcaya.org

W – M 9:30 – 4:30 pm

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, native woodland landscape, and a historic village compound, the Vizcaya Museum is a treasure trove of Gilded Age technology, including that was the first of its kind in Miami-Dade County.

WYNWOOD

Wynwood Walls & Art District

2516 NW 2nd Ave
Miami, FL 33127

thewynwoodwalls.com

Daily 10:30 am – 6:30 pm

Miami's Museum of the Streets

What was once considered a "storeroom neighborhood" is now an awe-inspiring outdoor art gallery.

Anchored by a vast stock of warehouses, massive walls have now been transformed into giant "canvases." As Wynwood's only outdoor museum, the Walls showcase murals from some of the world's most famous street artists, painters, and young inventors. Not

only is the Wynwood District a major platform for significant global artists, but it also boasts over 75 exhibition spaces and is home to the internationally famous Art Basel Fair and several world-renowned art galleries. Truly a "must-see" whenever you're in the South Miami area.

FOOTLIGHTS

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

KEY WEST

ONGOING

Randy Roberts Live!

Key West: Spotlit on television's hit series "America's Got Talent," Randy Roberts shines in this live, multi-media tribute to some of the world's most beloved performers. His uncanny impersonations of Cher, Bette Midler, and Mae West are spot-on. Randy will 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 & info: 305-296-6706; lateda.com.

NIGHTLY

The Birdcage Cabaret

Key West: Home of North America's foremost female impressionist, Christopher Peterson, and Key West's famous drag queens, The

Aquanettes.. The Aquanettes also perform separately on M – Tu at 9 pm with two shows on W – Su at 7 and 9 pm. The bar is open Su – Th from 2 pm – 2 am and F – Sa from 2 pm – 4 am. The all-day Happy Hour doesn't stop until showtime. It all takes place at the Birdcage Cabaret at 504 Angela St in the Aquaplex. Info: 305-294-0555; aquakeywest.com.

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 Key West's most popular

shows. Takes place on M – Tu at 9 pm and on W – Su at 7 and 9 pm at the Aquaplex, 711 Duval St. Info: 305-294-0555; aquakeywest.com.

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, including classical guitarist Matteo Jampol and pianist Bobby Green. Takes place from 5 – 7 pm at The Gardens Hotel and Cottages, 26 Angela St. Info: 305-294-2661; gardenshotel.com.

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

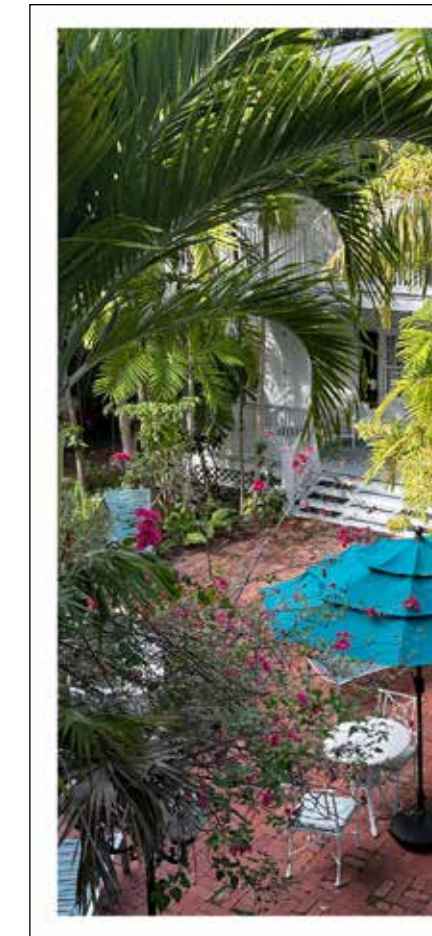
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TUESDAY – SATURDAY

Christopher Peterson's Birdcage Cabaret

Key West: Christopher Peterson is, without a doubt, one of North America's foremost female impersonists — visually and vocally. Often compared to the legendary master of impersonations, Jim Bailey, Christopher's lavish 90-minute show is one of the hottest tickets in town. Backed up by the outrageous Aquanettes Drag Queens, it's one show you don't want to miss. Takes place at 8 pm every Tu – Sa 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 master magician, Frank Everhart, never ceases to amaze. Regaled as one of the country's top comedians and magicians, Everhart's "Chicago-style, close-up magic show" not only showcases his awe-inspiring magic, but it's also absolutely hilarious. Showtime: 7 pm every W – Su at the notorious Schooner Wharf Bar, 202 William St in Key West's Historic Seaport. Info: 305-292-9520; schoonerwharf.com.

WEDNESDAY – SATURDAY

Cabaret in The Gardens

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

EVERY FRIDAY

The Fabulous Spectrelles Revue

Key West: Grab your dancing shoes and get ready to party! Key West's longest-running show is an immersive, rollicking ride down memory lane. This high-energy revue has been rocking the house for over four decades and pays tribute to some of the world's most renowned

Motown and Doo-Wop groups from the '50s and '60s. Founder, Allison Mayer, aka "Baby Tracy Spectrelle," and her chart-topping revue have played with some of Motown's biggest stars, including Chuck Berry, the Coasters, the Drifters, and other notables. It's a journey through music history that you don't want to miss! Showtime: 7 – 8 pm at the Key West EmPOURium at Kaya Island Eats, 618 Duval St. Info & tickets: 305-395-0213; empouriumkeywest.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

MAY 15

25 Years of Close-Up Magic

Key West: Prepare to be amazed as the Comedy Magic Bar commemorates a quarter century of legendary magical entertainment! Renowned as one of the country's top comedians and magicians, headliner

Frank Everhart and friends dazzle and delight with lots of tricks

and no sleeves to put them up!

Hosted by local celebrity Bill Hoebee, this historical night also includes live music and dancing, as well as a late-night special appearance by global magic sensation, magician and illusionist, Nicholas Tweedy.

Kicks off at 7 pm at Schooner Wharf Bar, 202 William St in the Historic Seaport. Info: 305-292-9520; schoonerwharf.com.

Allison Mayer
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Key West Follies

MAY 30

19th Annual Key West Follies

Key West: A precursor to Key West's annual Pride Celebration, this campy variety show includes an array of unforgettable comedy, singing, dancing, and lots of belly busters. Hosted by Domini Paolillo and Claire Caplan, it's an outrageous show that gets better and better every year! Full bar service. FYI: Always a "sell out," so get your tickets early. Showtime: 7:30 pm at the Key West Theater, 512 Eaton St. Info & tickets: 305-985-0433; keywesttheater.com.

JUNE 5

BERTHA: Grateful Drag

Key West: Cited as having the "best harmonies and vocals of any Grateful Dead tribute act," this nationally celebrated, all-star collective reimagines The Dead's music through bold drag performances, powerful vocals, and an electrifying stage presence. Doors open: 7 pm at the Key West Theater, 512 Eaton St. Info & tickets: 305-985-0433; keywesttheater.com.

JULY 10 – 11

42nd Annual Underwater Music Festival

Big Pine & The Lower Keys: The 42nd edition of this quirky underwater concert for divers, snorkelers, and the occasional mermaid is one of the summer's biggest events. The annual shindig, which promotes reef preservation, kicks off on Friday from 6 – 8 pm with live music, lite bites, and beverages at Mote Marine, 24244 Overseas Hwy on Summerland Key. The submerged Songfest, which is also broadcast on US Radio 104.1 FM, takes place Saturday at Looe Key Reef in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, approximately 5 miles south of Big Pine Key. Transportation is available from the local dive shops. Info: 305-872-2411; lowerkeyschamber.com.

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JULY 15 – 25

The Clouds Over the Sunshine Inn

Key West: This sneak peek at Ben Harrison's delicious new Romcom Musical begs the question: "Will corporate greed get its just deserts when it stands in the way of true love?" Produced by Art House, Fringe. Showtime: 7 pm at the Armory, 600White St. Info & reserved tickets: 305-295-7676; keystix.com.



One Night Stand, The Studios of Key West

AUGUST 1

One Night Stand

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

COMING SOON

SEPTEMBER 3 – 7

Just A Few Friends Key West – Favorite Son Celebration

Key West: This 2nd annual celebration honors Key West's favorite son, Jimmy Buffett, who passed away in 2024. Pre-Party events kick off early on W, Sept 2 with a special Jimmy Buffett Tribute Show at Comedy Key West and a Welcome Pre-Party at The Pier House's famous Chart Room Bar. The festival officially kicks off on Th, Sept 3 with a jam-packed weekend lineup that includes foodie events, street, beach & pool parties, sailing adventures, bar strolls and more. On Su, Sep 6, you can enjoy the epic Second Line Walking Parade, which culminates with a huge party and concert on the waterfront. Come Monday, the weekend wraps up with even more activities, including the now famous Pencil Thin Mustache Contest, an Island Tiki Sunset & Music Cruise, and a fierce bayside concert with Caymen & The Mango Men on Sunset Pier. For more info, event badges and a full list of happenings, hit up justafewfriendskeywest.com.

SOUTH MIAMI-DADE

ONGOING

EVERY FRIDAY & SATURDAY

Street Stages 2026

Miami: One of Miami's most popular weekend Haps brings the rhythm of the city to the streets with live music from some of Magic City's most dynamic performers. From Jazz and Latin pop to Soul, Funk, and R&B, this open-air concert is where you can enjoy world-class entertainment — completely free! Takes place from 6 – 8 pm at 148 E Flagler St in Downtown Miami's historic Flagler District. Info: olympiaarts.miami.

NOW – JUNE 13

Ballet of Lights – Sleeping Beauty

Miami Shores: This sparkling and spectacular staging of classical ballet features dancers adorned in glow-in-the-dark costumes who shine as they leap across the stage with divine grace, various times. Takes place at Miami Theater Center, 9806 2nd Ave. Info & tickets: 844-765-8432; miami-theater.com.

MAY 15 – JUNE 14

Regional Premiere: Eureka Day

Coral Gables: Fresh from Broadway, this Tony Award-winning hit is a punishingly sharp satire of the ultra-progressive Eureka Day School, where every decision is made by strict consensus. The comic powder keg explodes when a mumps outbreak forces the community to reconsider the school's liberal vaccine policy, and the board faces its worst nightmare: make a decision that won't please absolutely everybody. Showtime: 7:30 pm on W – Sa with a 2 pm Sunday matinee. Takes place at Gable Stage, 1200 Anastasia Ave. Info & tickets: 773-281-8463; Boxoffice@gablestage.org.

JUNE 8 – 13

Jersey Boys

Miami: Go behind the music and inside the story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons in this Tony Award-winning Broadway sensation. From the streets of New Jersey to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, this high energy musical features all of the group's biggest hits. Various times. Takes place in the Ziff Ballet Opera House at the Adrienne Arsht Center, 1300 Biscayne. Blvd. Info & tickets: 305-949-6722; arshtcenter.org.



JUNE 12 – AUGUST 20

2026 Summer Concert Series

Coral Gables: This terrific summer concert series showcases six outstanding classical and jazz luminaries. Showtime: 7:30 pm. Takes place every other Thursday at Coral Gables United Church of Christ, 3010 De Soto Blvd (across from the Biltmore Hotel). Info: 305-487421, ext. 120; communityartsprogram.org.

JULY 2 – 25

The Wizard of Oz

Coral Gables: Originally produced by the award-winning Prince Street Players, this funny and clever musical is sure to entertain both the largest and smallest of munchkins! Saturday matinees only at 2 pm. Takes place at the Miracle Theater, 280 Miracle Mile. Info & tickets: 305-444-9293; actorsplayhouse.org.

JULY 9 – 19

Dennis Watkins' The Magic Parlour

Miami: When award-winning, third-generation magician Dennis Watkins takes to the stage, magical things start to happen. Watkins' signature blend of sleight of hand, mind reading, and personal storytelling features up-close magic crafted to delight, surprise, and rekindle your sense of wonder. Various times. Takes place at the Adrienne Arsht Center, 1300 Biscayne. Blvd. Info & tickets: 305-949-6722; arshtcenter.org.

JULY 15 – AUGUST 9

The Shark is Broken

Coral Gables: Take a deep dive into the chaotic behind-the-scenes drama of the 1970s blockbuster, Jaws, where testy, feuding co-stars, unpredictable weather, and a constantly malfunctioning mechanical shark threaten the movie's success. Showtime: 8 pm on W – Sa with a 3 pm matinee on Sunday. Takes place at the Miracle Theater, 280 Miracle Mile. Info & tickets: 305-444-9293; actorsplayhouse.org.

JULY 25 – AUGUST 16

International Ballet Festival of Miami

Miami Beach: Now celebrating its 31st season, this landmark festival presents top-tier talent from leading dance companies across the globe. The festival showcases over 100 principal dancers performing works that range from iconic classical masterpieces to bold contemporary productions. Various times and venues. Info & tickets: 786-747-1877; internationalballetfestival.org.

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It's a Total Farce!

19th Annual Pride Follies

It's a farce. A total farce. And that's what makes it one of Key West's hottest shows of the year.

Welcome to Pride Follies, an old-fashioned vaudeville-type show that precludes Key West's annual PrideFest celebration and strikes a chord with anyone who has a sense of humor.

If you're old enough to remember the infamous Ed Sullivan Show from the 60's, you'll probably recognize the show's throwback format which showcases exceptionally skilled performers with a dash of humor and camp thrown in for good measure.

Hosted by Dominic Paolillo and Erin McKenna, this year's show is guaranteed to be a dynamic roller



coaster ride with acts ranging from outstanding vocals and dancing programs to fun and saucy burlesque performances, comedy routines, and more.

Pride Follies 2026 is a 21+ event and takes place on Saturday, May 30, at the

historic Key West Theater, which offers full bar service. Doors Open: 6:30 pm.

FYI: Always a "sell out," so get your tickets early!

You can find the Key West Theater at 512 Eaton St in Key West. Info & tickets: 305-985-0433; keywesttheater.com.

BERTHA: Grateful Drag

The World's First Grateful Drag Band Hits Key West



Drag, Rock, and Pride Culture collide when BERTHA: Grateful Drag, takes to the stage for a gender-blending night of music, performance, and Pride spirit.

Cited as having the "best harmonies and vocals of any Grateful Dead tribute act," this nationally celebrated, all-star collective reimagines The Dead's music through bold drag performances, powerful vocals, and an electrifying

stage presence.

The revolutionary band is renowned for its dazzling costumes and tight musicianship and is fronted by a harmony trio of BERTHAS, backed by a rocking all-BERTHA band.

Fusing rock nostalgia with modern queer artistry, the high-energy show merges a queer, feminist ethos with what's largely been a male-dominated, heteronormative Deadhead scene.





Co-founder, Melody Walker, calls BERTHA a band "for the Girls, the Gays, and the Theys" and proclaims, "Here, there's room for everyone!"

And for good reason.

BERTHA's performances are as much about community and self-expression, as they are about music-making. This special Pride Week gig is one show that you don't want to miss.

Showtime: 8 pm (doors open at 7 pm) on Friday, June 5, at the historic Key West Theater, 512 Eaton St. Info & Tickets: 305-985-0433; keywesttheater.com.



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Key West Pride: Color the Island

Celebrating Identity Through Color & Creativity

Key West Pride 2026 — “Color the Island,” which rocks the dock from Wednesday, June 3, through Sunday, June 7, celebrates “Identity through Color and Creativity.”

Presented by the Key West Business Guild, “Color the Island” is a fitting tribute to Key West’s legendary “One Human Family” philosophy.

Created by local artist J.T. Thompson, the motto may sound like a simple moniker, but our “One Human Family” ethos represents so much more: it’s meant to unite people regardless of their race, nationality, sexuality, and other differences that Thompson believes that “are superficial distinctions that cannot be allowed to be twisted into cultural divisions.”

It’s also a philosophy that our local community (gay, straight, trans, binary, etc.) proudly lives by daily, especially now, as more and more of our human rights are being usurped, and so many minorities are being marginalized.

And that’s what Pride is all about: standing together and embracing our diversity.

This year’s all-inclusive Pride festival includes five robust days of signature events: from lively dance parties, sunset

sails, pool parties, and themed bar crawls, to drag spectaculars, off-the-charts

entertainment, and the return of the beloved Pride Street Fair.

Also on this year’s immersive roster: an electrifying performance by

BERTHA: Grateful Drag. The revolutionary band is famous for fusing rock nostalgia with unapologetic queer artistry. (Read more on page 31).

For more details and a full event schedule, hit up GayKeyWestFL.com.

Have fun and be safe!



Key West PRIDE June 3-7

INFO AND TICKETS

Color the Island

The Florida Keys Key West

Celebrating Identity Through Color and Creativity

WHAT'S UP

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

FLORIDA KEYS & KEY WEST

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; boondocksfloridakeys.com.

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

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 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. Daily Happy Hour from 4 – 6 pm. Takes place at Snooks Bayside & Grand Tiki at MM 99.8, Southbound Lane, behind the Sandal Factory outlet. Info: 305-453-5004; snooks.com.



Snooks Bayside Sunset Celebration, Key Largo

Bayside Sunset Celebration

Key Largo: Located on the first floor of the Bayside Grille, the Bayside Sunset Bar is regaled for having the “Most Photographed Sunset in Key Largo.” The daily Sunset Celebration here features a lively Happy Hour, tropical libations, a fun menu, top performers, and a grand finale beachside Conch Shell Blowing. FYI: On select nights, you can also catch some powerful beats from internationally renowned blues bands. Takes place at Bayside Sunset Bar, 99540 Overseas Hwy (MM 99.5 Bayside, Behind DiGiorgio's Cafe Largo). Info: 305-451-3380; baysidegrill.com.

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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 with Well Drinks for just \$4, Domestic Drafts at only \$3, and the island's best Margarita menu. It all happens at Lorelei Restaurant & Cabana Bar, 96 Madeira Rd. FYI: Look for the giant mermaid at MM 82, Bayside. Info: 305-664-2692; loreleicabanabar.com.



Key West Sunset Celebration

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 docks behind the Opal Resort & Marina 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 spectacular Sunset Celebration a world-famous, multicultural happening. Info: sunsetcelebration.org.

NIGHTLY

Aquaplex

Key West: With three reinvented venues all under one roof, Key West's state-of-the-art entertainment complex also boasts a lovely outdoor garden bar, lively dance bar and the best drag shows in the Keys. But the crowning jewel of it all is the Birdcage

Cabaret, which features the world-renowned female impressionist and singer, Christopher Peterson, and The Aquanettes, an outrageous troupe of talented drag queens. Find it all at the Aquaplex, 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, admission is free, and everyone looks great in golden twilight. The rooftop happening offers panoramic vistas across Old Town — from the Gulf of Mexico on one side to the Atlantic on the other. Takes place from 5 pm through sunset at The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

EVERY THURSDAY

Key West Waterfront Farmers Market

Key West: This traditional farmers' market includes a huge variety of seasonal produce and other goodies. You can also shop for local arts & crafts, flea market finds, jewelry, clothing, cigars, and CBD products. Takes

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Plywood, Two-By-Fours & a Roll of Duct Tape

Key West's Wacky Memorial Weekend Regatta



Boats made from thin plywood and duct tape may not sound seaworthy, but they're the only vessels allowed in Schooner Wharf's 35th Annual Minimal Regatta.

This wacky Memorial Day Weekend regatta shoves off at 1:30 pm on Sunday, May 24, in Key West's Historic Seaport and is heralded as a Key West "Not-to-be-Missed" event.

Here's the deal: only the most minimal boat-building materials are allowed. Teams can only create crafts made from a single sheet of 4'X8' plywood, two 8' long two-by-fours, a roll of duct tape, and a pound of fasteners. Caulking and adhesives are strictly forbidden, but epoxy paint is permitted.

Sounds impossible, right? Well, for some sailors, it is.

Because Schooner Wharf Bar encourages contenders to wear costumes and to create themed-related vessels, entries are often



more scenic than seaworthy.

Past regattas have included all kinds of crazy vessels — from a Red High Heel Shoe, a Steamship Paddle Wheel, and a funky Pirate



Galleon, to boats fashioned as Alligators, Flying Saucers, Guitars, and Wine Bottles!

However, some teams' clever designs far outweigh their seaworthiness.

Recent regattas have included a tiny Tiki Hut that overturned mid-course, as well as an unsteady entry whose captain, costumed as a park ranger, went down with

his ship!

The key to winning is to keep the crudely crafted "boats" afloat long enough to complete a short course in Key West's Historic Seaport. Each team can have up to six members, but at least one "designated passenger" must crew the vessel throughout the regatta.

Racers get to vie for prizes in multiple categories, which makes the regatta all the more fun. Even the losers have a shot at winning the disheartening

"Sinker" Award, which is presented to the hapless teams unable to stay above water.

In addition to all of this wack-a-doodle-ness, the Minimal Regatta also includes a terrific Memorial Day Weekend BBQ with a ton of classic summertime eats and great live tunes.

It all happens at Schooner Wharf Bar, 202 William St in Key West's Historic Seaport. More info at 305-292-9520; schoonerwharf.com.

Friday, June 5 - Sunday, June 7, 2026

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Kiki's SAND BAR, 183 Barry Ave, Little Torch Key

FEES: Includes entry and banquet for four. (\$500 per boat if received by May 31, 2025; \$550 after that date; Food Only just \$25/pp). See official entry form for all rules and info.

Info: 305 872 2411; Applications: lowerkeyschamber.com



LET FREEDOM RING!

America's 250th Anniversary marks a pivotal moment to celebrate our freedom and our nation's founding.

Here are a few of our favorite spots to celebrate from Key West to Miami!

THE FLORIDA KEYS & KEY WEST

JULY 3 INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Big Pine: Enjoy live music, delicious local food, unique vendors, and family-friendly fun in a stunning island setting. Festivities kick off at 5 pm at the Big Pine Community Center, 31009 Atlantis Rd. Info 305-872-2411; lowerkeyschamber.com.

JULY 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY COOKOUT

Key West: Break out your finest red, white & blue for this free family-friendly patriotic cookout that includes an on-site BBQ, cash bar, and more. Takes place from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm on the lawn at the historic Harry S Truman Little White



House, 111 Front St. Info: 305-294-9911; trumanlittlewhitehouse.org.

JULY 4 4TH OF JULY ROOFTOP FIREWORKS VIEWING

Key West: Wear your red, white, and bluest finery and bring your firecracker

personality to this panoramic Independence Day Party. Ticket price includes a free drink, a DJ, and spectacular fireworks. Takes place from 8 – 10 pm at Hugh's View on the rooftop of The Studios of Key West, 533 Eaton St. Info: 305-296-0458; tskw.org.

JULY 4 HOSPICE & VNA JULY 4TH PICNIC

Key West: This annual family-friendly, beachside picnic is also a fundraiser for Monroe County's Hospice, with an endless supply of hot dogs and hamburgers, top entertainment, a silent auction, children's activities, and a giant firework display off the White Street Pier by Higgs Beach. VIP seating on the beach is available. Festivities start at 5 pm on the lawn and beach of the historic Casa Marina Resort, 1500 Reynolds St. Info: 305-294-8812.

JULY 4 4TH OF JULY SPECTACULAR — ROTARY OF KEY WEST PICNIC & FIREWORKS

Key West: This annual community celebration is a beloved tradition filled with fun, food, and festivities for the whole family! Enjoy classic picnic fare from local food vendors, kick back with live bands and performers, and witness a spectacular fireworks display over the Atlantic from the White St Pier. Takes place from 5 – 10 pm at Higgs Beach and Indigenous Park. Info: 305-773-4016; keywestrotary.com.

JULY 4 CELEBRATING FREEDOM!

Key Largo: Celebrate America's 250th Birthday with a festive 4th of July Parade, which rolls out at 9:45 am from MM 98 –100. The celebration continues with a community picnic and festival that includes live music, local vendors, games, and a fireworks extravaganza follows at The Big Chill. For more information: 305-451-1414 or keylargochamber.com.

JULY 4 MORE KEYS CELEBRATIONS

Keys-Wide: There are lots of 4th of July happenings going on all over the Keys, so, here's a quick view of what else is happening: *Key Largo:* Celebrate America's 250th Birthday with an annual 4th of July Parade, which rolls out at 9:45 am from MM 98 –100, followed by a picnic. Enjoy a fireworks display at 10 pm on Blackwater Sound, MM 104, Bayside. *Marathon:* The holiday parade begins at 10 am on Sombrero Blvd (MM 50, Oceanside), followed by free day-long festivities at Sombrero Beach, culminating with a massive fireworks display at 9 pm. *Big Pine & The Lower Keys:* The celebration starts at 5 pm at Big Pine Community Park with music, food, and fun, followed by a fireworks extravaganza after sunset. *Key West:* Fireworks light up the Atlantic starting at 9 pm off the White St Pier.

GREATER SOUTH MIAMI-DADE

JULY 4 MIAMI BEACH 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS

Miami Beach: When it comes to celebrating July 4th, Miami Beach has it all — from live music and food trucks to a great fireworks display. Enjoy the various festivities at North Shore Park, Collins Avenue, or the Bandshell at 73rd St.



JULY 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY AT TROPICAL PARK

Miami: Break out your favorite red, white, and blue for a festive celebration that includes plenty of family-friendly activities, live music, and yummy food truck offerings. FYI: Parking is limited, so get there early! Takes place from 5 – 9 pm at Tropical Park, 7900 SW 40th St.

JULY 4 4TH OF JULY ON OCEAN DRIVE

Miami: Grab your beach chairs, blankets, and favorite bites for an unforgettable July 4th Celebration. This special night pays tribute to America's 250 years with Patriotic music and Broadway favorites by Miami Beach Classical Music Festival Orchestra and Alumni Division singers. Backdropping it all will be a dazzling fireworks display. Entertainment begins

at 8:30 pm with fireworks at 9 pm. Takes place at Lummus Park, Ocean Dr, and 12th St.

JULY 4 DOWNTOWN 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Miami: Downtown rocks the night with this notorious bayside celebration. Enjoy terrific live performances by local artists and the US Navy Band, a lip-smacking hot dog eating competition, amazing stilt performers, classic cars, carnival games, a charity dunk tank, food trucks, and more. A grand finale fireworks display caps the celebration at 9 pm. Kicks off at 4 pm at Bayfront Park, 301 Biscayne Blvd.

JULY 4 19TH ANNUAL RED WHITE & GROVE INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Coconut Grove: Renowned as the most spectacular Independence Day celebration in Miami, this annual extravaganza is packed with a full day of electrifying live entertainment, interactive family fun zones, and chef-curated food. The celebration culminates with a mind-blowing cutting-edge drone light display and a fireworks extravaganza at 9 pm. Kicks off at 3 pm in the heart of Coconut Grove's shopping and dining district at Peacock Park, 2820 McFarlane Rd. Info: 786-683-6140; coconutgrove.com.

JULY 4 HOMESTEAD'S ANNUAL RACE TO THE 4TH

Homestead: This revved-up Independence Day Celebration is also a great opportunity for you to explore the famous Homestead-Miami Speedway, where hundreds of races have been held throughout the years. The annual happening marries live performances, top recording artists, a luxury car show, a Kids Zone, dozens of food trucks, and epic fireworks. Free admission and parking. Takes place from 5 – 9 pm at Homestead-Miami Speedway, 1 Ralph Sanchez Speedway Blvd. Info: 866-409-7223; homesteadmiamispeedway.com.

America's Favorite Citrus Celebration!

Key West's Annual Key Lime Festival



This year's 4th of July Holiday not only tributes America's 250th birthday. It's also when Key West throws open its doors for "America's Favorite Citrus Celebration."

Key West's Key Lime Festival 2026, which runs from Wednesday,

July 1 – Sunday, July 5, delivers five days of citrus-inspired fun, culinary delights, and island culture.

The festival also encapsulates what makes Key West so unforgettable: its eccentric characters, lively parties, and, of course, the iconic Key Lime Pie.

As the birthplace of the original Key Lime Pie, Key West is renowned for serving up some of the world's best

renditions of this tasty treat.

But during the long, limey Key West Key Lime Festival, pie is not the only thing on the menu. You'll also be able to indulge in a full roster of unique activities, along with several Red, White & Blue events that capture the spirit of America's 250th birthday.

Topping the list of perennial festival favorites: the Annual Key Lime Sip & Stroll, Key Lime Pie Hop, and the raucous "Battle of the Bartenders."

Of course, there are all kinds of other fun festival happenings, too, including several delicious Key Lime-centric food events, Mini Pie Baking Classes, and Key Lime Rum Tastings, as well as the wacky, gravity-defying

Key Lime Pie Drop Competition — from the top of the Key West Lighthouse!

The festival's undisputed "limelight," however, is the World-Famous Key Lime Pie Eating Championship. This is when brave contestants attempt to devour an entire 9" pie, topped with mounds of whipped cream, without using their hands; all the while trying to outpace their rivals and beat the pie-eating record of 52 seconds!

Admission to the contest is free, but if you're up to the task, you can actually participate as a contestant. The pre-registration entry fee is just \$30 (\$50 on the day of the event), which includes a lifetime of notoriety, a Key Lime Pie, and a chance to be the "Key Lime Pie Eating Champion" for 2026!

For more info and a full schedule of celebratory events, go to keylimefestival.com. After all, what's more American than Key Lime Pie?



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place from 2 – 7 pm at Truman Waterfront Park (end of Southard St). FYI: Make sure to bring your own bags. Info: 305-731-3385; keysartisanmarket.com

SELECT SUNDAYS

Key West Artisan Market

Key West: This juried market celebrates the best of the Keys' creative community with a curated selection of fine crafts, art, jewelry and more. Rotating themes feature local non-profits, live remotes, musicians, and local authors, as well as food and drink options. Takes place from 10 am – 2 pm on select Sundays at the Sony McCoy Indigenous Park, 1801 White St. Info: 305-731-3385; keysartisanmarket.com.

MONTHLY

LAST WEDNESDAY

Dolphin Sunset Celebration

Marathon: What's better than a margarita at sunset? How about sharing a non-alcoholic Jello shot with a dolphin! This totally unique Sunset experience is your opportunity to interact with dolphins, chat with experts, and discover what it means to build meaningful relationships with these special animals. As the sky turns gold, you can enjoy a champagne toast to the setting sun, surrounded by playful dolphins, an ocean breeze, and unforgettable island beauty. Space is limited, so reserve early! The fun begins at 6:45 pm (May – July) at the Dolphin Research Center, 58901 Overseas Hwy (MM 59 Gulfside) on Grassy Key. Info: 305-289-1121; dolphins.org.



THIRD SATURDAY

Native Plant Sale

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

FIRST FRIDAYS

First Fridays on Fleming

Key West: This monthly "shop local" evening stroll along historic Fleming St showcases vibrant boutiques, galleries, antique stores,



Key West Pride

artist studios, eateries and other creative businesses. Lots of cool special events, too! Takes place from 6 – 9 pm along the 500 Block of Fleming St, all the way to Grinnell St. Info: 305-304-9001; fabflemingkw.com.

SPECIAL EVENTS

MAY 24

Schooner Wharf Bar Minimal Regatta

Key West: Known as "the only boat race you can view from start to finish from shore," this wacky regatta is also a race to stay afloat. Savvy sailors use minimal materials, including plywood and duct tape, to build their tiny vessels. Races begin at 1:30 pm at Schooner Wharf Bar, 202 William St in Key West's Historic Seaport. Info: 305-292-3302; schoonerwharf.com.

MAY 30

19th Annual Key West Follies

Key West: A precursor to Key West's annual Pride Celebration, this campy variety show includes an array of unforgettable comedy, singing, dancing, and lots of belly busters. Hosted by Domini Paolillo and Claire Caplan, it's an outrageous show that gets better and better every year!. Full bar service. Showtime: 6:30 pm. FYI: Always a "sell out," so get your tickets early! Takes place at the Key West Theater, 512 Eaton St. Info & tickets: 305-985-0433; thekeywesttheater.com.

JUNE 3 – 7

Key West Pride 2026: Color the Island – A Celebration of Identity Through Color and Creativity

Key West: This year's dynamic Pride Celebration showcases self-expression, artistry, and authenticity in a full-on tribute to Key West's legendary "One

Human Family" philosophy. The immersive five-day festival boasts an exciting roster of signature events including lively dance parties, sunset sails, daytime pool parties, drag spectaculars, themed bar crawls, live entertainment, and the return of the beloved Pride Street Fair, as well as an electrifying performance by Bertha: Grateful Drag that blends iconic music, high-energy performance, and unapologetic queer artistry. Info and a full event schedule: 305-294-4603; gaykeywestfl.com/pride.

JUNE 5 – 7

33rd Annual Lower Keys Chamber Dolphin Tournament

Little Torch Key: Anglers contend for over \$35,000 in cash prizes and awards. Register for the tournament and enjoy appetizers and a cash bar on F, June 5 starting at 5 pm during the special Kick Off Party at Kiki's Sandbar, 183 Barry Ave. Kiki's will also host a lively Dinner and Awards Party at 6 pm on Su, June 7. Info: 305-872-2411; lowerkeyschamber.com.

JUNE 8 – 21

Summer Solstice Celebration

Key West: As a unique precursor to this year's June 20 Solstice — which marks the official first day of summer, a colorful series of special events and performances will take place each evening leading up to the big event. Takes place nightly, starting at 7 pm at Key West's Mallory Square, 400 Wall St, and on the pier behind the Opal Key Resort & Marina at 245 Front St. Info: sunsetcelebration.org.

JUNE 14 – 21

I Love Stock Island Festival

Key West/Stock Island: This off-beat, annual celebration of music, food and culture also includes a fun, diverse line-up of one-of-a-

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Wow, You Smell Good!

Key West's Scent-i-mental Journey

They call it the "Perfumery Studio Experience" — and with good reason. Renowned for their unique luxury scents, Aqua D' Keys Fragrance Boutique, has recently launched a series of daily "Perfume-Making" seminars in Key West.

Local perfume guru and Aqua D' Keys owner, Maurizio Nardi, shares his trade secrets for creating fresh, hand-crafted scents for women and men who want to exude their own signature style.

And believe me, after learning to create your own personal scent here, you'll never smell fragrances the same way again.

These fun, hands-on classes kick off with a glass of "bubbly" (this is Key West, after all!) and a complimentary perfume sample from the Aqua D' Keys proprietary fragrance collection.

And then it's showtime as Maurizio lines up his carefully curated collection of over thirty different fragrance oils for you to explore. (BTW: Did you know that perfumes are built in layers, and combining these layers is essential to creating a beautiful and complex scent?)

Once you've chosen your favorite combination, the magic starts to unfold.

Using special test strips dipped in your



chosen oils (one for the Base, one for the Heart, and one for the Top notes), your layered fragrance "recipe" quickly blossoms.

No worries if your initial combination is not up to snuff. During the 1.5 – 2 hour class, you'll have two more opportunities to get it just right. Adding more notes, experimenting with different layer combinations, and discovering the complexity of these interactions is pretty amazing and a whole lot of fun.

After three experiments, you'll have the opportunity to select your favorite layered combination and assemble your final fragrance. And then, Voilà — you're own personal perfume is born.

And get this: Not only do you get to name your creation, but Maurizio will even label your bottle and present it to you in a lush black velvet bag. No

doubt that you'll be dying to dab some on right away, but be patient: your new signature scent needs to cure for about a week before you can fully enjoy it.

As locals, we really had a great time with our friend Maurizio at the "Perfumery Studio Experience."

It's truly an unforgettable "Scent-i-mental Journey" and a great place to take your friends or celebrate a special event.

The daily classes take place three times per day at Aqua D' Keys Perfumery Studio which is inside the Shops at Mallory Square, 291 Front Street. (FYI: must be at least 16 years old to participate). Info and reservations: 305-676-5620; aquadkeys.com.

Put this one on your "Bucket List!"
— Pamela Childs

Fins Up!

The 42nd Annual Underwater Music Festival



Have you ever traveled to an Underwater Concert before? If not, grab your flippers for the 42nd Annual Underwater Music Festival which splashes down on Saturday, July 11.

The quirky underwater concert, which rocks the boat from 10 am – 2 pm, takes place at Looe Key Reef in the National Marine Sanctuary – approximately six miles south of Big Pine Key.

Imagine floating among



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mystical mermaids and costumed musicians playing artist-sculpted mock instruments ranging from a “manta-lin” and “sea-phan flute,” to a “trom-bonefish” and “fluke-a-lele.”

It truly is an underwater concert that will blow your fins off! Festivities kick off on Friday, July 10 at 6 pm with an opening party at Kiki’s Sandbar, a favorite waterfront hang at MM 29 Gulfside on Little Torch Key.

Enjoy scrummy appetizers and tropical libations, make new friends, and discover

some really fascinating facts about our precious reefs.

On Saturday, July 11, it’s time to don your favorite costume, grab your fins and splash down for a wild and wacky underwater concert you’ll never forget! Staged by Keys radio WWUS 104.1 FM, the wave of music resonates from Lubell Laboratory speakers suspended under boats positioned above the reef.

It’s a whole lot of fun, but on a more serious note, the annual concert also promotes preserving the Keys’ unique coral reef ecosystem by incorporating diver awareness announcements and great tips on how you can enjoy the reef and minimize environmental impacts.

Many divers and snorkelers launch their boats from public ramps and marinas in the Lower Keys but you can also reserve space on boats run by local dive operators who have their own onboard costume parties.

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



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FRIDAY, JULY 10
SATURDAY, JULY 11

42nd Annual Underwater Music Festival

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This world famous submerged songfest for divers, snorkelers, and the occasional mermaid is the only one of its kind and literally takes place underwater! Now celebrating 42 years, its guaranteed to be bigger and better than ever before!

Friday, July 10 • 6 - 8 pm

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

Saturday, July 11 • 10 am - 2 pm

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

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

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

Activities occur under permit within the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary



WHAT'S UP



Hemingway Days, Key West

kind Stock Island-inspired activities. Kick back with great live performances from top artists, indulge in some terrific local culinary creations, and immerse yourself in a wide array of art exhibits and workshops. Various times and locations. It all takes place on Key West's historic Stock Island. Info: 305-295-9112; ilovestockisland.org.

JULY 1 - 5

Annual Key Lime Festival

Key West: This long limey holiday weekend includes a full menu of activities, including a Key Lime Sip & Stroll, Key Lime Pie Hop, a gravity-defying Key Lime Pie Drop from the top of the Key West Lighthouse, and the World-Famous Key Lime Pie Eating Championship. It's one tasty, lip-smacking weekend! Complete event schedule at keylimefestival.com.

JULY 10 - 11

42nd Annual Underwater Music Festival

Big Pine & The Lower Keys: This world-famous quirky underwater concert for divers, snorkelers, and the occasional mermaid is the summer's splashiest event! The annual shindig, which promotes reef conservation and preservation, kicks off on F from 6 - 8 pm with live music, lite bites, and beverages at Mote Marine, 24244 Overseas Hwy on Summerland Key. The submerged songfest, which is also broadcast on US Radio 104.1 FM, takes place Sa from 10 am - 2 pm at Looe Key Reef in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, approximately 5 miles south of Big Pine Key. Transportation is available from local diving shops. Info: 305-872-2411; lowerkeyschamber.com.

JULY 17 - 19

Mel Fisher Days Celebration

Key West: This annual charity event tributes to rum-and-coke drinking, gold-chain-adorned Keys character Mel Fisher. Celebrated as

"the world's greatest treasure hunter," Fisher's 1985 discovery of the Nuestra Señora de Atocha shipwreck and whose motto of "Today's the Day" inspired people worldwide to follow their dreams. The event includes live music, a chance to win a piece of authentic treasure, live and online silent auctions, and more. Festivities kick off on Friday at 4 pm at Schooner Wharf Bar, 202 William St in Key West's Historic Seaport. Info: 305-292-3302; schoonerwharf.com.

JULY 22 - 26

Hemingway Days

Key West: Writers, anglers, and fans of the late author Ernest Hemingway come together for five days of some one-of-a-kind Key West antics. The festival honors the legacy of the American literary giant who lived and wrote on the island for most of the 1930s. Highlights include a three-day Marlin Tournament, the raucous Hemingway® Look-Alike Contest, a Caribbean Street Fair, and the hysterical "Running of the Bulls" down Duval St. Capping it all off is the Papa's Birthday Bash replete with cake, cocktails, and celebration at historic Sloppy Joe's Bar, 201 Duval St. Info: 305-294-5717; keywestlookalikes.com.

COMING SOON

SEPTEMBER 3 - 7

Just A Few Friends

Key West: Favorite Son Celebration
Key West: This 2nd annual celebration honors Key West's favorite son, Jimmy Buffett, who passed away in 2024. Pre-Party events kick off early on W, Sept 2 with a special Jimmy Buffett Tribute Show at Comedy Key West and a Welcome Pre-Party at The Pier House's famous Chart Room Bar. The festival officially kicks off on Th, Sept 3 with a jam-packed weekend lineup that includes foodie events, street, beach & pool parties, sailing adventures, bar strolls and more. On Su, Sep 6, you can enjoy the epic Second Line Walking Parade, which culminates with a huge party and concert on the waterfront. Come Monday, the weekend wraps up with even more activities, including the now-famous Pencil Thin Mustache Contest, an Island Tiki Sunset & Music Cruise, and a fierce bayside concert with Caymen & The Mango Men on Sunset Pier.



Just A Few Friends, Key West

For more info, event badges and a full list of happenings, hit up justafewfriendskeywest.com.

SOUTH MIAMI-DADE

ONGOING

SELECT FRIDAYS (NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 11)

Fast Lane Friday

Homestead: Street-legal drag racing returns to South Florida in an exciting recurring series that provides a controlled, legal alternative to street racing. Bring your own vehicle to compete (must be 18+) or watch all the action from the stands. Upcoming races: Info: homesteadmiamispeedway.com

SPECIAL EVENTS

NOW - SEPTEMBER 14

Dinos Among Us

Miami: Giants of the past come roaring back to life during this fantastical, immersive, limited-time exhibit. You'll be instantly transported back to prehistoric times, where twenty life-size animatronic dinosaurs move and roar right in the heart of the Zoo's botanical garden. Included with regular admission. Takes place daily from 10 am - 5 pm at Zoo Miami, 12400 SW 152nd St. Info: 305-255-5551; zooiami.org.

MAY 23 - 24

Hyundai Air & Sea Show

Miami: Known as the "Greatest Show Above the Earth," the Air & Sea Show features high-speed flyovers, elite special operations, and choreographed demonstrations reminiscent of Top Gun. The show also features ground displays of cutting-edge military technology, interactive activations, and opportunities to meet some of our brave service members. Takes place from Noon - 5 pm on the beach at Lummus Park, 1300 Ocean Dr. Info: 305-278-1811; usasalute.com.

MAY 28 - 31

Miami Swim Week

South Beach: The world's largest swimwear trade show showcases more than 2,500 of the best swim, resort, beach and lifestyle lines. The week-long event includes Runway Shows, Cocktail Receptions, Trunk Shows, and lots of other incredible events. Various times. Takes place at the Miami Beach Convention Center, 1901 Convention Center Dr. For more info & tickets hit up miamiswimweek.net.

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3rd Annual

Just a few friends Key West

Favorite Son Celebration

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JUNE 5 - 7

The Vintage Mart

Miami: Discover some truly great finds at this new curated Vintage Clothing and Accessory Shopping Mart. Vendors from South Florida and all over the US will be showcasing the rare, unique and one of a kind Vintage Clothing & Accessories. You can also shop for Y2K, Designer, Handmade & Upcycled. Takes place from 10 am - 6 pm at Miami Dade County Fair & Exposition (E Darwin Fuchs Pavilion), 10901 SW 24th St (Coral Way). Info: thevintagemart.com.

JUNE 11 - 19

FIFA World Cup 2026

Miami Gardens: Regaled as the biggest-ever FFA World Cup, this year's event features seven matches in this 104 game, 48-team tournament. Main event takes place at Hard Rock Stadium, 347 Don Shula Dr. Info & tickets: 305-943-8000; hardrockstadium.com. FYI: If you can't make it to the stadium, you can enjoy the excitement at the FIFA official Fan Festival Watch Party at Miami's Bayfront Waterfront Park. Info & tickets: fifa.com.

JULY 1 - AUGUST 30

Miami Spa Months

Miami: This annual "be good to yourself" luxury event is the perfect opportunity for you to enjoy specially discounted rates at 30 top spas throughout Miami-Dade County. After days spent exploring World Cup matches, outdoor festivals, and Miami's stunning beaches, a spa session is a welcome way to rest and recharge. Info: miamiandbeaches.com/deals/spa-months.

OTHER FLORIDA HAPPENINGS

ONGOING

Broadway Palm Dinner Theater

Fort Myers: From classic to cool, the streets of the Historic River District downtown Fort Myers are lined with beautiful show cars in a festive event that includes music, food, and many other venues featuring additional specials. It takes place on the fourth Sunday of each month from Noon to 4 pm. Free admission. Info: myriverdistrict.com.

JULY 11 - 12

Sponge Docks Craft Festival

Tarpon Springs: Explore the nest in handmade arts and crafts, soaps, jewelry, and unique gifts by local artists and crafters along the famous Sponge Docks and just steps away from some of the country's best Greek restaurants, markets, and bakeries. Takes place on Sa from 10 am - 6 pm; and on Su from 10 am - 5 pm at 735 Dodecanese Blvd. Info: spongedocks.net.

AUGUST 28 - 29

Annual Coke Zero Sugar 400

Daytona: One of NASCAR's most premier events, this summer classic showcases drivers vying to secure their playoff spots in the final 10-race battle for the NASCAR Cup Series championship. Takes place at the Daytona International Speedway, 1801 W International Speedway Blvd, Daytona Beach. Info: 800-748-7467; DaytonaInternationalSpeedway.com.



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INDIAN KEY HISTORIC STATE PARK

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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; pennekamppark.com
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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Boondocks Mini Golf, Ramrod Key

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. **FYI: Get a 20% discount when you book online and enter Promo Code "BIG20" at "BOOK NOW."**

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Now on the cusp of its 250th Anniversary, our country's once-in-a-lifetime Semi-quincentennial marks a pivotal moment for us to take a step back and embrace our local heritage.

With the "AMERICA 250 Florida Road Trip," you can explore some of the Sunshine State's most prominent sites. Here are some of Florida's most not-to-be-missed landmarks from South Miami-Dade to the Florida Keys & Key West.

Circle is a ring of 24 precise basins carved directly into bedrock by the Tequesta people nearly 2,000 years ago. Its discovery in 1998 revealed an unparalleled prehistoric ceremonial or communal structure, likely a council house, making it the only documented



MIAMI SOUTH-MIAMI DADE



The Freedom Tower

Once a processing center for Cuban refugees in the 1960s, the Mediterranean Revival-style Freedom Tower now serves as a monument to liberty and

the resilience of all Cuban Americans, standing tall over Biscayne Bay as a beacon of freedom and hope.

Miami Circle

Nestled at Brickell Point, where the Miami River meets Biscayne Bay, the Miami

bedrock-cut structure of its kind in eastern North America. Designated a National Historic Landmark in 2009, this site offers a rare window into complex pre-Columbian Native American life in urban Miami.

America's Everglades

Covering 1.5 million acres across Collier and neighboring counties, the Everglades National Park was established in 1934 and is the largest subtropical wilderness in the US. As the first park created to protect a fragile ecosystem, it supports



endangered species like the Florida panther and American crocodile, and recharges South Florida's freshwater supply. There is no place in the world like The Everglades: River of Grass.

THE FLORIDA KEYS & KEY WEST

Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail

Spanning 110 Miles over 43 alluring islands, the Florida Keys Scenic Highway is Florida's only "All-American Road" — a prestigious designation shared with only 29 other American roadways. Flanked by the Gulf of Mexico on one side, and the majestic



Atlantic Ocean on the other, this historic road follows a trail originally blazed in 1912 during Henry Flagler's Florida East Coast Railroad extension from Miami to Key West. With its endless vistas, unique flora, and fauna, and world-renowned recreational areas, the highway is a destination unto itself.

It's also home to several historic sites, including Key Largo's John Pennekamp

Coral Reef State Park, America's first underwater park; Lignumvitae Key Botanical State Park — a 280-acre island with one of the few remaining virgin tropical hardwood hammocks; Marathon's Historic Seven Mile Bridge is flanked by Pigeon Key, a 5-acre island that once housed 400+ Overseas Railway workers, and the Bahia Honda State Park in the Lower Keys, which is best known for its beautiful beaches, magnificent sunsets, and great snorkeling.

Southernmost Point Buoy

Located just 90 miles from Cuba, Key West is the southernmost point in the continental US and is marked by the Southernmost Point Buoy.



Installed in 1993, and one of the most photographed spots in the US, the painted concrete monument symbolizes Key West's quirky spirit and geographic distinction. Nearby attractions include the Ernest Hemingway Home, the Truman Little White House, and the Tennessee Williams Museum. Blending small town charm with fascinating history, passionate politics, and Pulitzer Prize-worthy literature, Key West is as far south and as colorful as Florida gets.

Fort Zachary Taylor

Perched at Key West's southern tip, Fort Zachary Taylor (constructed 1845–66) predates the Civil War and is a National Historic Monument housing the largest cache of Civil War armament in the world. Walk the Fort's red-brick

corridors past cannon and gun ports where you'll see how soldiers lived as they defended the nation's southeastern coastline. Here, history becomes more real than books or photos can possibly depict. The park also boasts one of the island's nicest beaches and is a popular destination for swimming, picnicking, snorkeling, paddling, and fishing.

For more "not-to-be-missed" points of interest throughout Florida, hit up america250fl.com.



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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

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27205 Overseas Hwy
Ramrod Key, FL 33042

Daily 10 am – 10 pm

305-872-4094; boondocksfloridakeys.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; floridastateparks.org

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 fee.

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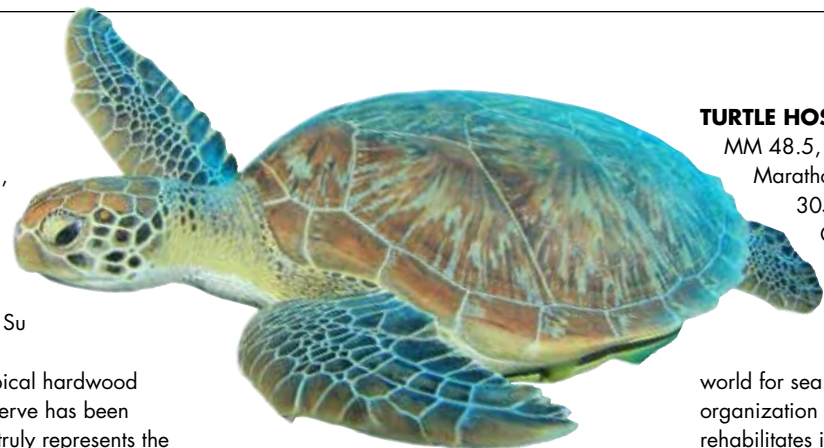
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Key West, FL 33040

305-295-0037; fortzacharytaylor.com

Open Daily 8 am – Sundown;

Tours of The Fort Daily @ Noon

Home Of Key West’s Famous Civil War Fort

Designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1973, this state park is anchored by a famous Civil War fort. The beach is shaded by several acres of Australian pine trees so it’s always a bit cooler than the rest of the island. Good deep water swimming, chair rentals, grills, restrooms and a concession stand.

KEY WEST TROPICAL FOREST & BOTANICAL GARDEN

5210 College Road
Stock Island/Key West, FL 33040

305-296-1504;

keywest.garden

Open Daily 10 am – 4 pm

Not To Be Missed

The only frost-free botanical garden in the continental U.S. is home to many endangered flora and fauna and includes 200 species of tropical trees and plants, over 100 species of butterflies and rare birds and two of the Keys’ last remaining fresh water ponds. Four self-guided tours take you through a lush canopy of tropical palms and trees in a meandering 7-acre setting. Visitors Center and free parking.

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Historic Pigeon Key,
Marathon

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 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

Marathon, FL 33050
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!

Key West Zen

My favorite place to chill

Forgive me, but I don’t like yoga, and chanting ain’t my “thang.”

When I want to chill, there is one place, in particular, that I like to go. It’s tucked just a few miles from Old Town Key West, yet far away from the maddening crowds of Duval Street.

That’s where you’ll find the historical Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden: the only frost-free sub-tropical native botanical garden in the continental US.

This lush, 15-acre “living museum” is not only one of my favorite respites, but it’s also home to many threatened and endangered species, beautiful flora and fauna, a native plant nursery, and two one-acre butterfly habitats with over 23 discovered species.

Part arboretum and botanical garden,

part wildlife refuge and education center, the Garden is a zen-like retreat where I can meander through a lush canopy of tropical trees and commune with nature in my own personal way.

Because two of the last remaining freshwater ponds in the Florida Keys are also located here, the Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden is a major migratory stop for South American neotropical birds. I often come across herons, white-crowned pigeons, egrets, and many other water birds gathered in the Garden’s two wetland habitats nesting among dozens of freshwater turtles.

In addition to eight self-guided and cell phone tours, the Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden also offers dozens of special events, classes, and workshops, as well as a fascinating speaker series.

Discover this special piece of paradise for yourself at 5210 College Rd, Stock Island/Key West. It’s open daily from 10 am - 4 pm. Info: 305-296-1504; **keywest.garden**.

—Pamela Childs



The Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden

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For a list of Garden events, visit www.keywest.garden

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"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 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

40001 State Rd 9336
Florida City, FL 33034
305-242-7700; nps.gov/ever
Open 24/7

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!

HOMESTEAD-MIAMI SPEEDWAY

1 Speedway Blvd
Homestead, FL 33035
866-409-7223;
homesteadmiamispeedway.com

Call for Hours
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 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 numerous 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!

ROBERT IS HERE FRUIT STAND & FARM

19200 SW 344th St
Homestead, FL 33034
305-246-1592

robertishere.com
Open Daily 9 am – 6 pm
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.

CORAL GABLES AREA

VENETIAN POOL
2701 De Soto Blvd
Coral Gables, FL 33134
305-460-5306

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

In The Bag

Shopping in the Florida Keys and Key West is an adventure unto itself.

Florida's final destination boasts hundreds of interesting shops, stores, and over 90 eclectic galleries spread over 43 islands. Keep your eyes peeled as you travel along the Overseas Highway – the Florida Keys version of "Main Street, USA" – because you'll discover all kinds of unique shops in places you would least expect!

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



Tucker's Provisions, Key West

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



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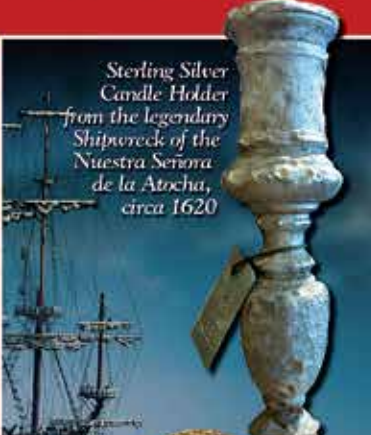
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In The Bag FLORIDA KEYS & KEY WEST

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 305-676-5620;

AquaDKeys.com

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!

BLISS JEWELERS

269 Front St
 Key West, FL 33041
 305-998-4839;

BlissJewelers.com

Daily 9 am – 8 pm

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

BOOKS & BOOKS

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533 Eaton St
 Key West, FL 33040
 305-320-0208; booksandbooksskw.com

Daily 10 am – 6 pm

More Than Just a Bookstore!

Key West's own local, independent bookstore is also a spacious community center for readers and writers of all ages and interests. They curate all the newest books with a strong representation of recent literary fiction

and nonfiction. You can also pick up art supplies and unique gifts, as well. Check out their website for special events.

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 Key West, FL 33040
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Bliss Jewelers,
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 305-296-4367; jeffsgems.com

Open Tu – F 10 am – 5 pm;

Sa 10 am – 4 pm

Elegant Handcrafted Jewelry

Famous for creating the rings for the royalty of Key West's Annual Fantasy Fest, Master jewelry designer Jeff Woessner started making jewelry at the tender age of five.

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What's That You're Wearing? AQUA D' KEYS – The Scent of the Keys

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Their new Key West fragrance boutique, AQUA D' KEYS,

features six uniquely crafted home scents, unisex perfumes, and body care products that embody the fresh, adventurous, and romantic lifestyle of the Keys.

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



Photo: Carol Tedesco

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



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

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In The Bag

His prolific talent garnered him multiple awards and a loyal clientele who revel in his meticulously handcrafted rings, earrings, necklaces, bracelets, and one-of-a-kind custom pieces made from authentic treasure coins. Jeff can tackle all jewelry and watch repairs, and his small shop also stocks a great selection of nautical designs & gifts.

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NEPTUNE DESIGNS

301 Duval Street
Key West, FL 33040
305-294-8131; neptunedesignskeywest.com
Open Daily 10 am - 9 pm
Custom Jewellery & Gold Coin Creations
This family-owned-and-operated boutique jeweler has been meticulously creating 14 karat solid gold creations for over 30 years and specializes in unique custom jewelry designs. You'll find a huge selection of nautical designs, original charms, pendants, single 14 karat gold hoops and cut coin jewelry, as well as rare Tahitian Black Pearls and an exclusive line of Orchid jewelry fashioned from real orchid flowers.

THE GREEN HOUSE DISPENSARIES OF THE FLORIDA KEYS

Key West, Big Pine, Marathon, Islamorada,
Key Largo
305-363-1081;
thegreenhouse.com
Open Daily 10 am, Closing Hours Vary
No Medical Card Needed
Keys-Wide: You can stop by and stay high 365 days a year at this hip THC dispensary that redefines the art of cannabis curation. From edibles to supplements, you'll discover new and exciting ways to incorporate these products into your daily routine. In addition to shopping at the local retail stores, you can also order the "Monthly Box," a special Green Box subscription service that delivers a curated selection of premium, organic

products straight to your door. The box includes a variety of products including chocolates, vapes, gummies, pre-rolls, flowers, and more. Find the Green House at three locations in Key West at 431 Front St; 211 and 532 Duval St; in Big Pine Key at 30964 Overseas Hwy; in Marathon at 10875 Overseas Hwy; in Islamorada at 82751 Overseas Hwy; and in Key Largo at 99304 Overseas Hwy. Additional locations on Marco Island and in Naples.

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Key West, FL 33040
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tuckersprovisions.com
Daily 10 am - 10 pm
Laid Back Comfort & Timeless Island Charm
Tucked inside a charming colorful Conch house, this enchanting island locally owned shop captures the allure of the Old Florida Keys. You'll find a curated collection of hip and understated classics here — from home goods and accessories, to fun clothing for the entire family. FYI: Be sure to check out Tucker's signature Trucker's Hats. Emblazoned with their iconic rooster logo, these fun caps make a great memento for both you and the folks back home.

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As Florida's #1 retailer of high-end "alternative products", the Green House Dispensaries are a "home away from home" for cannabis users and anyone looking to explore and use cannabis responsibly. From edibles to supplements, you'll discover new and exciting ways to incorporate these products into your daily routine, whether you're seeking relief from pain, reducing stress, or simply enhancing your well-being.

And here's a tip for cannabis "newbies." Do not, we repeat, do not hesitate to ask questions! Connecting with the highly trained staff here is just so easy. The associates are all super approachable, knowledgeable, and engaged. They know how to listen, assess your needs, and recommend just the right items. They can also introduce you

to the latest products and innovations available at the Green House.

FYI: No worries if you're not near a Green House retail dispensary. You can also order the "Monthly Box," a unique Green Box subscription service that delivers a curated selection of premium, organic products straight to your door. The box includes a variety of products, including chocolates, vapes, gummies, pre-rolls, flowers, and more.

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BTW: If you happen to be in Southwest Florida, you can also find additional locations on Marco Island at 719 Bald Eagle Drive, in Naples at 89 9th Street South, and at 1803 Tamiami Trail North.

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KEY WEST: (3 Locations)
211 Duval St., 431 Front St., 532 Duval St.
BIG PINE KEY: 30964 Overseas Highway
MARATHON: 10875 Overseas Highway
ISLAMORADA: 82751 Overseas Highway
KEY LARGO: 99304 Overseas Highway

In The Bag

SOUTH MIAMI-DADE

HOMESTEAD/FLORIDA CITY AREA

FLORIDA KEYS OUTLET MARKETPLACE

250 E Palm Dr
Florida City, FL 33034
305-248-4727

premiumoutlets.com

M – Th 11 am – 8 pm; F & Sa 10 am – 9 pm; Su 11 am – 7 pm

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Located at the gateway to the Florida Keys, this sprawling open-air marketplace includes 50+ name brand stores. Shop Aeropostale, Tommy Hilfiger, Gap Factory, American Eagle Outfitters, Levi's, Van Heusen, and Nautica; specialty shops like Coach and Sunglass Hut; shoe stores including Nike, Nine West, Converse, Skechers, and Bass. There are also several kids' shops including Osh Kosh Bigosh, Carter's, and Gymboree. FYI: Best of all, the mall is Fido-friendly!



COCONUT GROVE AREA

COCOWALK

3015 Grand Ave
Coconut Grove, FL 33133
305-444-0777

cocowalk.com

Su – Th 10 am – 10 pm;
F & Sa 10 am – 11 pm;

A Tropical Neighborhood Village
With a wild mix of hip boutiques, acclaimed restaurants, fun bars, and a luxury thirteen-screen movie theater, this iconic, reimagined outdoor mall is where it's happening. Located right in the heart of downtown Coconut Grove and surrounded by tropical gardens and lush surroundings, it's an absolute "must-visit" whenever you're in the area.

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The Perfect 10

Making Waves with Ron Jon

It was 1959 when young Ron DiMenna, began selling fiberglass surfboards out of his parent's attic on the Jersey Shore.

Surfing was just catching on in the US, and it was making big waves with teens all over the country. Amplified by Hollywood movies and freewheeling music from The Beach Boys, The Surfaris, and Jan & Dean, it soon became a pop-culture phenomenon

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

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

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

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

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

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



looking to kick back in some relaxed island threads, the latest surf fashion, or collect some cool Ron Jon souvenirs, this place is your Perfect 10.

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

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In The Bag

CORAL GABLES AREA

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Coral Gables, FL 33134
Various Hours
Trendy, Fashion Forward Shopping
Heralded as South Miami's "Restaurant Row," this reimagined pedestrian-only block is also a popular destination for fabulous shopping. There are several high-style boutiques with chic tropical clothing, jewelry, accessories, and more bordering the outdoor Plaza. You'll also discover some great home decor here.

MIRACLE MARKETPLACE

3301 Coral Way
Miami, FL 33145
305-569-0311
miracle-marketplace.com
Daily 10 am – 9:30 pm
Big Box Retailers Galore
With three levels of affordable brands and several casual eateries, this is one of Coral Gable's most bustling shopping scenes. You'll find lots of the big boys here, including *Nordstrom Rack, DSW, Marshalls, Five Below, Visionworks, and PetSmart* as well as lots of other mainstream stores.

MIRACLE MILE

(Located on Coral Way between LeJeune Rd and Douglas Rd)
Coral Gables, FL 33134
305-569-0311
coralgables.com
Daily 7 am – 10 pm
"European-Chic" Shopping & Dining
With more than 350 upscale shops, art galleries and hip restaurants, this vibrant, pedestrian-friendly downtown boulevard is the epicenter of the Coral Gables shopping and dining scene. Lined with mature trees and historic architecture, Miracle Mile is one of South Florida's most elegant neighborhoods and a magnet for the rich and famous.



Bayside Marketplace, Miami

SHOPS AT MERRICK PARK

358 San Lorenzo Ave
Coral Gables FL, 33146
305-529-1215
shopsatmerrickpark.com
M – Th 11 am – 8 pm;
F & Sa 11 am – 9 pm; Su 11 am – 6 pm
Farmers Market: Su 11 am – 6 pm
Two Levels of Luxurious Outdoor Shopping
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!

MIAMI AREA

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491 Biscayne Blvd
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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.

MIAMI DESIGN DISTRICT

140 NE 39th St, Miami, FL 33137
305-722-7100
miamidesigndistrict.com
Hip & Happening
This small Miami neighborhood, located just about two miles north of Downtown, is home to unparalleled luxury shops, fabulous art, hip eateries, and numerous exciting events. Rooted in retail, the District includes more than 170 brands, including flagship fashion houses for Chanel, Balenciaga, Hermès, Fendi, Dior, Cartier, Louis Vuitton, and more, making it the ultimate destination for fashion fanatics. Beyond shopping and art, the district boasts a lively culinary scene with acclaimed restaurants offering delectable international cuisine and trendy cafes perfect for people-watching.

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THE WYNWOOD MARKETPLACE

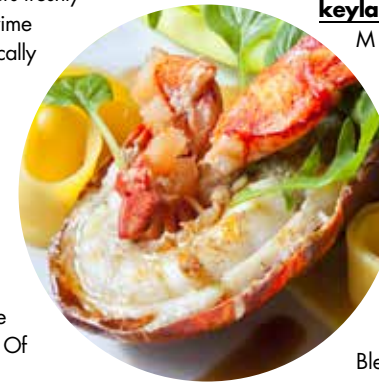
2250 NW 2nd Ave, Miami, FL
305-461-2700
wynwood-marketplace.com
Th – Su Hours Vary
The Pulse of Wynwood
With a blend of creativity and urban flair, this dynamic, pet-friendly open-air marketplace overflows with an eclectic combination of shopping, art, culture, entertainment, and gastronomy. You'll find a curated selection of local artisans, designers, and entrepreneurs showcasing a variety of unique products and creations — from handcrafted jewelry and fashion to contemporary art and vintage finds. The Marketplace is also home to several gourmet food trucks, pop-up eateries, craft beer and specialty cocktail bars, as well as some great entertainment and live performances. It's truly a unique and immersive experience.

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.



BAYSIDE GRILLE & SUNSET BAR

99540 Overseas Hwy (MM 99.5 Bayside)
(Behind DiGiorgio's Cafe Largo)
Key Largo, FL 33037
305-451-3380
baysidegrill.com; keylargorestaurants.com
M – Th 11:30 am – 9 pm;
F & Sa 11:30 am – 10 pm
Su 11 am – 9 pm;
Su Brunch 10 am – 2pm
Keyribbean Cuisine With A Creative Flair
A top dining and sunset celebration destination in the Upper Keys, this local favorite brings together the best of the Florida Keys and the Caribbean. Blending fresh, coastal flavors with bold



Buzzards Roost, Key Largo

island spices, Bayside Grille's signature "Keyribbean" cuisine raises the bar for great, laid-back island dining. In addition to the stellar Certified Angus Beef® steaks, you'll also find a big selection of fresh local seafood, as well as a variety of island-inspired pasta, burgers, tacos, and sandwiches. FYI: The Chicken & Ribs here are especially good! With terrific food, an epic Happy Hour, and sweeping waterfront views, backdropped by breathtaking sunsets, this family-owned and operated gem has been a Keys "Top Pick" for over thirty years.

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



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Just Look for the Mermaid!

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



Something To Crow About

The Buzzard's Roost, Key Largo

Talk about a hideaway! If you weren't looking for The Buzzard's Roost, you probably would never run across it. And that would be a shame because it's one of the best waterfront restaurants in the Upper Keys.

Situated dockside at the Garden Cove Marina, this cozy hideaway may be off the beaten track, but the food is totally "Buzz-Worthy."

You'll find loads of fresh local seafood here, as well as lots of belly buster sandwiches (the Lobster Reuben is just fabulous!), and a big array of Quesadillas, Tacos, Wraps, char-grilled Black Angus Burgers, and a whole lot more.

Lots of excellent light bites, too,

including locally Smoked Fish Dip, and Corny Blue Crab Cakes with New Orleans-style remoulade sauce. Simply delish!

Big plates run the gamut from Lobster Français, Shrimp Scampi and a variety of Seafood Baskets, to Chicken Marsala, BBQ Baby Back Ribs and Certified Black Angus Steaks.

FYI: Sunday Brunch (10:30 am – 2 pm) is also not-to-be-missed!

In addition to the litany of yummy breakfast favorites, you can also enjoy several House Specialties like authentic



Huevos Rancheros, Eggs Oscar with steamed blue crab meat, and Eggs Tenderloin topped with Hollandaise.

Far from the maddening crowds, The Buzzard's Roost is tucked away at 21 Garden Cove Dr (just before the entrance of Card Sound Rd in Key Largo, MM 106.5, oceanside).

Open daily from 11:30 am – 9 pm. Info: 305-453-3746;

buzzardsroostkeylargo.com.

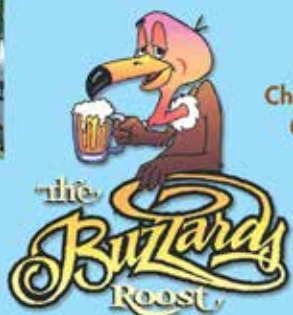
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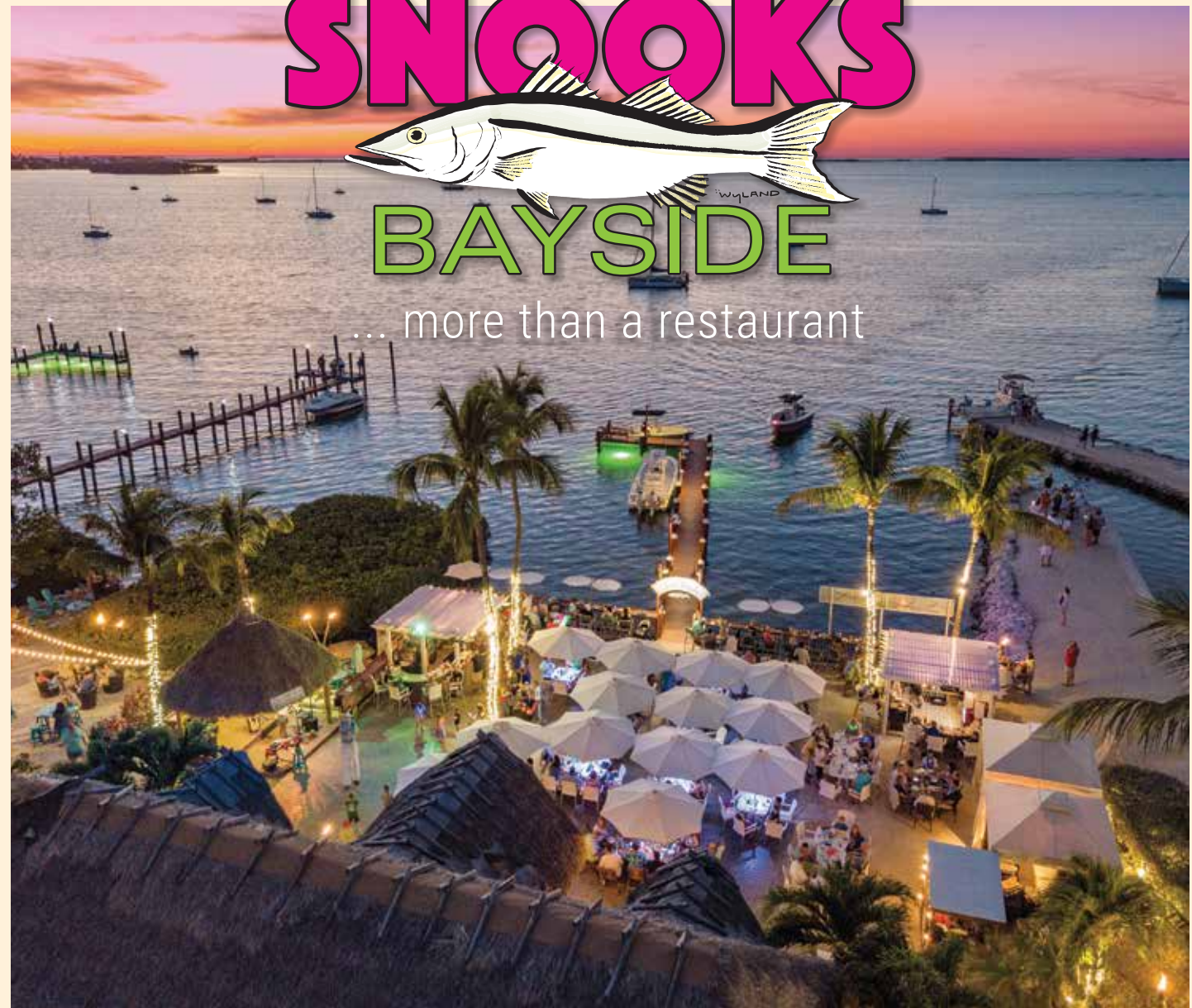


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Truffled Lobster Mac N' Cheese

From the Award-Winning Café Largo



Showcased by Guy Fieri on the Food Network, this luxe version of traditional Mac N' Cheese takes comfort food to a whole new level.

Master Chef/Owner, Robert DiGiorgio of Key Largo's award-winning Café Largo, is renowned for his authentic Italian-American classics. Here's a taste of what you can expect when you visit his cozy Top Pick eatery.

INGREDIENTS

Cavatelli

- 2 Cups Semolina Flour or All-Purpose Flour plus more as needed for dusting and kneading
- Salt to Taste
- 1/2 - 1 Cup Water (Room-Temperature)

Lobster Cheese Sauce

- 3 Oz Olive Oil
- 1 Florida Lobster, split and cleaned
- 1 Cup Chopped Sweet Onion
- 1/2 Cup Chopped Carrots
- 1/2 Cup Chopped Celery
- 3 Tb Crushed or Chopped Garlic
- 1 Tb Black Peppercorns
- 3 Oz Brandy
- 2 Oz Clarified Butter
- 2 Oz All-Purpose Flour
- 1 Cup Heavy Cream
- 2 Oz Grated Provolone

- 2 Oz Grated Asiago Cheese
- 2 Oz Grated Fontina Cheese
- 2 Oz Grated Parmigiano-Reggiano
- 1/2 Tb Truffle Oil

Crumb Topping

- 4 Oz Panko Breadcrumbs
- 2 Tb Chopped Fresh Parsley
- 1 Oz Butter - Room Temp
- 1 Oz Truffle Oil
- Pinch of Salt & Freshly Ground Pepper

PREPARATION

For The Cavatelli

Mix the flour and 1 tsp of salt into a mound on a clean counter or large cutting board. Make a well in the middle (as high as possible to avoid water run-off). Add some of the water to the well and use a fork or your fingers to gently mix the flour into the water without collapsing the walls of the mound (using your other hand to support the wall of flour helps keep the water from leaking). As you mix, slowly add more water to form a soft and sticky dough. It should not be either too dry or too wet. When you touch it, it should stick to your finger only slightly.

FYI: As you knead, the dough gets softer. If the dough is too wet, add a little flour. Knead the dough with a periodic dust of flour for 10 minutes, until smooth and elastic. Cover the dough with plastic wrap and let rest about one hour.

If you don't have time, 20 minutes would do.

Shape the cavatelli by cutting off a small piece of dough and rolling it into a long rope about 1 centimeter (.4 inch) in diameter. Cut the dough into 1-centimeter-long (.4" -long) pieces. Place a piece in front of you horizontally and rest your index and middle fingers on it. Press the dough as you pull your fingers towards you. As you pull, the dough rolls to form the cavatelli shape. Place the pasta pieces on a lightly-floured baking sheet or plate.

For The Lobster Cheese Sauce:

Heat a stockpot with the olive oil over medium-high heat. Add the lobster shell-side down and sauté for 6 minutes. Add the onions, carrots, celery, garlic and peppercorns to "sweat" the vegetables. Add the brandy and cook for about 4 minutes. Remove the lobster and set aside. Add 4 cups water of to the pot, bring to a boil and simmer until reduced by at least 25 percent.

Meanwhile, make the roux: add the clarified butter to a pan over low heat and gradually whisk in the flour until it gets very thick.

Strain the stock and place it back in the same pot. Bring to a boil, whisk in the heavy cream and roux and simmer to the desired consistency. Stir in the provolone, asiago, fontina and Parmesan until melted. Stir in the truffle oil.

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F.

Bring a pot of water to a boil and salt generously. Cook about 6 oz of the cavatelli until they float to the top and are al dente (about 4 minutes).

For The Crumb Topping:

Mix together the breadcrumbs, parsley, butter, truffle oil and a pinch salt and pepper in a small bowl. Remove the lobster meat from the shell and cut it into pieces. Fold it into the cheese sauce, then fold in the pasta. Pour the mixture into an oven-safe dish and top with the crumb topping. Bake for about 6 minutes.

Cook's Note: To freeze any leftover fresh cavatelli, let them dry on the baking sheet first for about an hour or so and then freeze them on the tray. This way, they don't stick to each other. After they are frozen, move them into a zipper bag and put them back into the freezer.

Enjoy!

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DiGiorgio's Café Largo, Key Largo

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M – Th 11:30 am – 9 pm;
F & Sa 11:30 am – 10 pm
Su 11 am – 9 pm
Happy Hour M – F 4 – 7 pm
"Key Largo's Most Photographed Sunset"
Arrive by land or sea where you will be greeted with tropical cocktails and a beautiful sandy beach. Located on the first floor of Bayside Grille, the Sunset Bar is one of Key Largo's most popular sunset destinations. The nightly celebration features signature tropical libations, top performers and a grand finale beachside Conch Shell Blowing. Family-owned and operated for over 30 years, this local favorite is always a fun jam!

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.

DIGIORGIO'S CAFÉ LARGO

99530 Overseas Hwy (MM 99.5 Bayside) Key Largo, FL 33037 305-451-4885 cafelargo.com; keylargorestaurants.com
M – Th 11:30 am – 9 pm;
F & Sa 11:30 am – 10 pm
Su 11 am – 9 pm
As Seen On The Food Network
Regaled as the "Little Italy" of the Upper Keys, this award-winning destination restaurant has been owned and operated for over thirty years. It's also been featured on *Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives* by the Food Network's Guy Fieri. And with good reason. Chef/Owner, Robert DiGiorgio brings centuries-old family Italian recipes to life with a menu that blends tradition and quality with his unmistakable passion. DiGiorgio's menu showcases classic pastas and pizzas, Certified Angus Beef® steaks, and fresh local seafood — all crafted with care and authenticity. Signature dishes like the Truffled Lobster Mac & Cheese made with house-crafted cavatelli, Caribbean lobster, and a rich Fontina-Asiago-Parmesan sauce; as well as the Parmesan-Crusted Bone-In Veal Chop Florentine, rank among Fieri's favorites. FYI: DO NOT miss the Weekday Happy Hour from 4 – 6 pm where you can enjoy a variety of specials including the signature Grey Goose Martini & Meatball. On WOW Wednesday, the Café features "Beat the Clock with Veuve Clicquot Champagne and ½-priced bottles of wine. *Fine Italian dining in the Keys just doesn't get any better!*

KINDLER WOOD FIRED FARE

Three Waters Resort & Marina 84001 Overseas Hwy Islamorada, FL 33036 305-664-5300; islamoradacollection.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!

LAZY DAYS

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

LITTLE LIMON

Three Waters Resort & Marina 84001 Overseas Hwy Islamorada, FL 33036 305-433-9943; islamoradacollection.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. *continued on page 70*



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LOR-E-LEI RESTAURANT & CABANA BAR

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Islamorada, FL 33036
305-664-2692; loreleicabanabar.com
Daily 7 am – 10 pm;
Happy Hour 4 – 6 pm
Home of the Islands Best Margarita Menu!
What began as a rustic 1940s Fishing Camp with only a dock, two folding chairs, and an "honor system" beer cooler is now one of Islamorada's most notorious waterfront restaurants and watering holes. Home to the world-famous Lor-e-lei Back Country Fishing Guides, this casual, family-friendly, and pet-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. Give 'em a call about hosting your special event! Just look for the giant Mermaid!

MERCADO MORADA

Three Waters Resort & Marina
84001 Overseas Hwy
Islamorada, FL 33036
305-433-9949;
islamoradaresortcollection.com
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 outdoor street market that celebrates Latin flavors from across Central America. The shaded ocean front pavilion is idyllic for strolling the caravan of food trucks serving up all-day eats.

MIA CUCINA

At Cheeca Lodge & Spa
81801 Overseas Hwy
(MM82)
Islamorada, FL 33036
305-517-4447; cheeca.com
Daily 5 – 10 pm
Authentic Neapolitan Pizzeria
This authentic Neapolitan Pizzeria creates made-to-order artisanal pizzas, pastas, salads and other Italian specialties like Mama Mia's Segreta Bolognese; Chicken Primavera Fettuccini; and Insalata Di Mare; as well as many other reimagined Italian classics.

MORADA BAY BEACH CAFÉ & BAR

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

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.

PIERRE'S LOUNGE & RESTAURANT

81600 Overseas Hwy
Islamorada, FL 33036
305-664-3225;
moradabay.com/pierres
Nightly 6 – 10pm
Lounge Nightly 5 – 10pm
French-Inspired Island Elegance
Nestled on the second floor of a magnificent plantation-style house, this "Islamorada Stunner" is renowned for its regionally influenced French fusion cuisine. Everything on the menu is beautifully prepared and served in a romantic candlelit, nineteenth century "Indian Arcade" which is walled with extraordinary artifacts from



Morocco and Africa. You can also enjoy a bite downstairs in the Green Flash Lounge or outside on the beautiful wrap-around veranda overlooking the beach and bay. Really spectacular!

SNOOK'S BAYSIDE RESTAURANT & GRAND TIKI

MM 99.9, Bayside
Key Largo, FL 33037
305-453-5004; snooks.com
Open for Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
M – Th 8 am - 9:30 pm; F – Su 8 am – 10 pm
Daily Sunset Celebration/Happy Hour/
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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 GROUPEUR ISLAMORADA

80460 Overseas Hwy
(In the Islamorada Marina, MM 80 Bayside)
Islamorada, FL 33036
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

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The Beach Café At Morada Bay

Beachside Bliss & "Toes-In-the-Sand" Dining



Great food and craft cocktails taste even better with a soft ocean breeze and a seat in the sand.

Surrounded by lush palms on a pristine white beach, The Beach Café at Morada Bay brings the island to your table — one bite (or sip) at a time.

Innovative, eclectic American-Caribbean fare and a jaw-dropping bay front locale in the heart of Islamorada, making this casual-chic café a favorite hang for locals and savvy travelers alike.

Truth be told, there's really no better place to experience the ultimate in beachside bliss than this iconic landmark.

The Beach Café is where you can dine al fresco with your toes in the sand cocktail beachside from your cozy Adirondack Chair, or kick back inside the Café's surfer-themed Side Bar, where you can immerse yourself in a full menu of tropical libations and good eats.

Embellished with a private collection of original 60's surf posters, vintage

surfboards, longboards, sail and kiteboards, the Side Bar takes you back to a time when the livin' was easy and good times never tasted so good.

And good taste is what The Beach Café is all about.

The Café's curated menu is compact but includes an enticing array of fresh local flavors created with seasonal ingredients.

In addition to the line-up of signature Salads (the Sweet Florida Corn Salad is the bomb!), there are also some star-worthy Starters that beseech sharing.

Stand-outs include the Guava Chipotle BBQ Chicken Wings, Florida Lobster Fritters; Smoked Fish Dip; and a terrific Chop-Chop Tuna Bowl packed with



diced Ahi tuna, sushi rice, sweet mango, and lots of fresh veggies — all spiked with the Café's house-made soy cilantro dressing. *Absolutely delish!*

If you're hankering for a great burger, you've found your Nirvana.

Served on a perfectly toasted brioche bun, The Beach Café's elevated rendition is stacked high with pecan-smoked bacon, sliced tomato, romaine lettuce, and crispy onion rings. The crowning touch: a zippy house-made burger sauce.

Other Handhelds include the Blackened Mahi or Fried Florida Shrimp Tacos, Marinated Fried Chicken on toasted brioche with melted Pepper Jack cheese, dill pickle, baby arugula, and honey mustard ranch sauce, and a crispy fried Pink Shrimp Po'boy with lettuce, tomato, sweet chili & sriracha aioli. Topping the list of Large Plates: Whole Fried Yellow Tail Snapper; Key West Chicken Breast marinated in soy and citrus sauce, and Herb Garlic Marinated Churrasco Steak with chimichurri sauce.

Backdropped by spectacular, stop-in-your-tracks sunsets, and great local entertainment, every bite, every sip at The Beach Café feels like "Paradise Found." The Beach Café at Morada Bay is open daily from 11 am – 10 pm for dining; Bar open until 11:30 pm (or later). You can find this award-winning seaside sensation at 81600 Overseas Hwy (MM81.6 Bayside) in Islamorada. Info: 305-664-0604; moradabaykeys

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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 GROUPER SUNSET LOUNGE

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

THE ORIGINAL TIKI BAR

Three Waters Resort & Marina
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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.

TIKI BAR

Amara Cay Resort
80001 Overseas Hwy, Islamorada,
FL 33036
305-664-0073; amaracayresort.com
Lunch Daily 11:30 am – 5pm
Dinner Daily 5 pm – 11 pm
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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Revived in 2005 by former Miami Dolphins' tight end and sports broadcaster, Jim "Mad Dog" Mandich and longtime business partner Randy Kassewitz, the legendary Ziggy's Crab Shack is now a sleek and sophisticated steak, chops, and seafood restaurant that feels more like Tommy Bahama than Ernest Hemingway. The current, and now famous incarnation is better than ever and has become THE place for fine dining in the Keys. Orchid garnished cocktails, international wines, an outstanding a-la-carte menu and nightly specials make it one of the Keys' top dining spots which always draws a colorful celebrity clientele.

MIDDLE & LOWER KEYS

BOONDOCKS GRILLE & DRAFT HOUSE & MINIATURE GOLF

27205 Overseas Hwy
Ramrod Key, FL 33042
Daily 11 am – 10 pm
305-872-4094; boondocksfloridakeys.com

The Keys' Premiere Miniature Golf Course!
Whether you're a Shot-Guy, a Martini-Girl, or a Beer-Man, this monster Tiki Hut is always a fun place to hook up with other party lovers. Consistently good food is also a draw. The restaurant has a vast selection of sandwiches and dinner entrées, including fresh-catch

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

BROIL

Small Island Steak House

21611 Old State Rd
Cudjoe Key, FL 33042
305-741-7879

broilsteakhouse.com

Tu – Su 5 – 9 pm
Famous Wood-Fired Fare

You know this small family-owned restaurant must be doing something pretty darn special if they can fire up over 300 steaks a week — and even more during high season! Especially considering

their low profile location on tiny Cudjoe Key. Just 22 miles from Key West, and far from the maddening crowds, this under-the-radar jewel serves up incredibly wonderful food. Show-stopping, wood-fired steaks rule the day here, but there's also a good selection of pork, chicken, and seafood options. You'll find appetizers like prosciutto-wrapped Diver Scallops with mango chutney; baked Escargot in a cloud of puff pastry with wine and garlic butter; and fried Swordfish Bites with remoulade sauce. Broil's lineup of high end steaks, which are hand-cut on premises, come from Nebraska and Kansas. The menu includes all of the prime cuts you would expect: Filet Mignon, Sirloin, Ribeye, Porterhouse and T-Bone. For a real treat, order the "Steak Churchill" with Filet Mignonettes over lobster mashed potatoes; or "The Bentley" — an 8 oz Filet Mignon paired with a 10 oz South African Rock Lobster Tail. *Set your GPS for this one!*

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
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Spectacular Oceanfront Restaurant & Bar
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In addition to the romantic oceanfront dining, Havana Jack's offers an inventive menu of craft cocktails, top-shelf spirits, fine table-side cut cigars, and live entertainment by some of the best local musicians and deejays.

You might say it's for fun-loving people who like their Tiki shaken, not stirred.

Havana Jack's is open Monday & Wednesday 4 pm to 11 pm; Thurs., Fri., Sat., and Sunday 11 am to 11 pm (Closed on Tuesday). You can find Havana Jack's at 401 East Ocean Drive, Key Colony Beach, just off Marathon's Overseas Highway. Info: 305-743-4849; havanajacksoceanside.com.

Oh, how we love our Keys' Chiki Tiki Bars. And lord knows we have a lot of them down here.

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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

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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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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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1410 Overseas Hwy
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Daily M – Su 8 am – 10 pm

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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 GROUPEL BAR & GRILL

22658 Overseas Hwy
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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.

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Conchiglia, Key West

his food is a whoop of earthy, sun-drenched flavor. Must-Tries: the Conch Carpaccio and Hog Fish Snapper.

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Authentic Italian Cuisine In the Heart of Old Town.

Nestled in a beautifully restored historic Conch house, this chic Bohemian-style bistro is one of

the hottest tickets in town. Blending authentic Italian flavors with the vibrant spirit of the island, the seductive "La Dolce Vita" vibe is all about savoring life's simple pleasures. Kick back with a craft cocktail or glass of premium vino and indulge in an array of wonderful handmade pasta, wood-fired pizza, fresh local seafood, and elevated meat dishes. In addition to the lively seaside-centric dining room, you can also dine al fresco on the front porch or in the enchanting garden. *Not to be missed!*

LATITUDES AT SUNSET KEY

Opal Key West Resort & Marina
245 Front St
Key West, FL 33040
305-292-5394

sunsetkeycottages.com

Daily 7 am – 9 pm

Stunning Beachfront Dining

Within minutes, the free boat launch at The Opal Key West Resort & Marina transports you to this spectacular restaurant on the island of Sunset Key. Enjoy outstanding island cuisine throughout the day on the beach or

in the ultra-luxe dining room overlooking the Gulf. Dinner here is especially romantic and showcases an expansive menu of seafood and dishes. Standouts include the Maine Lobster & Jumbo Lump Crab Cake with whiskey corn sauce; Seared Grouper with fresh frilled chorizo and spiced Cuban black bean sauce; and the Wagyu Beef Skirt Steak with Korean BBQ sauce. For a real treat, sit outside on the sand where you'll be surrounded by flickering tiki torches. FYI: Advance reservations needed!

MANGIA MANGIA PASTA CAFE

900 Southard St., Key West, FL 33040
305-294-2469;

mangia-mangia.com

Open Daily

5:30 – 10 pm

Good Friends. Good Food. Good Wine.

Renowned for impeccable, fresh homemade pasta & made-from-scratch, herb-spiked sauces, this cozy trattoria is one of the Keys' best values and serves up simple, full flavors that are intoxicatingly good. Lots of grilled specialties, too, along with beef, seafood, chicken and vegetarian dishes. Excellent gluten/egg-free pasta options including "Zucchini Zoodle Noodles." Seductive wine list features vintages dating back to the 1950's.

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Key Lime Pie Addict

David Sloan Is Always Hungry For More



comes to anything relating to Key Lime Pie.

His book, the “Key West Key Lime Pie Cookbook,” features recipes for twenty crusts, fillings, sauces, and toppings — all of which can be mixed and matched to create more than 150,000 varieties of Key Lime Pie. But David’s connection with Key Lime Pie didn’t start or end with his cookbook.

It began way back in Texas, where, as a young boy, he honed his skills making thousands of Key Lime Pies for a local hamburger joint.

Decades later, he learned about a Key

Lime Festival that took place in Key Largo in the 1950s. That’s all it took. In July 2013, and with great fanfare, David and his cohorts launched their very own Key West Key Lime Festival with all kinds of crazy events, including a “Miss Key Lime” pageant, a Key Lime Pie-eating contest, and the creation of the world’s most massive Key Lime Pie.

This year’s Key Lime Festival, which takes place over the long 4th of July Weekend, kicks off on Wednesday, July 1, and runs through Sunday, July 5. As always, it promises to be another “Sloan-Worthy” event. Read more about it on page 38.

For a complete schedule of events, hit up keylimefestival.com.

David Sloan is one colorful dude who’s hard to define. Author, Baker, Ghost Hunter, and Co-Founder of Key West’s Annual Key Lime Festival, David always seems to have the Midas Touch — especially when it

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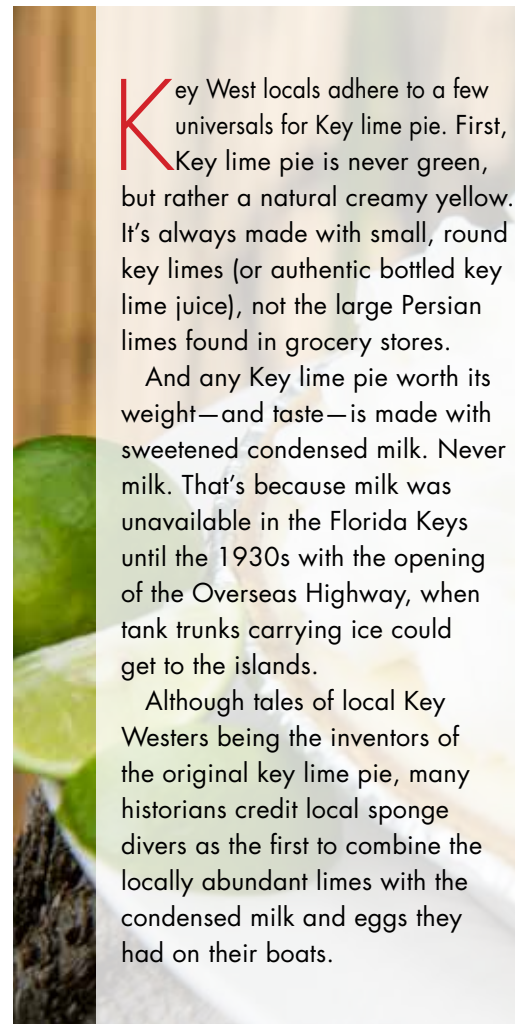
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bite Authentic Key Lime Pie



Key West locals adhere to a few universals for Key lime pie. First, Key lime pie is never green, but rather a natural creamy yellow. It’s always made with small, round key limes (or authentic bottled key lime juice), not the large Persian limes found in grocery stores.

And any Key lime pie worth its weight—and taste—is made with sweetened condensed milk. Never milk. That’s because milk was unavailable in the Florida Keys until the 1930s with the opening of the Overseas Highway, when tank trucks carrying ice could get to the islands.

Although tales of local Key Westers being the inventors of the original key lime pie, many historians credit local sponge divers as the first to combine the locally abundant limes with the condensed milk and eggs they had on their boats.

INGREDIENTS:

For Crust

1 1/4 Cups Graham Cracker Crumbs from 9 (2 1/4-inch by 4 3/4-inch) crackers
2 Tbl. Sugar
5 Tbl. Unsalted Butter, melted

For Filling

1 (14-oz) Can Sweetened Condensed Milk
4 Large Egg Yolks
1/2 Cup plus 2 Tbl. Fresh or Bottled Key Lime Juice

For Topping

3/4 cup chilled heavy cream

PREPARATION

Crust:

Preheat oven to 350°F. Stir together graham cracker crumbs, sugar and butter in a bowl with a fork. Combine well. Press mixture evenly onto bottom and up side of a 9-inch (4-cup) glass pie plate. Bake crust in middle of oven 10 minutes and cool in pie plate on a rack. Leave oven on. Make filling and bake pie:

Filling:

Whisk together condensed milk and yolks in a bowl. Combine well. Add juice and whisk. Combine well (mixture will thicken slightly). Pour filling into crust and bake in middle of oven 15 minutes. Cool pie completely on rack (filling will set as it cools), then chill, covered, at least 8 hours.

Topping:

Just before serving, beat cream in a bowl with an electric mixer until it just holds stiff peaks. Serve pie topped with cream.

Cook's Note: Pie (without topping) can be chilled up to one day.

Jonesing for Terrific Pasta?

Mangia Mangia is a Key West Favorite

These days, it seems like going out for a really, really good affordable dinner in Key West has become an oxymoron. In fact, for many people, the price for a night on the town can be pretty staggering.

Not so at Mangia Mangia Pasta Cafe. Renowned for the impeccable fresh homemade pasta, Old Town's cozy, unassuming corner storefront is one of Key West's best values and has been making headlines with its intoxicating preparations since 1989.

There are always several fresh daily pasta on the menu (including gluten-free). Pair your favorite with one of Mangia Mangia's made-from-scratch, herb-spiked sauces (meat, marinara, pesto, seafood,

or Alfredo), and you can't go wrong.

Or you can kick things up a notch with one of Mangia Mangia's Seafood Specialties. We especially like the Spaghetti with green-lipped New Zealand Mussels in a garlicky marina sauce; the heavenly Seafood Scampi with Maine lobster, shrimp, and lump blue crab or the fabulous Rigatoni with Jumbo Shrimp.

On top of all this are lots of House Specialties like Chicken or Mahi Piccata, Cheese Ravioli, Chicken Parmesan, and a whole lot more. The list goes on and on.

Winner of Wine Spectator's Award of Excellence, Mangia Mangia also has an impressive wine list (over 350 bottles) with a terrific selection under \$20.



This little gem of a restaurant has seating in its retro air-conditioned dining room or outside in the beautiful open-air, brick-floored garden. FYI: They don't take reservations, and they are one of the island's most popular restaurants, so best to get there early!

Find it at 900 Southard Street, just a few blocks from Key West's Historic Seaport. Open nightly 5:30 - 10pm. Info: 305-294-2469; mangia-mangia.com.

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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!

SCHOONER WHARF BAR

202 Williams St., Key West,
FL 33040
305-292-9520

schoonerwharf.com

M - Th 8 am - 2 am;
F - Su 7:30 am - 2 am
A Last Little Piece Of Old Key West
This funky, open-air waterfront bar sits on the

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

SQUARE GROUPEL BAR & GRILL

920 Caroline St, Key West,
FL 33040
305-292-1975

squaregrouperkeywest.com

Lunch: Th - M 11 am - 2:30 pm;
Dinner & Raw Bar: Th - M 5 - 10 pm
(Expanded Hours Happening Soon!)
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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There are soooo many fabulous hotel restaurants in Greater South Miami that it's virtually impossible to include them all. Here are just a few of our favorites.

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Mr C Hotel

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Coconut Grove, FL 33133
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bellinirestaurant.com

Dinner Nightly 5pm – 11 pm
Rustic Italian Fare With a Contemporary Edge
Located on the top floor of the iconic Mr C Hotel, this chic ristorante is renowned for its fine Italian cuisine and spectacular views of Biscayne Bay. Dinner here is truly a "cause célèbre" and includes an expansive menu of classic favorites. Headlining the list of Antipasti is the the Bigeye Tuna Tartare with avocado mousse; and the Italian charcuterie and cheese. Pasta & Risotto options include Traditional Lasagna alla Bolognese, Rigatoni Alla Genovese, and Tagliolini with Shrimp & Zucchini. Land & Sea entrées feature Veal Scaloppine al Limone, Grilled Domestic Lamb Chops, and a wonderful Grilled Langoustine with grilled fennel.

Isabelle's Grill Room & Garden

Ritz-Carlton Hotel

3300 SW 27th Ave
Coconut Grove, FL 33133
305-400-0562

isabellescoconutgrove.com

Su – Th 7 am – 10 pm;
F & Sa 7 am – 11 pm;

Swanky Classic American Fare
The Ritz-Carlton's swanky signature restaurant oozes ritziness, but it's the lush outdoor garden, with its beautiful pergola, that begs you to dine al fresco. The food here is classic American with sterling preparations of Seasonal

Oysters, Beef or Salmon Tartare, Fried Mozzarella, and several other starters. House Specialties showcase Heritage Roasted Joyce Farms Chicken, Seared Mutton Snapper and a variety of prime-aged Black Angus Beef cuts. But on weekends, it's the Prime Rib Roast that reigns supreme!

Table 14 Bar & Restaurant

The Mutiny Hotel

2951 S Bayshore Dr
Coconut Grove 33133
305-777-9214

Dinner: Su – Th 4 – 9 pm;
F & Sa 5 – 11 pm

Contemporary International Cuisine

The Mutiny Hotel's regaled restaurant infuses flavors of Latin America with American Western cuisine. The menu may look unpretentious, but the team of top chefs here delivers impressive dishes that are a testament to their culinary creativity. Starters may include Ahi Tuna Tartare with avocado and zesty soy-lime dressing; Crispy Calamari with spicy aioli; and Conch Fritters with guava sauce. Main Plates range from Grilled Dry Rub Shrimp, a Guava Salmon Bowl, and Orecchiette Pasta to Spicy Mojo Chicken, a Mutiny Burger, and Churrasco Steak. Not to be missed are the restaurant's signature dishes, which include items like Lobster Ravioli and Rack of Lamb.



menu is compact but packs a punch. Chilled & Raw offerings range from an impressive Seafood Tower, fresh Florida Oysters, and Tuna Taquitos, to a Citrus Crab Roll, Spicy Tuna Roll, and Salmon Cucumber Roll. Other interesting Starters include Crispy Thai Wings, Charred Spare Ribs, and Picadillo Empanadas. Topping the list are Entrées: the Truffled Ribeye Steak, Grilled Niman Ranch Pork Chop, and Seared Bronzino with green lip mussels. There's also a handful of tasty wood-fired pizzas and a terrific Chef's Blend Burger.

The Collab

THesis Hotel

1350 S Dixie Hwy
Coral Gables 33146
305-667-6766

thecollabmiami.com

Dinner: Tu – Th 5:30 – 10 pm;
F & Sa 5:30 – 11 pm

Cutting Edge Global Cuisine

Often referred to as a "Culinary Maestro," 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, Sopressata Pizza, and Crispy Duck Potatoes. BTW: Save room for the orgasmic Sticky Toffee Pudding!

CORAL GABLES AREA

Americana Kitchen Loews Hotel

2950 Coconut Grove Dr
Coral Gables, FL 33134
786-772-7600

americanakitchen.com

Dinner:
Su – Th 5 – 10 pm;
F & Sa 5 – 11 pm

Trendy American Cuisine

Tucked within Coral Gables' luxe Loews Hotel, this sleek, modern respite is anchored by an open "Theater Kitchen," lively Circle Bar, and a cozy lounge. Executive Chef Ricardo Jarquin's inviting American-forward dinner



Fontana Miami Biltmore Hotel

1200 Anastasia Ave
Coral Gables, FL 33134
305-913-3189 Ext 2407

biltmorehotel.com

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 an excellent 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 and includes an extensive selection of omelets, sushi, carved meats, pasta, Tapas Stations, and some very decadent desserts.

Mamey Miami Thesis Hotel

1350 S Dixie Hwy
Coral Gables 33146
305-266-2639

mameymiami.com

Dinner: Su – Th 3 pm – 10 pm;
F & Sa 3 pm – 11 pm

A Fusion of World Cuisines

Celebrity Chef Nicolas Mazier makes a splash wherever he goes, and at Mamey, he goes full-fusion. Mazier's impressive lineup of vibrant global cuisines is a tsunami of flavors. You'll find shareable plates like Ahi-Ahi Taquitos with yellowfin tuna and yuzu kasho aioli; delicate Crispy Old Bay spiced Calamari with cilantro jalapeño aioli, and pickled Fresno peppers; and Patagonian Shrimp Ceviche with yuzu, cilantro, and corn nuts. 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. Bring your passport

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

One of Coral Gables' most acclaimed restaurants, 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 wide selection of wonderful cheeses, handcrafted charcuterie, house-made pasta, and specialties from across the country. FYI: Don't pass up the zucchini blossoms stuffed with cheese and fried to a delish crisp! With over 2,000 bottles of hand-selected regional wines, innovative craft cocktails, and unique Italian-inspired beverages, it's a culinary journey you won't forget.

MIMO

(Miami Modern Historic District)

Zuma EPIC Hotel

270 Biscayne Blvd Way
Miami, FL 33131

305-577-0277

zumarestaurant.com/en/miami

Dinner: M – Th 6 pm – 10:30 pm;

F & Sa 6 pm – 11 pm

Authentic, But Not Traditional, Japanese Cuisine Located on the Miami River with front row seats of

passing yachts, this award-winning Japanese restaurant creates a variety of dishes from its three kitchens: the Main Kitchen, the Sushi Counter, and the Robata Grill. Master Chef Rainer Becker's internationally acclaimed style of modern



Japanese izakaya dining is not only a "celebrity favorite," it's also completely off-the-charts. In

addition to the fabulous

Omakase (chef's choice), the menu offers an array of sophisticated Japanese dishes, as well as an extensive lineup of fresh sushi and sashimi. Perennial favorites include Crispy Fried Calamari with Serrano pepper and lime, Beef with Shishito Pepper in smoked chili soy, and Grilled Scallops with pickled plum, shiso, and mentaiko butter. Epic seasonal and signature plates include items such as Sliced Lobster with black pepper ponzu and Oscietra Caviar; an Iberico Pork Skewer with hacho yakiniku; and Grilled Chilean Seabass with a green chili and ginger dressing.

WYNWOOD

Wyn Wyn Arlo Wynwood

2217 NW Miami Ct
Wynwood, FL 33127
786-522-6600

wynwynmiami.com

Su – Th 6 pm – 10 pm;
F & Sa 6 pm – 11 pm

Bold, Globally-Inspired Dishes

Hawaiian-born Chef David Robbins' locally sourced menu takes you on a tasty romp with global creations inspired by the flavors of Polynesia, Southeast Asia, Peru, and even Western Europe. His imaginative dishes include light bites like Organic Beet Tartare with mango "yolk"; and Steam Buns with ginger-soy short rib, yuzu pickled cucumbers and gochujang aioli; Main dishes are just as "clean" and flavor-packed. The Eggplant Cannelloni surprises with cashew "ricotta," heirloom sauce Pomodoro, rooftop basil, and aged balsamic. Robbin's dry-aged Sustainable Salmon with crispy skin, tomato eggplant ragout, grape must, and rooftop herbs is another winner. If you have a hankering for steak, check out the Hibachi Grilled Grass-Fed Prime Beef with Ginger tamari, k-pop glaze, bok choy, Okinawa purple yams, gochujang aioli, and yuzu pickled cukes. The entire menu here is "Yowza" worthy, but the Korean Fried Chicken, marinated in fermented garlic honey with yuzu pickled watermelon is totally OMG!

SAMPLE MENUS



Snook's Bayside
MM 99.9, Bayside, Key Largo, 305-453-5004
snooks.com

starters

Ahi Tuna

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

Lobster Bites

beer-battered Maine lobster lightly fried with honey mustard sauce

Coconut Shrimp

dredged in sweet coconut, lightly fried with key lime coconut sauce sandwiches

8 oz Big Belly Burger

angus chuck & brisket short rib topped with swiss, pepper bacon,

Mahi Fish Sandwich

grilled, fried, or blackened with lettuce, tomato, tartar sauce

entrees

Snook's Indecision

6 oz. lobster tail, shrimp, scallops, and mahi mahi grilled to perfection

Pistachio-Encrusted Yellowtail

dipped in pistachio nuts, sautéed with mango salsa & chili beurre blanc

Yellowtail Bayside

sautéed and topped with a Maryland crab cake & béarnaise sauce

Fra Diablo

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

Hazelnut Chicken

organic hormone-free breast of chicken dipped in crushed hazelnuts with mandarin orange thyme sauce

Center Cut Filet Mignon

8oz grass-fed beef grilled to taste



SAMPLE MENUS

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ASIAN INSPIRED

starters

Edamame

sea salt, garlic oil

Scallop Shooter

ponzu, quail egg yolk, jalapeno, wasabi tobiko

Stuffed Torched Avocado

tuna, scallion, eel sauce, serrano, spicy aioli, crispy wonton chips, cream cheese

sashimi & nigiri

Hamachi Mariachi

slice hamachi, cilantro puree, sliced jalapeno & roasted garlic ponzu sauce, sesame seeds

Hotategai Sashimi

sliced scallops, spicy aioli, masago, scallion, sweet garlic sauce

nikai Sushi Bar & Restaurant
At Cheeca Lodge & Spa MM 82, Oceanside Islamorada
305-664-4651; cheeca.com

Blackened Tuna Sashimi

thin sliced tuna, tropical salsa, ponzu

Omakase

multiple course chef's choice tasting menu featuring seasonal seafood & Florida's finest produce

rolls

Big Kahuna

tuna, avocado, lobster salad, pineapple ginger glaze, toasted macadamia

The Luxe

Sweet ginger garlic steak, lobster salad wasabi aioli, sweet soy, tempura crunchies, sesame seed

Bonsai

tempura fried soft shell crab, avocado spicy tuna, chipotle sweet soy, fried green onions

Dagwood

Tempura shrimp, avocado, blue crab, tuna, sweet soy, sesame seeds

Tiger

Spicy tuna, cucumber, avocado, salmon, tobiko, scallion, honey sriracha

Samurai

Spicy hamachi, smoked jalapeño, spicy tuna, sweet chili garlic, spicy aioli, togarashi crunches



SAMPLE MENUS



starters

San Daniele On the Veranda

creamy burrata, 24-month cured prosciutto dalmatia, fig preserve, wild arugula

Portobello Wellington Al Forno

wood-fired portobello, basil pesto, moltenmozzarella in golden puff pastry

Pink Shrimp at Dawn

Key West pink shrimp tartare, key lime oil, shaved fennel, blood orange segments, house raspberry dressing

pasta

Aragosta Notturna

capellini in pink lobster bisque, local spiny lobster with Calabrian heat

Conchiglia

816 Duval St, Key West, FL 33040
305-741-7007; conchigliakeywest.com
Breakfast | Brunch | Dinner

Pear & Pine

hand-made pasta pillows filled with chardonnay braised pear + ricotta, gorgonzola fondue, toasted pine nuts, balsamic glaze

Tagliatelle Al Ragu Di Vitello Al Barlo

fresh tagliatelle with slow Barolo-braised veal ragu in rich San Marzano tomatoes

main course

Amalfi Lemon Veal

tender veal scaloppine in bright Amalfi butter with rosemary potatoes

Pescato All'Acqua Pazza

local snapper with tomato confit, clams, aqua pazza broth

Salmone Alla Griglia

grilled salmon filet with salsa verde and saffron beurre blanc, sautéed broccolini

pizza

Margherita On Duval

San Marzano tomatoes, fior di latte cheese, basil, EVOO

Italian Sausage + Caprino

fennel sausage, roasted mushrooms, goat cheese, truffle oil



SAMPLE MENUS



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

tapas

Giant Meatball

Australian wagyu ground, whipped ricotta, chiffonade basil, lemon zest

Naked Chicken Wings

carrots & celery, hot sauce, house ranch

Blistered Shishito Peppers

crunchy quinoa, key lime, tavern aioli

Key West Bang Bang Shrimp Taco

key west pink shrimp, spicy tavern aioli, scallions, warm tortilla

pizza

Tavern

house-made fennel sausage, oregano, mozzarella, mushrooms

Margherita

heirloom tomato, basil, mozzarella

Spicy Pepperoni

ricotta, pesto vodka sauce, house hot honey, basil

entree

Prime Rib

Yukon mashed potatoes, fire roasted asparagus, au jus, horseradish cream

Za'atar Lamb Chops

mint raita, harrisa aioli, falafel, tzatziki

Local Catch

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

Ora King Salmon

cauliflower puree, roasted cauliflower steak, romesco, lemon goat cheese, pesto

Parmesan Crusted Chicken

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

Pinks & Pasta

spicy red pepper aioli, vodka sauce, key west pinks, burrata, lemon olive oil, rigatoni pasta

1/2 lb. Lobster Tail

wild mushroom risotto, lemon roasted asparagus, bearnaise, drawn butter

Tavern Burger

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



SAMPLE MENUS



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 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

carneroli 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

grilled beef filet, gorgonzola dolce, mashed
 potato, asparagus, chianti wine reduction



SAMPLE MENUS



Isabelle's Grill Room & Garden
 Ritz Carlton Hotel
 3300 SW 27th Ave, Coconut Grove, FL 33133
 305-400-0562; isabellescoconutgrove.com

starters/soups/salads

Signature Seared Crab Cake

jumbo lump crab cakes, red pepper sauce,
 fennel salad, herbed goat cheese

Fried Bruschetta

hand-breaded fresh mozzarella, currant
 tomatoes, chili honey, aged balsamic

Lobster Bisque

lobster, tobiko, caviar, fennel fronds, toasted
 brioche, orange olive oil

Chop Salad

romaine, baby iceberg, avocado, heirloom
 tomatoes, hard-boiled egg, roasted red
 onions, grilled bacon, Maytag crumbles,
 garlic buttermilk dressing

Burrata

burrata, prosciutto, blueberry compote, basil

pasta

Penna Arrabbiata

san marzano tomato, chilli, garlic, basil

Seafood Linguine

clams, mussels, shrimp, cream sauce,
 parmesan

entrées

Isabelle's Signature Branzino

sweet potato mousseline, baby vegetables,
 prosciutto, fig beurre blanc

Isabelle's Signature Picatta

lemon caper sauce, pommes purée

Seared Bass

lemon basil pesto, pan-seared mushrooms,
 white bean purée

Joyce Farms Chicken

broccolini, fennel sausage, pepper & onion jus

Chicken Milanese

parmesan crusted chicken, arugula fennel
 salad, shaved manchego, lemon

Isabelle's Signature Burger

short rib & brisket patty, peppered bacon,
 gruyere, housemade onion jam, herb
 parmesan fries



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The Cruise Capital of the World

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It all started in 1895 when landowners Julia Tuttle and William and Mary Brickell persuaded Henry Flagler to extend his Florida East Coast Railroad south and build a port city.

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

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

Located in the midst of beautiful, but very shallow Biscayne Bay, no pioneer, not even Flagler himself, could possibly have envisioned what the Port's future held. Now a Florida Heritage Landmark, today's PortMiami is world renowned as the "Cruise Capital of the World," and welcomes more cruise passengers to its terminals than any other port in the world.

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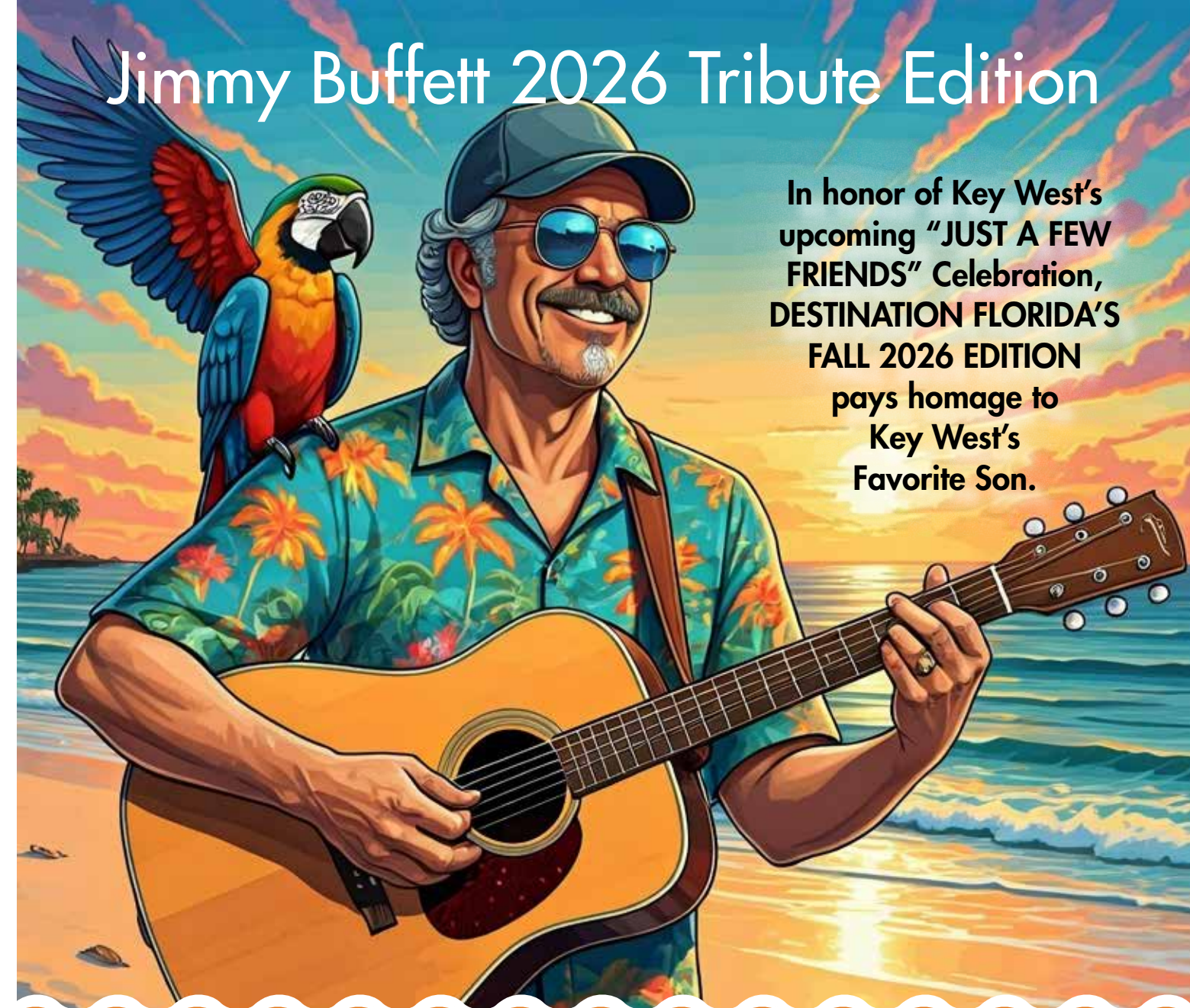
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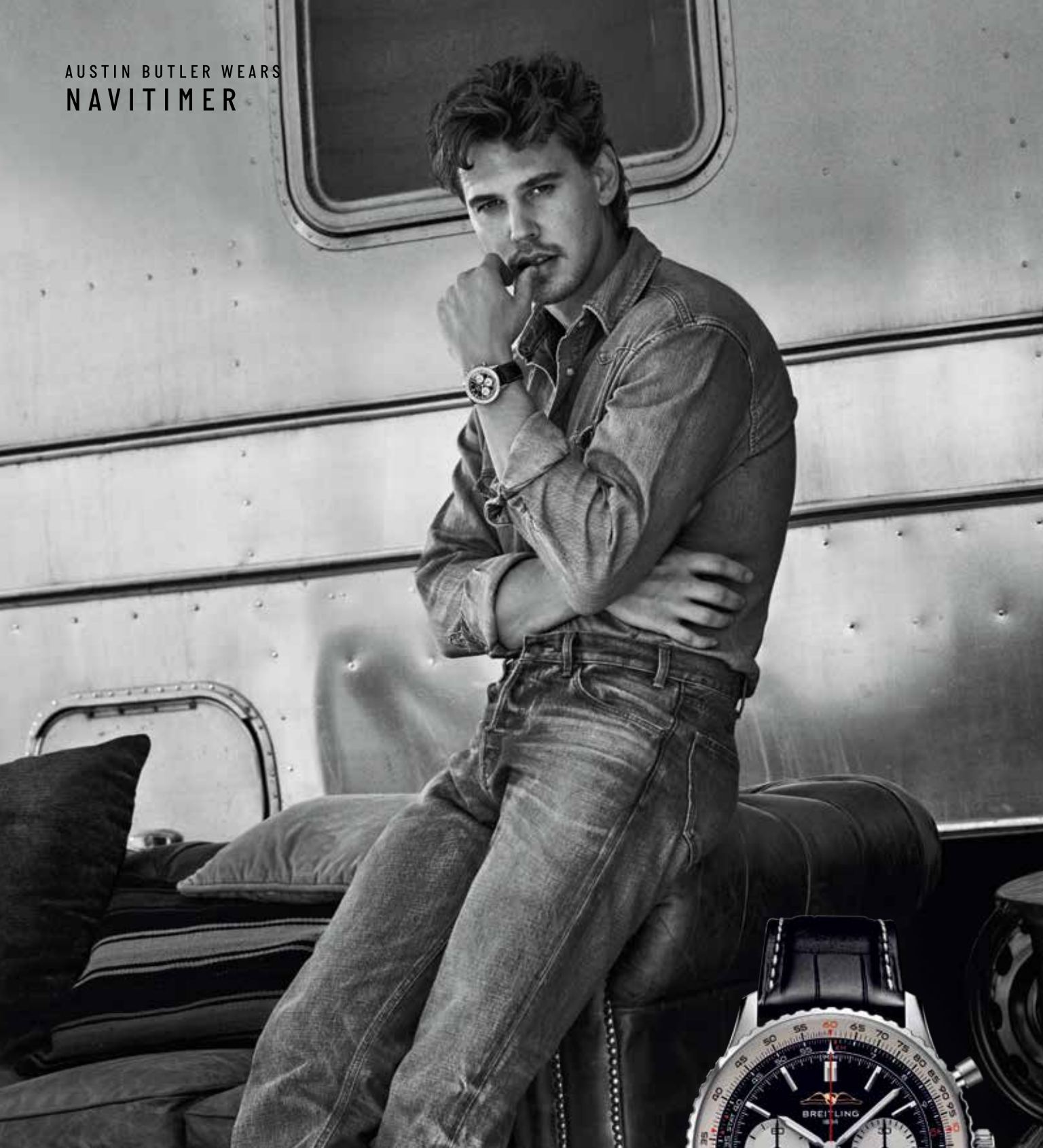
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