

Key West, Florida

Whether you drive or fly into Key West, one thing is for sure: there's simply no place quite like it. This Southernmost City in the Continental United States is located at the end of the Overseas Scenic Highway just 126 miles South of Miami. An island city of palm-lined streets boasting Victorian homes, gingerbread conch houses and mansions on the National Register.

John Audubon and Ernest Hemingway lived here. One had a passion for preservation. The other, a great zest for living. And that combination gives Key West its unique personality. The moment you get on world-famous Duval Street, in Old Town Key West, you do more than feel the ambiance. You become a part of it.

For those who love land excursions there's a little something for everyone - Bahamian Village, Historic Forts, Lighthouses, Theaters, Museums, Galleries, Festivals, Markets and even Truman's Little Whitehouse. Only in Key West would the sun shine brightest when it sets. Everyone gathers for the never planned, always varied Sunset Celebration on the Mallory Dock and the Westin Sunset Pier. Once the sun is safely tucked away by jugglers, mimes, musicians and street artists, the city moves to a different beat. A night beat. The streets, filled with sidewalk cafes, open-air bars, legendary pubs and world-class restaurants come alive.

For those who love the water, this is where the Gulf of Mexico meets the Atlantic Ocean and the average annual water temperature is 79° F. Just about every imaginable water sport such as Jet Skiing, Kayaking, Charter Boating and Sunset Sailing can be enjoyed year-round. North America's only living Coral Reef is also just four miles off-shore.

At Key West you can buy a postcard or a famous handprint. You don't need a car on this 2 mile x 4 mile isle. Tour the city on foot or by trolley. Mingle with some of the world's most fun-loving characters. And find some of the best-made cigars, Key Lime pies and aloe products anywhere.

Key West is unique. And unspoiled. A feast for your heart and your soul. In short, if you're planning on visiting Key West, plan on staying longer than anticipated.