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KEY WEST, FLORIDA

Key West, a U.S. island city, is part of the Florida Keys archipelago. It's also Florida's southernmost point, lying roughly 90 miles north of Cuba. Famed for its pastel-hued, conch-style houses, it's a cruise-ship stop also accessible from the mainland via the Overseas Highway. It's known more for its coral reefs – destinations for diving and snorkeling – than for its beaches, according to Google.

DAY ONE

Arrive in Key West

Take the shuttle down the 7-mile bridge and check into the hotel

Dinner: [Bagatelle](#) (\$\$, Seafood) and sit outside for people watching

Drinks: any place in Mallory Square, then find a spot to applaud the sunset and see the fabled green flash said to occur the moment the sun sinks below the watery horizon

DAY TWO

9 AM Breakfast: [Cuban Coffee Queen](#) (\$, American & Coffee), and get a picture of the famous crossing arrows

10 AM – Start your day exploring Mallory Square, which is the center of attention

- If you're up for it, here is a self-guided tour ([PDF](#)) of Key West; time spent is 1-2 hours

11:30 AM - [Mel Fisher Maritime Museum](#) (time spent 1.5 hours, \$15 USD) for famous pirates, shipwrecks and treasures; lab tours also available

- Or the other pirate museum is [Key West Shipwreck Museum](#) (\$16 USD)

Lunch: local favorite, Sloppy Joe's Bar (\$\$, Burgers & Bar)

Get a pineapple drink at [The Smallest Bar in the World](#), inside of the Smallest Bar Inn, on Dunval Street

Save room for some dessert, with a slice of key lime pie at [Key Lime Pie Bakery](#) (\$, Bakery)

2 PM – Shop the small marketing and mini-malls, The Key West Sponge Market

3 PM – visit the [Custom House Museum](#) with sculptures outside and galleries inside

- Stay outside and snap some pics with the art, you don't need to tour

4:45 PM – Close encounters with the [Key West Aquarium](#) (time spent is 1.5 hours, \$16 USD) or visit the [Truman Little White House](#) (\$20 USD)

6:30 PM – then venture up to [Key West Historic Memorial Sculpture Garden](#), a free courtyard where you'll find 36 busts of influential Key West people

- Sunsets are a big deal, join the party at Mallory Square overlooking the water and sunset key in the distance.

Dinner: [Fogarty's](#) (\$\$, American) or [Caroline's Café](#) (\$, American) – and you must get the conch fritters

Bar: [Irish Keven's Bar](#) (\$\$, Irish Pub) with lively Irish music and dancing

DAY THREE

Grab a coffee and a light breakfast

10 AM – Have some fun with [Fury Key West](#), Ultimate Adventure (time spent is 6 hours, \$140 USD) for parasailing, jet-skiing, mini water park and reef snorkeling on the third largest reef in the world in the Gulf of Mexico

- Breakfast and lunch provided
- Bring a bag (water-proof preferred) to store your items, also some extra snacks and water bottles
- Check the page for a list of 'What to Bring'

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- Or Barefoot Billy's Jet Ski Island Tour; 1.5 hours

4:30 PM – Back to the hotel to clean up and eat some snacks

6:30 PM – Sail with Danger Charters for a Wind & Wine Sunset Sail; time spent is 2 hours, \$85 USD

- Choose from 8 different wines from around the world and choose from 5 domestic and imported beers
- Heavy hors 'devours are served

If you're hungry, hurry over to Gabro's Grill (\$, Tacos & Burgers) for some tacos before they close

Drinks at Capt. Tony's Saloon (\$, Famous Bar – visited by Hemingway, Buffet and more)

Then Hog's Breath Saloon (\$\$, Pub)

- Finally, Bull Bar for a visit to Garden of Eden's clothing optional bar – fair warning, you cannot un-see what you see (\$\$, Lounge)

DAY FOUR

Lazy morning: coffee at the local shop and lounge

11 AM – Come hungry and wear comfy shoes for a food tour by Key West Food Tours, Southernmost Food Tour; time spent 3 hours, \$75 USD

2:30 PM – Check out touristy spots and landmarks

1. Start at the Mile Marker 0 on Whitehead Street and Fleming Street
2. This is a 20-minute walk or 5-minute ride, your choice.
 - a. If you want to ride, walk down a block to Pirate Scooter Rentals
3. Grab a drink at Green Parrot Bar (\$\$, Bar)
4. Stroll the Ernest Hemingway Home and Garden (time spent is 1 hour, \$14 USD) – which is now home to over 40 cats, most with 6 toes
 - a. If you need a snack, pop into Nine One Five (\$\$\$, Tapas) for a bowl of Chipotle Conch Chowder
5. Gaze upon the Key West Lighthouse (time spent is 30 min, \$10 USD) – take a picture and move on
6. Rest at the Key West Butterfly and Nature Conservatory; time spent is 1 hour, \$12 USD)
7. Finish at the Southernmost Point Buoy (in the Continental USA)

Rest up at the hotel

7 PM Dinner: Antonia's Restaurant (\$\$\$, Italian), has amazing calamari and seafood

Drink: Virgilio's (\$\$, Bar) a fancy martini bar

9:30 PM – Encounter the other side with a Ghost & Gravestones tour; time spent is 1.5 hours, \$34 USD

- Wear comfortable shoes

DAY FIVE

Quick breakfast or Cuban Coffee Queen again

9 AM – Fun in the sun on the beaches, 4 options below:

- Higgs Beach (man-made with white sand imported from the Caribbean)
 - o Setup on Higgs Beach and enjoy, things to do: walk down the Edward B. Knight Pier aka White Street Pier, visit the historical landmark West Martello Tower, or put a pup at the Dog Park
 - o lunch at SALUTE! on the beach (\$\$, Mediterranean), then continue your day in the sun
- Smathers Beach (man-made with white sand imported from the Caribbean) – using this one
- Fort Zachary Taylor Historic State Park (\$2 per person, natural beach and slightly rockier)
- Purchase a day pass from Margaritaville Key West Resort for Sunset Key Beach, \$40 USD

Setup on Smathers Beach, it has it all. Sunset Watersports Key West offers chairs, umbrellas, rafts and more starting at \$10 – relax

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- Bring water and snacks with you

2 PM – back to the hotel to clean up

4 PM – Afternoon rum tasting at [Key West First Legal Rum Distillery](#); time spent 1.5 hours, free tour

6:30 PM - Stumble over to for dinner at [The Commodore's Boathouse Bar & Grill](#) (\$\$, Bar & Grill)

Stay here to watch the sunset and have drinks (try a passion fruit mojito)

Dessert: [Kermit's Key West Key Lime Shoppe](#) (\$\$, Bakery) for a frozen chocolate covered key lime pie slice

DAY SIX

10 AM Brunch: [Blue Heaven](#) (\$\$, American) and order key lime pie slice for dessert

- Embrace the local chickens run around like they own the joint

1 PM - Explore underwater gardens by snuba-ing with [Key West Snuba Diving](#); time spent is 3 hours, \$109 USD

- You do not need a diving certification

4:30 PM – back to the hotel to get ready for a fancy evening out

7 PM Dinner: [Mangoes Restaurant](#) (\$\$\$, New American)

9 PM – prepare for a show at [Aqua Key West](#) (\$\$\$, Drag Show) and stay for dancing

DAY SEVEN

10 AM Breakfast: [Camille's Restaurant](#) (\$\$, American) and savor the Godiva White Chocolate French Toast

Spend the rest of the day at Ocean Key Resort & Spa, [Spa Terre](#) and get a day pass to the resort, enjoying the private beach

- Or ride a beach cruiser, rented from [BikeMan Bike Rental Key West](#), Cruiser Bikes; \$10 USD for the day, and explore areas that you may have passed up earlier, or revisit some favorites
- Or go back to a beach, see Day 5

Dinner: [Bliss Restaurant Key West](#) (\$\$, Seafood), sip on red or white sangria or keep it easy with [Duetto Pizza and Gelato](#) (\$\$, Pizza)

Return to Mallory Square for a final night of entertainment

DAY EIGHT

10 AM Breakfast: [Two Friends Patio Restaurant](#) (\$\$, American)

Clean up and check out of the hotel

Goodbye Key West. Head home.