

# Key West

The end of US-1: Hemingway's house, Mallory Square sunsets and the reef offshore

Key West is 250 km of bridges south of Miami and closer to Havana than to Orlando. It is a drinking, snorkelling and sunset town of tin-roofed conch houses, with the Dry Tortugas seaplane and ferry leaving from its harbour.

## At a glance

|            |                                     |
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| FROM MIAMI | 3 h 30 by car on US-1               |
| REEF       | Third-largest barrier reef on earth |
| SUNSET     | Mallory Square, nightly             |

## When to go

December to April is dry and busy; Fantasy Fest fills late October. Summer is hot, cheap and calm underwater.

## Getting around

Old Town is walkable and everyone else uses bicycles or scooters. Park once, at your hotel, and leave the car there.

## What to see

|                     |                                                   |
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| Duval Street        | The bar strip, end to end in twenty minutes.      |
| Hemingway Home      | The writer's house and its six-toed cats.         |
| Mallory Square      | Buskers and the sunset celebration.               |
| Fort Zachary Taylor | The best swimming beach on the island.            |
| Dry Tortugas        | Fort Jefferson, 110 km west by ferry or seaplane. |
| Bahia Honda         | The classic Keys beach, an hour back up US-1.     |

## Tours worth booking

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|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <b>Rapids Water Park day pass, West Palm Beach</b>  | Full day · Adventure · 4.4/5 (860 reviews)  |
| <b>Key West day trip from Miami with activities</b> | 14 h · Boat & beach · 4.5/5 (6180 reviews)  |
| <b>Busch Gardens Tampa Bay day ticket</b>           | Full day · Adventure · 4.7/5 (2840 reviews) |
| <b>LEGOLAND Florida with Peppa Pig Theme Park</b>   | Full day · Adventure · 4.6/5 (1960 reviews) |
| <b>Kennedy Space Center admission with transfer</b> | 10 h · Culture · 4.8/5 (5210 reviews)       |
| <b>Everglades airboat ride and wildlife show</b>    | 3-4 h · Nature · 4.6/5 (7420 reviews)       |

## Where to stay

|                                 |                                                   |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Hilton West Palm Beach</b>   | Downtown West Palm Beach · Family · From \$230    |
| <b>Casa Marina Key West</b>     | Key West · Atlantic side · Historic · From \$560  |
| <b>Marker Waterfront Resort</b> | Key West Historic Seaport · Boutique · From \$480 |
| <b>The Setai, Miami Beach</b>   | South Beach · oceanfront · Luxury · From \$950    |
| <b>Faena Hotel Miami Beach</b>  | Mid-Beach · Design · From \$780                   |
| <b>The Betsy South Beach</b>    | Ocean Drive · Boutique · From \$520               |

## Day-by-day itineraries

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| <b>Key West in 1 day</b>  | <a href="https://suitesandsunsets.com/itineraries/key-west/1-day-itinerary">suitesandsunsets.com/itineraries/key-west/1-day-itinerary</a> |
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