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The city of Key West is part of the Monroe County in the United States, and the southernmost city in the Continental US. It is located 129 miles and approximately two hours away form the cosmopolitan city of Miami. With its impeccable weather, Key West enjoys the distinction of being a major seaport destination for many passenger cruise ships. This town will offer you scenic beaches, an abundance of exciting venues to explore, multi-ethnic restaurants, and luxurious hotels with postcard-like views.



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#### THE CITY



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A long vacation should be considered when visiting Key West, since there is much to do here.

Enjoy acres of spectacular beaches with powdery white sand and immerse yourself in the colorful flora. Swim with dolphins, shred frosty Atlantic Ocean waves by surfing, and immerse yourself in the perpetual warm waters by snorkeling or swimming. The endless activities will keep you entertained from morning till dusk with jet skiing, and Ferry trips to the Dry Tortuga National Park.

A maritime location, Key West also offers you a historic seaport at Old Town Key West, with museums and historical knowledge. Visit President Harry Truman's Little White House which, now a museum, has represented his premier summer residence. For literature lovers, escape into the enigmatic book world of famous author Ernest Hemingway at his once official Key West vacation spot.

Join in the multi-ethnic restaurant experience and indulge both in delicious creations and in making friends with the locals. One shouldn't leave without visiting Key West's prominent, larger than life buoy marker which claims the position of the Southernmost Point Marker in the Continental US, being only 90 miles away from

Cuba.

#### DO & SEE



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When thinking about Key West City, the activities that come to mind are soaking in the sun on the shores of the multiple beaches and embarking in the multiple experiences the Atlantic Ocean has to offer. You can spend your days by paddleboarding, sailing the crystal waters on beautiful boats, snorkeling with your family and viewing the vibrant ocean bellow, graced with colorful reefs and corrals.

You can also get in close contact with the dolphins in their natural habitat, take boat ferry rides to nearby attractions and escape on trolley tours to Old Town Key West, where whimsical local settings await you.

Don't forget to visit the many museums and galleries, dive into the variety of multicultural dishes and take long walks on the pier, all while enjoying the tropical climate and the palm leaves rustling above.



### Southernmost Point, Key West



This landmark may be the most visited and photographed monument of Key West. It was created to bear a resemblance to a buoy

and is supposed to point out the southernmost location in the continental U.S. The reading from the buoy claims that from this very spot there are only 90 miles to Cuba and if you squint you might actually catch sight of the island on a bright and sunny day.

Photo: Sam Howzit/Flickr (image cropped) Address: Whitehead Street, Key West

More Info: Located at the corner of South Street and

Whitehead Street.

### **Old Town Trolley Tours**



Sit down, lean back and relax on Key West's most comprehensive tour, the hop-on/hop-off trolleys. The local expert tour conductors will guide as

well as entertain you through the vivid Old Town of Key West with its over 100 points of interest.

Photo: Wendy Berry/Flickr (image cropped) Address: 1 Whitehead Street, Key West Opening hours: Mon-Sun 9am-4.30pm

Phone: +1 855 623 8289

 $\label{thm:continuous} \mbox{Ticket Booth location at 1 Whitehead St, Key West.}$ 

Internet: www.trolleytours.com/key-west Email: s.evans@historictours.com

More Info: The trolleys come by each stop at least every 30

minutes.

### Florida Keys Eco-Discovery Center



A most unique ecological phenomenon with a one of a kind underwater ocean laboratory that will take you to its depths. You will find the native

flora and animals of the Keys and the spectacular and diverse ecosystem of this region.

Perfect even for children with a living reef exhibit and the Center's theater that provides you with easy to access information about both on land and underwater life.

Photo: Pavel L Photo and Video/Shutterstock.com

Address: 35 East Quay Road, Key West Opening hours: Tue-Sat 9am-4pm

Phone: +1 305 809 4750

Internet: www.floridakeys.noaa.gov/eco discovery.html

Email: floridakeys@nooa.gov.

More Info: Located at the end of Southard Street in the

Truman Annex.

#### **Mallory Square**



Representing the very heart of the city, Mallory Square gives you many options for shopping, flavorful food, exciting entertainment and

spectacular sunsets. Here, every night is a festival: two hours before the sun goes down the Sunset Celebration begins. You will encounter performers of various kinds ranging from aerial acrobats and stunt dogs to bagpipers and local musicians.

Photo: Ray\_LAC/Flickr (image cropped) Address: 400 Wall Street, Key West Internet: www.mallorysquare.com



### **Ernest Hemingway House and Museum**



Located in the Old Town, this was the official Key West residence of Nobel Prize winning author Ernest Hemingway, as in 1968 it enjoyed the

distinction of becoming a U.S. National Historic Landmark. Tour the spectacular gardens, with an impressive variety of flowers and trees, and observe the 20,000 dollar swimming pool, an unusual opulence at that time. You'll also be able to visit the bookstore lined with the author's famous books and a plethora of other souvenirs.

 $Photo: A croterion/Wikimedia.org \ (image \ cropped)$ 

Address: 907 Whitehead Street, Key West

Opening hours: Mon–Sun 9am–5pm

Phone: +1 305 294 1136

Internet: www.hemingwayhome.com
Email: info@hemingwayhome.com

#### **Duval street**



The most famous and most visited street in Key West. It stretches out from shore to shore, from the Gulf of Mexico to the Atlantic Ocean, with a

multitude of restaurants, pubs and shopping opportunities unfolding before you. Pop into Duval Street is not only home to Ernest Hemingway's favorite pub Sloppy Joe's, but also to a rich nightlife: several times a year you can go plunging into Duval Street Festivals which celebrate its art, lifestyle, history and culture.

Photo: Christoph Meyer/Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Duval Street, Key West

### **Audubon House and Tropical Garden**



Considered a gem of historical interior design, the Audubon House is a restoration project which is furnished as a replica of a prosperous 1800s

Key West home. The constructor and first owner of the house was one of the ten most affluent men in the Florida Keys during this time. Both the house and its tropical garden give the visitor a glimpse of everyday life in a rich man's home of the mid 19th century. It has a cookhouse, a gift shop and a herb garden alongside 200 blooming orchids.

Photo: amanderson2/Flickr (image cropped) Address: 205 Whitehead Street, Key West Opening hours: Mon-Sun 9.30am-4.15pm

Phone: +1 305 294 2116

Internet: www.audubonhouse.com

Email: audubonhouse@audubonhouse.org

More Info: Gallery & Gift Shop is open from 9.30am to 5pm.

### Boat Ferry to Ft. Jefferson and the Dry Tortugas



This is a full day affair that is worth embarking on. This spacious ocean vessel offers comfort and relaxation as you drift along on the open blue

waters. Be amazed by the 19th Century fort with superlative marine life, as you learn about this great piece of history, and enjoy snorkeling in the surrounding island waters. This 100 square mile park is also a sanctuary for endangered species.

Photo: Dominic Sherony/Flickr (image cropped)

Address: 100 Grinnell Street, Key West

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 7am-6pm. Boarding time: 7.30am

Phone: +1 800 634 0939

Tickets: Ticket booth at 240 Margaret Street, Key West.



Internet: www.drytortugas.com

More Info: It is a 2 hours and 15 minutes boat ride. Parking available at 300 Grinnell for \$32/day.

#### Key West Lighthouse & Keeper's Quarters Museum



This lighthouse stands tall even after facing hurricanes, wars and urban construction. It housed the brave and dedicated Keepers who

kept the light of the tower burning no matter what, and who have left footprints for you to marvel over as you find their belongings, photographs and lives put on display in the museum.

Photo: Vanessa Danison/Flickr (image cropped) Address: 938 Whitehead Street, Key West Opening hours: Mon-Sun 9.30am-4.30pm

Phone: +1 305 294 0012

Internet:

www.kwahs.org/museums/lighthouse-keepers-quarters/visit

#### Fort Zachary Taylor State Park Beach



This is one of the most famous beaches in Key West, situated in the park of Fort Zachary Taylor. With 87 acres of delicate sand, bask in the sun,

take the time to read your favorite book, and peek up to watch the brilliant cruise ships enter and exit the harbor. Go for a swim or snorkel in the turquoise waters. For a small fee this beach also offers grilling amenities and access to picnic tables.

Photo: Matt Kieffer/Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Fort Zachary Taylor State Park Beach, Key West

Opening hours: Daily 8am-Sunset

Phone: +1 305 295 0037

Internet: www.fortzacharytaylor.com

### **Fury Water Adventure**



Fury Water Adventure offers a variety of experiences: jet ski and glass bottom boat rides, catamaran cruises, parasailing, paddleboard

rentals, snorkeling opportunities and more, all to be enjoyed surrounded by the crystal blue waters and local marine life.

Photo: Tropical studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2 Duval Street, Key West Opening hours: Mon-Sun 8am-9pm

Phone: +1 888 976 0899 Internet: www.furycat.com

More Info: Five different departure points depending on which activity you choose. More information available on the

website.

### The Vandenberg Wreck



Located 7 miles offshore of Key West, this is an artificial reef made of a former military ship which has been intentionally sunk in

2009. The ship is also a movie star, since it appeared in the movie "Virus" in 1996.

One company that organizes dives to Vanderberg Wreck is Captain's Corner Dive Center.

Photo: 143d ESC (image cropped) Address: 125 Ann Street, Key West Opening hours: Sat-Sun 8am-6.30pm

Phone: +1 305 296 8865

 $\label{limited} Internet: www.captainscorner.com \\ Email: info@captainscorner.com$ 

More Info: More information about the Vanderberg can be

found here: www.keywest.com/vandenberg



### **Key West Shipwreck Museum**



This museum, built as a recreation of a 19th century warehouse, has live actors telling stories of shipwrecks and their salvages that go as far as

400 years ago. Artifacts and a variety of videos will further educate you on this piece of Key West's history.

Photo: Ericson Smith/Flickr (image cropped) Address: 1 Whitehead Street, Key West Opening hours: Daily 9.40am-5pm

Phone: +1 305 292 8990

Internet: www.keywestshipwreck.com

More Info: The last show is scheduled for 4.40pm.

### **Truman Little White House**



This was President Harry S. Truman's winter retreat and the location for many important presidential decisions. Established in 1974 as a

museum, you'll be able to sort through photo and video galleries, and enjoy the museum store filled with memorabilia from his presidential days.

Photo: Roman Boed/Flickr (image cropped) Address: 111 Front Street, Key West

Opening hours: Museum: Daily 9am-4.30pm. Gift Shop: Daily

9am-5pm.

Phone: +1 305 294 9911

Internet: www.trumanlittlewhitehouse.com

### **Wild Dolphin Adventures**



At Wild Dolphin
Adventures, you'll be able
to get up close and
personal with these
friendly marine mammals.
Alternatively, you can

enjoy the sun setting over the ocean with their sunset charters.

Photo: John Hoey/Flickr (image cropped) Address: 201 William Street, Key West

Opening hours: Daily 9am-9pm Phone: +1 305 296 3737

Internet: www.wilddolphinadventures.com
Email: wilddolphinadventureskeywest@gmail.com
More Info: Departing time 9:30am and 2pm. The Coral

Reefer is located in Key West Bight Marina.

### U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Ingham Maritime Museum



A floating museum that is dedicated to honor those who served during the World War II and Vietnam War. The U.S. coast guard history comes alive

with this intriguing ship which has cruised the ocean waters during 50 years of service. You will get to know the life aboard while either guided by experts or at your own pace, finding yourself passing through a time capsule with crucial maritime moments from back in the day.

Photo: Aaron Headly/Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Southard Street, Key West Opening hours: Tue-Sat 10am-4pm

Phone: +1 305 395 9554

Internet: www.uscgcingham.org Email: info@uscgcingham.org



### **Key West Aquarium**



Built in 1933 during The Great Depression to stimulate the economy, this aquarium has exhibits for many sea creatures, especially ones

native to Key West, and also offers stingray petting and feeding tanks. Themed exhibits are available too, featuring sharks, alligators and jellyfishes.

Photo: Bjorn Watland/Flickr (image cropped)

Address: 1 Whitehead Street, Key West Opening hours: Daily 9am-6pm

Phone: +1 888 544 5927

Internet: www.keywestaquarium.com

### **Key West Butterfly and Nature Conservatory**



An oasis with a spectrum of colors, here you can stroll through the climate controlled exhibits of birds, plants, exotic flowers and serene

waterfalls. With over 60 butterfly species, this also acts as a learning activity, featuring facts and trivia about the lives of these fragile creatures.

Photo: Wendy/Flickr (image cropped) Address: 1316 Duval Street, Key West

Opening hours: Conservatory: Daily 9am-5pm. Gift Shop and

Gallery: 9am-5pm. Phone: +1 305 296 2988

Internet: www.keywestbutterfly.com Email: info@keywestbutterfly.com

More Info: Located one block north of the Southernmost

Point.

### The Basilica of Saint Mary of the Sea



This church made partly of limestone rock from the area offers opportunities for quiet meditation, a visit to the shrine or simply a stroll

in the garden nearby. Being the oldest Catholic church in South Florida, it has been named as "basilica" since 2012 because of "its historical significance, its architectural uniqueness and its spiritual characteristics".

Photo: Carlos Lumpuy/Flickr (image cropped) Address: 1010 Windsor Lane, Key West

Opening hours: Mon 12.30pm-4.30pm, Tue-Fri 8am-4.30pm

Phone: +1 305 294 1018

Internet: www.stmarykeywest.com Email: stmary@stmarykeywest.com

### Key West Garden Club



The Key West Garden Club is an old Civil War fort and National Historic site that offers a variety of tropical flowering plants and trees, along

with a lily pond and a small waterfall. They also offer services for wedding receptions.

This is one of the area's few tourist attractions with no admission charge, since the Key West Garden Club is a non-profit organization.

Photo: wasanajai/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1100 Atlantic Boulevard, Key West

Opening hours: Daily 9.30am-5pm

Phone: +1 305 294 3210

 $Internet: www.keywestgardenclub.com \\ Email: keywestgardenclub@gmail.com$ 

More Info: Situated at the West Martello Tower and located

where White Street meets the Atlantic Ocean.



#### DINING



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Key West is a melting pot of cultural diversity and different ethnic influences. Its dishes range widely from Italian pasta and Cuban Lechon Asado, to Caribbean BBQ shrimps and the more familiar American preparations.

#### El Meson de Pepe



A family owned restaurant that distinguishes itself by marrying two food cultures, the Floridan and the Cuban, best

represented by their Cayo Hueso Cuban Mix: Key West's version of the traditional Cuban sandwich. The menu includes other specialties such as the Vaca Frita, which is simmered and pulled beef, and the Lechon Asado, the traditional roasted pork.

Photo: BobNoah/Shutterstock.com

Address: 410 Wall Street, Mallory Square, Key West

Opening hours: Daily 11am-10pm

Phone: +1 305 295 2620

Internet: www.elmesondepepe.com Email: elmesondepepe@aol.com

### Mangia Mangia Pasta Café



Mangia Mangia is famous for its homemade pasta coming in many forms: linguine, pappardelle, fusilli and rigatoni. The menu accompanies them

with grilled seafood, sauteed chicken or zucchini ribbons. They also offer to-go options if you want to bring back home specialties such as their Picadillo Pasta.

Photo: marco mayer/Shutterstock.com Address: 900 Southard Street, Key West Opening hours: Daily 5.30pm-10pm

Phone: +1 305 294 2469

Internet: www.mangia-mangia.com
Email: mangia-mangia@hotmail.com

More Info: Located on the corner of Southard and Margaret

Street.

#### **Coles Peace Bakery**



Defining itself as an artisan bakery and sandwich shop, Cole's Peace offers a wide selection of bread since 1997: from whole grain

and cinnamon raisin to one of their specials, like mango bread. For lunch you can also order one of their homemade soups, or their signature Ciabatta Lotta, a sandwich with boar's head ham.

Photo: baibaz/Shutterstock.com Address: 1111 Eaton Street, Key West

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-4pm, Sat 8am-2pm

Phone: +1 305 292 0703 Internet: www.colespeace.com Email: info@colespeace.com.



#### Camille's Restaurant



Camille's bright pink front is well known among locals. Their menu rotates daily to feature the new recipes they come up with, such as

their thin crust pizza, pan seared mahi filet and their "Crazy Good" 3 egg dishes.

Photo: Daniel Korzeniewski/Shutterstock.com Address: 1202 Simonton Street, Key West

Opening hours: Daily 8am-10pm

Phone: +1 305 296 4811

Email: camilleskeywest@bellsouth.net

#### **Antonia's Restaurant**



Located in Old Town Key West, this restaurant offers both lunch and dinner menus filled with Italian cuisine options: from homemade pasta

dishes such as linguine with Key West pink shrimp to meat-based ones like their sautéed veal scallopini. These can be then accompanied by your pick from their Wine Spectator award-winning wine list or dessert offering, which includes traditional gelato and tiramisu.

Photo: AS Food studio/Shutterstock.com Address: 615 Duval Street, Key West Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11am-10pm

Phone: +1 305 294 6565

Internet: www.antoniaskeywest.com
Email: restaurant@antoniaskeywest.com

#### **Two Friends Patio Restaurant**



With an outdoor patio facing Duval Street from which you can enjoy live music performances, this restaurant was repeatedly nominated for

the best Bloody Mary in Key West. Among their dishes you can find seafood like their broiled lobster tails, but also char-grilled Angus steaks.

Photo: P Maxwell Photography/Shutterstock.com

Address: 512 Front Street, Key West

Opening hours: Mon-Wed 8am-10pm, Thu-Sun

8am-Midnight

Phone: +1 305 296 3124

Internet: www.twofriendskeywest.com

Email: info@twofriends.com

#### Café Sole



Café Sole offers a dinner menu filled with Caribbean and European offerings, with a special twist given by the French chef. You can order their

rack of lamb with herb de province, or try their award winning dish: the hog snapper fillet.

Together with the salads, vegetarian customers can find another menu made for them.

Photo: stu spivack/Flickr

Address: 1029 Southard Street, Key West Opening hours: Tue-Sun 6pm-10pm

Phone: +1 305 294 0230 Internet: www.cafesole.com Email: cafesole@gmail.com



#### **Blue Heaven**



Located inside Bahama Village, Blue Heaven is regarded as a landmark in Key West for Caribbean cuisine. The menu features Jamaican

jerk chicken, Cajun Caribbean BBQ shrimp and also vegetarian options such as miso baked eggplant. On Sundays a brunch menu is available, as well as specials like their Florida pink shrimp omelette.

Photo: PRESSLAB/Shutterstock.com Address: 729 Thomas Street, Key West Opening hours: Daily 8am-10.30pm

Phone: +1 305 296 8666

Email: blueheaven729@gmail.com

#### **Prime Steakhouse**



Despite the name, this restaurant doesn't only offer steak, like their signature bone-in rib eye, but also lobster tails, pasta and salads for the

vegetarian customers. All their dishes can be enjoyed either in the terrace or inside one of their dining rooms, accompanied by one of the house's wines and their special side, truffled mac and cheese.

Photo: hlphoto/Shutterstock.com Address: 951 Caroline Street, Key West Opening hours: Mon-Sun 6pm-10pm

Phone: +1 305 296 4000

Internet: www.primekeywest.com

#### La Trattoria Old Town



In this bistro it is customary to start off your dinner with a martini, whose price drops at \$7 during their Martini Mondays. You'll

then be able to choose one of the dishes on offer, be it Italian-style pasta, locally fished hogfish and snapper or grilled lamb chops.

Photo: Igor Normann/Shutterstock.com Address: 524 Duval Street, Key West

Phone: +1 305 296 1075 Internet: www.latrattoria.us

Email: info@cateredaffairsofkeywest.com

More Info: Another location of this restaurant is called "La Trattoria Oceanside". Address: 3593 S Roosevelt Boulevard,

Key West +1 305 295 6789

### Santiago's Bodega



The interior of Santiagio's Bodega features art by Robert Henry Thompson lining the bright yellow walls and furniture made with reclaimed wood. The

menu includes various soups and salads, but the main draw are the Spanish tapas, which can be enjoyed either hot or cold.

Photo: Takin' Shotz/Shutterstock.com Address: 207 Petronia Street, Key West Opening hours: Daily 11am-10pm

Phone: +1 305 296 7691

Internet: www.santiagosbodega.com/location/santiagos-bode

ga-key-west

Email: in fo@santiagos bodega.com



### La Crêperie French Café Key West



This creperie provides both savory and sweet option. You can choose between omelettes, croques and paninis, but there are also crepes with

chocolate, chantilly cream and assorted fruits, all of it ready to be enjoyed either inside or under their patio. Here the happy hour lasts from 1pm to 3pm, and delivery options are available too.

Photo: Arina P Habich/Shutterstock.com Address: 300 Petronia Street, Key West Opening hours: Daily 7.30am-3pm

Phone: +1 305 517 6799

Internet: www.lacreperiekeywest.com Email: team@lacreperiekeywest.com

#### **Azur**



The Azur Restaurant menu is rich with dishes based on gnocchi, a kind of pasta in the form of dough dumplings, coupled with tomato,

mushrooms and cheese. The meat offerings include Angus rib-eye steak and yellowtail snapper, while vegetarians can select among the different options for salad. You can also have lunch under their terrace, beside a waterfall.

Photo: zi3000/Shutterstock.com Address: 425 Grinnell Street, Key West Opening hours: Daily 9am-3pm 5.30pm-10pm

Phone: +1 305 292 2987 Internet: www.azurkeywest.com

More Info: Breakfast: Mon-Fri 8am-11am Sat 9am-11am, Brunch: Sun 9am-3pm, Lunch: Mon-Fri 11am-3pm, Dinner:

Mon-Sun 6pm-10pm

#### **Shor American Seafood Grill**



Located at the Hyatt Key West Resort and Spa, the waterfront Shor American Seafood Grill uses fresh off the boat seafood such as oysters, shrimps and

mussels in order to prepare its award-winning dishes. Specialties include the Shor Seafood hot pot and the local mahi-mahi sandwich.

Photo: hlphoto/Shutterstock.com Address: 601 Front Street, Key West

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 7am-2pm 5pm-9pm, Sun 7am-2pm

Phone: +1 305 809 4000

Internet: www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/florida/hyatt-centric-ke y-west-resort-and-spa/kwest/dining?utm\_source=tripadvisor

&utm medium=referral

Email: Danielle.Vaughn@hyatt.com

More Info: Breakfast and lunch: Mon-Sun 7am-2pm, Dinner:

Mon-Sun 6pm-10pm

### The Flaming Buoy Filet Co.



A bistro that caught the eye of The New York Times, The Flaming Buoy offers seating both on a porch and inside their orange-tinted walls. Its

cuisine is multi-ethnic, featuring local ingredients and Cuban recipes, among which you can find their lobster macaroni & cheese and The Filet Co. Three Way, made of ground beef chili.

Photo: Brent Hofacker/Shutterstock.com Address: 424 Eaton Street, Key West Opening hours: Daily 5pm-9.30pm

Phone: +1 305 295 7970 Email: filetco@gmail.com



#### **Hot Tin Roof Restaurant**



A 3,000 square feet dining hall with indoor and outdoor seating overlooking Key West Harbor, Hot Tin Roof has a menu characterized by

Floridan cuisine enriched with Caribbean influences. Appropriately named, this place offers many choices for both meat lovers and vegans, and a sweeping view of the town.

Photo: hlphoto/Shutterstock.com Address: 0 Duval Street, Key West

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 7.30am-11.30am 6pm-10pm, Sun

 $7.30am-11am\ 11.30am-1pm\ 6pm-10pm$ 

Phone: +1 305 296 7701

Internet: www.oceankey.com/key-west-restaurant.aspx

More Info: Located at Ocean Key Resort & Spa

#### Seven Fish Restaurant



Located slightly off the beaten path, Seven Fish is a restaurant specializing on locally caught seafood. Their specials include the Thai

curry snapper and the 7 Fish meatloaf, while they also have many options for cocktails and wines. The happy hour, named Lucky 7, starts from 5.30pm to 7pm, where you'll be able to order 7 items for \$7 each.

Photo: Thunchit Wonghong/Shutterstock.com Address: 921 Truman Avenue, Key West Opening hours: Sun-Mon 6pm-10pm

Phone: +1 305 296 2777 Internet: www.7fish.com

#### Nine One Five Bistro and Wine Bar



Led by an award-winning chef, the 915 features the New Island cuisine, born from Caribbean, Asian and French influences.
The dish options range

from lobster ravioli and salmon tartare to Peking duck confit and grilled octopus, while you can choose between indoor seating or make use of their Victorian porch.

Photo: Nickola\_Che/Shutterstock.com Address: 915 Duval Street, Key West Opening hours: Mon-Sun 5pm-11pm

Phone: +1 305 296 0669 Internet: www.915duval.com

Email: nineonefiveduval@gmail.com

#### Salute! On the Beach



Located at Higgs Beach, this restaurant stands out for the Caribbean twists they give to traditional Italian dishes, like with their house made pasta

with mussels, white wine and butter. You can then finish your meal with their ice cream sandwiches or Dan's cheesecake as deserts.

Photo: svariophoto/Shutterstock.com Address: 1000 Atlantic Boulevard, Key West

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 11.00am - 9.30pm

Phone: +1 305 292 1117

Internet: www.saluteonthebeach.com

More Info: Located between the White Street Pier and Casa

Marina.



### Denny's



Accessible 24/7, this is your typical American Diner. You'll be able to enjoy their hand-pressed 100% beef burgers, slow-cooked pot roast or

apple bourbon pancakes. This is only a fraction of their menu based on home-styled dishes, which are available both for delivery and take-out.

Photo: vm2002/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2710 North Roosevelt Boulevard, Key West

Opening hours: Daily 24 hours Phone: +1 305 741 7990

Internet: locations.dennys.com/FL/KEY-WEST/249332

#### **CAFES**



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All you will need is plenty of time to explore and enjoy the different variety of cafes available in Key West: from sandwich experts to organic-focused establishments, you'll most likely find something made just for you.

#### Keys Coffee Co.



All the food in Keys Coffee Co. is made to order with fresh, local ingredients, and can be both consumed indoors, in their blue and yellow tinted interior, or be delivered to you.

Sandwiches, tacos and wraps are available for both breakfast and lunch, and they can be coupled with either classic, Cuban or cold coffee.

Photo: YKTR/Shutterstock.com

Address: 505 Southard Street, Key West Opening hours: Mon-Sat 7am-2.30pm

Phone: +1 305 906 1205 Internet: www.keys.coffee

More Info: May be closed for some seasons, check their

website for further details.

#### **Date & Thyme**



This organic café and market is located in a repurposed gas station, which is now aptly covered in a vibrant coat of green. The food

selection caters towards those passionate for healthy dishes; vegan and gluten-free offerings can be found here. Some examples are their avocado toast, hummus wrap and Thai curry bowl, to be accompanied by organic smoothies, juices or coffee.

 $Photo: Foxys\ Forest\ Manufacture/Shutterstock.com$ 

Address: 829 Fleming Street, Key West

Opening hours: Daily Café: 8am-4pm, Market & Juice Bar:

8am-6pm

Phone: +1 305 296 7766

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### Sandy's Café



This Cuban and Conch café is located at the M&M Laundry in White Street. At their two walk-up windows you'll be able to order specials

such as eggs with Cuban toast and coffee, named "bucci," or their Authentic Cuban Sandwich,



which includes roast pork, ham, salami and Swiss cheese. They also offer take-out and delivery options through their website.

Photo: Maridav/Shutterstock.com Address: 1026 White Street, Key West Opening hours: Mon-Sun 5am-11pm

Phone: +1 305 296 4747 Internet: www.sandyscafe.com Email: info@sandyscafe.com

More Info: Located at the corner of White and Virginia

Streets.

#### La Grignote



An artisan French café that is able to provide mainly a wide range of daily baked goods: from sweets such as croissants, muffins and

cookies to savory options like sandwiches, croque monsieurs and even lobster soups. Free delivery of their dishes is also available.

Photo: Snoopytkd/Shutterstock.com Address: 1211 Duval Street, Key West

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 7am-5pm, Sun 7am-4pm

Phone: +1 305 916 5445 Internet: lagrignotecafe.com Email: contact@lagrignotecafe.com

#### Seaside Café at the Mansion



Located just beside the Atlantic Ocean, inside the Victorian Southernmost Mansion, the Seaside Café is famous for its signature dishes: the

Honey Butter Lobster Biscuits and their pizzas baked in a wood-fire oven, as well as their Mansion Mojitos in the drinks department.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com Address: 1400 Duval Street, Key West Opening hours: Mon-Sun 11.30am-7pm

Phone: +1 305 296 3141

Internet: www.seasidecafekw.com

More Info: The Southernmost House is an adult-only

property.

#### The Café



Featuring walls decorated with art by local artist, The Café defines itself as gluten-free friendly, and focuses on vegetarian

dishes such as their Café Veggie Burger and seasoned tofu, but they also offer grilled seafood. Here you'll have the options for dine-in, delivery and take-out as well.

Photo: YuliiaHolovchenko/Shutterstock.com Address: 509 Southard Street, Key West

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-10pm, Sat-Sun 9am-4pm

5pm-10pm

Phone: +1 306 296 5515 Internet: www.thecafekw.com

#### Pepe's Café



This is one of the oldest restaurants in town, circa 1909. Featuring different menu for breakfast, lunch and dinner, you can expect soft pancakes,

"build-your-own" omelets and fresh sandwiches, but also their New York Strip steak and seafood entrees.

Photo: Stepanek Photography/Shutterstock.com

Address: 806 Caroline Street, Key West Opening hours: Daily 7.30am-9.30pm

Phone: +1 305 294 7192

Internet: www.pepeskeywest.com



#### Banana Café



This French bistro features menus made for breakfast, lunch and dinner, so you'll be able to find sweet and savory crepes, omelettes and

croque monsieurs, but also burgers and sandwiches.

Photo: Anna Nahabed/Shutterstock.com Address: 1215 Duval Street, Key West

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 8am-3pm 6pm-10pm

Phone: +1 305 294 7227

Internet: www.bananacafekw.com

More Info: Reservations available only from 6pm to 10pm.

#### Cuban Coffee Queen



Hot or iced, non-flavored or flavored, big or small, here the Cuban coffee comes in all shapes and tastes. You can couple them with their Cuban

Mixes with fresh roasted Mojo pork, or their vegetarian options like the black bean veggie burger.

Roasted coffee beans are also available for purchase, in case you want to brew a cup at home.

Photo: naito29/Shutterstock.com

Address: 284 Margaret Street, Key West Opening hours: Mon-Sun 6.30am-7pm

Phone: +1 305 292 4747

Internet: www.cubancoffeequeen.com

More Info: Additional location with dine-in option at 5 Key

Lime Square, Key West.

#### **BARS AND NIGHTLIFE**



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Key West's evenings and late nights are rife with spectacular venues full of food, live music, and dancing. No matter what your preferences are, the local bars are so different from each other that you're bound to find what you're looking for. There are plenty opportunities for club hopping or pub crawls, with the added chance of tasting domestic beers and wines as well as Caribbean and Cuban-style drinks.

### El Meson de Pepe



A family owned restaurant that distinguishes itself by marrying two food cultures, the Floridan and the Cuban, best

represented by their Cayo Hueso Cuban Mix: Key West's version of the traditional Cuban sandwich. They also have a patio bar serving many cocktail specialties coupled with live salsa music.

Photo: BobNoah/Shutterstock.com

Address: 410 Wall Street, Mallory Square, Key West

Opening hours: Daily 11am-10pm

Phone: +1 305 295 2620

Internet: www.elmesondepepe.com Email: elmesondepepe@aol.com



### Sloppy Joe's Bar



Tourist or not, when in Key West a visit to Earnest Hemingway's favorite bar is mandatory. With live entertainment, national record fish

hanging in the bar, look-alike contests (in July) and the original Sloppy Joe Sandwich, this bar lives up to its history, dating back to 1937.

Photo: Sam Howzit/Flickr (image cropped) Address: 201 Duval Street, Key West

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-4am, Sun 12am-4am

Phone: +1 305 294 5717 Internet: www.sloppyjoes.com

#### Smokin' Tuna Saloon



Smokin' Tuna Saloon offers open-air seating with a lush garden, partially under awning, to take advantage of the Floridian weather. Here

you will be supplied with their special twists on classic drinks and well-cooked seafood sandwiches. Live music is available everyday, just like their happy hour lasting from 3pm to 5pm.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com Address: 4 Charles Street, Key West Opening hours: Mon-Sun 11am-2am

Phone: +1 305 517 6350

Internet: www.smokintunasaloon.com Email: smokintunakw@gmail.com

#### **Schooner Wharf Bar**



With its unique maritime decor, this bar and grill beckons locals as well as tourists with its view of the typical yachts of Key West's seaport and

waterfront. Voted Best Local's Bar six years in a row partly because of its food and drinks offering, you'll be able to find a variety of speciality cocktails, martinis, margaritas and mojitos. Also hosting live music with special guest musician such as Mike McCloud, and legendary bluesmen Big Jack Johnson and Johnny Johnson.

Photo: Lukas Gojda/Shutterstock.com Address: 202 William Street, Key West Opening hours: Mon-Sun 24 hours

Phone: +1 305 292 3302

Internet: www.schoonerwharf.com Email: info@schoonerwharf.com

### Sandbar Sports Grill



This bar is famous for dedicating different days to specific deals on their menu offering: taco Tuesday, chicken wing Wednesday and bloody

Mary Sunday are only some examples. It also features live music performances and sporting events, as well as two happy hours Monday to Friday, one from noon to 4pm and the other from midnight to 4am.

Photo: Minerva Studio/Shutterstock.com Address: 511 Greene Street, Key West Opening hours: Daily 11am-4am

Phone: +1 305 916 5530

Internet: www.sandbarkeywest.com



#### **Grand Vin Wine Bar**



The Grand Vin opened its doors in 1997, and was actually the first wine bar of Key West. You can choose between red and white wine by the glass to

be coupled with cheese, but beer is also available. They provide font porch seating, facing Duval Street.

Photo: dotshock/Shutterstock.com Address: 1107 Duval Street, Key West Opening hours: Daily Noon-Midnight

Phone: +1 305 296 1020

Email: grandvin.keywest@gmail.com

#### Virgilio's



A cocktail bar located behind La Trattoria Restaurant, Virgilio's hosts live music every day of the week, with genres ranging from Jazz to

Latin, to be enjoyed on their garden. It's also known for being the home to the traditional Martini Monday, where the drinks are discounted to \$5.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com Address: 524 Duval Street, Key West

Phone: +1 305 296 1075

### Rick's Upstairs



One of the main dance clubs in Key West, it is open seven days a week. It comes equipped with dance floors at multiple levels and an outdoor

patio, which hosts two more bars other than the one located inside, to make sure that everyone gets their drinks.

Photo: Maxim Blinkov/Shutterstock.com Address: 202 Duval Street, Key West Opening hours: Daily 11pm-4am

Phone: +1 305 296 4890

Internet: www.ricksbarkeywest.com Email: info@ricksbarkeywest.com

#### **Aqua Bar and Nightclub**



This nightclub hosts Drag shows with playback singing, with an all-age option every Thursday, Friday and Saturday, starting from 7pm. Drinks

can be ordered at the nearby garden bar named Back Bar, just down Tabby Way.

Photo: Patrizia Tilly/Shutterstock.com Address: 711 Duval Street, Key West Opening hours: Daily 3pm-2am Phone: +1 305 294 0555

Internet: www.aquakeywest.com Email: aqua@aquakeywest.com

#### **Green Parrot Bar**



The Green Parrot Bar is a fine option for whoever enjoys having music coupled with their drinks: other than daily live music, here you'll also

find a jukebox and monthly ukulele-based performances. Their event list also include a Monday night Bingo and happy hours taking place every day from 4pm to 7pm.

Photo: Sam Howzit/Flickr (image cropped) Address: 601 Whitehead Street, Key West

Opening hours: Daily 10am-4am

Phone: +1 305 294 6133 Internet: www.greenparrot.com Email: info@greenparrot.com



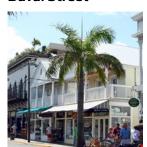
#### **SHOPPING**



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Key West offers you a plethora of stores, from a variety of apparel, fancy jewelry, and accessory stores to art galleries and unique souvenir places. Among the popular items that you can bring back home there are the famous Cuban-style cigars and leather sandals that can be bought only here.

#### **Duval Street**



With multitude of stores, restaurants and pubs, Duval Street is well known as one of the best places to shop at when in Key West. Here you will

find locally produced as well as designer clothing, including perfumes, handbags, jewelry and watches.

Photo: Marit & Toomas Hinnosaar/Flickr (image cropped) Address: Duval Street, Key West

### The Original Key West Cigar Factory



This cigar factory located on Duval street first opened its doors in 1963, and its product lineup includes accessories such as humidors, lighters,

ashtrays and cutters, as well as branded t-shirts

and hats. Online purchases are also available through their website.

Photo: Jeff Wasserman/Shutterstock.com Address: 1218 Duval Street, Key West

Phone: +1 305 517 7273

Internet: www.kwcigarfactory.com Email: info@kwcigarfactory.com

### **Peppers of Key West**



Ranging from BBQ sauces, dips and salsas to marinades and mustard, Peppers of Key West is the local expert in seasonings. They offer

tastings of their products so that you may find the ideal sauce for you, as well as recipes and cook books available both on-site and online.

Photo: inazakira/Flickr (image cropped) Address: 602 Greene Street, Key West

Phone: +1 305 295 9333

Internet: www.peppersofkeywest.net Email: m.fatica@peppersofkeywest.com

#### **Key West Winery**



The Key West Winery prides itself on award winning tropical fruit wines such as the Mango Momma. All their drinks, ranging from champagne

to wine smoothie mixes, are made with local tropical fruits. They also offer insights into their products as well as free wine tastings.

Photo: serenarossi/Shutterstock.com Address: 103 Simonton Street, Key West

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 12pm-5pm

Phone: +1 305 916 5343

Internet: www.thekeywestwinery.com Email: info@thekeywestwinery.com



### **Key West Island Bookstore**



Here you will find new, used and rare publications from many local and famous authors including the former island resident Ernest

Hemingway. They also accept trade-ins for store credit, while also hosting events such as book signings and announcements.

Photo: Thinglass/Shutterstock.com Address: 513 Fleming Street, Key West

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-8pm, Sun Noon-6pm

Phone: +1 305 294 2904

Internet: www.keywestislandbooks.com Email: books@kwislandbooks.com

#### **Purely Paradise Soaps**



Artistic creations that blend with personal-care products is what this soap store has on offer. The natural soaps are crafted on site, in shapes that

take inspiration from the Key's popular imagery: palm trees, conch shells, dolphins and two-toned flip-flops, among others.

Photo: Lopolo/Shutterstock.com Address: 1108 Duval Street, Key West

Phone: +1 305 509 7125

Internet: www.purelyparadisesoaps.com Email: info@purelyparadisesoaps.com

#### **Key West Madhatter**



This boutique has a selection of over 2000 different kinds of hats for both men and women, suited for different occasions, be it a

wedding, a party or for simple every day use.

They also sell designer bags, ready to be bought online or on-site. .

Photo: Yuganov Konstantin/Shutterstock.com

Address: 253 Front Street, Key West Opening hours: Mon-Sun 10am-7pm

Phone: +1 305 294 1364

Internet: www.keywestmadhatter.com Email: info@keywestmadhatter.com

#### Sloppy Joe's Retail Store



Sloppy Joe is not only famous for being a bar, but also for selling its Sloppy Joe T-shirt. This retail store offers not only clothing articles for men,

women and kids, but also glassware, party supplies and souvenirs.

Photo: Sam Howzit/Flickr (image cropped) Address: 201 Duval Street, Key West Phone: +1 305 296 2388 ext. 127 Internet: store.sloppyjoes.com Email: webstore@sloppyjoes.com

More Info: Located at Sloppy Joe's Bar.

### **Clinton Square Market**



In this mall in the oldest brick building in Key West you will be able to see small boutiques with products ranging from homemade fudge and

tropical wines to beachwear, branded sunglasses and fishing apparel. There are also a perfume outlet and a venture with activities for children and families, such as the "3D Mini Me" sculptures which promises to produce a miniature replica of you.

Photo: derÄsthet/Flickr (image cropped) Address: 291 Front Street, Key West Opening hours: Mon-Sun 9am-7pm



Phone: +1 305 296 6825

### Kino's Sandal Factory Inc.



At this shop you'll be able to see your sandals being made using the local craftsmen techniques. The sandals are made of natural leather and

rubber, and come in several colors and shapes, in men's and women' styles. They also sell branded hats and t-shirts that act as added souvenirs.

Photo: Richard Elzey/Flickr (image cropped) Address: 107 Fitzpatrick Street, Key West

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8.30am-5.30pm, Sat 9am-5.30pm,

Sun 10am-3pm

Phone: +1 305 294 5044 Internet: www.kinosandals.com Email: contact@kinosandals.com

#### **TOURIST INFORMATION**



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#### Passport / Visa



Citizens of the Schengen countries, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and the Kingdom of Brunei can visit the United States for up to 90 days without applying for a visa (as well as citizens of Andorra, Lichtenstein, Monaco and San Marino). Citizens of these countries must obtain an ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorization) before traveling. All other travelers must obtain a visa before visiting the United States. International travelers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the country.

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#### **Best Time to Visit**



Key West weather gives its winter season a warm temperature and a low chance of rain, which is why it is also the busiest period in terms of crowds

and the priciest with regard to accommodation. Summer and fall on the other hand are mostly avoided by tourists because of the frequent rain, high humidity and the fact that they coincide with the hurricane season, but they also see the best bargains for hotel prices and the best time to visit the local beaches.

A middle ground is represented by the months that go from March to May, since they feature good price deals on accommodation and local attractions as well as stable weather conditions.

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### **Airport**



Key West International Airport is an international airport situated in Monroe County, Florida, two miles east of Key West, just minutes from

many Key West accommodations, attractions and downtown Key West.

Transportation services available from and to the airport include: rental cars, shuttles, taxis, and bus services. For current rates and charges contact individual companies for details: eyw.com/page/ground-transportation

Taxis and Key West Transit buses are conveniently situated curb side at the terminal. Rental cars counter is located right on-site and here you will find companies such as Avis, Hertz, Budget, Dollar and Thrifty.

You can also fly into Miami International Airport (MIA).

It is a approximately 2 hours north of Key West.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: 3491 South Roosevelt Boulevard, Key West

Phone: +1 305 809 5200 Internet: www.eyw.com

### **Public Transport**



Key West offers extensive public bus service that can be used for getting around the area. There are four bus routes running within the city of

Key West, called Blue Route, Red Route, Green Route and Orange Route and two additional routes that travel between Key West & Marathon. The buses run every 60-90 minutes,

so a schedule map is recommended. When boarding the buss make sure you have the exact change.

Maps, bus stops, real-time information, and timetables are available online at www.kwtransit.com and www.cityofkeywest-fl.gov

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair Address: Key West Phone: +1 305 292 8165 Internet: www.kwtransit.com

#### Taxi



Key West Taxi 305-296-6666 info@keywesttaxi.com Maxi Taxi 305-296-2222 Sun Cab 1-305-296-7777

Photo: ArrivalGuides

#### **Post**

**US Post Office** 



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Address: 400 Whitehead St. Key West

Phone: +1 305 294 9539

#### **Pharmacy**



Walgreens Pharmacy 527 Duval St. +1 305 292 2979 CVS Pharmacy +1 305 294 2576

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Phone: +1 305 292 2979

#### **Time Zone**



Key West is in the Eastern Time Zone and all times reflect Eastern time.

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### Telephone



Country Code: +1 Area Code: 305

Photo: Jardson Almeida

#### **Electricity**



Flat two or three-prong plugs are standard with 110-115 volts. Adaptors can be bought in most electrical shops.

Photo: Stirling Tschan

#### **Population**

25,208

#### Currency

\$1USD = 100 cents

### Opening hours

Most shops open around 9am, while closing times range from 6pm to 9pm.  $\,$ 

#### Newspapers

The Key West Citizen - www.keysnews.com

Miami Herald - www.miamiherald.com

### **Emergency numbers**

911

#### Tourist information

Key West Info & Concierge Services 1601 North Roosevelt Boulevard, Key West

Phone:

+1 888 222 5590

Opening hours:

9am-6pm