



COME AS YOU ARE

The Florida Keys & Key West

It's rare to find a destination that embraces diversity in its travelers with such a free-spirited attitude. However, it's this "come as you are" approach that draws thousands of visitors to The Florida Keys and Key West.

Consisting of Key Largo, Islamorada, Marathon, Big Pine and the Lower Keys and Key West, visitors with a penchant for the outdoors and take-your-breath-away scenic views are encouraged to experience...

Key Largo, the first stop from Miami, deemed the "**Dive Capital of the World**". Home to John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, underwater enthusiasts can spend hours exploring the first underwater preserve in the United States. Prefer a more cultured stopover? Art enthusiasts can take in The Gallery at Kona Kai, showcasing works by some of the state's finest artists as well as artists from Europe.

Adventurous anglers head directly to **Islamorada** for sailfish, marlin, barracuda and swordfish. The area, otherwise known as the "**Sportfishing Capital of the World**", provides visitors with an optimal locale for actually catching "the big one!"

It's in **Marathon** that those who prefer a more hands-on approach to their water activity can swim with dolphins and interact with the intelligent mammals at the Dolphin Research Center - one of five Keys facilities offering dolphin interaction. Historians traveling with you may want to explore Crane Point Hammock, a 63.5-acre land tract that contains evidence

of pre-Columbian and prehistoric Bahamian artifacts and was once the site of an entire Indian village.

Crossing over on the Bahia Honda Bridge, travelers can soak up the beauty of **Big Pine Key and the Lower Keys**. The 524-acre Bahia Honda State Park, whose beach was named one of the top 10 in the US by several travel studies, provides guests with a picturesque view and a great spot to relax and take in this tropical paradise. In addition to its beaches, Big Pine Key is also a national refuge for miniature Key Deer, a subspecies of the Virginia white-tailed deer, ranging in size between 45 and 80 pounds fully grown.

The end of the road is **Key West**, Florida's independent and irreverent southwestern subtropical paradise. Visitors to the Southernmost spot in the USA spend their days self-exploring historic homes, pirate museums, funky shops and art galleries. When the sun sets...an event of its own in Key West...the action just gets started with an assorted amount of entertainment possibilities including saloons, jazz clubs and theatrical staging. *

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