

Florida Keys & Key West

ONE HUMAN FAMILY VACATION 6-night, 7-day Getaway

DAY ONE

Arrive Miami International or Fort Lauderdale International Airport on an early flight, rent a one-way auto and begin the drive through the Keys. The best routing is the Florida Turnpike to Florida City, then head south on the Overseas Highway.

Take your time driving the scenic and historic route over the 42 bridges that connect the Florida Keys. As you make your way down the Keys, you will enjoy the crystal clear, lapis blue and emerald green waters; stop for photographs and perhaps a lunch at one of Islamorada's seafood restaurants. After you cross the Seven-Mile Bridge, consider a visit to Bahia Honda State Park where you can walk along the beach then up a section of the old bridge for some amazing photographs. Your trip should take you about five and one-half hours until you reach your guesthouse or hotel in Key West's historic Old Town.

Stroll to Duval Street and enjoy the galleries, shops, have a libation in one of our pubs, then dine at one of our many acclaimed restaurants or cafes.

DAY TWO

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at your guesthouse or hotel, then consider one of the many water activities such as the Blu Q for men offering snorkeling, kayaking, and a lunch on one of the small outer islands; or Venus Charters for the ladies with snorkeling, dolphin watching and fishing.

Refresh and recharge, then stroll or bike to Mallory Square for the daily celebration of the sun setting at the edge of the Gulf of Mexico. Watch trained cats jump through flaming hoops, tight-rope walkers, jugglers, arts, crafts and food carts. For more than 25 years we have celebrated the sun setting and applauded when the sun dips below the horizon.

After the sun sets, casually stroll up Duval Street and enjoy live entertainment, shops and a myriad of choices for both fine and casual dining. The one constant along Duval Street is the abundance of fresh seafood offered at all of our restaurants and almost all offer outdoor dining for fun pedestrian viewing.

Complete your evening with one of our renowned Drag Shows. Both Aqua Nightclub and the 801 Cabaret offer nightly colorful, talented female impersonators with a mission to make you smile, laugh, and forget your cares.

DAY THREE

Wake up, ride a bicycle to one of our great breakfast spots such as the Blue Heaven on Thomas Street or the Southernmost Beach Café at the corner of South and Duval Streets and on the Atlantic Ocean.

After breakfast, visit the Key West Butterfly and Nature Conservatory where you will stroll through tropical gardens as hundreds of colorful butterflies weave in and out of the flowers. Next, stop by the Key West Lighthouse where you can climb to the top for a stunning view of the island. Cross the street and pay a visit to Papa Hemingway's Historic House. Guides will take you on a fun-filled tour of the house and gardens.

Lunch at Latitudes Restaurant on Sunset Key is a special event that begins with a 5-minute boat ride. Fresh seafood and salads await you in this tropical waterfront restaurant.

Spend your afternoon relaxing by the pool or at the beach.

A great dinner recommendation would be the Flaming Buoy Filet Company, ending your evening with some of our local nightclub talent. La Te Da's Crystal Room features Randy Roberts and Christopher Peterson, world-class illusionists.

DAY FOUR

Rise early and take a trip on the Yankee Freedom Dry Tortugas Ferry to the historic Fort Jefferson. Breakfast is served as the high-speed catamaran gets underway for the 70-mile trip to the Civil War Fort. After your guided tour of the fort, take time to stroll the fort, take some photographs, then head to the beach for sunning, swimming and snorkeling. A buffet lunch is served, and when you are finished, fresh water showers refresh you for the boat trip back to Key West.

After you refresh and relax, walk through Old Town Key West for dinner at one of our local Italian favorites, Antonia's Key West Restaurant, or Abbondanza Italian Restaurant.

DAY FIVE

After breakfast, join the crew at Barefoot Billy's for a 2-hour wave runner tour around the islands. This 28-mile tour completely circumnavigates the island with stops at five places of interest.

After your tour, take a leisurely bicycle ride through the historic district of Old Town Key West. One of the largest designated historic districts in the nation, there are over 3,000 residential and commercial buildings to see and photograph.

Enjoy dinner at Square One Restaurant followed by a visit to the La Te Da's By George Piano Bar for a great ending to your day.

DAY SIX

Today would be a great day to visit Fort Zachary Taylor state park. Referred to by locals as Fort Elizabeth Taylor, the fort is one of four pre-Civil War forts built in Key West. Take a tour of the fort and then relax on the beach as you watch the many boats come through the Key West harbor.

La Creperie is one of the island's favorite lunch places. Yolanda and Silvia serve authentic French sweet and savory crepes and grilled paninis in a casual sidewalk cafe setting.

The Wind and Wine sunset sail will set the tone for your last evening in Key West. Under a canopy of billowing canvas you can sample fine red and white wines and a Champagnoise with hors d'oeuvres while sailing on a shallow-draft sail boat.

Top the evening with your favorite tapas at Nine One Five, a New York Times-recommended restaurant on historic Duval Street. Set in a Victorian house, dinner at Nine One Fine is pleasantly unostentatious.

DAY SEVEN

After breakfast, it's time for last minute visits to our shops and galleries. Take home one of Kermit's Key Lime Pies. You're only a few minutes from the Key West International Airport, but we suggest allowing an hour and half to return your car and check-in for your flight home.