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ROAD TRIP
LUXURY VACATIONS IN
FLORIDA AND THE SOUTH

**THE
FAMILY
ISSUE**



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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT:
KEY WEST'S AZURE
WATERS; TREATS FROM
GLAZED DONUTS;
LOUIE'S BACKYARD; A
BEDROOM AND SUITE AT
THE GATES HOTEL.

Southernmost Sneak Away

With its rich history and quirky charm, the Conch Republic beckons to those in search of an island vacation—one that will transport them to the southernmost tip of the country without having to travel too far from home.

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WHY GO: While Key West has a reputation for attracting visitors prone to over-indulgent revelry, rest assured there are many sides to this old town, and they have plenty to offer vacationers beyond the bars on Duval Street.

COME SAIL AWAY: Explore Key West's coastline on a catamaran or schooner sailing tour at Sebago (keywestsebago.com), or sign up for a guided snorkel, kayak, or sail trip with Danger Charters (dangercharters.com).

TOP ATTRACTIONS: Foodies and spirits connoisseurs will marvel at the unique process used to create the delicious rums at Chef Distilled (keywestlegalrum.com), Key West's first legal rum distillery. Owner Paul Menta spent decades as a chef and approaches his rum creations in a similar fashion. Our fave: Vanilla Brûlée rum. Be sure to schedule a tour of the quaint facility.

Literature buffs will also get their fill at the Ernest Hemingway Home and Museum (hemingwayhome.com), where tours of the iconic novelist's residence include the famous six-toed cats that still roam the grounds.

WHERE TO EAT: With nature's stunning backdrop, there are many options for dining alfresco. Our picks are both in Victorian homes: Reserve a table at Nine One Five (915duval.com), a magnificent restaurant and wine bar in the heart of Old Town. (Don't miss the melt-in-your-mouth braised pork tacos.) Another culinary favorite and popular spot, Louie's Backyard (louisbackyard.com), offers an oceanfront view.

WORTH THE INDULGENCE: Take a morning stroll down Eaton Street to satisfy the proverbial sweet tooth. At Glazed Donuts (glazedydonuts.com), the delectable oversized delicacies resemble works of sweet art, while Old Town Bakery (oldtownbakerykeywest.com) is a long-held local favorite for its homemade pastries.

WHERE TO SLEEP: The Gates Hotel (gateshotelkeywest.com), a new boutique property with a minimalist flair, is a 15-minute drive from Old Town and offers an intimate escape from the hustle and bustle. The hotel also touts pet-friendly amenities, including a welcome BarkBox of treats, a guide to pet-friendly spots, and dog-walking services available upon request. For those who prefer to be within walking distance of the town's boisterous crowds, consider Waldorf-Astoria luxury properties Casa Marina (casamarinaresort.com) and The Reach (reachresort.com), which also offer access to Key West's largest private beach. —Teri Evans



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A GREAT ESCAPE:
KEY WEST LIVING

DESTINATION
KEY WEST



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COUNTERCLOCKWISE FROM
ABOVE: CHEF DISTILLED
RUM BARRELS; HEMINGWAY
HOME; STEPS FROM THE
SAND; SAILING WITH DANGER
CHARTERS; NINE ONE FIVE.

