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1. Geographical location

Key West is located in Monroe County in Florida. The city is the southernmost city in the Continental United States. It is located 207 kilometers southwest of Miami. The highest point in Key West is Solares Hill, which is 18 feet above sea level. Of the total area of 7.4 square miles, 1.5 square miles is water and the rest is land. Key West lies on the dividing line between the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico. The area where the two water bodies merge is between Key West and Cuba and is called the Straits of Florida. The average temperature all year round

is about 8 degree Celsius.

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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

There Are A Number Of Cities Located Near Key West, So If You're Planning On Exploring The State Of Florida, The Few Cities Located Near From Key West Include Marathon (77 Kilometers Away From Key West), Marco Island (388 Kilometers Away From Key West), Santa Cruz Del Norte (156 Kilometers Away From Key West) And Golden Gate (425 Kilometers Away From Key West). There Are Also A Few Cities In Cuba Which Are Near Key West. These Cities Include Havana (171 Kilometers Away From Key West), Jaruco (170 Kilometers Away From Key West) And San Jose De Las Lajas (181 Kilometers Away From Key West). Tampa (683 Kilometers Away From Key West), Miami (267 Kilometers Away From Key West) And Orlando (633.11 Kilometers Away From Key West) Aren't Too Far Away Either. You Can Also Choose To Explore Some Small Local Towns Which Include Stock Island (5.4 Kilometers Away From Key West), Perky (25.6 Kilometers Away From Key West) And Summerland Key (37.8 Kilometers Away From Key West).

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3. Significance

If you're visiting Key West you better be a water person. There are a number of water based activities in this city that you will enjoy as long as you love the water. You can try some of the amazing snorkeling tours and land lubbers which help you check out the significant attractions this city has to offer. You can visit the Key West Cemetery which has tombstones that are lighthearted and have statements like "I told you I was sick" engraved on them. The city doesn't mourn over the death of a loved one. If you plan on visiting open spaces in Key West, you better plan your visits early in the morning or after the sun sets. The heat here can get to you and it's not something you will enjoy. Remember to carry your sunscreen tubes with you whenever you head out. You will need it all day.

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4. History

Key West or Cayo Hueso which is also known as the Island of Bones is a city that was discovered by Ponce de Leon. This city was initially named Las Martines and was under the Spanish rule from 1513 to 1815. The city was later granted to Juan Pablo Salas for his meritorious service to the crown. Keys West became a part of USA in 1823 when Lt Commander Matthew C. Perry sailed the schooner shark and placed the US flag on Keys thus claiming the land. One of the first acts that took place as soon as Keys became a part of USA was freeing all the slave ships. The civil war had a huge impact on Key West. This city was the major city for various industries including fishing and salt manufacturing had stopped. At the end of the 10 year war, Key West was the richest cities in Florida.

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5. Cultural identity

Key West embraces all eccentricities and is a come as you are kind of a place. Key West is best known for its Fantasy Fest that is held in October every year. Revelers take to the streets dressed in body paint, beads and glitter. The fest is a culmination of Key West's quirky culture. Locals here are called Conchs (pronounced as "KONK"). Here you will find all sorts of conch shells in various gift shops and even conch fritters on many menus. For anyone that's not born in Key West but lived here long enough, they are called "freshwater conch". Another thing that is unique to this place is the celebration of the sun setting into the western horizon every night. Another element that will give you an idea of Key West's culture is casual walk through their Cemetery. You will spot epitaph's that read 'I told you I was sick' that underlines the humor in the city.

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6. Natural resources

Key West has a number of environmental services that help them safeguard their natural resources. One such program is the shoreline restoration which has developed various conservation measures to protect the sea turtle. Key West is one of the greenest cities in Florida. The city encourages green vacations and invites tourists to come and stay at their various green hotels in the city. These hotels are responsible and all the possible methods to help conserve the natural resources of the city. If you're planning a holiday here, you should try to book a stay with one of these hotels. Not only will they help you connect with the environment, they will also make you realize how easy it is to save on our natural resources by making a few changes in our lifestyle. A number of homes in Key West are smart homes. These homes use solar panels to generate electricity and each citizen tries their best to save water and fuel.

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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Key West Lighthouse

Ascend to the top of the Key West Lighthouse, an 88-step tall structure dating back to the year 1848, to get rewarded with the mesmerizing views of the city. Set aside an hour to visit this lighthouse-turned museum for exploring the belongings, photographs, and words of a woman lighthouse keeper, who lived in the lighthouse with her family for more than 32 years.

Address: 938 Whitehead St, Key West, FL 33040, United States

Zipcode : 33040

Location: 24.5504565, -81.80068030000001

Contact: +1 305-294-0012

Website: http://www.kwahs.org/visit/lighthouse-keepers-quarters/

Nearest Public Transport : Key West Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee: Adults: \$10, Children: \$5, Students with ID: \$5, Seniors, AAA

Travelers, and Locals: \$9.

Open & Close Timing: Daily: 09:30hrs-16:30hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time: 10 minutes

Buy Ticket: Yes

7.1.2. Conch Tour Train

Enjoy voyaging around the major tourist attractions of Key West by boarding the most famous Conch Train, which has been delighting its guests with its exquisite services. It is rightly said that a vacation in this city is incomplete without enjoying this 90-minute train tour to the famous city attractions, with a break of 10 minutes to relish the sustenance and the shopping.

Address : 303 Front St, Key West, FL 33040, United States

Zipcode: 33040

Location: 24.5604925, -81.80611490000001

Contact : +1 305-294-5161

Website: http://www.conchtourtrain.com/

Entry Fee : The two day tour costs \$ 37.95 for adults and \$ 35.05 for children.

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Military and senior citizens get the tickets at discounted rates.

Open & Close Timing: Daily: 09:00hrs-16:30hrs

Time Required: 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket: Yes

7.1.3. Ghosts & Gravestones Tour Key West

If you are interested in discovering the paranormal or exploring the haunted sites of the city, the Ghosts & Gravestones Tour Key West is a company that offers eerie tours disclosing the city's dark past. The tours usually commence in the dead of night, through the narrow streets of the Old Town, which comprise of scary wooden houses concealed with the terrifying secrets of the former inhabitants.

Address : 501 Front St, Key West, FL 33040, United States

Zipcode : 33040

Location: 24.560438, -81.80600199999998

Contact: +1 305-294-4678

Website: http://www.ghostsandgravestones.com/

Nearest Public Transport : Atlantic Ave @ State St-Marriott Hotel Bus Station Entry Fee : The ticket cost could go anywhere between \$33 to \$ 36 for adults and \$

24 to \$ 27 for children.

Open & Close Timing: Daily: 09:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required: 2

Expected Wait Time: 15 minutes

Buy Ticket: Yes

7.1.4. The Key West Butterfly and Nature Conservatory

The Key West Butterfly and Nature Conservatory has been delighting the visitors with over 60 distinctive species of butterflies in a magnificent setting. Featuring a stunning collection of flowering plants, colorful birds, splendid waterfalls, and flora, the conservatory facilitates encounters with over 20 exotic bird species in a climatically-controlled and glass-enclosed environment. It also comprises of a learning center where the interested visitors can gain a deeper insight into the butterfly anatomy, physiology, lifecycle, and feeding.

Address: 1316 Duval St, Key West, FL 33040, United States

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Zipcode: 33040

Location: 24.5475682, -81.7968252

Contact: +1 305-296-2988

Website: http://keywestbutterfly.com/

Nearest Public Transport : Key West Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : General Admission: \$12.00 Children (4-12 years): \$8.50 Children (3

years and under): Free Seniors and Military: \$9.00 Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required: 2

Expected Wait Time: 20 minutes

Buy Ticket: Yes

7.1.5. Theater of the Sea

Experience the routine of the underwater life at the Theater of the Sea, which offers varied adventures like snorkeling and swimming with the aquatic animals. A dolphin paradise, this huge pool features comprehensive interactions with the undersea life through amusing dolphin shows and exciting encounters with the sea lion, sea turtle, parrots, and shark & ray. Besides painting with the dolphins and sea lions, the visitors are also rewarded with the privilege to observe a training session of the crocodiles and alligators.

Address: 84721 Overseas Hwy, Islamorada, FL 33036, United States

Zipcode: 33036

Location: 24.944906, -80.60310600000003

Contact : +1 305-664-2431

Website: http://theaterofthesea.com/

Nearest Public Transport : Islamorada (E) Bus Station

Entry Fee: The cost for these adventures range from \$ 55 to \$ 75.

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:30hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time: 20 minutes

Buy Ticket: Yes

7.1.6. Fort Zachary Taylor Historic State Park

Designated as a National Historical Landmark, Fort Zachary Taylor Historic

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State Park has a host of exciting recreational activities for its visitors. Explore the fortress to get acquainted with the significance of the place during the Civil War and the Spanish-American War. Besides presenting a short nature trail, the park also offers opportunities for picnicking, swimming, snorkeling, fishing, and bicycling. Enjoy the mesmerizing sunset and sunrise views as you kick back and relax in the tranquility of this state park.

Address: 601 Howard England Way, Key West, FL 33040, United States

Zipcode : 33040

Location: 24.5467548, -81.81047369999999

Contact: +1 305-292-6713

Website: https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Fort-Taylor

Nearest Public Transport : Key West Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee: Four wheeler vehicles: \$8, Pedestrians and cyclists: \$2.50, Motorcycles:

\$4.50.

Open & Close Timing: Daily: 08:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required: 2

Expected Wait Time: 10 minutes

Buy Ticket: Yes

7.1.7. Nancy Forrester's Secret Garden

Click pictures and indulge in an interesting conversation with the highly social and complex beings, parrots, at the Nancy Forrester's Secret Garden. At this garden, you can hold the uncaged birds, ask them questions, and enjoy the sight of the marvelous South American macaws. For an overall delightful experience, entertain the parrots and other tropical birds at this garden by interacting with them, feeding, singing and playing musical instruments.

Address : 518 Elizabeth St, Key West, FL 33040, United States

Zipcode : 33040

Location: 24.556753, -81.80019800000002

Contact: +1 305-294-0015

Website: http://www.nancyforrester.com/

Nearest Public Transport : Key West Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : Adults: \$10, Children over 5years: \$5. Open & Close Timing : Daily: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

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Time Required: 1.5

Expected Wait Time: 10 minutes

Buy Ticket: Yes

7.1.8. The Ernest Hemingway Home and Museum

Explore the Ernest Hemingway Home and Museum to get an interesting insight into the lifestyle and everyday routine of the American novelist and Nobel Prize winner, Ernest Hemmingway. This is a beautifully built Spanish Colonial stone house, where the writer resided for around a decade and wrote 70% of his books. On visiting this house-turned-museum, you can almost visualize the novelist's life as you comes across pictures, his books and the letters that were written to him.

Address: 907 Whitehead St, Key West, FL 33040, USA

Zipcode: 33040

Location: 24.5512044, -81.80061549999999

Contact: +1 305-294-1136

Website: http://www.hemingwayhome.com/

Nearest Public Transport : Key West Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee: Admission: \$13

Open & Close Timing: Daily: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required: 1

Expected Wait Time: 15 minutes

Buy Ticket: Yes

7.1.9. Truman Little White House

Tour the magnificent Truman Little White House, which is filled with the interesting facts about the 33rd President of the United States, Harry S. Truman. This place that served as the President's winter White House, command headquarters of the naval station during the World War I, World War II, and Spanish-American War, is a treat for all the history buffs. Feel the past come alive as you encounter a number of artefacts, displays, and stories in this museum.

Address: 33040, 111 Front St, Key West, FL 33040, USA

Zipcode: 33040

Location: 24.5562424, -81.806896

Contact : +1 305-294-9911

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Website: http://www.trumanlittlewhitehouse.com/

Nearest Public Transport : Key West Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : Adults: \$16.13, Youth (5-12years): \$5.38, Senior: \$13.98, Children (under

5years): Free.

Open & Close Timing: Daily: 09:00hrs-16:30hrs

Time Required: 1.5

Expected Wait Time: 15 minutes

Buy Ticket: Yes

7.1.10. Dry Tortugas National Park

Set amid a picturesque background, the Dry Tortugas National Park is your ultimate escape from the hustle and bustle of the city life to a serene environment. Only accessible by the Yankee Freedom Ferry ride or a seaplane, be treated with a breathtaking scenery along with wonderful snorkeling opportunities and a sense of history at this park. Home to one of the largest masonry structure in the western coast - Fort Jefferson, sparkling blue waters, migratory birds and marine life and composed of coral reefs, the national park offers a perfect atmosphere to enjoy a peaceful day out.

Address : Florida 33040, United States

Zipcode: 33040

Location: 24.6646481, -82.88559609999999

Contact: +1 305-242-7700

Website: https://www.nps.gov/drto/index.htm

Nearest Public Transport : Key West Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee: The entrance fee is \$10.

Open & Close Timing: Daily: 09:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required: 4

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.11. Mel Fisher Maritime Museum

The Mel Fisher Maritime Museum reveals the fascinating history of the treasure of the 17th-century shipwreck of the Spanish galleon Atocha found by Mel Fisher and his crew. Preserving and exhibiting the items recovered from the depths of

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the ocean, this world of shipwreck archaeology themed museum features thoughtprovoking displays including the Slave Ship and Key West African Cemetery, which is sure to amaze you with its enormous treasure.

Address : 200 Greene St, Key West, FL 33040, USA

Zipcode : 33040

Location: 24.5579304, -81.80643729999997

Contact: +1 305-294-2633

Website: http://www.melfisher.org/

Nearest Public Transport : Key West Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : Adult: \$15.00 Students: \$12.50 Children: \$5.00 Lab Tour: \$12.50 Combo

Admission and Lab Tour \$25.00

Open & Close Timing : Museum Hours- Monday-Friday 08:30hrs-17:00hrs Saturday-Sunday 09:30hrs-17:00hrs Lab Tours Monday-Friday 11:30hrs-14:00hrs

Time Required: 1.5

Expected Wait Time: 10 minutes

Buy Ticket: Yes

7.1.12. Key West Art & Historical Society

Follow the trails of pirates, wreckers, and politicians as they lead you to one of the historical buildings in the Florida Keys. Constructed in 1981, the Custom House was earlier used as a post office, court and governing building when the wreckers made it the richest city in the United States. Today, the Key West Art & Historical Society museum houses an extensive collection that provides you an insight into the art, culture, and history of the city. This Richardsonian Romanesque style architectural gem also acquaints you with the contribution of the eminent personalities like Ernest Hemingway, to America's history.

Address : 281 Front St, Key West, FL 33040, USA

Zipcode : 33040

Location: 24.5583404, -81.80695300000002

Contact : +1 786-298-5581

Website: http://www.kwahs.org/

Nearest Public Transport : Key West Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee: Adults: \$10 Children (age 6 and above): \$5 Children under age 6: Free Students with ID: \$5 Seniors (age 62 and above), AAA Travelers, and Locals with

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ID: \$9

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:30hrs-16:30hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time: 15 minutes

Buy Ticket: Yes

7.1.13. Key West Shipwreck Museum

Brush up on the history of Key West back in time to the age of the master wreckers Asa Tift at the Key West Shipwreck Museum, which displays the history of wrecking with the help of its unique collection of artefacts and treasures. Discover the maritime heritage of Key West as the museum offers a great insight into the influence of shipwrecks on the city's history and wealth. Climb up the 65-foot museum tower and experience spellbinding views of the city.

Address: 1 Whitehead St, Key West, FL 33040, USA

Zipcode: 33040

Location: 24.5590428, -81.8068935

Contact: +1 305-292-8990

Website: https://www.keywestshipwreck.com/

Nearest Public Transport : Key West Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee: Retail Adult: \$15.04 Child: \$8.59 Senior (age 62 and above): \$12.90 Child (age 3 and under): Free Online Adult: \$13.54 Child: \$7.93 Senior (age 62 and

above): \$11.61 Child (age 3 and under): Free Key West Locals: Free

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:30hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required: 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket: Yes

7.1.14. Key West Aquarium

Delighting the visitors since 1934, the Key West Aquarium allows you to get up close and personal with some of the enchanting marine species of the Florida keys. A popular and one-of-a-kind attraction in the city, the aquarium showcases underwater animals like alligators, jellyfish, sharks, barracuda, stingrays, game fish, parrot fish and more that call key west home. Explore an aquatic wonder where your guide unravels the mysteries of the undersea world and ecosystem

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conservation through feeding sharks and turtles tours and touch tank consisting of friendly animals.

Address: 1 Whitehead St, Key West, FL 33040, USA

Zipcode : 33040

Location: 24.55907, -81.80733199999997

Contact: +1 305-296-2051

Website: https://www.keywestaquarium.com/

Nearest Public Transport : Key West Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : Regular Price Adult: \$16.11 Children (4-12years): \$9.36 Senior: \$13.96

Online Price Adult: \$14.50 Children (4-12years): \$8.70 Senior: \$12.57

Open & Close Timing: Daily 09:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time: 15 minutes

Buy Ticket: Yes

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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Mallory Square

From unparalleled sunset views to innumerable entertainment options like vibrant parties, live music, and delightful shopping, along with restaurants serving scrumptious meals, the Mallory Square has everything any local or tourist alike could ever hope to stumble upon. This waterfront square is renowned as the best spot in Key West for nightly gatherings.

Address : 400 Wall St, Key West, FL 33040, USA

Zipcode : 33040

Location: 24.5599232, -81.80763869999998

Contact: +1 305-809-3700

Website: https://www.mallorysquare.com/

Nearest Public Transport : Key West Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing: Daily 07:00hrs-00:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5 Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Smathers Beach

Enjoy the picture-perfect scenery and the relaxing sound of the ocean waves as they lull you to sleep at the Smathers Beach. With great amenities like the tiki huts, beach volleyball courts and chair rentals, this beach is a favorite spot in the city. Although the water is not very clear for swimming, you can enjoy other water activities like kayaking, boating and paddle boarding that are organized by the on-site rental agency.

Address: S Roosevelt Blvd, Key West, FL 33040, United States

Zipcode : 33040

Location: 24.5519783, -81.76872960000003

Contact: +1 305-809-3700

Website : http://www.cityofkeywest-

fl.gov/egov/apps/locations/facilities.egov?view=detail&id=24

Nearest Public Transport : Key West Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Friday 08:00hrs-17:00hrs Saturday and Sunday Closed

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Time Required : 2 Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Key West Cemetery

Epitomizing the lively spirit of the city, the Key West Cemetery is a unique memorial park with the tombs placed above the ground as the rocky soil makes it laborious to dig underground. A serene place for a quick stroll, the cemetery is visited by people to view the Key West city's quirky sense of humor that is visible on some of the epitaphs that read 'I told you I was sick' and 'At least I know where he's sleeping tonight'.

Address : 701 Pauline St, Key West, FL 33040, United States

Zipcode: 33040

Location: 24.5560007, -81.7956072

Contact: +1 305-292-8177

Website: http://www.friendsofthekeywestcemetery.com/

Nearest Public Transport : Key West Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing: Monday-Saturday 07:00hrs-19:00hrs Sunday Closed

Time Required: 0.5

Buy Ticket: No

7.2.4. Key West Wildlife Center

Situated just 5 minutes away from the Higgs Beach in Sonny McCoy Indigenous Park, the Key West Wildlife Center is a famous family outing destination in the city. Offering wonderful nature trails for observing the colorful migratory birds, this is a must-visit spot for all bird-lovers and photographers as they are rewarded with the spectacular view of some beautiful winged guests like the shorebirds, gulls, grey-white heron, brown pelican and broad-winged hawk. Enjoy feeding turtles and the sight of a slew of the infamous Key West chickens as well as the huge iguanas at this wildlife center.

Address: 1801 White St, Key West, FL 33040, United States

Zipcode : 33040

Location: 24.548791, -81.78516200000001

Contact: +1 305-292-1008

Website: http://www.keywestwildlifecenter.org/

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Nearest Public Transport : Key West Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing: Daily 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5 Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Florida Keys Eco-Discovery Center

Visit the Florida Keys Eco-Discovery Center to gain a deeper knowledge about the ecosystem of the Florida Keys, an archipelago in Florida. You will come across impressive exhibits including an interactive satellite map of the keys, a replica of the Aquarius underwater laboratory, and many others at this natural history museum that further enhances your learning experience. On the third Saturday of every month, the center organizes a children's workshop, encouraging the understanding of the ecology through fun-filled activities like crafts and puzzles.

Address: 35 E Quay Rd, Key West, FL 33040, United States

Zipcode: 33040

Location: 24.5507308999999, -81.80779869999998

Contact: +1 305-809-4750

Website: http://floridakeys.noaa.gov/eco_discovery.html

Nearest Public Transport : Key West Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing: Tuesday-Saturday 09:00hrs-16:00hrs Sunday-Monday

Closed

Time Required : 1.5 Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Higgs Beach

Away from the buzz of the city, Higgs Beach is a stretch of pristine sandy shores complemented by bright blue waters. Bask in the rays of the sun or take a dip in the shallow water, this beach is considered to be a popular spot for unwinding. Known for offering amenities like tennis and volleyball courts, kid's play park, and a dog's park, the beach also boasts of tropical water sports activities like swimming, snorkeling and more.

Address : Atlantic Blvd, Key West, FL 33040, USA

Zipcode: 33040

Location: 24.5473093, -81.78689559999998

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Contact: +1 305-292-4431

Nearest Public Transport : Key West Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing: Daily 06:00hrs-23:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5 Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Southernmost Point

Offering mesmerizing views of the sunrise and sunset, the Southernmost Point Buoy, as the name suggests, is the southernmost tip of the continental United States. Originally marked with a small symbol, the point today, features a huge painted buoy, making it one of the most picturesque attractions in the city.

Address: Whitehead St & South St, Key West, FL 33040, USA

Zipcode : 33040

Location: 24.5465108, -81.79747759999998

Contact: +1 305-809-3700

Website : http://www.cityofkeywest-

fl.gov/egov/apps/locations/facilities.egov?view=detail&id=79

Open & Close Timing: Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5 Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. St Paul's Episcopal Church

Featuring a wooden beam ceiling and stained glass windows, St Paul's Episcopal Church is a beautiful archaic episcopal church, captivating the visitors with its exceptional interior. The church provides a serene atmosphere and may charge a minimum amount of \$5 as a pledge.

Address: 401 Duval St, Key West, FL 33040, United States

Zipcode : 33040

Location: 24.55668, -81.803223

Contact: +1 305-296-5142

Website: http://www.stpaulschurchkeywest.org/

Nearest Public Transport : Key West Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing: Daily: 07:30hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required: 0.5

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Buy Ticket: No

7.2.9. The Basilica of St. Mary Star of the Sea

The only Catholic parish on the island and one of the oldest in Florida, the Basilica of St. Mary Star of the Sea dates back to 1566 and is built from unique oolitic limestone rock and coral beach sand. The exteriors of the church boast of American victorian style of the eclectic period with round gothic arches and colorful glass windows similar to the church in Italy. The Lourdes grotto here is the replica of the one in France and is worshiped by many. Note: The church might ask for a small amount of donation.

Address: 1010 Windsor Ln, Key West, FL 33040, United States

Zipcode : 33040

Location: 24.5530357, -81.7954044

Contact: +1 305-294-1018

Website: http://www.stmarykeywest.com/

Nearest Public Transport : Key West Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Time Required: 0.5

Buy Ticket: No

7.2.10. Clinton Square Market

Indulge in a delightful shopping experience at the Clinton Square market, which features the trendiest of fashion, exceptional entertainment options, restaurants serving delicious cuisine, and lively bars and clubs. From famous labels to local brands, custom-made jewelry shops, stores specializing in gifts and toys, the market has something for everyone.

Address: 291 Front St, Key West, FL 33040, USA

Zipcode : 33040

Location: 24.558736999999, -81.807032999999

Time Required : o Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. The Key West Shell Warehouse

Situated in a 19th-century ice house, the Key West Shell Warehouse showcases the largest selection of shells in the city. This remarkable shopping experience

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will leave you stupefied with its extensive collection of rare shells from around the world, jewelry, local art pieces, and home décor.

Address : 400 Wall St, Key West, FL 33040, USA

Zipcode : 33040

Location: 24.5593595, -81.807105299999

Time Required : o Buy Ticket : No

7.2.12. Key West Sponge Market

Not just a place to scoop up sponges, Key West Sponge Market features a museum dedicated the history of the city's sponging economy that once supported the livelihood of the locals. This historical shopping experience lets you browse through the market's ample selection of natural and high-quality sponges, nautical souvenirs, local artwork, Key Lime objects, tropical apparel and more.

Address : 401-, 431 Wall St, Key West, FL 33040, USA

Zipcode : 33040

Location: 24.5591569, -81.8071382

Time Required : o Buy Ticket : No

7.2.13. Duval Street

When the sun goes down, Duval Street lights up. Duval Street has the best shopping in Key West, with a little bit of everything. It has a good variety of souvenirs, clothing, jewelry and specialty shops. There are a plethora of stores in and around Duval Street, making it fun to wander around and window shop too.

Most stores are open daily from 9am to 9pm.

Address : Duval St, Key West, FL 33040, USA

Zipcode : 33040

Location: 24.5538507, -81.801316199999

Time Required : o Buy Ticket : No

7.2.14. Key West Hammock Company

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Zipcode: o

Location: 24.5533922, -81.800679199999

Time Required : o Buy Ticket : No

7.2.15. Kermit's Key West Key Lime Shoppe

Please your taste buds with one of the best Key Lime delicacies at Kermit's Key Lime Pie Shop. A paradise for foodies, this bakery knows exactly how to gratify your sweet tooth with their cookies, pies, salsa and so much more!

Address: 802 Duval St, Key West, FL 33040, USA

Zipcode: 33040

Location: 24.5527785, -81.8006292

Time Required : o Buy Ticket : No

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8. Key sites sports & adventure

• Parasailing -

Address : 700 Front St, Key West, FL 33040, United States

Location: 24.5615664,-81.8035284

Contact No : +1 305-292-5199

Website: http://parawestparasailing.com/

Entry Fees: Parasailing is \$50 per person, even for children.

Open / Close Time : Daily: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required: 2

Wait Time: 25 minutes

Snuba (Snorkeling with Scuba Diving) -

Address : 711 Eisenhower Dr, Key West, FL 33040, USA

Location: 24.560714,-81.789418

Contact No: +1 305-292-4616

Website: http://www.snubakeywest.com/

Entry Fees : Adult: \$109 Child (age 8-12): \$89

Open / Close Time : Daily: 08:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required: 2

Wait Time : 20 minutes

• Water sports -

Address : 700 Waddell Ave, Key West, FL 33040, USA

Location: 24.5473917,-81.7928431

Contact No : +1 305-735-2241

Website: http://barefootbillys.com/

Entry Fees: The tour price ranges from \$39 to \$160.

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Open / Close Time : Daily: 08:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required: 3

Wait Time : 15 minutes





9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Stars Key West soccer, is a wonderful soccer team with amazing games each time. The teams are well balanced with equal importance given to male and female players. The fields are very clean, and the grass is always very green and healthy. The people here are so exciting, and humble at the same time. The stadiums in Key West are Wickers Sports Complex and Tommy Roberts Memorial Stadium.



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10. Spas and relaxation

Key West Yoga Sanctuary:

Address : 1130 Duval St, Key West, FL 33040, United States

Location: 24.5492059,-81.79810940000004

Contact No: +1 305-587-9199

Website: http://www.keywestyogasanctuary.com/

Key West Tropical Forest & Garden:

Address : 5210 College Rd, Key West, FL 33040, United States

Location: 24.5731764,-81.74867180000001

Contact No: +1 305-296-1504

Website: http://www.kwbgs.org/

Prana Spa:

Address : 625 Whitehead St, Key West, FL 33040, United States

Location: 24.5534636,-81.80244820000001

Contact No : +1 305-295-0100

Website: http://www.pranaspakeywest.com/

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11. Key local guides and tours

City View Trolley Tours of Key West is an amazing tour in the city. The hop on hop off feature of this trolley ride is awesome and the price sure can't beat that! City View Trolley Tours of Key West has tons of discounts on groupon and over the phone if you ask. The tour guides are very helpful and fun. City View Trolley Tours of Key West Florida is the best, and cheapest way to see the touristy side of Key West Florida. Suzanne is the famous local guide in the city. She is born and raised in Key West and hence has a deeper understanding of the city and can guide you well.

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12. Transportation hubs

Key West International Airport is the largest airport in the city. The distance from Key West International Airport to downtown Key West is 3 kilometers and can be covered in 6 minutes. All international flights land here. The airport is quite crowded, so pay attention to the announcement and checks the baggage counter correctly. The other airports near Key West that include Juan Gualberto Gómez Airport, José Martí International Airport and Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. Some of the major bus stations include Greyhound, Old Town Trolley and City of Key West Fleet Services. You can take a bus to various parts of the city for a minimum fare. Considering the number of people who are trying to overcharge tourists in Key West, buses are a more convenient option. You will find the regular trains that can take you from one place to another in Key West, however what you need to try are the train tours that this city is famous for. It takes you back 400 years and you can experience some of the best rail tours of all time. The overseas highway, fondly called the "highway that goes to the sea" is a popular tourist attraction. The city is traversed by other roads and highways. The seven mile bridge which passes through Key West, is another popular tourist attraction. Another popular mode of commuting is cycling. More often than not, tourist prefer cycles over motor vehicles to commute in this tropical paradise. The weather of the city makes it ideal for walking and cycling. The Naval Air station of Key West is an important center for naval training. The port of Key West is another notable infrastructure facility. Flagler Station Oversea Railway Historeum, Old Town Trolley and Conch Train Tour are some of the tour train stations that are tourist attractions.

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13. Transportation cost

Key West is not famous for their taxi services. Most of the cabbies look to dupe tourists and if you have no idea about the fares, there's a strong chance you will end up paying a hire fare than required for a journey. A normal taxi fare should cost you about \$3.50 per person if you choose to take a cab. In case you want a personal cab the minimum fare is around \$ 2.95. Key West offers public bus services for getting across the island. The fare is \$ 2 for a single one way ticket and \$ 8 for a 7 day pass. You can also purchase a 31 day pass for \$ 25.



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14. Baggage allowance

With a charming fleet of bikes and awesome staff, there's no need to worry about checked baggage and carry-on, just pack light with these cheap rental bikes at Bike Man Bike Rentals. The bikes come with baskets, lights and locks, so need to by your own bike lock. The location is easy to find and super funky! From \$12 a day, with over the top high quality bikes, you just can't beat that. The Grey hound bus is the only local bus station here in Key West, Florida. The Grey Hound Bus allows your first carry on and checked baggage to be free of charge. With greyhound express you are allowed 1 carry on free of charge while the 2nd carry on is \$15 weighing no more than 25lbs and must be stored in the overhead compartment or under the seat in front of you. The first checked baggage should weigh no more than 50lbs and measure 62 inches when you add together the L + W + H.

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15. Must try food and local savouries

The wonderful sunny year round city will welcome you to crispy fritters, that send your taste buds to the Bahamas. Key West crispy conch fritters are one of the greatest things that can come out of a deep fryer. While some may think, the best conch fritters come from the Bahamas, they may be wrong when you try them in Key west FL, there's really no need to leave the country. Obviously, there isn't a better area to get Key lime pie than Florida Keys itself. If you're from Key West, FL you may know that Hogfish is a tender fish, that tastes similar to scallops, this bad boy can be made anywhere but its created best in Key West Florida. It goes together beautifully on a classic sandwich topped with onions, Swiss cheese, and mushrooms on freshly baked Cuban bread made at Hogfish Bar and Grill.

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16. Restaurant & Nightlife

What else can you expect from an island but fresh produce and a rich night life? After recharging with good food from that wonderful day, put your newly tanned bodies to good use and dance to the rhythm of the waves as you let yourself loose in the party scene of Key West. For best places to eat and nightlife, Key West's Duval Street is known as the center of Key West's nightlife.

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Alonzo's Oyster Bar:

Address : 700 Front St, Key West, FL 33040, USA

Location: 24.5615664,-81.8035284

Contact No : +1 305-294-5880

Website: http://alonzosoysterbar.com/

Open / Close Time : Daily: 11:00hrs-22:00hrs

• B.O.'s Fish Wagon:

Address : 801 Caroline St, Key West, FL 33040, USA

Location: 24.560467,-81.800858

Contact No : +1 305-294-9272

Open / Close Time : Daily: 11:00hrs-21:30hrs

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• Sandy's Cafe:

Address: 1026 White St, Key West, FL 33040, United States

Location : 24.5552159,-81.790776 Contact No : +1 305-295-0159

Website: http://www.kwsandyscafe.com/

Open / Close Time : Open 24 hours

Key Plaza Creperie:

Address: 1105 Key Plaza, Key West, FL 33040, United States

Location: 24.5666869,-81.76927750

Contact No : +1 305-517-6032

Website: http://www.keyplazacreperie.com/ Open / Close Time: Daily: 07:00hrs-17:00hrs

Duetto Pizza and Gelato:

Address: 540 Greene St, Key West, FL 33040, United States

Location : 24.5596199,-81.804172 Contact No : +1 305-848-4981

Website: http://duettopizza.com/

Open / Close Time : Daily: 11:00hrs-22:00hrs

• Green Parrot Bar:

Address : 601 Whitehead St, Key West, FL 33040, United States

Location : 24.5541099,-81.80298679

Contact No : +1 305-294-6133

Website: http://www.greenparrot.com/

Open / Close Time : Daily: 10:00hrs-04:00hrs

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• Sloppy Joe's Bar:

Address: 201 Duval St, Key West, FL 33040, United States

Location: 24.5591046,-81.8049656

Contact No : +1 305-294-5717

Website: https://sloppyjoes.com/

Open / Close Time : Daily: 09:00hrs-04:00hrs



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17. Average meal cost

Key West is known around the world for its rich cultural diversity when it comes to meals. Get yourself meals according to the heaviness of your pocket. There are various menus to choose from depending on what you want to eat. Red conch chowder a cup goes for \$ 4.95 and a bowl costs \$ 6.95. A house made fish dip with cream cheese, onions and spices served with crackers costs \$ 8.95. Prices of beer range between \$ 3 and \$ 5 but at times it is cheaper to draft and during happy

hours.

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18. Shopping

Shopping is a key past time for vacationers and Key West offers the best shopping malls and areas. Enjoy a fun Key West shopping trip in a variety of major regional malls, factory outlets and other markets.



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19. Tourist benefits

Like all cities in USA, Key West too charges their tourists heavy taxes. As a tourist you are not exempted from paying taxes anywhere. There are no tax benefits for tourists here, and you will have to pay the service fee and the VAT charges whenever applicable. There is no VAT refund for tourist in Key West; however tourists can shop at the duty free stores which sell a number of items without the tax. You are limited to take a certain about of duty free items back home, so don't buy too many things from these stores.





20. Essential local apps

Travel apps play a key role in making the travel experience more comfortable. They cater to a number of practical needs. The most popular apps of Key West are Uber (app to get a reliable ride in minutes), CabMatch (app that allows people to share taxis), Flavor (app that helps one to discover the city's best cuisine), Tele-Traffic (app for traffic updates), Good Weather (the app provides the users with detailed weather information in more than 200000 cities) and lots more. The apps are free and are compatible with both Android and iOS platforms.

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21. Driving

Obtaining a driver's license in the U.S is a strenuous and time consuming procedure. Only a person above the age of 16 can apply for a learners permit at the Department of Motor Vehicles. After this, the applicant will have to appear for a written test and a road test. On clearing the tests, the license will be granted to the applicant. The license so granted will be subject to a probationary period of 6 months. If the period of your visit is short, you could apply for a temporary driver's license. For this purpose, you will have to submit copies of the immigration and naturalization documents. The temporary license will be granted after due consideration of the documents. The license so granted will have the words "Temporary Visitor" printed on it along with the date of expiry of immigration documents.

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22. Travel essentials

The power sockets in the U.S are standard Type A or Type B. The sockets are either three pins or two pins. It's best to carry a power plug adapter while travelling in Key West, if the sockets in your country are different. The voltage is set at 110V and the frequency is set at 60H. To ascertain whether your appliance will function within this voltage level and frequency, check the bottom of the appliance. If the voltage level shown at the bottom of the appliance varies considerably, then it's best to use a power converter. However, the voltage level mentioned above is standard in most countries. So, most appliances will function at this voltage level. You could buy a power plug adapter from the airport or from any other place in the city.

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24. Local currency

The local currency of the city of Key West is U. S. Dollars.



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25. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

It would only be too easy to locate an ATM in this hi-tech city. The city also has plenty of banks and currency exchange centers. So it's not necessary to carry large amounts of cash in your wallet. The ATM charge may come up to five dollars. Every shop, hotel and restaurant accepts credit cards and debit cards. The same can be said for gas stations as well. Carry a small amount of cash if you're planning to use public transport. You may also need cash for purchase of Street

food.

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26. Staying connected

This technology driven city offers great options for staying connected. The Verizon network is the best service provider in terms of reception. The network also offers a wide range of calling plans. The other networks available in the city are AT&T, T Mobile and Sprint. The AT & T network also offers great calling plans and good reception. However calling rates in the U.S are high as compared to rates in the U.K and countries in Asia. So if the period of your visit is short, you could simply buy a cheap prepaid phone. They are available at the airport and at other places in the city. WI-FI and Internet are provided at almost every restaurant, hotel and cafe.

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27. Time Zone

The city of Key West follows Eastern Time Zone with UTC – 05:00.



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28. Languages

Along with English, there are various languages spoken in Key West such as German, Irish, Italian, Polish and French.



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29. Political Scenario

The city is part of the Monroe County of Florida and has a mayor-council form of government. The mayor and his council of six members are the highest ruling authority at a municipal level. The city is one of Democratic dominance and has voted only for Democratic candidates since 1992. The city is currently represented by Democrats at federal level and at state level.



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30. Economic Scenario

The economy of Key West, which is the southernmost part of continental U.S has been following a positive growth pattern. The main source of income in this city is tourism. The city has several tourist attractions. The hospitality industry thrives in the city as it is home to several notable restaurants and hotels. The port of Key West which offers services go cruise liners.



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31. Religious belief

In Key West, 33.37% of the population in Key West are religious with 18.29% of them being Catholics, 0.82% being LDS, 1.32% belonging to another Christian faith, 0.08% are Jewish, 0.06 are of eastern faith, and 1.91% are affiliated to the Islamic faith.



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32. Visa requirements

Like all other cities in USA, you need to have a B1 or a B2 visa to get into Key West. B1 visa is applicable for any person who is visiting Key West on a business trip and B2 is a travel visa which is granted to people who plan on spending a holiday in the city. You need to get all your documents ready and you need to have a valid passport if you plan on entering Key West. There are a number of procedures you need to follow and complete in order to get a travel visa. You can check for all this information online. It is advisable to keep 2 pages free in your passport for arrival and departure stamps. In certain cases, it has been observed that applying and receiving a visa can be a process of 20-30 days. Hence, it is essential that you check the timeline with the relevant authority in the country where you intend to make the visa application.

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33. Essential vaccination

No vaccinations are required for entry to the states but you may want get a tetanus booster just to be safe.



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34. Theft and Safety

You need to be careful while partying in Key West. If you are too noisy then you will be asked to leave. You also need to be careful of enormous iguanas as Key West is infested with them. The worst part is that they blend into the environment very well and if you don't hear them rustle a plant, you will never know they are there. Key West is also known for cabbies scamming you on their prices. Be sure to ask their rate before getting into a cab. Another thing to look out for is panhandlers, drunks and druggies all across the beaches. Don't let your kids go near them as most of them have a criminal background. Make sure you contact the police in case of an emergency. After the hurricanes in 2005, most beaches in Key West will have 'beware of bacteria' signs.

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35. Embassy/Consulate

Each city has an embassy office in various parts of the world. If you plan on traveling to Key West, you need to figure out where their embassy office is located. A consulate office too can help you in processing your visa. In case you can't find an embassy office, look for a consulate office. You can check for the various embassy or consulate locations online and find out one which is close to you. You can alternatively hire an agent who can help you finish your visa procedures on time so your visa is issued without delay. For more information on embassies and consulates, visit http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-of/united-states.

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36. Accessibility

Most lodgings, attractions and recreational areas in Key West are specially equipped to enhance the experience of all visitors. Also, there are Para Transit taxis available which can be accommodated by both manual and electric wheelchairs.



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37. Emergencies

Lower Keys Medical Center located in Key West offers acute care including emergency, child delivery and physical therapy. The Center offers various other services such as Behavioral Health, Cancer Care, Digestive Care, Medical Detoxification, Neurologic Care, Pediatrics, Heart Care and a whole lot more. The Center also has modern equipment to handle joint replacement and reconstruction, cardiovascular diagnosis, CT scan, Echocardiogram, Endoscopy, PET scan, hernia surgery and a whole lot more. The Center is a 167 bed, outstanding medical facility with a 24/7 emergency room and 24/7 specially equipped medical transport helicopter on its pad. Other hospitals in the city are Depoo Hosipital and Keys Medical Center. For any SOS services, call 911.

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38. Do's and Don'ts

Do's: • Check the weather forecast before visiting the city since the city is prone to natural calamities like hurricane and earthquakes. • Carry sunscreen and make sure you wear it before stepping out in the sun inorder to avoid burns due to harsh sun rays. • Keep yourself well hydrated during day time. • Wear insectrepellent to keep yourself protected from the mosquito bites. • Arrange for sufficient medicines to meet your personal medical needs. Check with the embassy of the country you are visiting to ensure your medicine is legal in the countries you are travelling to. Obtain a doctor's letter stating who the medicines are for, what they are, the dosage, and leave medicines in their original packaging. Don'ts: • Try to avoid staying back late at parties since parties in Key West can go on for a long time and people tend to get drunk and violent. • Lookout for iguanas on the road. These creepy creatures are a common sight in Key West and can be really harmful. • Do not leave valuables unattended if you carry them along; it's advisable to leave the valuables locked in the hotel room. • Do not play around and bother the iguanas and chickens as they can trouble you/harm you. • Avoid shallow waters while snorkeling or engaging in any of the water sports. • Keep an eye out for price scams. There are a number of locals looking to dupe tourists for money. • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import.

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39. Tipping basics

Tipping etiquette is one of the most important things for a visitor to know before going to a foreign place. While we don't know how much to tip, a very low amount can also be frowned upon. Few tipping basics for Key West are as follows: For poor service, you may tip 10% of the bill. For an above average service, you may tip 15 to 20% of the bill. Anything beyond that may be tipped with about 25% of the bill. This applies for services received from all service providers.



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40.Pet info

Key West is a very pet friendly area. Pets are allowed on beaches as long as you pick up after them. Most hotels allow you to check in with your pet as well. However, you need to keep in mind certain restrictions and policies of certain hotels. Some hotels welcome two pets of any size without any additional fees. While you can usually leave you pets unattended in the rooms, you need to notify the front desk. Some hotels have a weight restriction; for example: two pets with a combined weight of 80 lbs. Some charge you up to \$ 20 per pet per night while some prices go up to \$ 50 per pet per night.

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Conclusion - Why to select this destination

A great thing about the U.S. is the range of climates, and topographies, and Key West, a city island known for its laid back attitude, is one of America's many destinations that you do not want to miss. Having a tropical climate means that the locals almost never experience hurricanes. Residents are also blessed with bountiful coral reefs that attract divers; although their beaches are not among the best, those breath-taking underwater ecosystems are surely a sight to remember. People who have seen a map of America can remember where the state of Florida prominently lies – that is, at the southernmost area of the country. As a matter of fact, there is actually a buoy accessible by civilians marking what is said to be the southernmost point in the continental U.S.A. However, some people would be surprised to know that the real southernmost point in America can be found on the Truman Annex property, a land owned by the U.S. Navy. The city is known for being an important military post. As a result, since the 1820s, it has been given the nickname "Gibraltar of War". Also, Key West serves as a training site for naval aviation. If you are planning on going on a cruise for your next vacation, be sure to check out Key West, since it has been a popular tourist stop for years. Once on dry land, go ahead and explore the island on bicycles. Visiting museums is a great way to get to know a certain city, and Key West has a lot of that to offer. For instance, head to Audubon House and Tropical Gardens if you wish to know more about the history of Key West, and the art of John James Audubon. Another one that you may opt to visit is the Mel Fisher Maritime Museum; it houses treasures recovered from different shipwrecks. Are you a bit more into actually making art then viewing it? If so, head to The Studios of Key West. Founded in 2006 and located at the island's iconic Armory structure, this establishment is basically a cultural hub for artists to both inspire and create. People can also join the Key West Contemporary Dance Company. It allows both locals and tourists to gain new friendships through performing dance routines throughout different venues in the city, such as the Tennessee Williams Theatre. Now that you know that Key West has fine arts and performing arts, the only thing missing would be an avenue for writers. With the Key West Literary Seminar, different writers such as Billy Collins are celebrated by international audiences. After this cultural immersion, relax with an astounding view of the sun setting at Mallory Square.

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