

EVENT TOOL KIT

KEY WEST HISTORIC SEAPORT

PLAN YOUR NEXT EVENT
IN PARADISE!



www.KeyWestHistoricSeaport.com

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An Event Planner's Dream

The Key West Historic Seaport is an event planner's dream!

Visit the Key West Historic Seaport & enjoy world class dining, shopping, live music, accommodations, museums & water excursions all the while soaking up breathtaking views.

Welcome to the Key West Historic Seaport, Your Gateway for Everything to do in Key West, Florida!

This Toolkit is jammed pack with all the pertinent instruments you will need to plan your event in paradise!



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Since the middle of the 19th century, the Seaport has been the center of economic and marine activity in Key West.

Before it became a cultural gathering place and boat marina, it was a commercial hub for delivering fresh fish, sponge, and shrimp to Florida.

In 1992, the seaport was acquired by the city and developed into a popular destination for tourists and locals to enjoy.

At Key West's Historic Seaport you will find restaurants offering some of the freshest seafood on the island, fantastic hotels, unique boutiques, art galleries and engaging museums highlighting Key West's history.

The seaport is THE departure point for spectacular boating and watersports excursions.

MAKE YOUR VISIT TO KEY WEST

A HISTORIC ONE!



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The Key West Historic Seaport is located along the Harborwalk waterfront at the ends of Front Street, Greene Street, Elizabeth Street, William Street & Grinnell St.

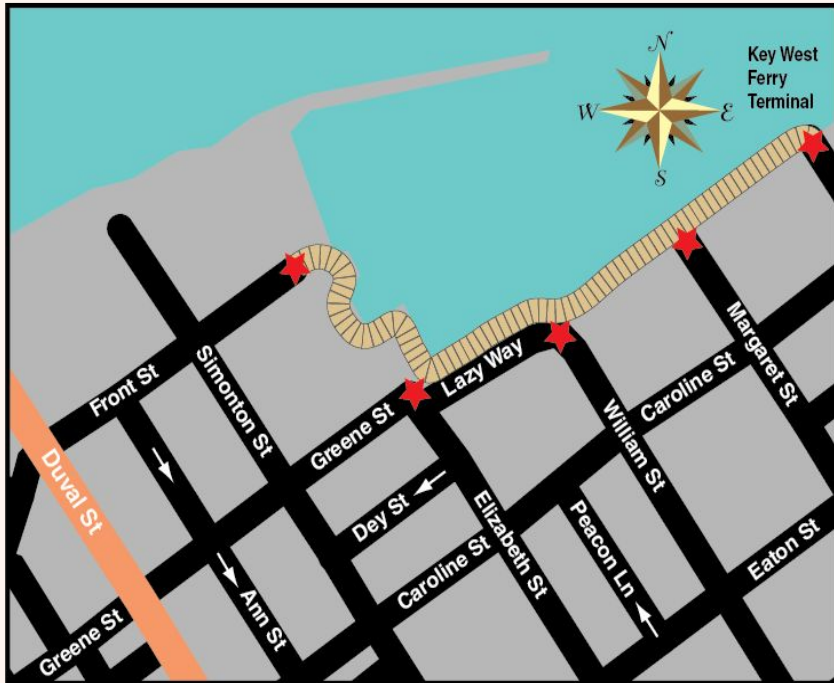


Photo Credit: Waterfront Brewery



City Offices & Information

- [City of Key West](#)
- [Cruise Ships Calendars](#)
- [Event Permit Request Form](#)
- [Key West Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Key West Business Guild](#)
- Map Links
 - [Key West Maps](#)
 - [Florida Keys Map Collection](#)



Photo Credit: GeographicsArt



Key West International Airport

[International Airport Website](#) (EYW)

The only Airport in Key West

Airlines: American Airlines, Delta and Silver Airlines are the designated carriers for this airport.

Arriving Passengers: There is a centralized arrivals area with all services close by and easy to locate. Baggage claim, tourist information, rental cars and all ground transportation are just a short walk from your arriving aircraft. Taxis are waiting outside the airport and are only about \$15 to town.

Baggage Services: [Paradise Porters](#) Get to the fun faster with bag storage, pickup and delivery services. Drop your bags off when you arrive so you can go play in paradise!

Photo Credit: KeyWest.com



Key West International Airport

- **ATMs** - For your convenience, there are 3 ATM machines at the airport. Located in Ticket Counter Area, Departure Lounge and Baggage Claim.
- **Postal** - Outgoing mail may be dropped off at the USPS mailbox located outside the arrivals level on the lower roadway, at the midpoint of the terminal building.
- **FedEx** - FedEx is conveniently located at 3553 S. Roosevelt Blvd., Key West, FL 33040, just a short walk from the terminal building.



Photo Credit: NOAA.gov



Endless Fun

- Charter & Fishing Boat Rentals
- Conch Train Rides Around Town
- Eco Friendly Dolphin Encounter Tours
- Electronic Car & Bike Rentals
- Jet Skiing
- Kayaking
- Parasailing
- Reef Snorkeling
- Sunset Cruises
- Wave Runner Rentals and more!



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Endless Event Options

- Sunset Dinner Cruise
- All Day Cruise & Onboard Reception Party
- Team Building Watersport Activities
- Executive Retreats
- Weddings & Welcome Receptions
- Networking Events & Product Launches
- Dance Parties & Themed Parties
- Family Reunions and more!



Photo Credit: Sebago Key West



Unique Venues

Schedule one of the many Chartered Yacht or Catamarans located at the Key West Historic Seaport.

Many options for unique excursions:

- Catamaran Sunset Champagne Cruise
- Glass Bottom Boat Sunset Cruise
- Windjammer Classic Day Sail
- Personalized Luxury Cuba Cruise
- Reef Eco-Tour
- Safari Snorkel Tour
- Weddings on the Water



Unique Venues

Fort Jefferson Museum

The entire rear wall of the Museum displays the beautiful tropical vista surrounding Garden Key, including the Loggerhead Key Lighthouse seen as it would be from the fort's wall.

Find out more at
www.KeyWestHistoricSeaport.com



Photo Credit: Fort Jefferson Museum Website



Restaurants/Event Venues

[Conch Republic Seafood Company](#) (305)294-4403

Whether you are looking to hold an exciting rehearsal dinner on their casual outdoor patio, a lavish wedding with all the trimmings, or a fun corporate party, they have everything (including great food) for an event planner.

Outside seating: up to 200 and inside 400.

[Half Shell Raw Bar](#) (305)294-7496

The Half Shell Raw Bar offers a taste of old Key West you cannot experience anywhere else. As you head inside, you will notice the local fisherman unloading the day's catch into the Half Shell's Fish Market. Grab a seat at one of the wooden picnic tables or on a stool by the bar and get ready to enjoy the freshest seafood in Key West.



Photo: Conch Republic Seafood Company



Restaurants/Event Venues

[Turtle Kraals](#) (305)294-2640

Turtle Kraals Bar & Restaurant, situated on the water in the heart of the historic Key West seaport, is the ideal venue for indoor or outdoor events. Their fresh cuisine, inspired by the best of the tropics from Cuba to the Bahamas, is highlighted by ceviche sourced daily from their own Half Shell Fish Market. The 4,000+ square-foot restaurant and bar can comfortably host up to 200 guests for special events.

[Waterfront Brewery](#) (305)440-2270

Outstanding live music, handcrafted brewed beers and the freshest fish around along with a great deck event space allows for a real Key West themed event. Can seat up to 200 comfortably for dinner.

[Schooner Wharf Bar](#) (305)292-3302

Voted Best Bar and People's Choice Award since 1993, "The menu is identical to those of dozens of other places in the Keys.... The difference is the Schooner does them better." Miami Herald

Photo Credit: Turtle Kraals



Nook Eateries

[Fisherman's Café](#) (305)900-6878

Each item on their menu is reminiscent of an era gone by, a time when local fishermen brought their day's catch right off their boats at the Historic Seaport and into the kitchen. Chefs use only the freshest ingredients to prepare handmade specialties.

[Bo's Fish Wagon](#) (305)294-9272

Bobby Flay and his Food Network camera crew paid a visit. And no wonder. Great food, live music all sounds simple, but no — it is a little slice of the Seaport heaven.



Photo credit: Fisherman's Cafe



Charter & Watersport Adventures

After Hours Charters 305-849-3110

Make your Key West Get-Away a vacation to remember by booking aboard the 52 foot Private Yacht “After Hours”. Whether a luxury sunset cruise, a day of private luxury sight-seeing, swimming and snorkeling with dinner and overnight aboard or a week long excursion to the beautiful island nation of Cuba, call and speak with Captain Kelly.

Fury Cat 888-976-0899

Thrills are in the air on their Parasailing boats, get a chance to see marine life without getting wet on their Glass Bottom Boat, or take in Key West’s famous sunset aboard one of their Sunset Sails or Champagne Sunset Cruise.

Key West Eco Tours 305-294-7245

Key West’s favorite small group tours are offered at their Geiger Key Paddle Hut or aboard the 31’ Java Cat docked at the Key West Historic Seaport. All tours are led by local nature guides. A hands-on experience with professional instruction allows you to explore lush mangroves and colorful coral gardens.

Photo Credit: Fury Watersports



Charter & Watersport Adventures

Schooner Appledore (207)236-8353

Day Sails, Music Sails, Sunset Sails and more. The Appledore II is a traditional wooden 2-masted tall ship designed for adventure. Seaworthy and stable, she was built in 1978 in South Bristol, Maine at the famous Gamage Shipyard. Setting foot on her deck, you sense how solid she is as you picture her sailing around the world.

Sebago Watersports (800)507-9955

Sebago Watersports offers amazing catamaran and schooner sailing tours! Choose from Key West sunset sails, snorkel the living reef, extreme watersports combo, eco snorkel/kayak tour, and parasailing. Sebago's ships are spacious and state-of-the-art with an experienced, friendly crew.



Photo Credit: Fort Jefferson Museum Website



Scuba Diving

Lost Reef Adventures (305)296-9737

Serving the Keys from their Seaport dockside location since 1985, Lost Reef carries a full line of scuba diving and snorkeling equipment for rent or purchase. They are considered the experts in the Keys.

Captain's Corner (305)296-8865

Since 1985, Certification Experts, a PADI 5 star Dive Center and the only on-site training pool in Key West, Captain's Corner offers a full range of scuba diving courses. Choose from Discover Scuba Diving and Open Water Certification all the way up to Divemaster, as well as a variety of specialty courses.



Photo credit: Lost Reef Adventures



Transportation – Dry Tortugas Island

Yankee Freedom (800)634-0939

Cruise in spacious comfort to Fort Jefferson from Grinnell Street Port in The Key West Historic Seaport. It is the official, and only, Dry Tortugas National Park Ferry. A high-speed Catamaran vessel transporting up to 300+ guests at 70 miles/hour.

Dry Tortugas National Park (800)634-0939

The area is known for its treacherous reefs, and in 1825 a lighthouse was built on Garden Key to warn ships and guide them toward safety. At the time shipwrecks were common, and with underwater wrecks dating back to the 1600s, the Dry Tortugas currently possess one of the richest concentrations of shipwrecks in North America.

Now it is THE destination for divers and snorkeling enthusiasts alike.



Photo credit: www.drytortugas.com



Island Transportation = FUN!

Conch Electric Cars

(305)294-0995

Fury Cat Bike Rentals

(888)976-0899

Conch Train

(888)916-8687



Photo credit: Top Right - Fury



Key West Express Ferry

Key West Express (239)463-5733

Ferry Schedule and Departures Locations

Two southwest Florida locations that can quickly and conveniently take you from and to the Key West.

-- Fort Myers Beach and Marco Island.

View the [sailing calendar](#) to find the best cruise dates for you and your party.

Trip duration: 3.5 hours (one-way)



Photo Credit: Key West Express



Cruise Ships

Cruise Ships arrive just two blocks from the Key West Historic Seaport with easy access to the Cruise Ships from Front Street and Green.

[City of Key West Cruise Information](#)

[Cruise Comparison Tool](#)



Photo credit: Key West Cruise Terminal Website



Shopping Galore

[AER Photography](#) (305)923-3433

[Capi-Cua](#) (305)304-3044

[Captain Quick Dry](#) (305)294-0110

[Curio Shop at Mac's Sea Garden](#) (305)293-7240

[Dragonfly Key West](#) (305)923-3802

[Good Day Happy Planet](#) (305)396-7284

[Hammerhead Surf Shop](#) (305)296-2554

[Key West Artworks](#) (305)296-4060

[Key West Bait & Tackle](#) (305)292-1961

[Local Color](#) (305)292-3635

[Mel Fisher Maritime Society](#) (305)294-2633

[Piano Shop](#) (305)304-5147

[Sunset Watersports](#) (855)378-6386

[Yours and Mayan](#) (305)293-0987



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Weddings in Paradise

Key West is ranked #2 in the nation as a wedding destination and is one of the most romantic places on the planet to do it.

Key West Historic Seaport offers romantic settings for your special day. With fabulous wedding venues, beautiful sunsets and marvelous waters.

The island has always been a top wedding destination.

Marriage equality is supported here.

We welcome ALL couples into our bright rainbow!



Photo: Conch Republic Seafood Company



Get Married on a Chartered Yacht

Are you planning a romantic Key West wedding for your client? Imagine they are sailing into the sunset as they say their vows or raise a glass of champagne in a toast to their new life together! You would be considered the super planner.

Let's plan it!

Any of the already mentioned charters can arrange all the details from music to catering. They can all be customized to fit your client's specific needs!



Photo Credit: After Hours Charters



Additional Key West Wedding Venues Nearby

Weddings at Historic Properties

- Harry S Truman Little White House Weddings
- Key West's Oldest House
- Old Town Manor Weddings

Lush Tropical Gardens Weddings

- Audubon House and Tropical Gardens
- Ernest Hemingway Home and Museum
- Key West Garden Club at West Martello Tower



Photo: Audubon House



Wedding Cakes, Décor, Entertainment, nearby, oh my

Wedding Cakes

- [Amazing Cakes](#)
- [Cakes by Karol](#)
- [Key West Cakes](#)

Entertainment

- [Entertainment](#) (multiple listings)
- [ATL Productions](#)
- [DJs](#)
- [Wedding DJ & Video](#)

Decor

- [Décor Vendors](#) (multiple listings link)
- [Eventfully Yours](#)
- [Equipment Rental](#)
- [Prestige Party Rentals](#)
- [Say Yes in Key West](#)

Photography

- [AER Photography](#)
(Shop located at the Key West Historic Seaport)

Photo Credit: Key West Cakes



Nearby Attractions to The Key West Historic Seaport

[Key West Art & Historical Society | Custom House](#)

A beautiful red brick architectural gem and award-winning museum is the official headquarters of the Key West Art and Historical Society.

[Key West First Legal Rum Distillery](#)

Tastings, Souvenirs, Tours and more! Come taste history at the Key West First Legal Rum Distillery. Hand made, bottled and labeled proudly in Key West, FL.

[Mel Fisher Maritime Museum](#)

[Fort Jefferson Museum](#)

[Virtual Tourist Key West Travel Guide](#)

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[USA 10 Best in Key West](#)



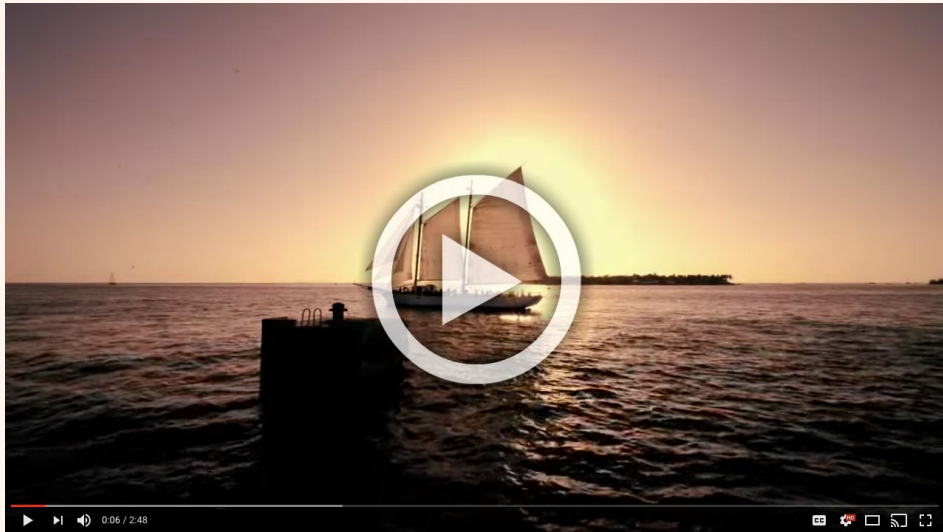
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Nearby Attractions

Key West Historic Seaport

- [Mallory Square](#), a former warehouse area, is now the location of a nightly sunset-watching ritual with live entertainment.
- The [Key West Sunset Celebration](#) invites everyone to partake in watching the glowing pink and red sun sink into the Gulf of Mexico horizon.



Mallory Square Key West Sunset Celebration- Official Video

Photo credit: Mallory Square



Nearby Hotels

Accommodations steps away from the [Key West Historic Seaport](#). Explore nearby hotels and rest your head close to restaurants, bars, shops, museums, watersports and boat tour access! Rates vary throughout the year.

They are higher between Christmas and Easter and for special events and three-day holidays. Highest rates apply during annual special events like Fantasy Fest and the lobster mini-season.

There are good deals in the fall, and early December. During this time there are generally no lines, moderate temperatures, and low humidity.

When you are calculating your cost, don't forget to figure on the local, state and tourist taxes levied on all accommodations.

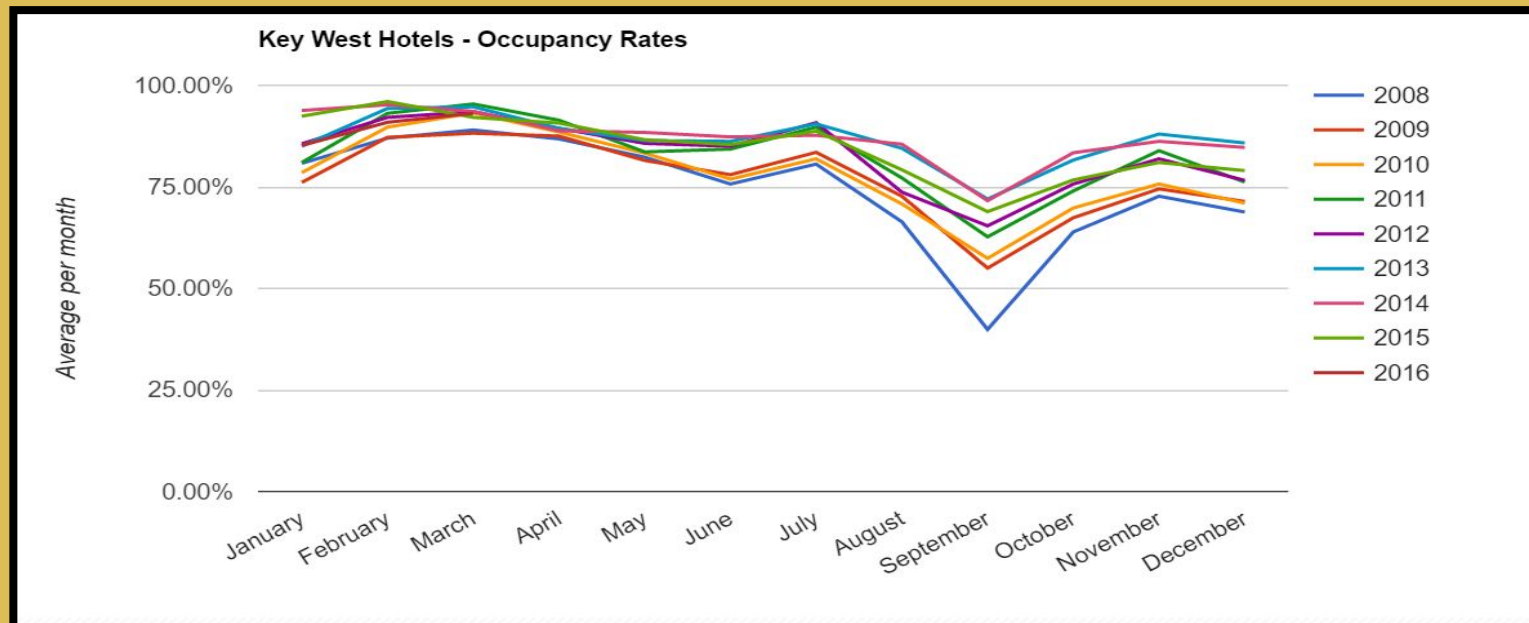
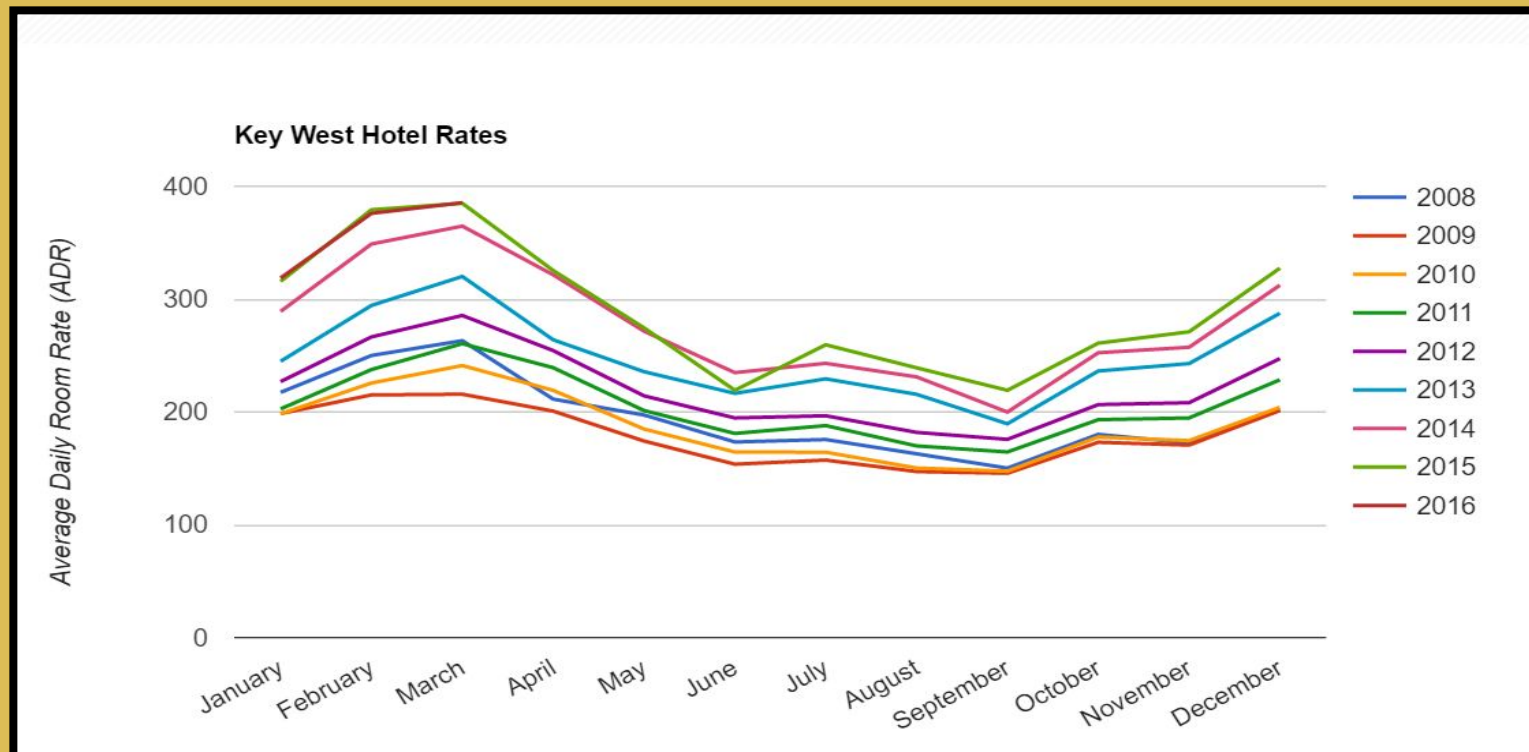


Photo: The Marker Waterfront Hotel





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Hotels within .3 miles of Key West Historic Seaport

Accommodations steps away from the [Key West Historic Seaport](#). Explore nearby hotels and rest your head close to restaurants, bars, shops, museums, watersports and boat tour access!

[Galleon Resort](#) (305) 296-7711

[The Marker Waterfront Resort Key West](#) (855) 485-9291

[Albury Court Hotel](#) (305) 294-9870

[Monroe County Tourist Development Council](#)

[Ocean Key Resort & Spa](#) (305) 296-7701

[Air bnb](#)

[Cypress House Hotel](#) (305) 294-6969

[Pier House Resort & Spa](#) (305) 296-4600

[Heron House](#) (305) 294-9227

[Seaport Inn Key West](#) (305) 294-3480

[Hyatt Key West Resort & Spa](#) (305) 809-1234

[The Lodging Association of the Florida Keys & Key West](#) (305) 296-4959

[Key West Harbor Inn](#) (305) 296-2978

[Westwinds Inn](#) (305) 296-4440

Photo Credit: Cypress Hotel



Key West Entertainment

- For Hire:
 - [DJ Directory for Key West](#)
 - [GigSalad](#) Musicians, Entertainers, Performers, DJs
 - [Jimmy Buffett Tribute Bands](#)
 - [Master Musicians](#)
- Places to Visit to see Live Music or Performers:
 - [Frommer's Best Bars and Live Music Venues](#)
 - [Key West Live Music Calendar](#)
 - [Mallory Square Performer](#)
 - [Schooner Wharf Bar](#)
 - [The Skank Band](#)
 - [USA Today 10 Best Destinations](#)



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Key West Holiday Events

- [Annual Lighted Boat Parade](#) The Key West Lighted Boat Parade is an annual affair that combines with the Harbor Walk of Lights to celebrate the Christmas Holiday. Each year a variety of boats decorate their sails, masts, and hulls with Christmas Lights and festive cheer.
- Want to know the best way to see all the holiday lights across the island? It's the [Holly Jolly Holiday Tour](#) presented by Old Town Trolley.
- [Key West Ultimate Adventure](#) Fury's favorite way to celebrate the holidays is not making snowmen and hot cocoa; We like to experience some wet and wild fun while jet skiing, parasailing, or just relaxing in sunny paradise.





LGBT Community Welcome

Key West is one of the most eccentric party destinations in the world with its hopping nightclubs, incredible sunsets, great food and laid-back attitude where just about anything goes. Come to [Gay Key West](#). Key West was the first American city to actively and openly recruit gay tourists.

- [Gay Key West General Information](#)
- [Arts & Culture](#)
- [Gay Beaches](#)
- [Gay Friendly Bars](#)
- [Gay Friendly Hotels](#)
- [Gyms & Spas](#)

Photo Credit: GayKeyWestFL.com



Key West Paradise Beaches & Reefs

Many visitors are surprised to find that the island paradise of the Florida Keys does not have a lot of beaches. Key West and the rest of the Florida Keys are coral islands – former reefs, created when the ocean was deeper and the region was submerged below the sea. Today, the ocean is shallower and the living coral reefs are six miles offshore, providing a barrier to waves and swells. Visiting the sites below are fun and exciting!

- [Bahia Honda State Park](#)
- [Dry Tortugas Beach](#)
- [Ft Zachary Taylor State Park](#)
- [Smathers Beach](#)

Photo Credit: DeLuca Events



*Thank you for planning your event in paradise,
the Key West Historic Seaport.*

*We are here to help make your event a success.
Please do not hesitate to reach out to us at any time.*

Happy Planning!

Schedule your event today by contacting
our event staff at (954)769-1533

Events@KeyWestHistoricSeaport.com

www.KeyWestHistoricSeaport.com



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