

# THE FLORIDA KEYS 10 DAYS



Home to presidents and poets who sought inspiration from the beautiful, fragile eco-system that surrounded them, the Florida Keys are truly unique. The drive, with the Gulf of Mexico on one side and the Atlantic Ocean on the other, is certainly breathtaking and will take you across 43 bridges from Key Largo to Key West. The famous 'Seven Mile Bridge' at Mile Marker 47 is more than 35,000 feet in length.

## DAY 1 – 2

### Miami

Fly into Miami and enjoy 2 nights in South Beach before starting your journey down to the Florida Keys.

Offering a lively and funky atmosphere combined with a latin vibe, Miami attracts visitors from all over the world. Famous South Beach has some stunning sandy beaches, trendy designer shops and glamorous boutique hotels. In the evening, ensure you experience the great nightlife South Beach has to offer.

Why not explore the Art Deco district and take some time to visit the museums and galleries on Lincoln Road. If you want to escape the hustle and bustle, take a day trip to the Everglades National Park, or enjoy the laid back areas of Key Biscayne and Coconut Grove, which are great for families.

#### Value for money

3.5★ Ocean Five

#### Recommended

5★ The Ritz-Carlton South Beach

## DAY 3 – 4

### Miami – Key West (155 miles)

Depart Miami and start your journey south along the Florida Keys Overseas Scenic Highway US-1, across the Seven Mile Bridge and travelling the length of the Keys to Key West, right at the very end on Mile Marker 0. From here you will start your drive back up the Florida Keys towards Miami.

Spend two nights in Key West where you will find relaxing beaches, a great choice of snorkelling and diving spots, lively evening entertainment and the home of Ernest Hemingway. To make the most of your stay, use the Conch Tour Train and ensure you visit Mallory Square to watch the sun set and enjoy the musicians and street performers.

#### Recommended

4.5★ Casa Marina,  
A Waldorf Astoria Collection

## DAY 5 – 6

### Key West – Duck Key (55 miles)

From Key West you will travel north through Big Pine Key and Marathon to Duck Key where you will find excellent bird watching areas or you can dive among artificially created reefs. Enjoy 2 nights in Duck Key, which is set in the heart of the Florida Keys offering a tranquil and relaxed atmosphere, perfect for families.

#### Stay

4★ Hawks Cay Resort

## DAY 7 – 8

### Duck Key – Islamorada (30 miles)

Islamorada has a reputation for the best sport fishing in Florida. Explore wrecks and coral gardens, or enjoy the nature trails in Long Key State Park.

#### Stay

4★ Cheeca Lodge and Spa

## DAY 9 – 10

### Islamorada – Key Largo (17 miles)

The final stop on your trip is Key Largo, the largest island on the chain offering a choice of activities and is also known for the John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, where diving is a must. A good selection of restaurants and entertainment makes this a perfect place for the final part of your tour of the Florida Keys.

#### Recommended

4.5★ Hilton Key Largo Resort