

The Enchanting Gems of the Florida Keys | Fly Drive Adventure

Holiday Duration: 13 Nights



Overview

Florida Keys and Key West

A drive through the Florida Keys and Key West is one of the best scenic road trips in the USA. Only one road connects the 100-mile-long island chain: It began as Flagler's Railroad, became the legendary 113-mile Overseas Highway and now has been designated an All-American Road under the National Scenic Byways programme. The drive through hundreds of little islands nestled between the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean has magnificent scenery, significant historic value and an abundance of recreational opportunities, making the drive an important part of the holiday.

This itinerary is flexible and can be tailor-made to suit you; if you want to add extra days in one area, extend the holiday or maybe change the direction of travel. Talk to one of our experts about how to make this holiday the perfect one for you.

Here's a day-by-day guide to your itinerary. Feel free to ask us to add other days or ideas and excursions by contacting us directly, so we can give you the best price.

Days 1-3



Miami

Your holiday will start in Miami where you can spend three nights on Miami Beach, to acclimatise and enjoy the glorious beaches, discovering the Art Deco district, spending a day in the Everglades and exploring Little Havana, a colourful suburb of Miami strongly influenced by its Cuban population.

If you would rather avoid Miami, you could drive straight from the airport to Key Largo, it only takes around 75 minutes.

3 nights in Miami

Days 4-6



Miami to Key Largo

The Overseas Highway begins in Key Largo, home of Everglades National Park and John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, which is popular among eco-adventurists because of its many activities, including kayaking, canoeing, paddleboarding and snorkelling. Go back in time to historic Tavernier or enjoy a family outing at Harry Harris Park.

3 nights Key Largo

Days 7-8



Key Largo

Continue south to experience Islamorada, known as the Sport Fishing Capital of the World. This village of islands prides itself on fresh seafood, fine dining and plenty of marinas. Artisan villages are chock full of colourful arts, crafts and other island treasures. Even if you are not a fisherman, you will enjoy the Theater of the Sea, the Indian Key State Park and the tropical forest of Lignumvitae Key Botanical State Park or relax in the comfort of your hotel.

2 nights Islamorada

Day 9-10



Islamorada to Marathon

Just beyond Islamorada, you'll reach Marathon, a retreat for families and boating with its plentiful activities, accommodations and marinas. You'll feel like you're driving on water as you cruise over the world-famous Seven Mile Bridge. You can also take part in a dolphin encounter where the original 1963 "Flipper" movie was shot. A favourite visit is the Turtle Hospital which is dedicated to the health and rehabilitation of sea turtles.

2 nights Marathon

Days 11-13**Marathon to Key West**

The pace slows down as you enter Big Pine Key and the Lower Keys. You can see endangered Key deer as they feed and frolic in the Key Deer Wildlife Refuge, which is home to several hundred of the miniature deer. If you want to discover a gorgeous beach, visit Bahia Honda State Park, one of the nation's top beaches.

After leaving the Lower Keys, you'll reach Key West, the end of the road and the southernmost point in the continental USA. You will no longer need a car so we suggest you drop that off and use your feet, bicycles or the local trolleys. John Audubon and Ernest Hemingway both lived here. One had a passion for conservation, and the other, a great zest for living. Those contrasting personalities demonstrate Key West's unique character. There is so much to do and enjoy here that some people, such as Billy Connolly, never leave. Visit theatres, museums, galleries, sidewalk cafes, legendary bars not forgetting to enjoy the warm sunshine. Key West has an average of 249 sunny days a year, most of which are during our winter. The average temperature is a very comfortable 24 degrees.

3 nights Key West

Day 14**Key West to Miami**

Time for the holiday to end with a taxi ride to the airport for your flight home which will be either via Miami or Atlanta. If you wish, you can keep your car and drive back to Miami: it only takes three and a half hours.

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