

20 June 2024

Dear Travelers.

We are pleased to announce that we are offering our Key West tour for 2025, our perennial favorite in the winter.

Here is where we are with our group booking for the tour. I signed the contract last month with the following terms: We are guaranteed the rooms at our current rate until **December 10, 2024** or until they are sold out. We are staying at The Southernmost Hotel, with their own beach as well as multiple swimming pools, including a quiet pool for adults only. The Southernmost Resort is a clean, beautiful property with good reviews on TripAdvisor, a wonderful experience on our 4 tours that have stayed there and it is the only one that meets our high standards. In addition, they are following sanitation and cleaning rules over and above requirements. We feel comfortable staying there.

We also fly with Delta and they are not allowing group ticket blocks over this time. The pricing shown here is what they currently have for pricing. When you put down your \$1,800 deposit, it will be **non-refundable** and we will purchase the air on the spot for you and keep us all on the same flight. That deposit will include the **non-refundable deposit** from for hotel rooms.

If you are interested in signing up for this tour, we need to receive the deposit amount of \$1,800 from you to lock in your room and rate. This is a non-refundable deposit, so to guarantee your money, you do have the option to purchase trip cancellation/interruption insurance from us at time of deposit.

Note: We do have Cancel For Any Reason Policies available as of this date. Please contact Maggie and we can go over those options. You need to send in the insurance premium within 14 days of sending in your deposit to cover pre-existing conditions for any policy.

We hope you'll join us in Key West again this year, "close to perfect, far from normal!"

Yours in tours,





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Key West Escape

Head to blue skies and warm weather, plus an option to tour the Dry Tortugas & enjoy Sunset Dinner Cruise! Feb 23 - 27, 2025

Leave the grey Midwest sky and cold weather behind as we fly south for a Key West Escape!

Sunday, February 23 - In Key West by sunset!



We depart for Key West via Atlanta on Delta Airlines. (Time subject to change as Delta adjusts schedules). If all goes to plan, we change planes in Atlanta and arrive Key West before sunset. Upon arrival into the Key West airport, we meet our guide and trolley. Get acquainted with all the people and places as our guide shares stories and history as well as dining tips along our route around the island. We will stop at the Florida Keys Eco-Discovery Center and you will have a better understanding of the eco system and visit the Hemingway House. Note: If we have a later arrival flight, then we will offer tour tomorrow.

We then arrive at our home for the next four nights of luxury at **The Southernmost Beach Resort**, with the best location and reviews in Key West. Tonight, we dine at our hotel and enjoy a welcome dinner beachside that will be sure to leave you sleeping like a baby, listening to the

crashing waves outside your window. (B, D)

Monday - February 24 - Free Day or Dry Tortugas

Enjoy breakfast this morning before you head out to explore the island on your free day. (B)

Optional Tour to be purchased at time of deposit as they sell out: DT - Dry Tortugas

Today we explore Uncharted Territory at the Dry Tortugas National Park! We board the Yankee Freedom III Ferry and glide across the water to the Dry Tortugas National Park during a two-hour ferry crossing. Made up of seven small islands,

it is one of the world's most unusual eco attractions. Its crown jewel, the historic Fort Jefferson, was once used as a prison during the Civil War. Explore and learn the history with our guide and enjoy an array of activities. There's something for everyone! What to bring: During our voyage, you'll enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Marquesa Islands, Boca Grande. Here are some of our suggestions on what to bring to make your trip memorable: comfortable footwear, a hat, bathing suit, sunglasses, towels, change of dry clothes, sunscreen, camera, light jacket/sweatshirt, something to read. Includes round-trip transportation from hotel to dock and from dock to hotel. Note: If there is bad weather, they will typically let us switch to another day. That way if it is a no go today, we can hopefully book the next day. They do sell completely out about 45 days prior so book it with your to



day. They do sell completely out about 45 days prior so book it with your tour. \$295 per person includes round-trip transportation to the dock, your pre-reserved ticket, and gratuities to crew. (B, L)

Tuesday, February 25 - Free Day - Hop-On/Hop-Off Trolley

Enjoy breakfast this morning before you head out to explore the island on your free day. You can explore Key West via the **Old Town Trolley**, complete with the included hop-on, hop-off ticket with access good for the day. Each ticket is good from 9a – 6p. Attractions you might want to visit include the **Mel Fisher Museum**, home to treasures recovered from shipwrecks around Key West, the **U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Ingham Maritime Museum** and National Historic Landmark, the only cutter to receive two Presidential Unit citations. **(B)**

Wednesday, February 26- Key West at its best...Sunset Cruise



Enjoy breakfast this morning before you head out to explore the island on your free day. There are so many possibilities, from strolling around the downtown area of Key West to grabbing a photo at the **Southernmost Point of the Continental U.S. marker**, right next to our hotel with its fabulous location and amenities. You may want to enjoy the property itself with several swimming pools including a quiet pool for adults only. This evening we have a great treat in store – **a Sunset Cruise**. An incredible way to see the Famous Key West Sunset, plus enjoy free unlimited Well Mixed Drinks, Beer, Wine, & Soft Drinks. Enjoy a luxurious experience while relaxing and get ready for a delicious appetizer buffet! **(B,D)**

Thursday, February 27 – Farewell to Key West

This morning, after breakfast, enjoy your last day on Key West. If you haven't used your second day of hop-on, hop-off ticket, it will come in handy to get to the gift shop or to that restaurant you wanted to try. This afternoon we depart from the hotel for the airport, from which we fly home, warmed by the memory of the sun.

Thank you for traveling with us! (B)

Price includes:

- Round Trip Airfare on Delta Airlines
- Round Trip Transfers to and from hotel
- 4 nights deluxe hotel accommodations at the Southernmost Beach Resort Hotel in Key West!
- 6 meals, including Breakfast every morning at the hotel, and 2 dinners!
- Sunset Cruise, with included open bar beverages!
- Visit to newly renovated Florida Keys Eco-Discovery Center (if available)
- Private guided tour of Key West
- Visit to the Hemingway House
- Optional Tour to Dry Tortugas National Park for additional cost sign up immediately because they sell out!
- 1 Day Hop-on Hop-off trolley tour ticket of Key West, with access to museums and historic sites
- 2 Professional Tour Directors
- All gratuities including drivers and directors

Trip cancellation insurance available at an additional charge. Please see the brochure available from our office. Additional Insurance can be bought if you purchase optional tours later. Please note: Any notice of fuel surcharges imposed by carriers and/or attractions will be disclosed at least 30 days prior to tour departure.

\$3,175 per person, double occ

\$4,638 per person, single occ

\$2,637 per person, triple \$2,601 per person, quad occ

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\$ 3,079 pp, dbl occ

\$4,499 pp, sgl

\$2,558 pp, tpl \$2,523 pp, quad

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After December 10, rooms and airfare will be offered at live rate, if available.

Pricing if you book with our office. There will be an 9% fee (6% convenience fee and 3% for credit card) if booked via the website

Make your reservation with an \$1,800 non-refundable deposit per person plus Trip Cancellation and Interruption Insurance if desired. By purchasing Trip Cancellation and Interruption Insurance at time of deposit, you will be covered for all pre-existing conditions as well as protected if something should happen while on the tour. Please consult the Trip Cancellation and Interruption Insurance brochure for details.

<u>Balance of tour price is due December 10, 2024</u> and no refunds will be given after that time except via Trip Cancelation and Interruption Insurance.

Once this tour fills, a wait list will be formed. Please send a check or call with a credit card along with your name, address, phone number, all roommate's names if you are sharing a room and ANY and ALL dietary or walking restrictions. Also notify us of your Delta SkyMiles number and your Known Traveler Number if you purchased and received TSA Pre-Check or Global Entry clearance.

If you are unable to climb a flight of stairs to your room, you must let us know at time of sign up.

Partial and full ocean view rooms available. Call for pricing as it varies due to availability at time of booking. The earlier you book, the lower the rate.