

Key West, Florida, USA

America's southernmost city packs Hemingway bars, coral reef snorkeling, and a legendary nightly sunset celebration into a compact, walkable island — all steps from the ship.

Docked (3 piers)

Typical call: 7-9 hrs

USD

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MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Mallory Square Dock and Pier B; Navy Outer Mole use depends on the sailing's confirmed berth — check cruise-line documents

Best For: Reef snorkeling, Old Town bars and history, walking Duval Street

Walk to center: Steps from Mallory/Pier B; if assigned Navy Outer Mole, confirm authorized transfer arrangements with your cruise line

Don't Miss: Mallory Square Sunset Celebration (if ship departs late afternoon or evening)

Getting around: Taxi \$10-15 (metered) · Rideshare Uber, Lyft · Hop-on hop-off Old Town Trolley Tours

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Coral Reef Snorkeling** — The Florida Reef — the only living coral barrier reef in the continental U.S.
- Ernest Hemingway Home & Museum** — Tour the Spanish Colonial house where Hemingway lived and wrote classics like 'To Have and Have Not.' The roughly 60 polydactyl cats descended from...
- Conch Tour Train or Old Town Trolley** — The fastest way to get an overview — narrated 90-minute loop through all of Key West's major sites.
- Kayak & Eco-Tour in the Backcountry** — Paddle through the mangrove islands of the Great White Heron National Wildlife Refuge north of Key West — a flat-water escape from busy Old Town.
- Fort Zachary Taylor Beach** — The best beach accessible from the cruise port — clear water, good shade, and a historic Civil War fort.

BEST WALKS

- Old Town Heritage Walk** 2 miles · 1-1.5 hrs · Easy/flat — The classic loop from the port through Key West's historic core — past Mallory Square, down Duval Street, to the Southernmost Point, and back along Whitehead Street.
- Historic Seaport & Waterfront Stroll** 1 mile · 30-45 min · Easy — Head east along the waterfront from the cruise piers through the Historic Seaport — charter boats, seafood shacks, and the lively boardwalk area before the quieter...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		78°	75°	6d
Jun		83°	80°	16d
Aug		85°	82°	17d
Sep		84°	81°	19d
Oct		82°	79°	16d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 7:05AM–7:49PM · Jun 6:38AM–8:17PM · Aug 7:02AM–8:00PM · Sep 7:13AM–7:30PM · Oct 7:25AM–6:59PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Start early, beat the heat. Key West can be sweltering by midday in summer. Get out at 8-9 AM for the Hemingway House and beach; retreat to a bar around noon.
- Rent a bike or scooter. The whole island is flat and small — rentals are plentiful near all piers and let you cover more ground than walking.
- Get the key lime pie. Real Key lime pie is yellow, not green, and always tart. Kermit's Key West Key Lime Shoppe on Elizabeth Street is a local favorite.
- Mallory Square Sunset — check your departure time. The nightly Sunset Celebration draws huge crowds. If your ship departs after 7 PM in summer, don't miss it; if it departs at 5 PM, don't count on it.
- Confirm any Navy Mole assignment and transfers. Do not rely on an older free/frequent shuttle promise. If assigned there, ask the cruise line about authorized access, transfer cost and return time. Current Navy arrangements were not independently verified as of 3 October 2026.
- Hydrate and use sunscreen.

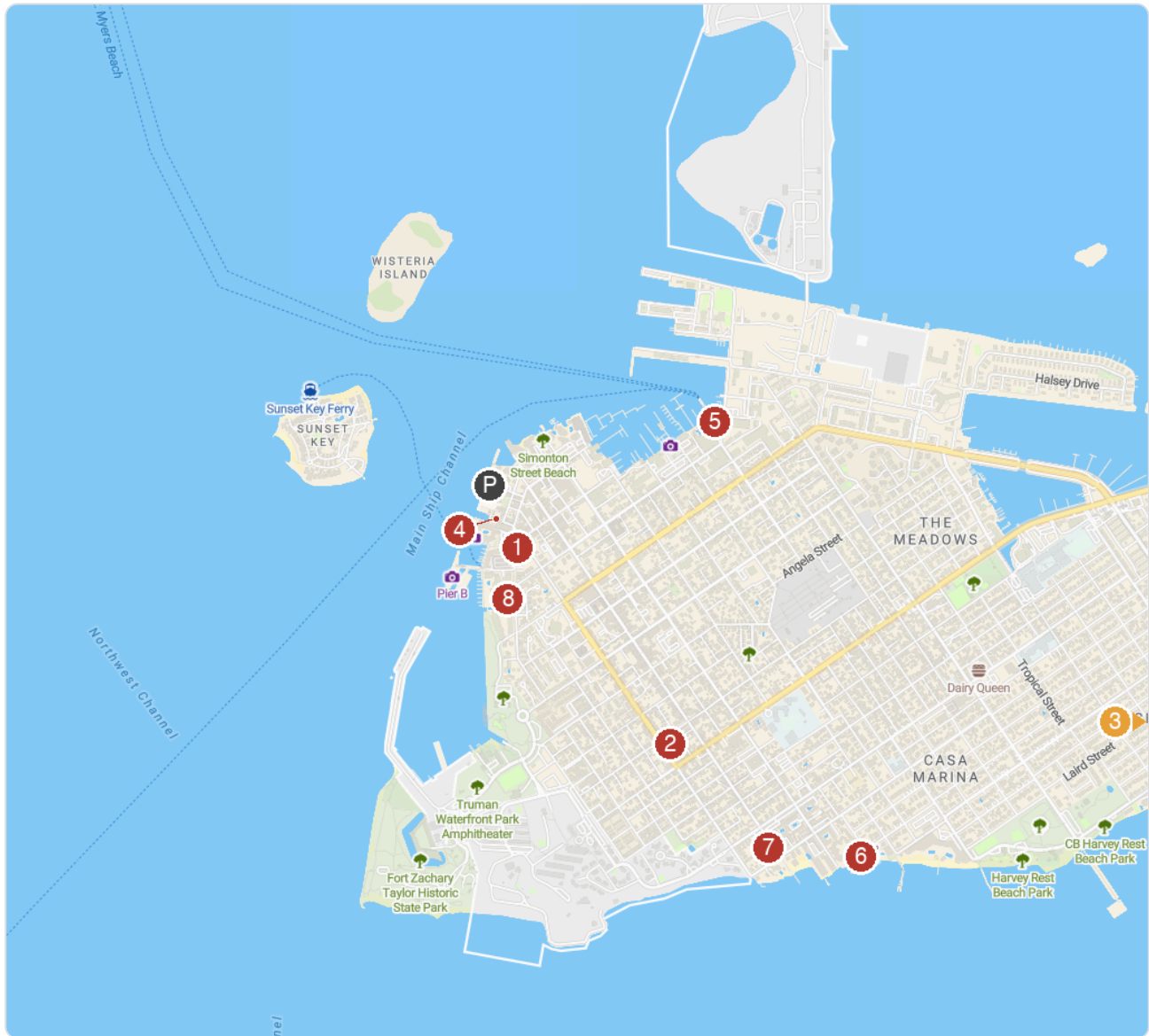
ESSENTIAL TRAVEL QUALIFICATIONS

- Confirm assigned berth and Navy Mole shore-access/transfer arrangements with cruise line. Duval Loop current operation unconfirmed; not a free-service promise. Confirm current port-origin taxi fare, not an airport tariff assumption.

Key West, Florida, USA — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Mel Fisher Maritime Museum | Museum displaying shipwreck treasures, including gold and artifacts. | 2 The Hemingway Home and Museum | Ernest Hemingway's historic home, now a museum with polydactyl cats. |
| 3 Smathers Beach | Key West's largest public beach for swimming and sunbathing. | 4 Key West Aquarium | Aquarium showcasing local Key West marine life and sea creatures. |
| 5 Yankee Freedom Dry Tortugas Ferry | Ferry to remote Dry Tortugas National Park for history and snorkeling. | 6 Barefoot Billy's Watersports - The Reach Resort | Rent jet skis, kayaks, and enjoy watersports activities here. |
| 7 The Key West Butterfly and Nature Conservatory | Tropical conservatory filled with hundreds of free-flying butterflies and birds. | 8 Truman Little White House | President Truman's historic winter White House, now a museum. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |