

Key West & The Sunshine State



2010 8 days ~ 7 nights

Featuring this wonderful itinerary

Day 1-Home City ~ Orlando: Today we leave the Midwest and fly to the Sunshine State for a delightful week of sun and fun. Fly aboard Allegiant Airlines direct from Youngstown to Orlando. Upon arrival transfer to our Orlando area hotel for the first night.

Day 2-Orlando ~ Sarasota ~ The John & Mable Ringling Museum ~ Naples: Following breakfast we board our private motorcoach and travel to the west coast of Florida. By late morning we arrive in Sarasota and visit the Ringling Museum which features the impressive Ringling estate and Circus Museum. Later this afternoon we continue south into the Naples area for a group dinner and overnight.

Day 3-Everglades National Park Boat Tour ~ The Keys ~ Key West : This morning we embark on an exciting airboat ride through Everglades National Park. Wildlife sightings include alligators, manatees, dolphins, ospreys and bald eagles. Later today we leave the mainland and travel the Road That Went to the Sea, which ends in Key West. By early afternoon we arrive in the southernmost city in the continental United States, Key West. Blessed with a delightful subtropical climate, Key West is known for its rocky shores, sandy beaches and weathered homes reminiscent of a coastal New England town. Enjoy the next three nights in Key West. Gather this evening for dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 4-Key West ~ Conch Train Tour ~ Hemingway Home ~ Glass-Bottom Boat Cruise: The morning we embark on a guided Conch Train Tour which features Old Town, Mallory Square, Ernest Hemingway Home, Duval Street, Southernmost Point and the waterfront. Following a lunch break we depart on a scenic glass-bottom boat cruise out to nearby living coral reefs. Twenty windows set at an angle in the hull of an 80-foot vessel provide a panoramic view of the reef and its colorful and exotic sea life.

Day 5-Key West at Leisure: Today is yours to enjoy in Key West. Stroll through the shops, boutiques and museums of Old Town. Key West offers a wide selection of optional attractions including a lighthouse and maritime museum, butterfly and nature conservatory, shipwreck historeum and aquarium. Along Duval Street, imaginative cafes and open-air restaurants serve Caribbean cuisine ranging from gourmet specialties to ethnic snacks. Every night more than two dozen street vendors and performers vie for the attention of spectators gathered at Mallory Square Dock in Old Town. Be sure to take advantage of Key West's most popular natural attraction, its sunsets.

Day 6-Key West ~ Miami-Miami Beach Sights: Today we leave Key West and travel back to the mainland. Along the way we pass over Key Largo, Marathon and Big Pine Key. Later this afternoon we arrive in the thriving colorful city of Miami-Miami Beach which offers Mediterranean architecture and a contemporary skyline blended with Art Deco styling. Our home for the next two nights will be in the Miami Beach area. Enjoy dinner this evening at a local restaurant.

Day 7-Miami-Miami Beach Sights ~ Miami Beach at Leisure: This morning we embark on a delightful city tour. Drive along the South Beach area which features pastel-painted hotels of flamingo pink, lime green and Caribbean blue. Stop in Little Havana which features open-air markets, shops, music and restaurants and a plaza, all of which reflect the Cuban culture. Later this afternoon we return to our hotel and enjoy the balance of the day at leisure. Miami Beach is known worldwide for its sunny days, sandy beaches and lovely palm trees.

Day 8- Miami Beach~ Journey Home: Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the hotel before transferring back to Orlando for our return flight home.

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