

Escape from New York

Because even the most loyal New Yorker needs to flee the greatest city on earth sometimes.

Key West, FL



Fury Water Adventure's Dolphin Watch Eco Tour

Play along

At the free **Tennessee Williams in Key West Exhibit**, learn about the playwright's 40 years on the island. (He reportedly finished *A Streetcar Named Desire* here.) View his personal photographs, original posters for local productions of his plays, books of poetry, playbills and his typewriter.

→ 513 Truman Ave (305-842-1666, twkw.org)

Take to the sea

Spot bottlenose dolphins on a catamaran and snorkel in the Key West National Wildlife Refuge on **Fury Water Adventures' Dolphin Watch Eco Tour** (617 Front St; furycat.com, \$55). Play with the dolphins in shallow water, and try to spot creatures like stingrays and sea sponges below. Oenophiles can book the **Danger Charters' Wind & Wine Sunset Sail** (255 Front St; dangercharters.com, \$85) to taste an array of fine wines and beers at dusk.

Heed the call of the conch

The flag of the Conch Republic that you see flying in Key West symbolizes an actual state, unlike Margaritaville. The island was originally a mixture of Bahamian, Cuban, West Indian and American cultures and had its own Floribbean food. **Mangoes Island Cuisine** focuses on authentic local dishes. Order the conch sampler and dig into Bahamian conch salad, fritters and chowder.

→ 700 Duval St (305-292-8002, mangoeskeywest.com)

Make friends with fins

Since 1986, **The Turtle Hospital** has treated

INSIDER SECRETS

Locals give it to you straight.



"Drink like a local. Go to the Green Parrot Bar for a mojito."
—Stephania

"The sunset party in Mallory Square has jugglers, psychics and musicians."
—Sara

"Hogfish Bar & Grill has the best smoked-fish dip and hogfish sandwich."
—Bobby

"Turtle Kraals has the best frozen margarita in town."
—John

Hot Tin Roof



injured sea turtles and, when possible, returned them to the wild. Educational group tours introduce visitors to the resident loggerheads, leatherback and hawksbill turtles. View a live operation on one from behind the glass, and witness a turtle being released back to sea.

→ 2396 Overseas Hwy, Marathon, FL (305-743-2552, turtlehospital.org). Donation \$22.

Feel fancy

At Latin bistro **Hot Tin Roof**, romantic banquettes in the dining room and alfresco tables on the veranda boast stunning ocean views. Order the lobster-and-truffle kale salad and sip on a Hot Tin Tini, made with golden-pineapple-infused vodka.

→ 0 Duval St (305-296-7701, oceankey.com)

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FUN FACT

Judy Blume cofounded a bookstore in Key West called **Books and Books (33 Eaton Street; booksandbookskeywest.com)**.

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