

# Florida

**Population:** 22,0 million (2020)

**Cities:** Miami (5,5mil), Tampa-St.Petersburg (2,5mil), Orlando (1,5 mil), Jacksonville (1,1mil)

Florida is known as “The Sunshine State” and when most people think of Florida, they think of sunshine, theme parks, orange juice and alligators. But this former Spanish colony, which became the 27th state to enter the Union, is much more than that. Bordered by the Atlantic Ocean on one side and the Gulf of Mexico on the other, it has mile upon mile of white sand beaches. This is the US state where you’ll find Miami and its immediate neighbor Miami Beach – both famous for their Art Deco architecture, Cuban culture, and beaches, of course.

Florida is heavily focused on the tourist trade. The beaches are one of the most popular tourist attractions in Florida, along with some of the world’s best known theme parks, including Disney World, Universal Studios, and SeaWorld. However some of the state’s best secrets are in secluded locations away from tourist areas and well worth seeing. Regardless of preference Florida has something to offer for any kind of traveler.

## [Directions](#)

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The screenshot displays a Google Maps interface with a route from Key West to Miami, Florida. The route is highlighted in blue and takes 15 hours and 4 minutes, covering 1,374 km. The map shows major cities like Orlando, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Fort Myers, Naples, Fort Lauderdale, and Miami. The interface includes a menu on the left with destination options and route options.

**Menu**

- Miami, Florida, USA
- Everglades, Florida, USA
- Key West, Florida 33040, USA
- Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA
- Cape Canaveral, Florida 32920, USA
- Orlando, Florida, USA
- Miami, Florida, USA
- + Add destination

**Route options** CLOSE

**Avoid**

- Highways
- Tolls
- Ferries

**Distance units**

- Automatic
- miles
- km

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**via FL-836 W and US-41 W** 15 h 4 min  
15 h 4 min without traffic 1,374 km  
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⚠ This route has restricted usage or private roads.  
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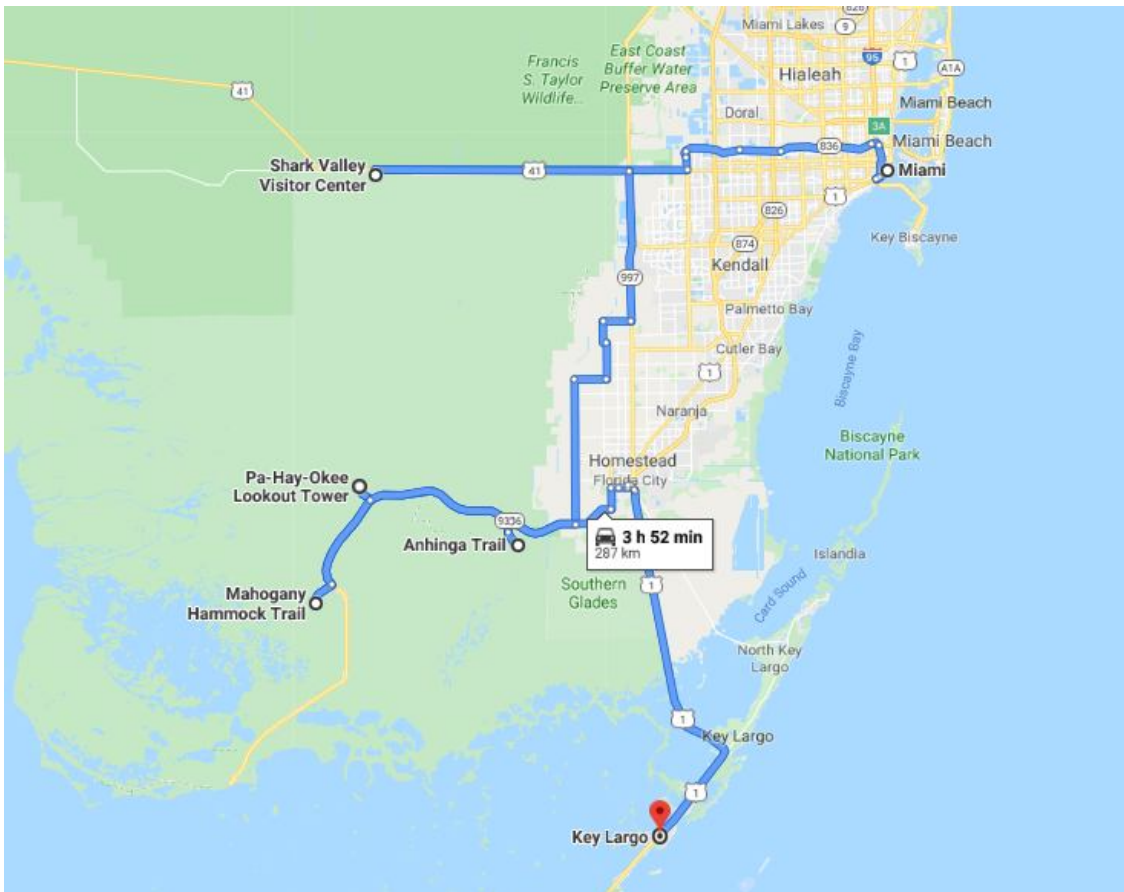
# Itinerary

## DAY 1

Total 290km & 4h drive

[Directions](#)

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09:30 – 17:15

## Everglades National Park

Everglades National Park, just a short drive from Miami, is one of the world's largest tropical wetlands. Everglades was the first national park preserved primarily for its abundance and variety of life, rather than for scenic or historic values.

Park protects one of Florida's most unique natural features. These swamplands, covering about 1.5 million acres, are home to alligators, crocodiles, snakes, manatees, Florida panthers, deer, turtles, egrets, manatees, river otters and all kinds of birds. This whole area is essentially a shallow river flowing from Lake Okeechobee out to the ocean. The area is a biological marvel boasting numerous

different eco-systems, as well as flora and fauna. From freshwater sloughs to pinelands and cypress trees to mangroves, the mostly swampy Everglades is vital to the area's survival.

Within the park is an informative Visitors Center, as well as walking trails and boardwalks for wildlife viewing.

**Entrance Fee:**

Vehicle: \$30 (Valid for 7 consecutive days)  
\$80 (Valid for 1 year to all U.S. National Parks)

**Opening Times:**

Park: 24 hours

Visitor centers: Mid December – Mid April: 8am - 5pm.

Mid April – Mid December: 9am - 5pm.

**Website:**

<https://www.nps.gov/ever/index.htm>

**Picture:**



**8:30 – leave Miami**

45min, 65km

[Directions from Miami to Shark Valley](#)

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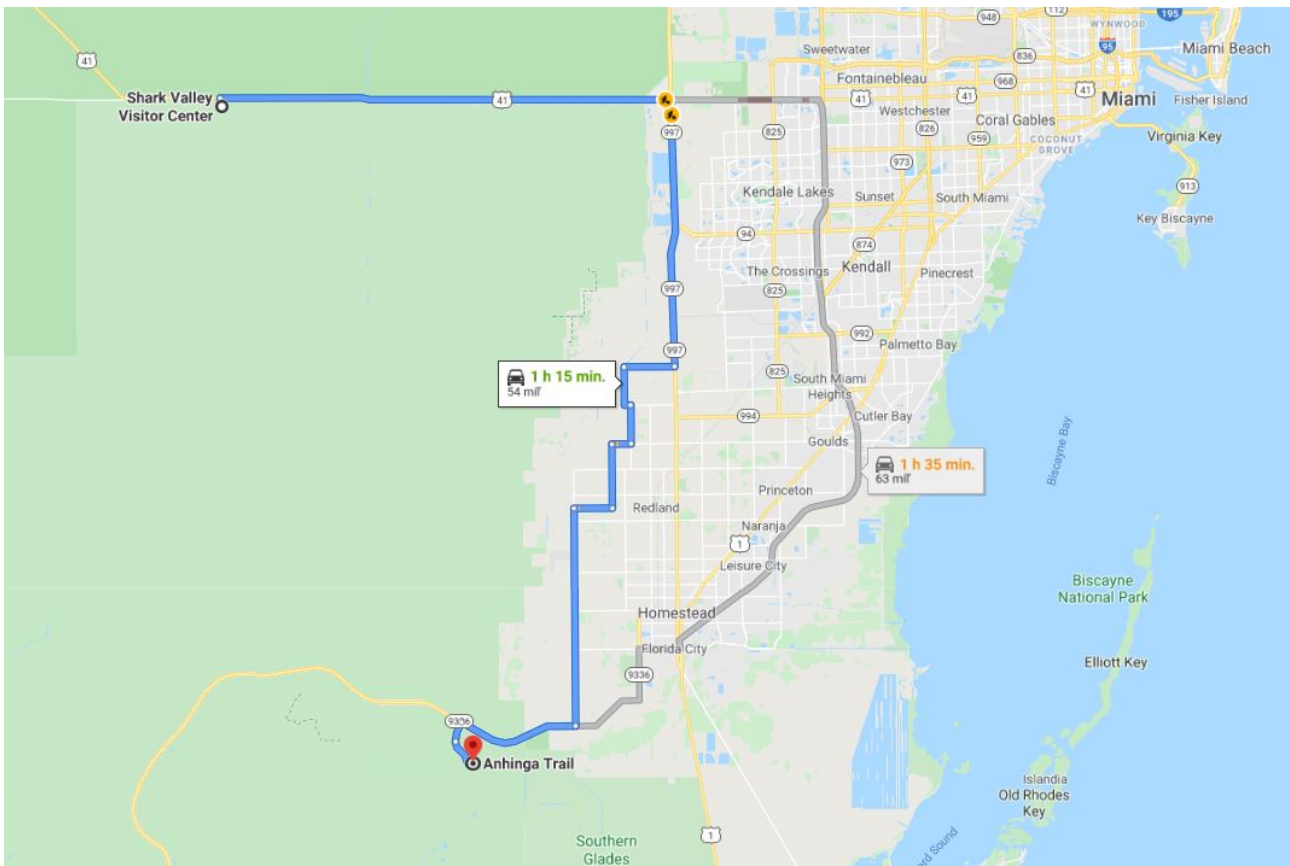
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1h 15min, 85km, drive

[Directions](#)

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14:00 – 15:10

## Anhinga Trail & Gumbo Limbo Trail

Take a short hike!

One of the most popular walking trails in the park is the Anhinga Trail, which leaves from the Royal Palm Visitor Center. This trail is less than a mile long but leads through terrain where visitors are likely to see alligators and other animals. The water makes this a haven for wildlife. Cormorants hang out along the stone wall; alligators sun on the grass.

Gumbo Limbo Trail is a paved path that gets you up close and personal with a tropical hammock. This was once called Paradise Key, owned by Henry Flagler, and became a state park in the 1940s prior to the creation of Everglades National Park. Although the Gumbo Limbo Trail is a short walk, it has some interesting highlights, including deep solution holes.

### Website:

Anhinga Trail:

<https://www.nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/anhinga-trail.htm>

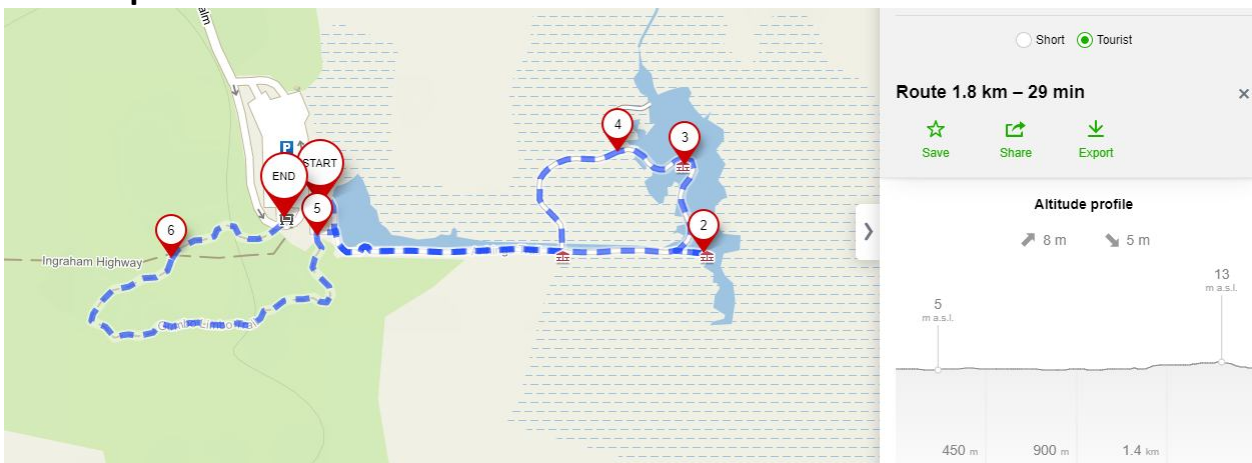
<https://floridahikes.com/anhingatrail>

Gumbo Limbo trail:

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### Trail map:



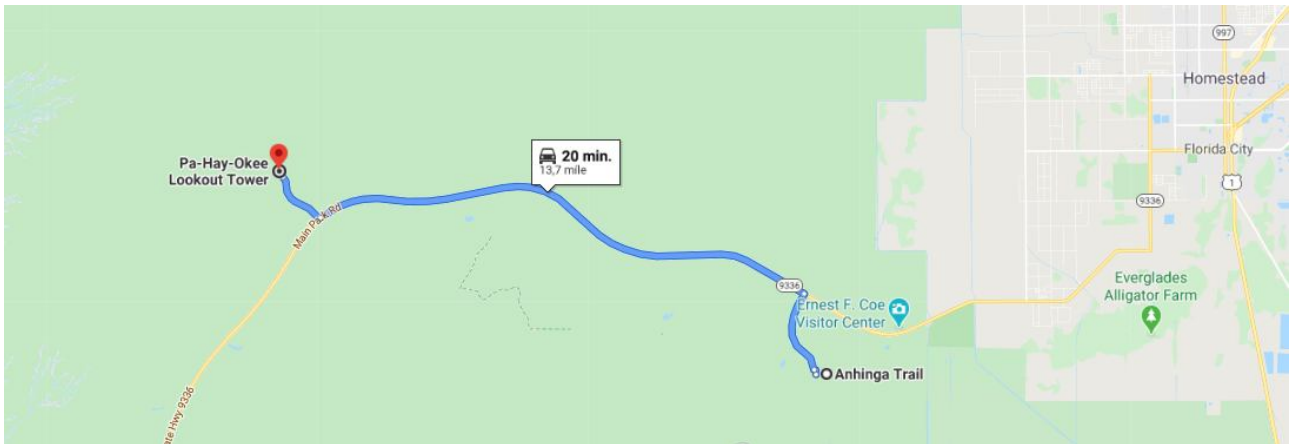
**Picture:**



20min, 22km, drive

[Directions](#)

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**15:30 – 16:15**

## **Pa-Hay-Okee Trail & Lookout**

This is a great little trail that has a boardwalk above the marshlands and scenic views. Easy to see pupfish and many local birds. Like many of the tourist trails in the National Park there are signs with lots of information.

The main draw of the Pa-hay-o-kee Trail is a covered overlook at the halfway point where you can view a sawgrass prairie.

**Website:**

<https://www.nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/pahayo-look.htm>

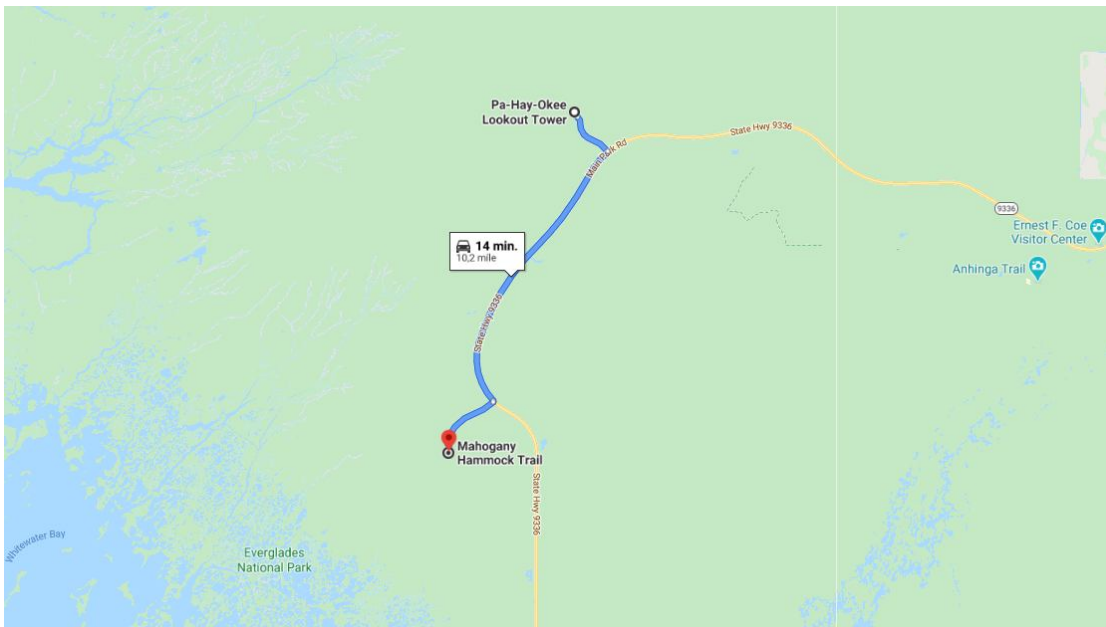
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15min, 16km, drive

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16:30 – 17:15

## Mahogany Hammock Trail

This self-guiding boardwalk trail meanders through a dense, jungle-like hardwood "hammock." Lush vegetation includes gumbo-limbo trees, air plants, and the largest living mahogany tree in the United States.

Although the hurricanes of 2005 tore the roof off the forest and sent a jumbled wreck of fallen trees and root balls across the forest floor, this hammock still feels like a jungle. Since it's a boardwalk loop, there's no risk of getting lost, so enjoy the immersion and watch closely for wildlife.



**Website:**

<https://www.nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/mahogany-hammock-trail.htm>

<https://floridahikes.com/mahogany-hammock>

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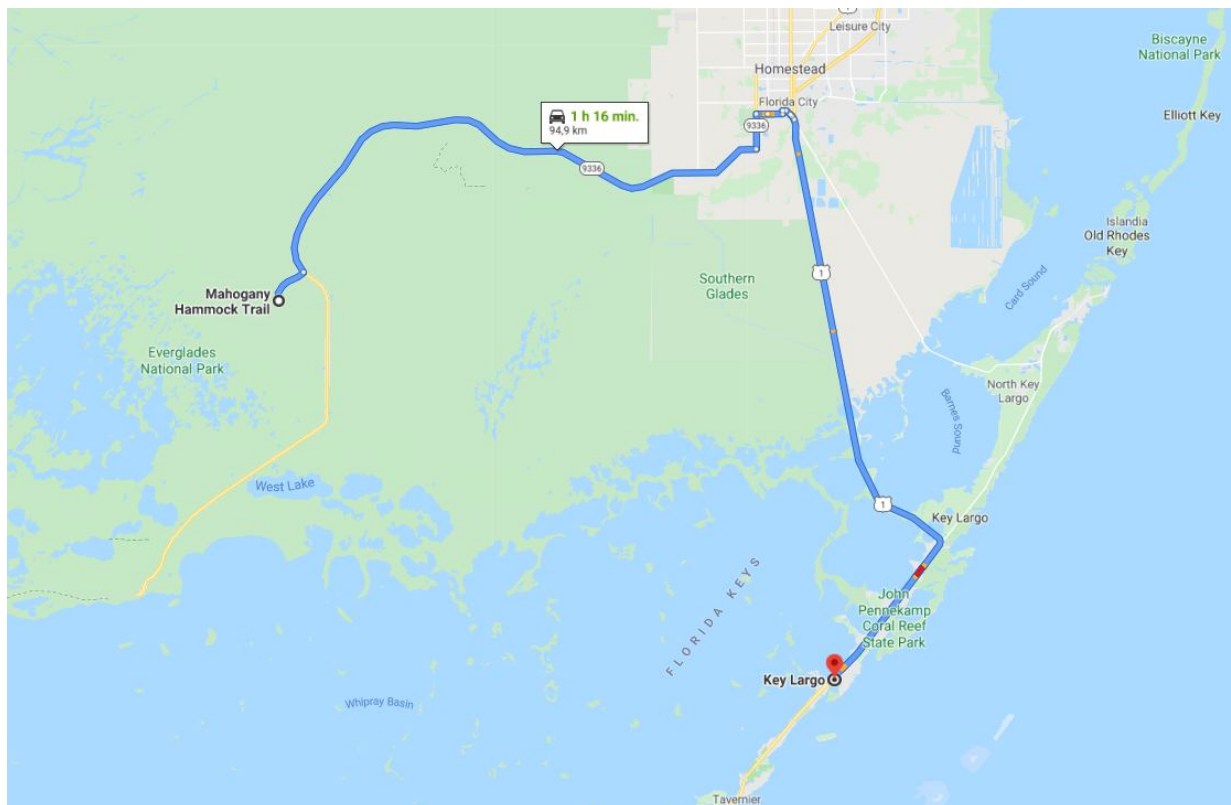


**18:00 – Key Largo**

1h 15min, 95km, drive

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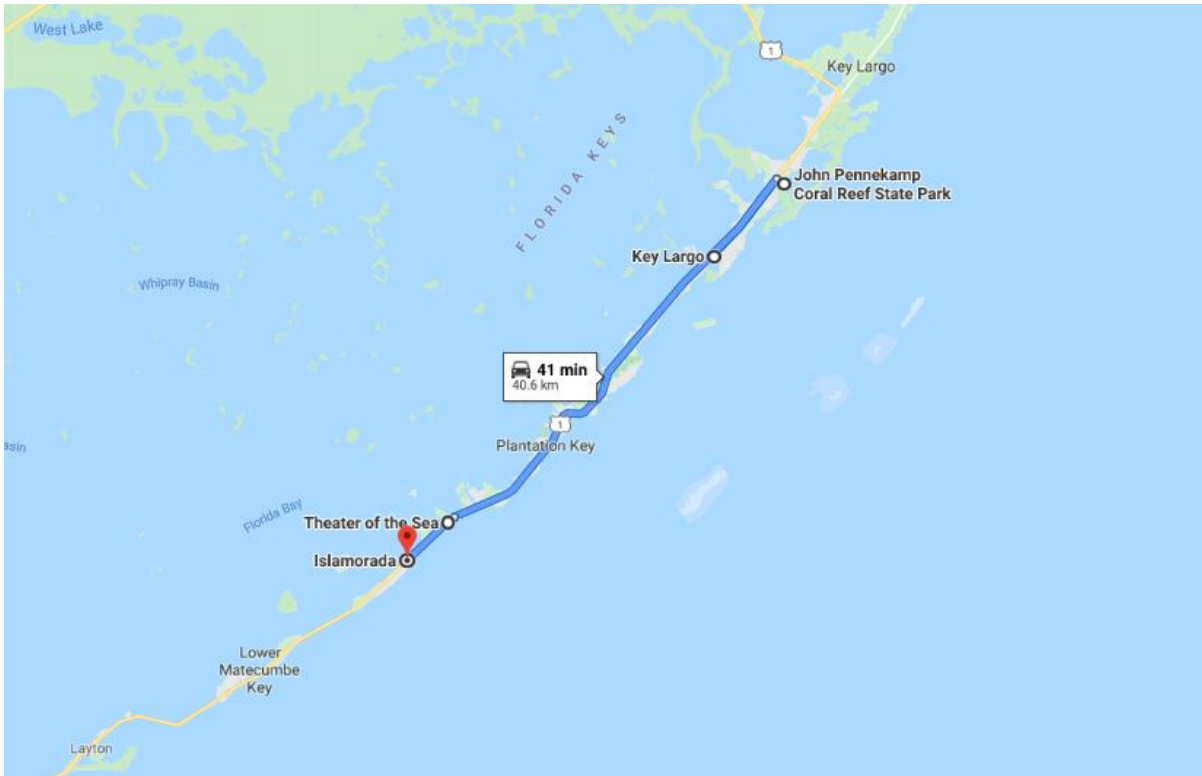


## DAY 2

Total 40km & 45min drive

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09:30 – 12:00

### John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park

Covering 75 square miles of the Atlantic Ocean, John Pennekamp State Park is a national treasure offering some of the best Florida Keys diving. Here the rich underwater life and a number of wrecks attract many snorkelers and scuba divers. You can enjoy breathtaking views of a wide variety of fish, crustaceans, and other sea creatures from a number of vantage points. Canoeing and kayaking through the park's waters are popular activities. The park has also a small swimming area with a shell-covered beach. There are picnic areas and an information center with displays on the habitats and marine life. A variety of tours are available, including glass-bottom boat tours for a close-up look at the world beneath the ocean surface.

**Website:**

<http://www.pennekamppark.com/>

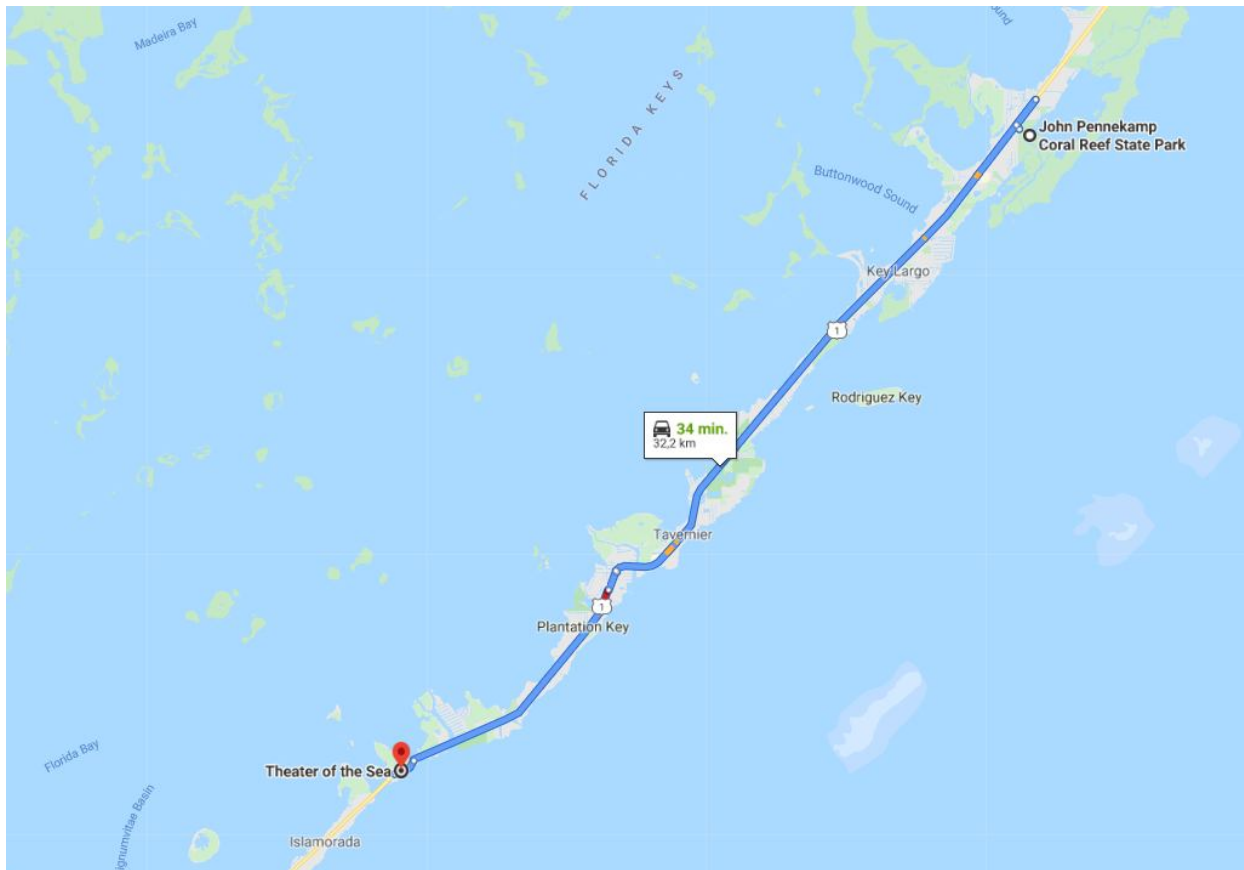
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35min, 35km, drive

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12:30 – 17:00

## Theater of the Sea, Islamorada

Theater of the Sea is a marine mammal park established in 1946. This attraction is filled with interactive exhibits, from swimming with dolphins to meeting sea turtles. The Sea Turtle Experience allows visitors to interact with these magnificent creatures in a responsible way. Although the dolphin and sea turtle experiences may seem a bit pricey, they come with admission to the Theater of the Sea's other programs like the Dolphin, Sea Lion, and Parrot Shows; Fish and Reptile Tours; Bottomless Boat Rides; and the Nature Tour and Lagoon-side Beach. It's well worth the cost.

### Shows:

#### 1:30pm – Sea Lion Show

A 30-minute entertaining and educational presentation that displays the charming personalities, silly antics, and unique abilities of California sea lions.

#### 2:30pm – Fish and Reptile Tour

A 30-minute walking tour focusing on the education and conservation of sea turtles, sharks, rays, crocodilians, raptors, fishes and invertebrates. This tour also includes feeding and training demonstrations.

#### 3:00pm – Parrot Show

A 30-minute educational and entertaining presentation featuring the crazy, charismatic, and unique personalities of multiple parrot species.

#### 3:30pm – Dolphin Show

A 30-minute entertaining and educational presentation that displays the intelligence, athleticism, and vocal abilities of Atlantic bottlenose dolphins and includes a dynamic in-water trainer performance.

#### 4:30pm – Bottomless Boat Ride

A brief tour of the main lagoon aboard an open-center boat while accompanied by the dolphins. This tour provides historical information about the park and provides photo and viewing opportunities of native wildlife.

### Entrance Fee:

Adults (11 and more): \$39.95

Seniors: \$35.96

### Opening Times:

9:15am – 5pm

### Website:

<https://theaterofthesea.com/>

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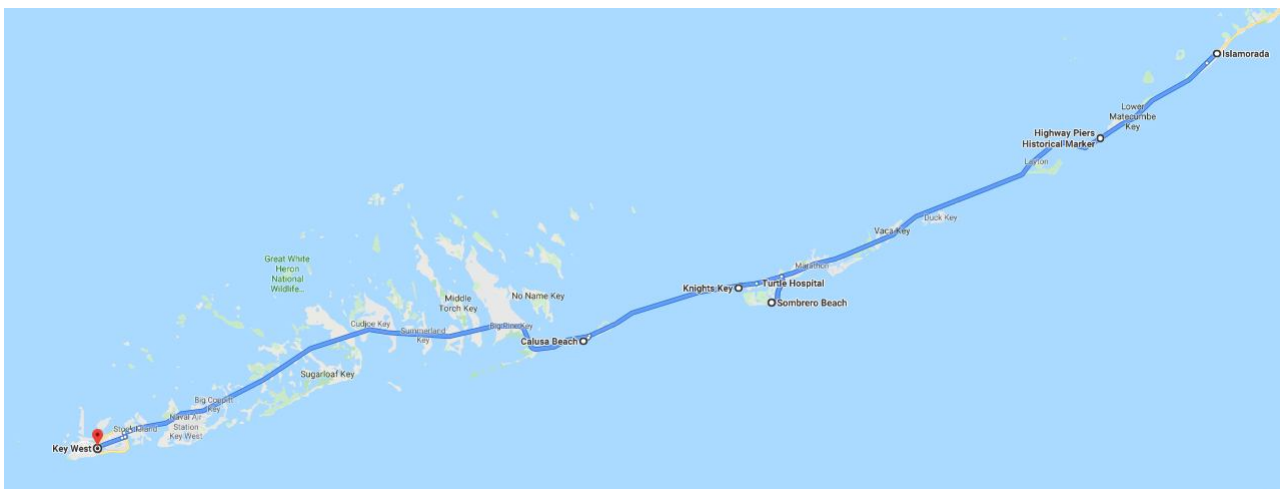


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**DAY 3**  
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Total 140km & 2h drive

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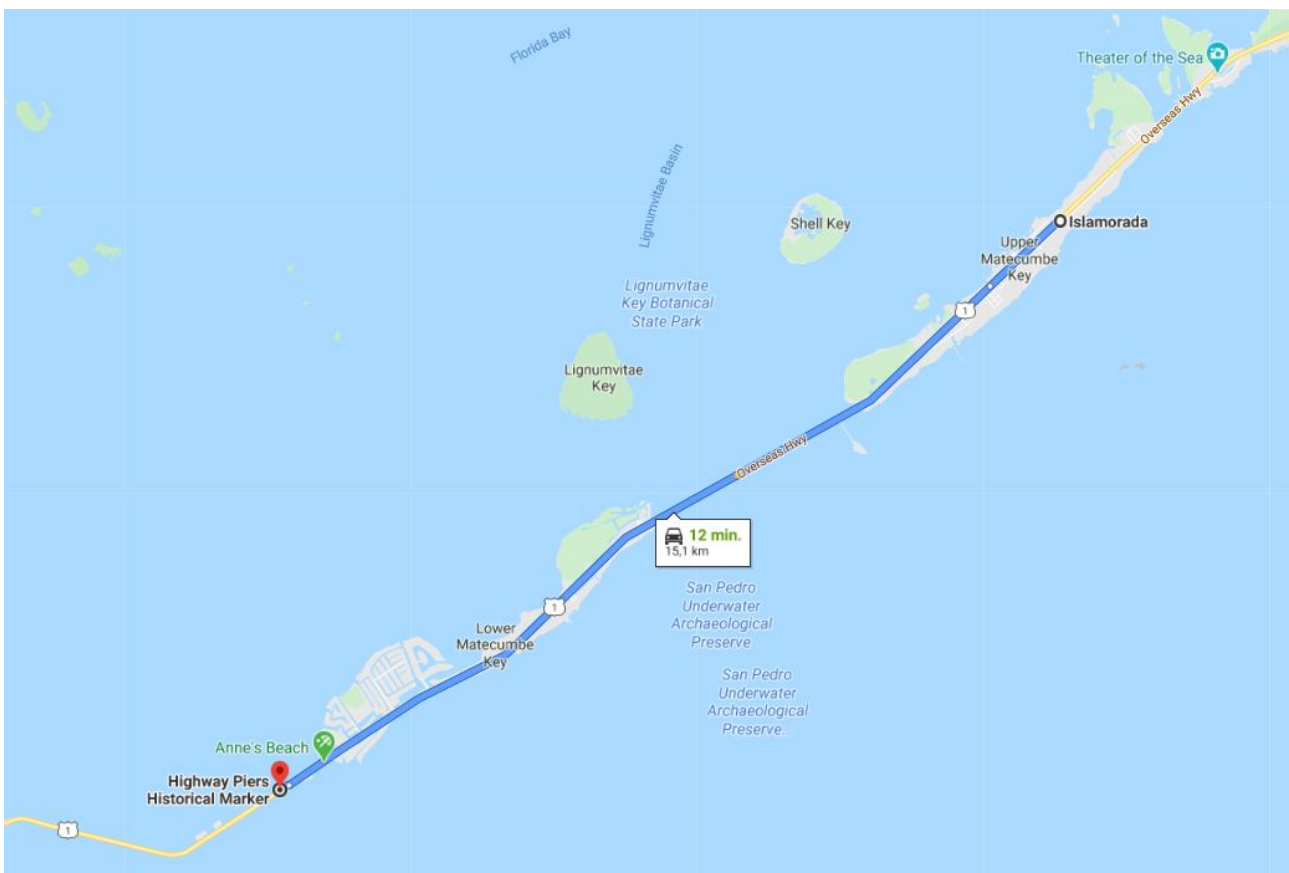
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**Directions from Islamorada:**

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15min, 15km, drive



10:00 – 10:45

**Highways Pier Historical Marker**

Make a short stop at Historical marker and walk on the bridge above the sea.

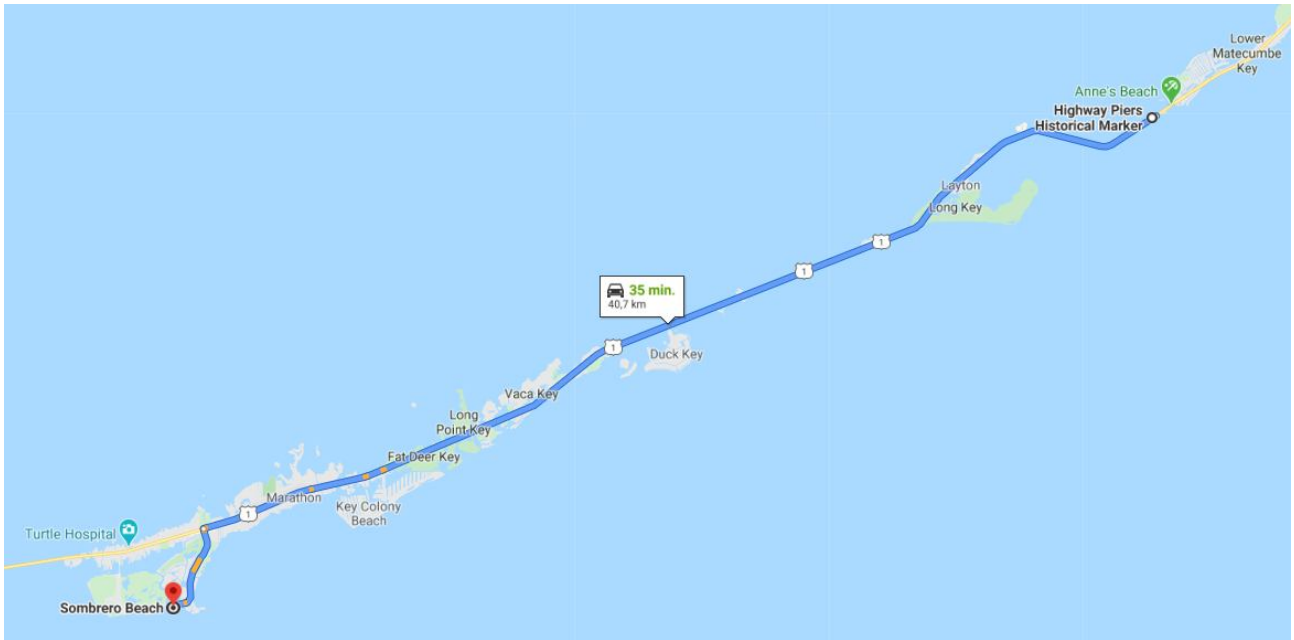
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30min, 40km, drive

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11:15 – 13:20

## Sombrero Beach

One of the best-kept beach secrets in the Florida Keys, Sombrero Beach on Marathon Key is a cozy backyard playground for islanders.

The Keys is most acclaimed for its bars, sunsets and sea adventures, so mangrove-free Sombrero Beach is a lucky find. With its soft sand and turquoise waters, the Middle Keys gem serves locals and in-the-know visitors. Turn off U.S. 1 toward the Atlantic Ocean side at Mile Marker 50 and wind along Sombrero Beach Road past homes on stilts and Marathon High School to find the serene, manmade retreat favored by young families, Miami women on girls-only getaways, and savvy travelers.

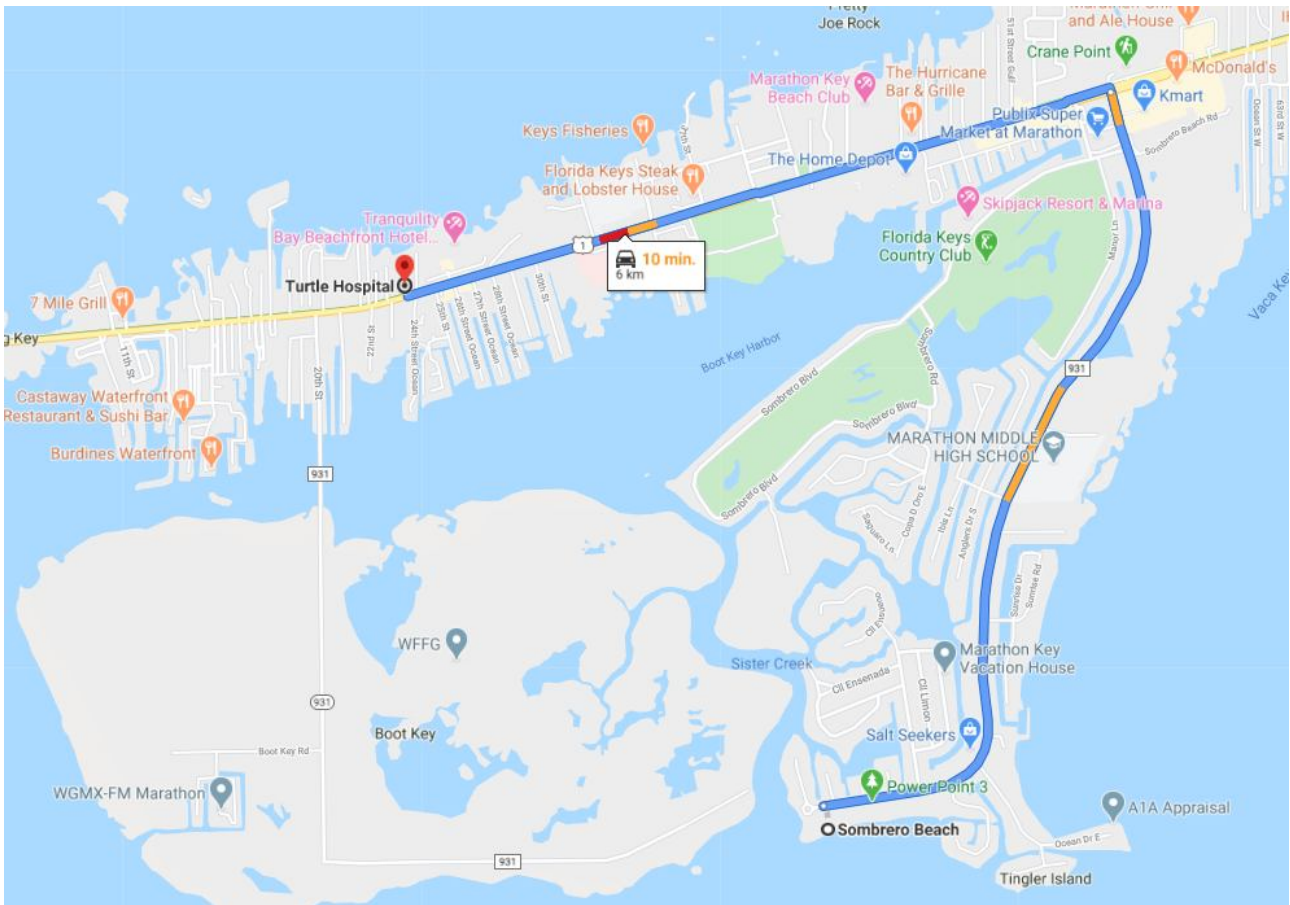
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10min, 6km, drive

Directions

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13:30 – 15:00

## Turtle Hospital

Visitors to the Turtle Hospital in Marathon get the unique opportunity to learn about the process of rehabilitating injured sea turtles at one of the state's top rescue facilities. The Education center is open daily, and there are 90-minute guided tours available hourly that allow you to see the sea turtle rehabilitation tanks, the hospital area, and even feed the permanent residents who cannot be released back into the wild.

The Turtle Hospital opened its doors 1986 with four main goals: 1) rehab injured sea turtles and return them to their natural habitat, 2) educate the public through outreach programs and visit local schools, 3) conduct and assist with research aiding to sea turtles (in conjunction with state universities), and 4) work toward environmental legislation making the beaches and water safe and clean for sea turtles.

The Turtle Hospital has successfully treated and released over 1500 Sea Turtles since its founding in 1986. The turtles are released in a variety of ways and at different locations depending on species. Greens are taken to a spot 20 miles north of Marathon in the Florida Bay. Loggerheads are usually released at a local beach or launched off a boat into the gulf or ocean. Kemp's Ridleys are taken 70 miles west of Key West out to the coral reefs of the Dry Tortugas. Public releases will be announced in the blog and on our social media pages.

**Entrance Fee:**

Adults: \$27

**Opening Times:**

8:30am – 6pm

**Address:**

2396 Overseas Highway, Marathon, Florida

**Website:**

<https://www.turtlehospital.org/>

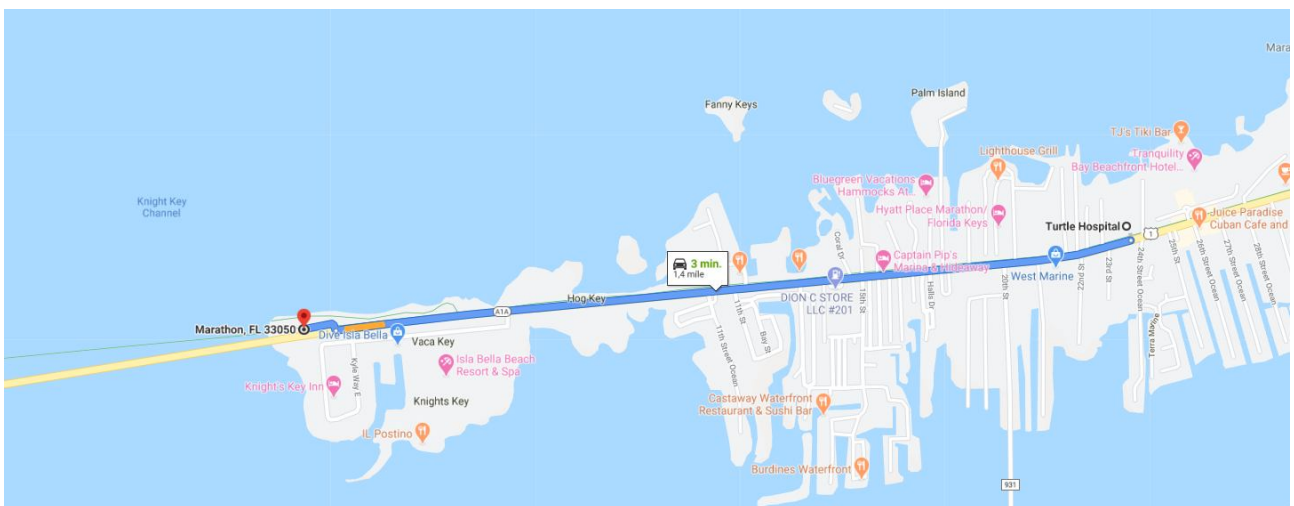
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3min, 2km, drive

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15:00 – 16:00

## 7 Miles Bridge & Overseas Heritage Trail, Knights Key

The Florida Keys are absolutely spectacular. With the sparkling waters, soft sand, and warm sun there's really just one problem: they're a little hard to get to, or at least, they used to be. The history of transportation construction is really the history of figuring out how to get stuff to places that are hard to reach, and the Florida Keys presented a constant challenge. Today, the legacy of this long story is embodied in the Seven Mile Bridge, a part of the 110-mile long Ocean Highway that connects the remote Keys to the mainland. Finished in 1982, the longest bridge in the Florida Keys is wide enough to give a motorist room to pull over to change a flat tire and steal many glances at the perfectly green water.

As you drive over the modern bridge now you can see the old bridge nearby. Completed in 1912, the old structure, initially a railroad bridge, was known as the “Eighth Wonder of the World” because even attempting to build something so ambitious over miles of open water and a soft bottom in a harsh tropical climate seemed a bit nutty.

Today the Old Seven Mile Bridge (the original Knights Key Bridge) to Pigeon Key is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It has served as a world-famous fishing pier, jogging, and walking route, and of course the major path to Pigeon Key.

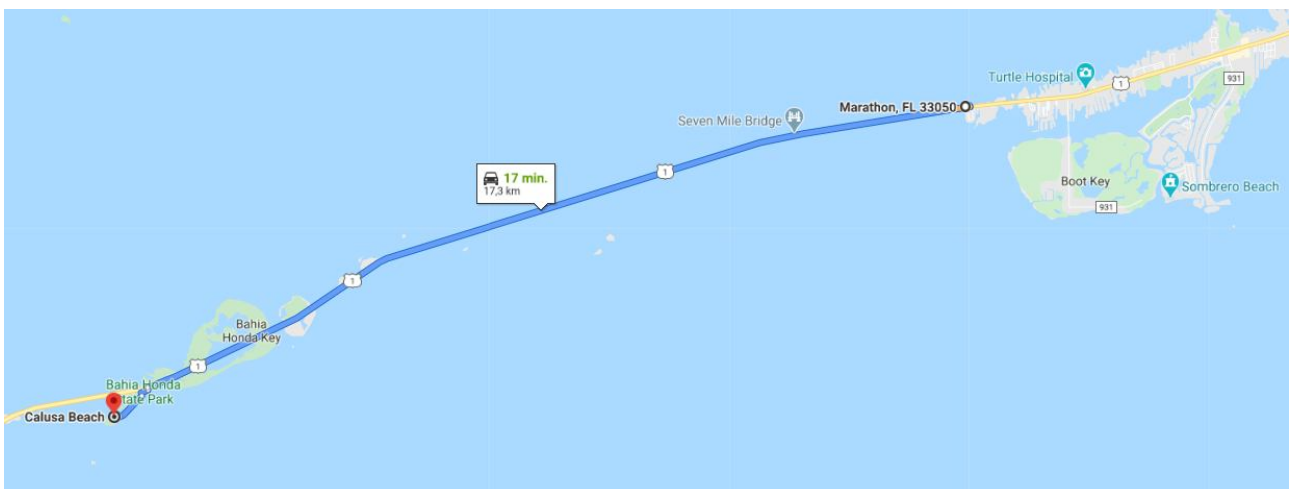
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15min, 17km, drive

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16:15 – 18:00

## Calusa Beach & Bahia Honda Rail Bridge

Bahia Honda State Park beaches are all natural, so arguably the best in the Florida Keys. Calusa beach has placid waters ideal for swimming, snorkeling, and kayaking. Beyond the white sand bars snaking out into the blue waters, an impressive visual at this beach is the historic Bahia Honda Bridge that seems to pop out of a collection of palm trees and stretch out to sea. Because of the incredibly calm waters, and ample picnic tables, this is a great choice.

There are a few concessions at the beach – a souvenir shop, refreshments, and picnic shelters. You will also find a small marina and a nature center.

A favorite photograph is one which takes in the beach with the old and new bridges.

The Bahia Honda Rail Bridge is an abandoned bridge in the lower Florida Keys connecting Bahia Honda Key with Spanish Harbor Key. The bridge was originally built between 1905 and 1912 by billionaire Henry Flagler, who was a partner in Standard Oil with John D. Rockefeller, as part of the Overseas Railroad. It was intended to carry a single track of the Florida East Coast Railway across the Big Spanish Channel from Bahia Honda Key to Spanish Harbor Key. Due to the channel's depth, being 24-feet at its deepest point, the Bahia Honda Bridge was built with a steel truss construction as apposed to a concrete arch form that was predominate throughout the Overseas Railway.

### Picture:



## Old Bahia Honda Bridge Picture:



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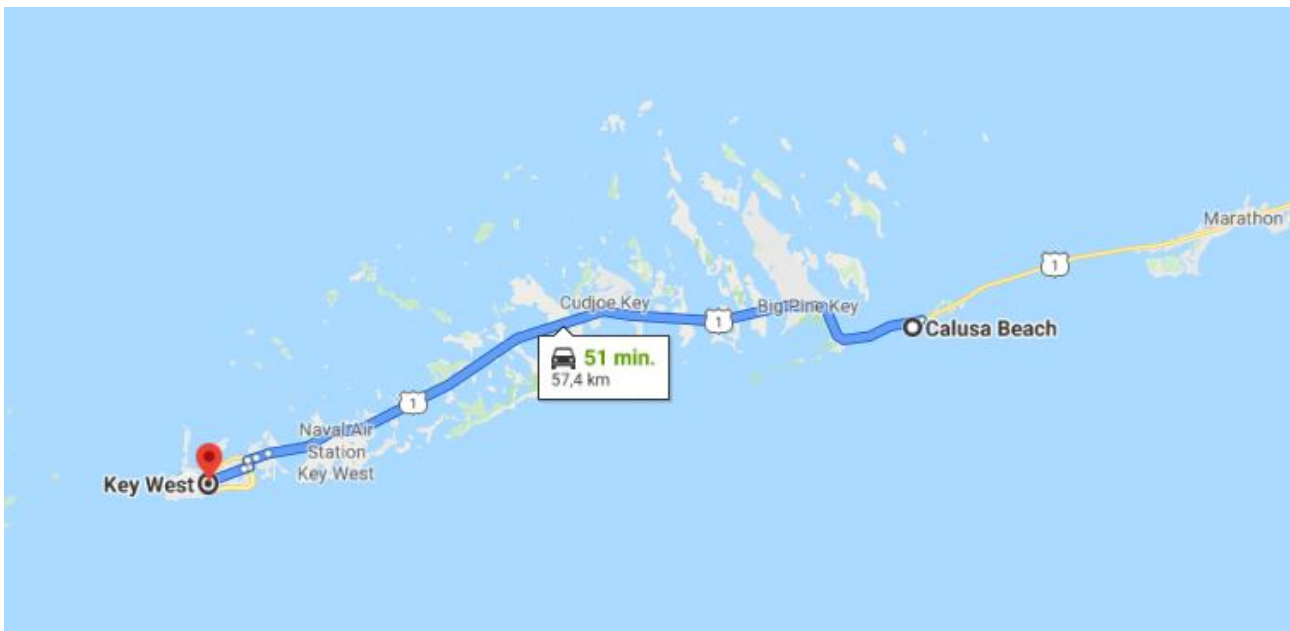
**19:00 – Key West**

1h, 60km, drive

[Directions to Key West](#)

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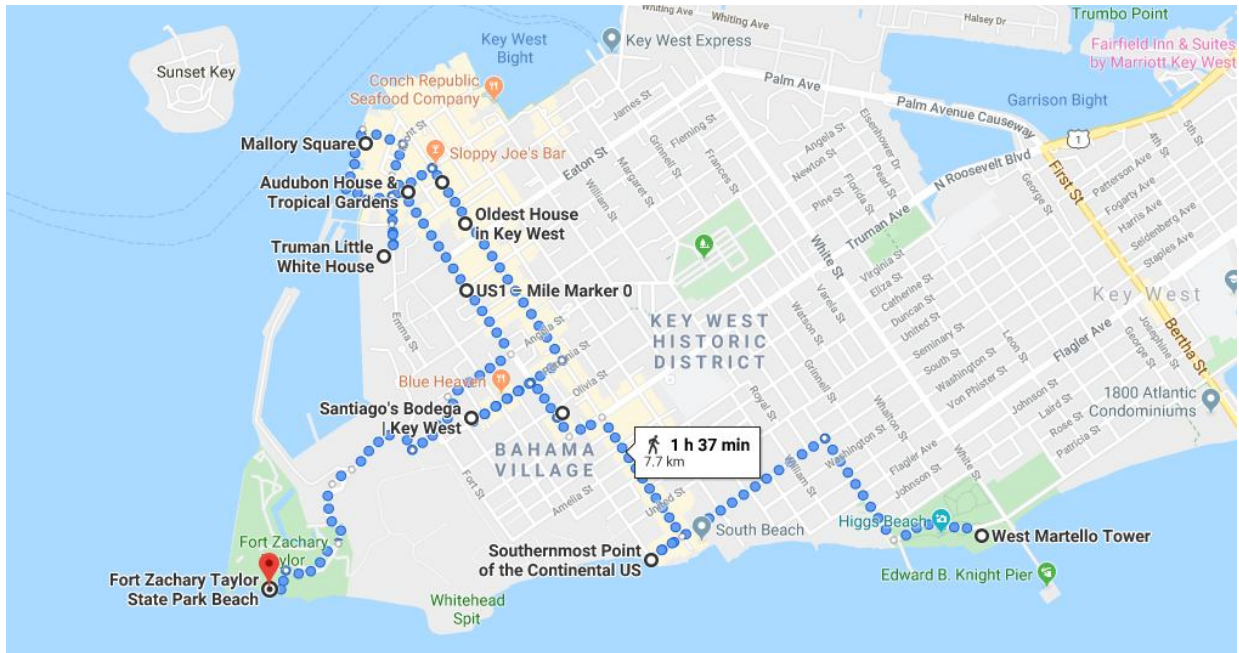
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# DAY 4

## Directions

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# Key West

## Key West overview:

Population: 25,028

Key West is known as the southernmost city in the continental United States and is located closer to Havana than to Miami. For many years, Key West was the largest town in Florida, and it grew prosperous from the valuables of shipwrecks. Improved navigation led to fewer shipwrecks, and Key West went into a decline in the late 19th century. Although Key West today has been heavily restored and revitalized for the one million tourists that visit the island each year, the town has retained some of its sense of individualism and isolation, somewhat detached from the rest of Florida.

Key West features a unique mixture of cultural influences. Its location has led to a rich cultural mix that includes influences from many Caribbean islands, which have brought a relaxed attitude, interesting architecture, and culinary variety to the region. Historic Key West has a distinctly island feel, with old architecture and a slow pace. The architecture is mainly Caribbean with many houses built out of coral-rock or salvaged ship-boards.

Key West's early economy relied heavily on sponge-fishing and the risky but lucrative "wrecking," where locals salvaged the goods of ships run aground in the shallow waters. The cuisine is Afro-Caribbean and Spanish and there is a certain tropical, laid-back feel to the town.

Key West is known for its sunsets, which draw tourists from all over the U.S. and beyond. This picturesque and laid-back city is famed for having been home to several well-known authors, including Robert Frost, Tennessee Williams, and Ernest Hemingway. Key West continues to attract artists today with its Bohemian and tolerant atmosphere.

Tourist attractions on Key West include Ernest Hemingway's former home, the Southernmost Point, the lighthouse and several drinking establishments. Duval Street is the main tourist area, home to boutiques, souvenir shops, restaurants, and even some historic homes. Some of the city's top attractions include a shipwreck museum that explains the area's long history of salvaging, and the Key West Aquarium.

08:30 – 9:15

### **West Martello Tower, Edward B. Knight Pier, CB Harvey West Beach Park**

The Martello Towers are two brick fortifications, built in 1858 to protect Fort Zachary Taylor from the east. The fort was never completed and never saw hostile action, although the eight-foot-thick granite walls would certainly have withstood artillery attacks. The central tower provides a spectacular panoramic view of the Atlantic coast of Key West.

The West Martello Tower and Garden Center was constructed in the 1860s by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Key West Garden Club took possession of the fort in 1955 and began a cleanup and planting to beautify the dilapidated fort. Today, visitors can stroll the grounds, through lovely courtyards and gardens. Romantic pathways, arches, a waterfall, and water lily pond are some of the highlights.

Higgs Beach is one of several beaches located within the bounds of the C.B. Harvey Rest Beach Park, a small but lovely public space that is also home to a restaurant and gardens. There are a good variety of options at the various rental shops here, from basic beach chairs and volleyball nets to snorkeling equipment and water sports rentals.

A unique feature of Higgs Beach is its historical significance, and here you will find monuments dedicated to the 19th-century slave cemetery located on the site. There is also a pier at Higgs Beach where visitors often see stingrays.

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1100 Atlantic Blvd, Key West, Florida

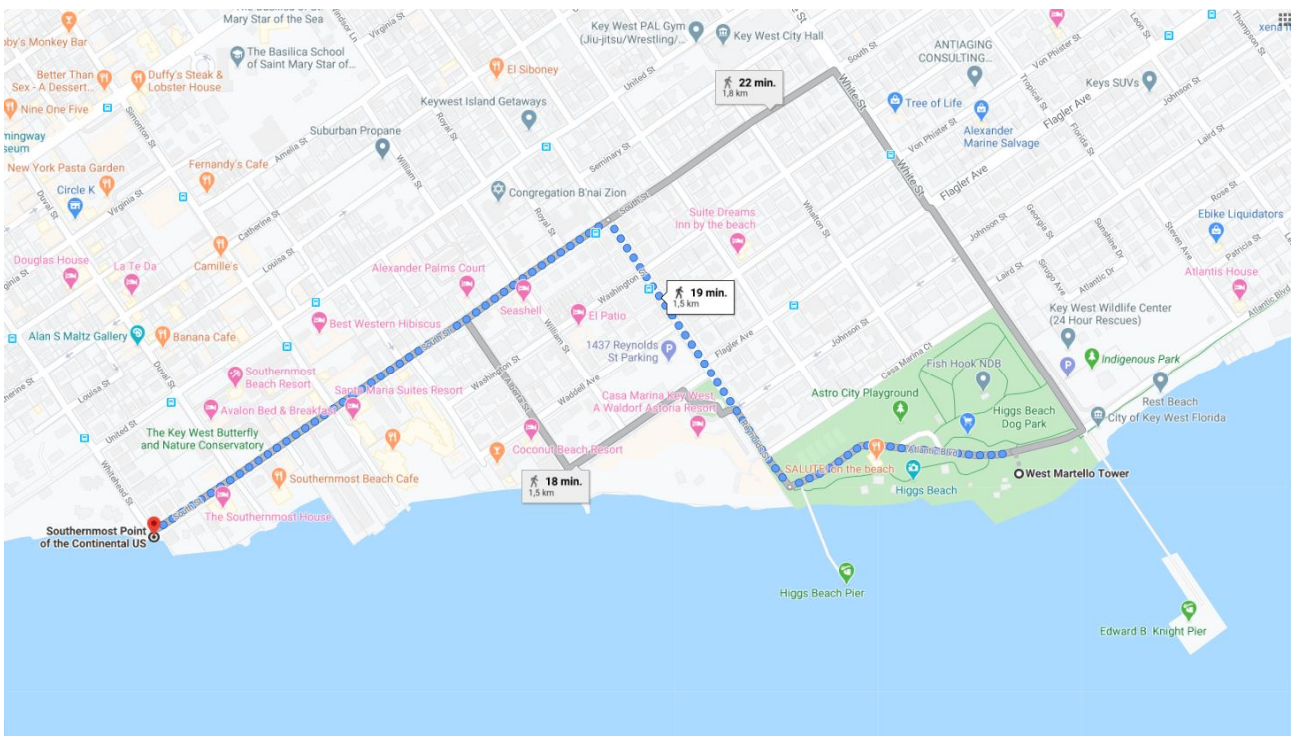
## Picture of Edward B. Knight Pier:



30min walk

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09:45 – 10:00

## Southernmost Point of the Continental USA

Key West's claim to fame as the southernmost point in the continental U.S. is made concrete in this red, black, and yellow marker at the corner of South and Whitehead streets. Street vendors and performers congregate around the site to sell souvenirs and showcase their talents. The marker itself, dedicated by the Key West public Works Department in 1983, is less than inspiring but nonetheless, visitors often have their picture taken at the marker.

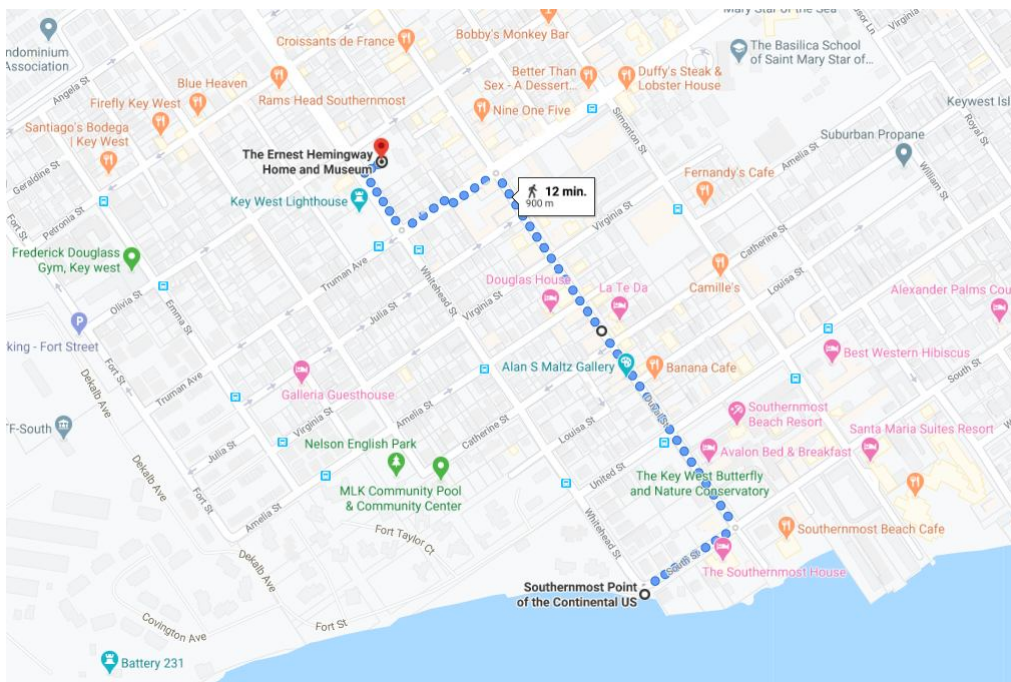
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15min walk

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10:15 – 11:50

## Duval Street, Ernest Hemingway House & Key West Lighthouse

### Duval Street

Duval Street is one of the most popular tourist strips that you should not give a miss. Most people touring the Keys make Key West their main destination due to its location at the end of the chain of islands. And fortunately, a leisurely stroll along Duval Street in Key West is one of the highlights of the Florida Keys. It runs from Mallory Square to the Southernmost Point marker. Shops and restaurants with outdoor patios, many in beautifully restored old buildings, line the street. There is always a lively vibe, regardless of the time of year, but even more so on days when cruise ships come to port.

An excellent place to people-watch while sightseeing, Duval Street hosts several annual events and parades, including the Hemingway Days festival each summer and the Fantasy Fest, a ten-day costume party each October. Duval Street is home to some of Key West's most historic attractions, including the Ernest Hemingway Home and Museum, the Southernmost House, and the former Strand Theater.

### Picture:



### Key West Lighthouse

The Key West Lighthouse was built in 1847 and opened in 1848 with a female keeper, a rarity in that time. Over the years, its keeper's quarters and lenses were upgraded until technology rendered both obsolete, and it was decommissioned in 1969. The Key West Art and Historical Society adopted the property, initially turning it into a military museum and then later restoring the lighthouse and quarters to reflect life here at the beginning of the 20th century. Today, it houses original furniture, household items, and photos of the many keepers who kept the light burning through even the worst of storms.

The lighthouse stands at 86 feet (26m) high, and visitors can climb up its 88 steps for great views from the observation deck near the top. A short video presentation also provides an interesting look at the history of the Key West Lighthouse.

**Entrance Fee:**

Adults: \$12

Seniors: \$9

**Opening Times:**

9:30am – 4:30pm

**Address:**

938 Whitehead Street, Key West, Florida

**Website:**

<https://www.kwahs.org/museums/lighthouse-keepers-quarters/visit>

**Picture:**



**Ernest Hemingway House & Museum**

Located in Key West, this former home of author Ernest Hemingway is an important piece of Florida's cultural history. The legendary author Ernest Hemingway bought this 1851 Spanish Colonial house in 1931 and lived in it until 1940. It features a lush tropical garden and the salt-water pool that he claimed nearly wiped him out financially, and contains his "last penny" pressed into the concrete. Visitors can tour the home, which is furnished with many of the original pieces, including Hemingway's prized collection of 17th- and 18th-century Spanish furniture. The gardens surrounding the home are a main attraction here as well, famous not only for the many species of flowers but for the 40-plus cats who reside here, all of whom are descendants of Hemingway's original pet cats.

More than forty descendants of Hemingway's original brood of house cats still roam the property. He wrote a number of novels here including *A Farewell to Arms*, *Death in the Afternoon*, and *For Whom the Bell Tolls*.

**Entrance Fee:**

Adults: \$15

**Opening Times:**

9am – 5pm

**Address:**

907 Whitehead St., Key West, Florida

**Website:**

[www.hemingwayhome.com](http://www.hemingwayhome.com)

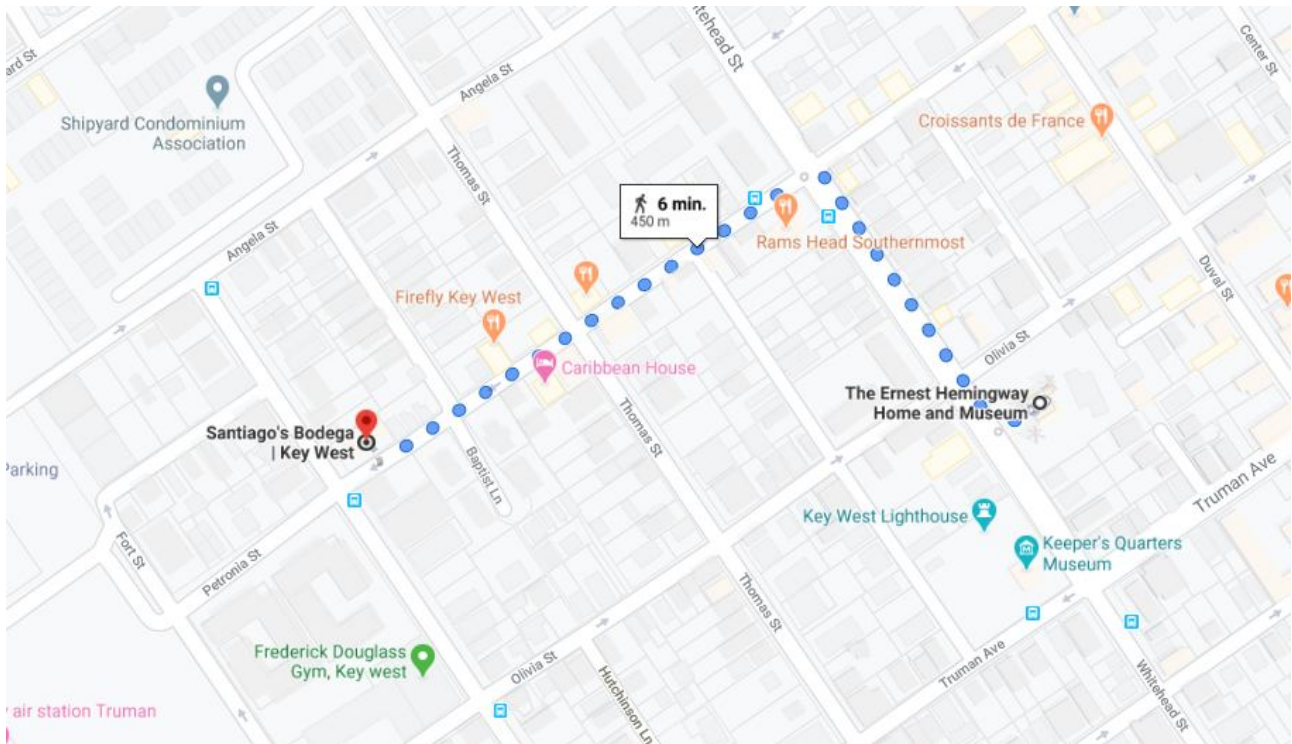
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10min walk

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12:00 – 13:15

## Lunch at Santiago's Botega restaurant

### References:

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207 Petronia Street, Key West

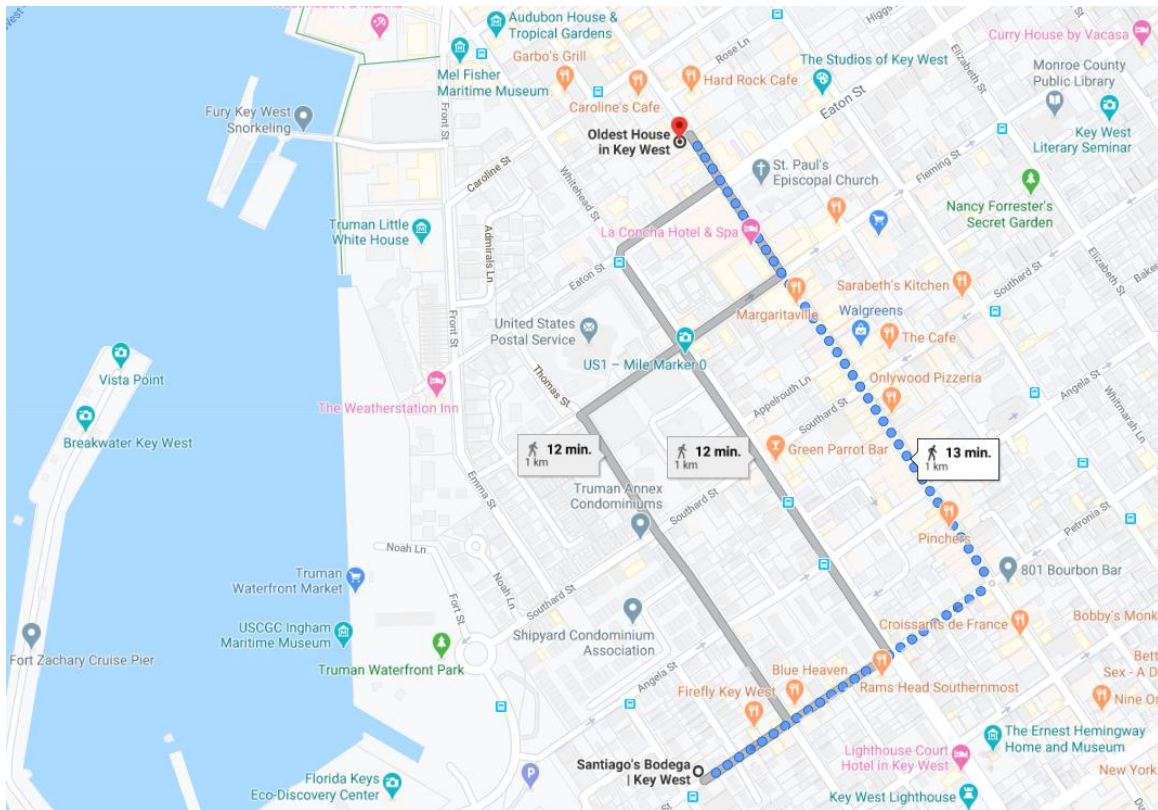
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20min walk

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13:35 – 14:00

## The Oldest House in Key West

The Oldest House in South Florida, built in 1829, was the former home of Francis B. Watlington. It was originally built by Richard Cussans in a different location and later moved to Duval Street. The house offers a chance to see and learn a little about the history of Key West. It is not as extravagant or as lovely as some of the city's other historical houses that are open to the public, but it has its own unique charm. Within the house are some original furnishings, family portraits, and displays on the history of Key West. Ship models and information on the history of the industry in the area are on display. At the rear of the house is a garden and a cookhouse, which was typical of the period. There is also an exhibit pavilion containing additional documents of interest.

### Entrance Fee:

Adults: \$5

### Opening Times:

10am – 4pm

### Address:

322 Duval Street, Key West, Florida

### Website:

<http://oldesthousemuseum.com/>

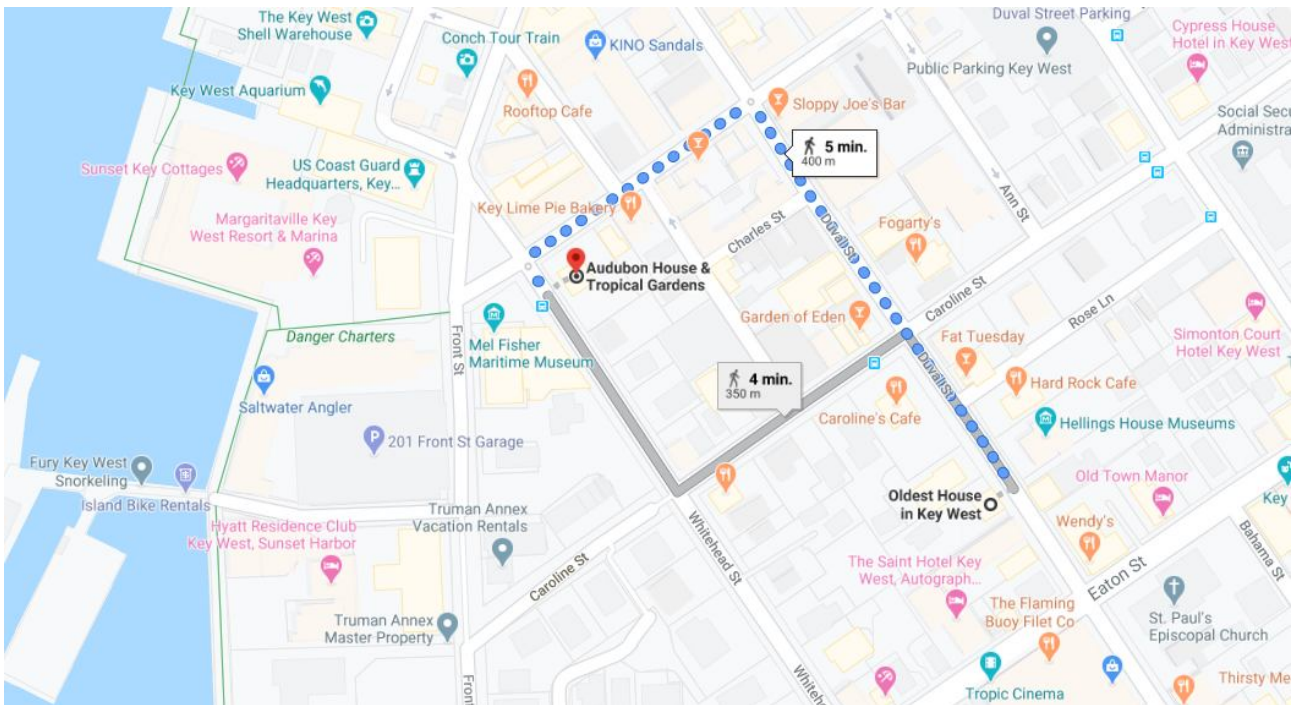
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15min walk

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14:15 – 15:00

## Audubon House & Tropical Gardens

This 1840s home was built by ship carpenters for Captain John Greiger, a noted harbor pilot and wrecker. Colonel Mitchell Wolfson restored it in the 1960s, initiating the subsequent preservation movement in the rest of Key West. The property is noteworthy both for the house and the beautiful gardens and grounds. You must check out the house décor and the colorful garden full with orchids, herbs and tropical plants. The home contains many 18th- and 19th-century period furnishings, much of it from Europe, and a substantial collection of engravings by John James Audubon, who stayed here in 1832. The gardens in the back contain a variety of tropical plants, including birds of paradise, hibiscus, and different palms.

### Entrance Fee:

Adults: \$14

### Opening Times:

9:00am – 4:15pm

### Address:

205 Whitehead Street, Key West, Florida

### Website:

[www.audubonhouse.com](http://www.audubonhouse.com)

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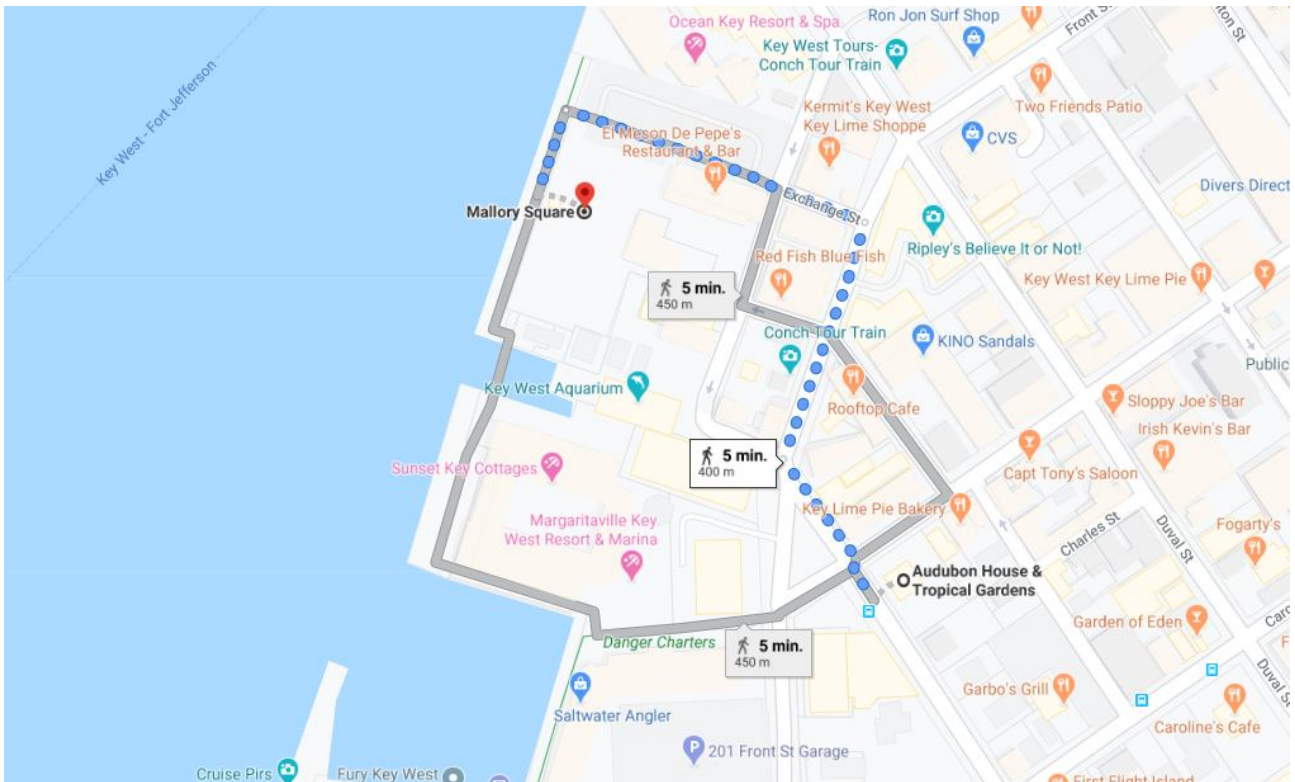


15min walk

[Directions](#)

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15:15 – 16:05  
**Mallory Square**

Mallory Square, a former warehouse area, is a lively area in Old Town Key West that is best known for its nightly sunset celebration. This is one of the most popular free things to do in Key West. Each evening, entertainers and vendors gather to create a festive atmosphere while tourists admire the iconic sunsets over the Gulf of Mexico. You will find an interesting mix of performances, from tightrope-walking cats and dogs on unicycles to sword swallowing and fire juggling. Mallory square is also home to several shops, including the Key West Sponge Market, a place where you can enjoy their small museum dedicated to the sponge-harvesting industry that supported Key West in years past. You will also find several surf shops, a treasure-hunting store, and other specialty boutiques.

**Website:**

[www.mallorysquare.com](http://www.mallorysquare.com)

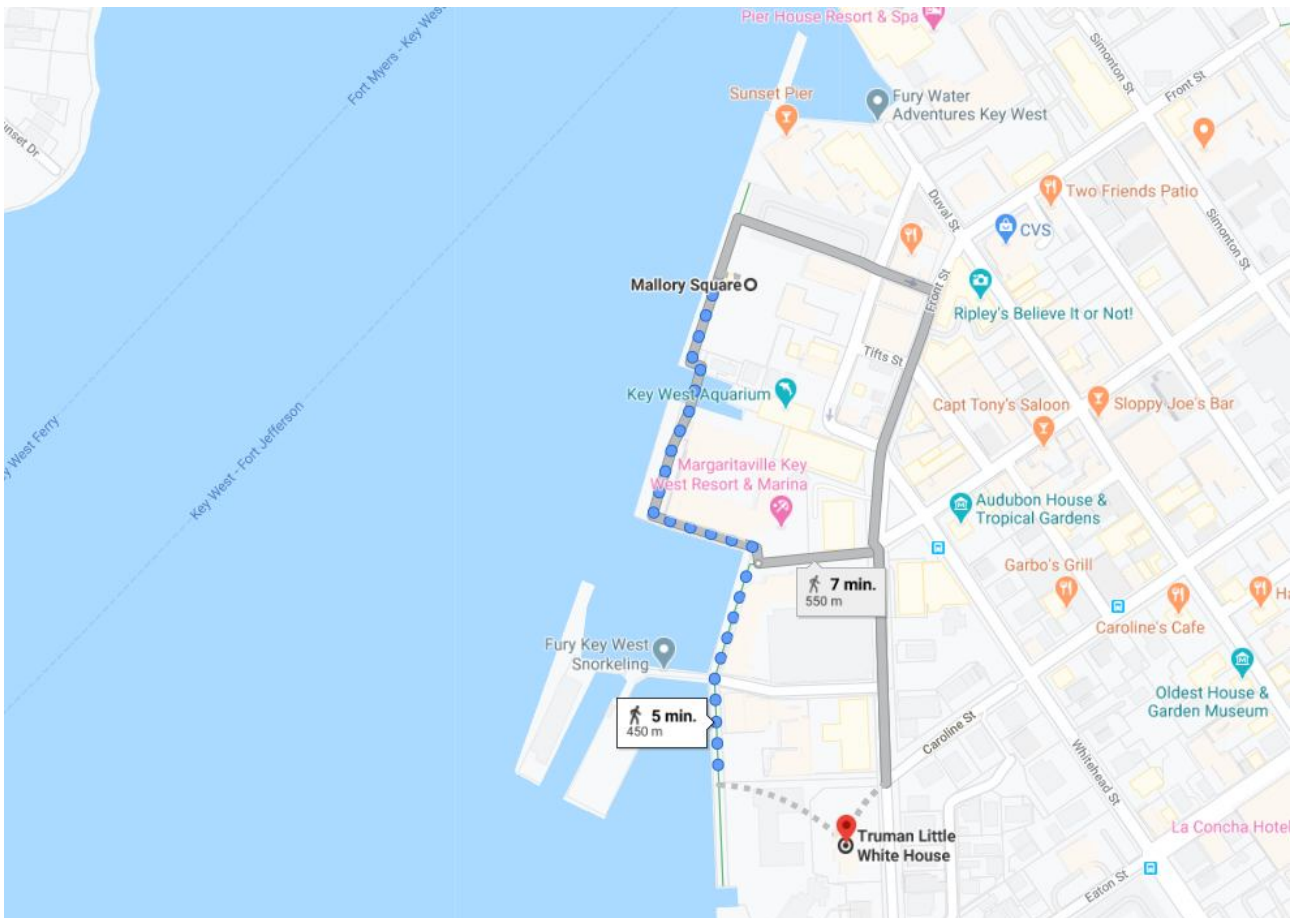
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10min walk

[Directions](#)

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16:15 – 17:00

## Truman Little White House

The restored Harry S. Truman Little White House was built in 1890 and served as the headquarters for the naval command through World War II. Truman first visited the house in 1946, and during his presidency used it several times as a vacation retreat. The original furnishings and decor have remained intact from the Truman era, and it has been used by subsequent presidents and officials as it still is today. Visitors can see Truman's piano and the desk he used during his "working vacations," and guides add insight into the building's history and the political significance it held during the Cold War. Tourists will also enjoy a self-guided tour of the home's botanical gardens.

### Entrance Fee:

Adults: \$21.45

Online: \$19.25

### Opening Times:

9:00am – 4:30pm

### Address:

111 Front St, Key West, FL 33040

### Website:

[www.trumanlittlewhitehouse.com](http://www.trumanlittlewhitehouse.com)

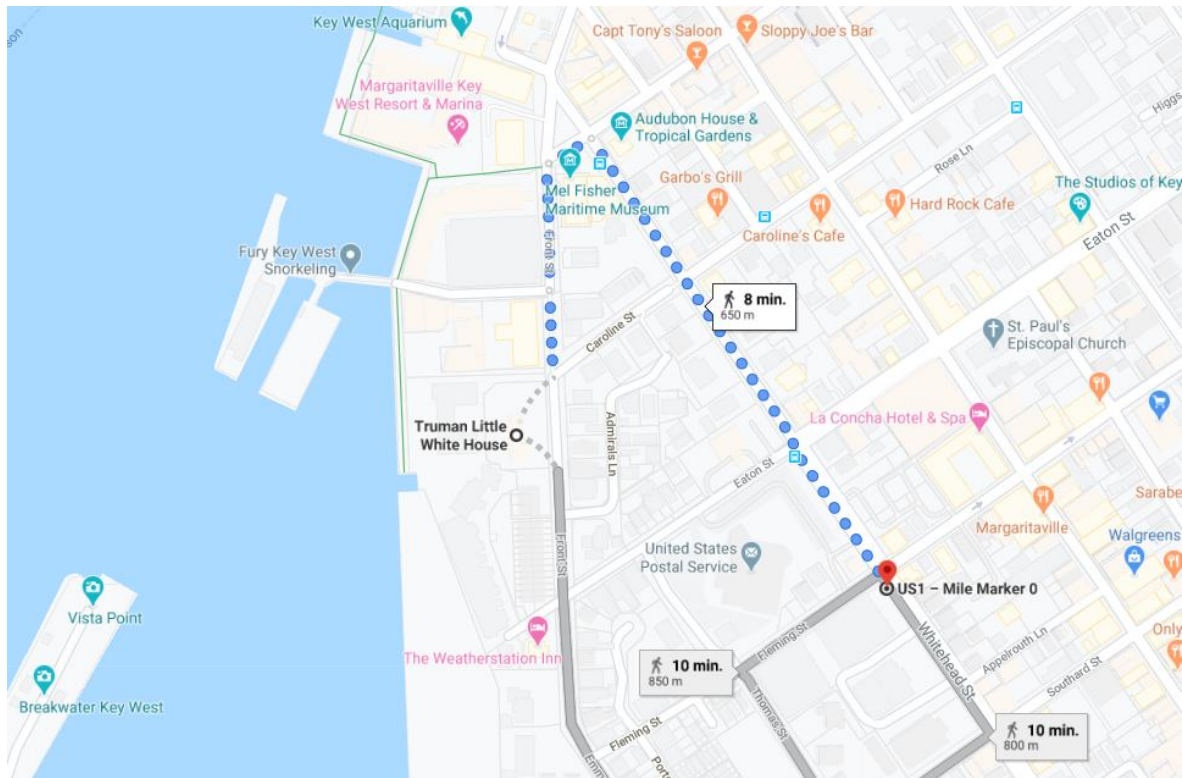
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10min walk

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17:10 – 17:15

## US 1 - Mile 0 Marker

US 1 - Mile 0 Marker is a similar landmark and equally popular place for Key West photo-ops to Southernmost Point. "0" sign which marks the beginning of the route which runs up almost the entirety of the east coast. Stretching for nearly 2,400 miles, the interstate ends in Maine, passing through several major cities.

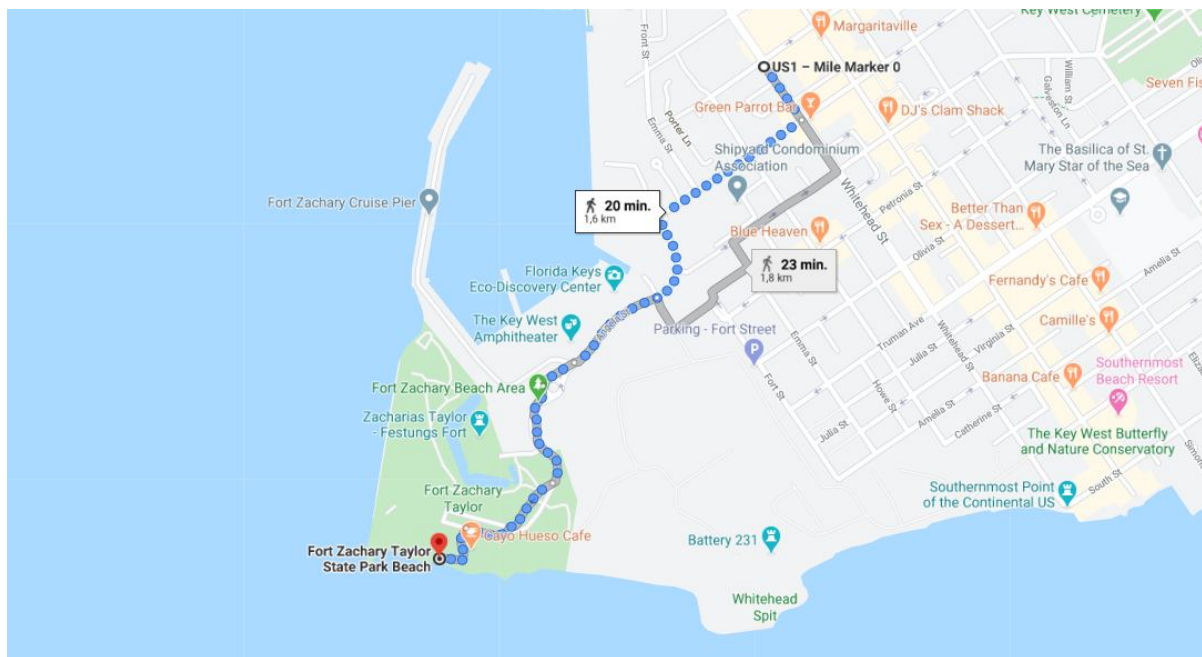
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30min walk

[Directions](#)

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17:45 – 19:00

## Fort Zachary Taylor State Beach Park

Built between 1845 and 1866, Fort Zachary Taylor protected this part of Florida's coast during the Civil War. Today, it is a State Park and National Historic Landmark, renowned for its historical attractions, especially the extensive collection of Civil War era armaments, which are still being excavated. The park also hosts a variety of annual events, including concerts, boat races, sculpture contests, and even a pirate festival. In addition to all of these fun things to do, tourists will enjoy the park's beautiful swimming beach; dedicated snorkeling areas; and nature trails, which are open to both foot and bike traffic. This is also one of the best places to see Key West's famous sunsets, and the beach is a perfect spot for a romantic picnic.

### Address:

601 Howard England Way, Key West, Florida

Fort Zachary Taylor Beach may not be known for its sunbathers and summer volleyball games, but it is often considered the most authentic of Key West beaches thanks to its natural shoreline, which is composed of ground coral instead of imported sand. Nature lovers flock to Fort Zach beach for its plentiful plant and animal life, both on land and under water.

As one of the top snorkeling spots in Key West, visitors will see everything from schools of tiny reef-dwellers to goliath grouper, as well as beloved sea creatures, including dolphins and turtles. Land-lovers will enjoy the scenic nature trails.

**Entrance Fee:**

Vehicle: \$7 (2 people)

Walking: \$2.50

**Opening Times:**

Beach: 8am – sunset

Fortress: 8am – 5pm

**Website:**

[www.fortzacharytaylor.com](http://www.fortzacharytaylor.com)

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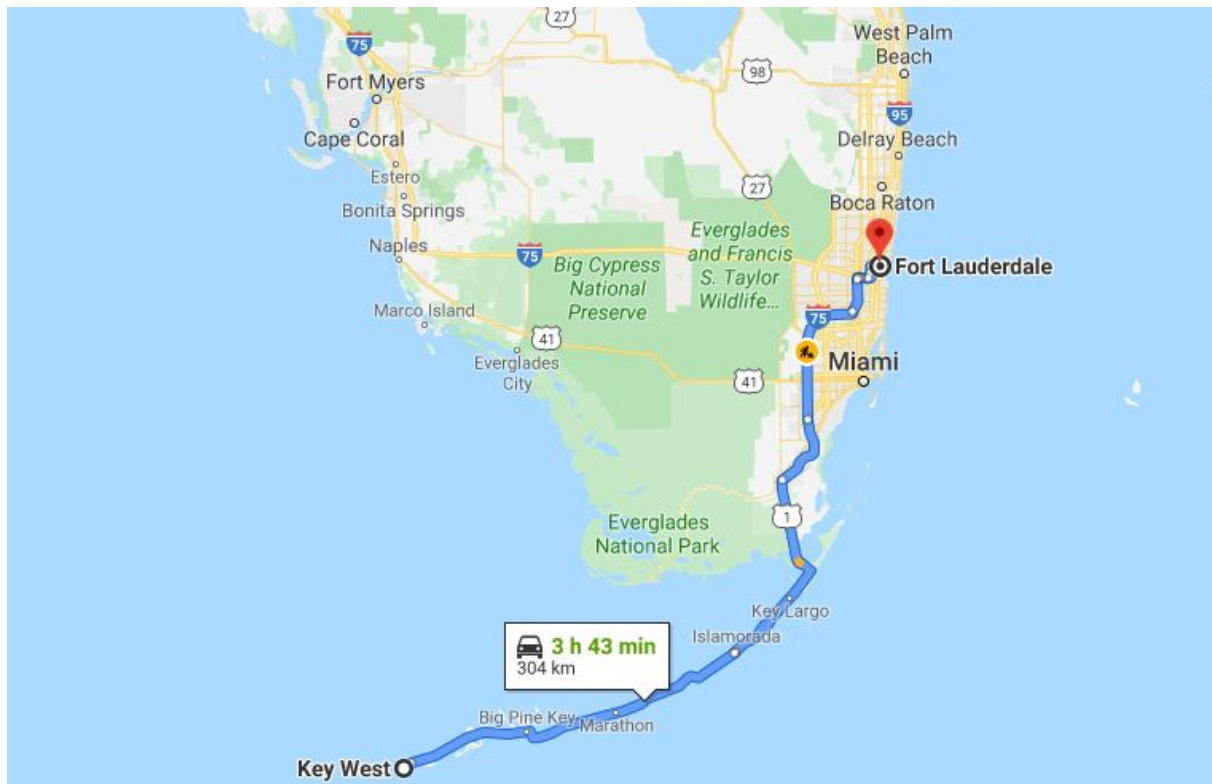
08:30 – leave Key West

Total 300km & 4h drive

[Directions](#)

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## Fort Lauderdale

### Fort Lauderdale overview:

Population: 180,072

Located on the Atlantic coast, Fort Lauderdale is known as the “Venice of America” due to its expansive and intricate canal system. The equal of its posh Palm Beaches neighbors to the north and quieter than Miami to the south, Fort Lauderdale offers plenty of great reasons to spend a weekend here. The city is most famous for its beaches and boats. Once a major spring break destination it is now a stylish and sophisticated city.

The best place to start your exploration is at the Strip, a long, wide promenade that runs along the ocean and is lined with posh outdoor restaurants, lively bars, fancy boutiques, and luxury hotels. Its star attraction, beautiful seven-mile-long beach, offers plenty of accommodation options just steps away from the water.

Visit 1901 Stranahan House, the oldest structure in Fort Lauderdale still standing.

Flanked by the attractive pedestrian pathway lining Las Olas Boulevard, a stretch of road connecting the beach to the downtown area, are endless opportunities to shop, dine, be entertained, and explore.

**Picture:**



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12:30 – 13:30

**Lunch at Primanti Borthers restaurant**

**References:**

[https://www.tripadvisor.sk/Restaurant\\_Review-g34227-d466976-Reviews-Primanti\\_Brothers\\_Restaurant-Fort\\_Lauderdale\\_Broward\\_County\\_Florida.html](https://www.tripadvisor.sk/Restaurant_Review-g34227-d466976-Reviews-Primanti_Brothers_Restaurant-Fort_Lauderdale_Broward_County_Florida.html)

**Address:**

901 N Atlantic Blvd, Fort Lauderdale

**Website:**

<https://primantibros.com/>

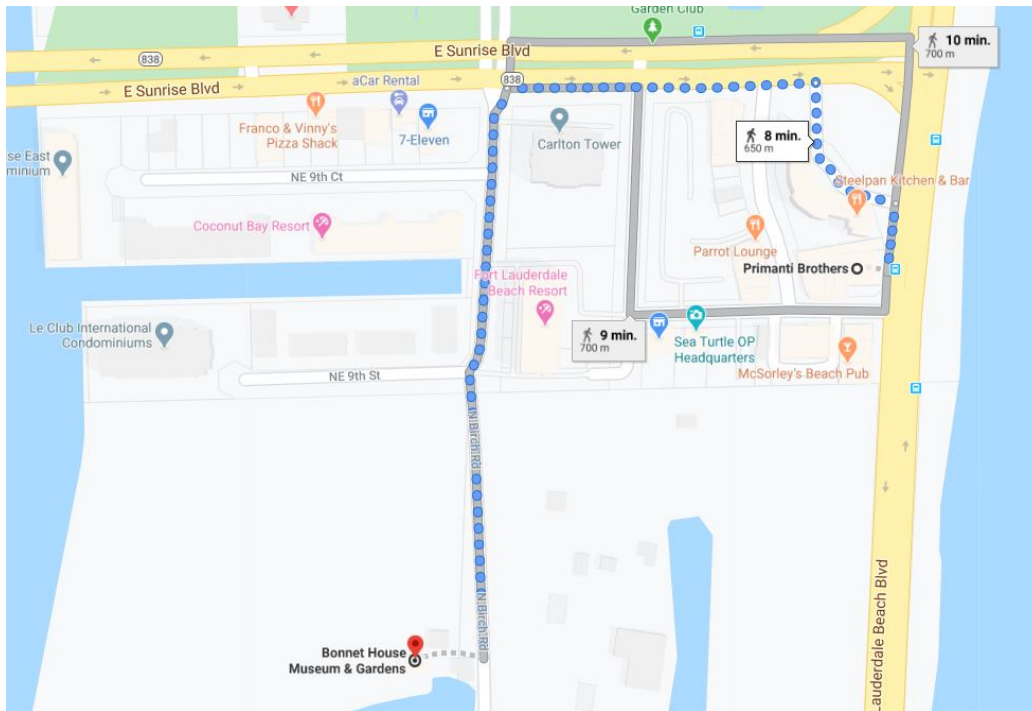
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10min walk

[Directions](#)

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13:30 – 15:00

## Bonnet House Museum & Gardens

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places and designated a Fort Lauderdale landmark, Bonnet House Museum & Gardens is a mix of art, architecture, history, and ecology. The historic house was designed by Frederic Clay Bartlett and built in 1920. On display are collections of art and personal treasures. The estate covers 36 acres and was once the winter retreat of the Birch/Bartlett family. The surrounding grounds of the estate remain a virtual oasis of coastal wilderness, nestled amid the commercial development of the Fort Lauderdale beachfront. Containing five ecosystems, the grounds serve as a barrier island habitat that includes a beach, dunes, a maritime forest, freshwater slough, and delicate mangrove wetlands. The formal gardens include a hibiscus garden, desert garden, and the Orchid Display House.

### Entrance Fee:

Adults \$20

Gardens Only: \$10

### Opening Times:

Tuesday to Sunday: 9am – 4pm

### Address:

900 North Birch Road, Fort Lauderdale

### Website:

<http://bonnethouse.org/>

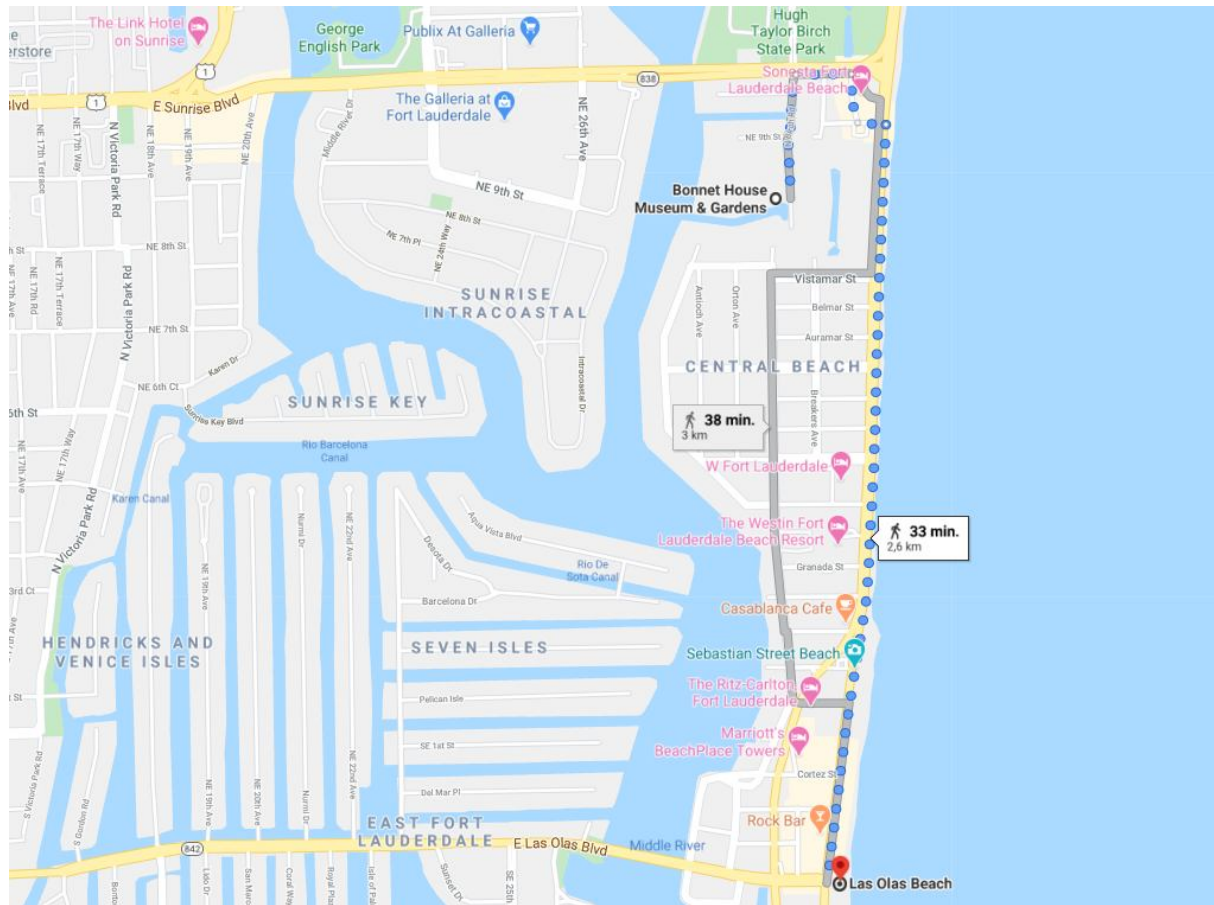
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1h 30min, 2.5km, walk/drive

[Directions](#)

<http://bit.ly/2LWQIng>



15:00 – 16:30

## Fort Lauderdale Beach

Fort Lauderdale Beach in some ways resembles Miami Beach, backed by a boardwalk lined with hotels and restaurants. The beach is the center of the tourist area in Fort Lauderdale, where people come to soak up the sun, walk or rollerblade along the boardwalk, play games, and enjoy the view.

Once known for spring break madness, when thousands of college students descended on the beach, the Fort Lauderdale beach area is now more sedate but still an entertaining stretch of sand. The beach is backed by a pedestrian walk and numerous hotels, restaurants, and shops which line the street running alongside the beach. In the streets that lead away from the beach visitors can still find smaller hotels and motels. As spring approaches the beach gradually becomes busier and more lively as sun seekers hit the sand.

The beach and boardwalk are also host to various events and entertainment, from street performances to concerts. Two of the beach's seven miles is heavily staffed with lifeguards, which are on duty year-round. Other activities are available to tourists, including scuba diving, snorkeling, and jet-skiing.

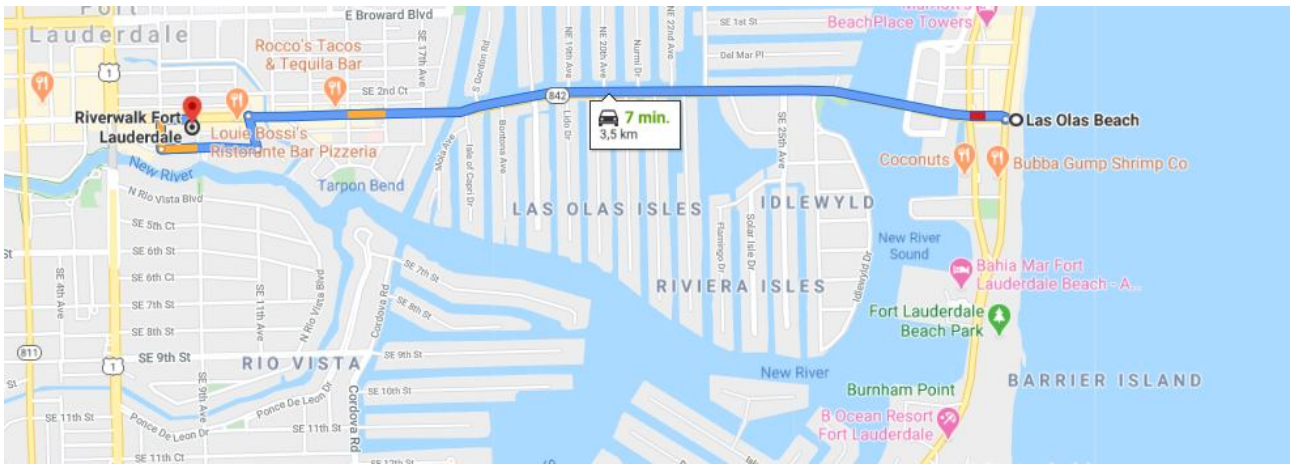
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10min, 4km, drive

[Directions](#)

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16:45 – 19:00

## Las Olas Boulevard & Riverwalk

### Las Olas Boulevard

Las Olas Boulevard stretches from downtown Fort Lauderdale along New River to Las Olas Beach, overlooking the mansions and yachts of the Intercoastal Waterway. There are plenty of tourist attractions and things to do along the boulevard, from touring museums and art galleries to shopping at more than 100 specialty boutiques. This is a popular spot for dining as well, filled with waterside cafes and bistros. Another great way to explore the area is by boat, from a simple gondola tour or by chartering your own yacht for the day. Las Olas Beach is a quieter alternative to the main beach, and parking tends to be easier to find in this area.

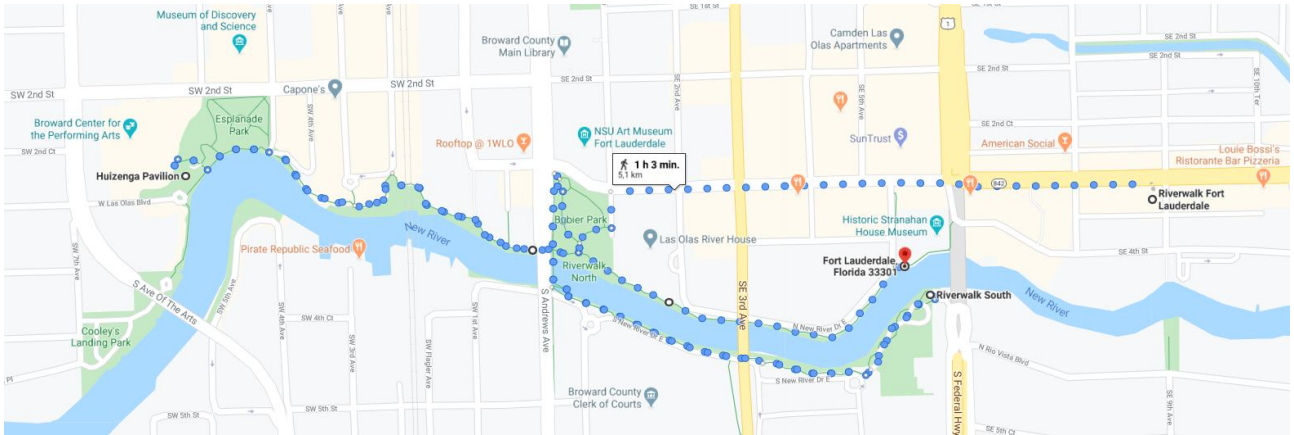
### Riverwalk

One of the most memorable walks you can take in Fort Lauderdale is on the Fort Lauderdale Riverwalk. This recently completed linear promenade along the New River in downtown is considered by many “Florida’s Most Beautiful Mile,” linking boutiques, restaurants, shops and museums with lush, tropical scenery. From the Historic District, including the 1901 trading post now called the Stranahan House, to the exciting Arts & Science District with the Museum of Discovery and Science, Riverwalk reflects the many faces of Fort Lauderdale – past and present. Riverwalk also encompasses Esplanade Park, with interactive navigational and meteorological exhibits, which is located at the foot of the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. Included along Riverwalk’s path you’ll find romantic gazebos, a picnic area, native plant exhibits and a butterfly garden.

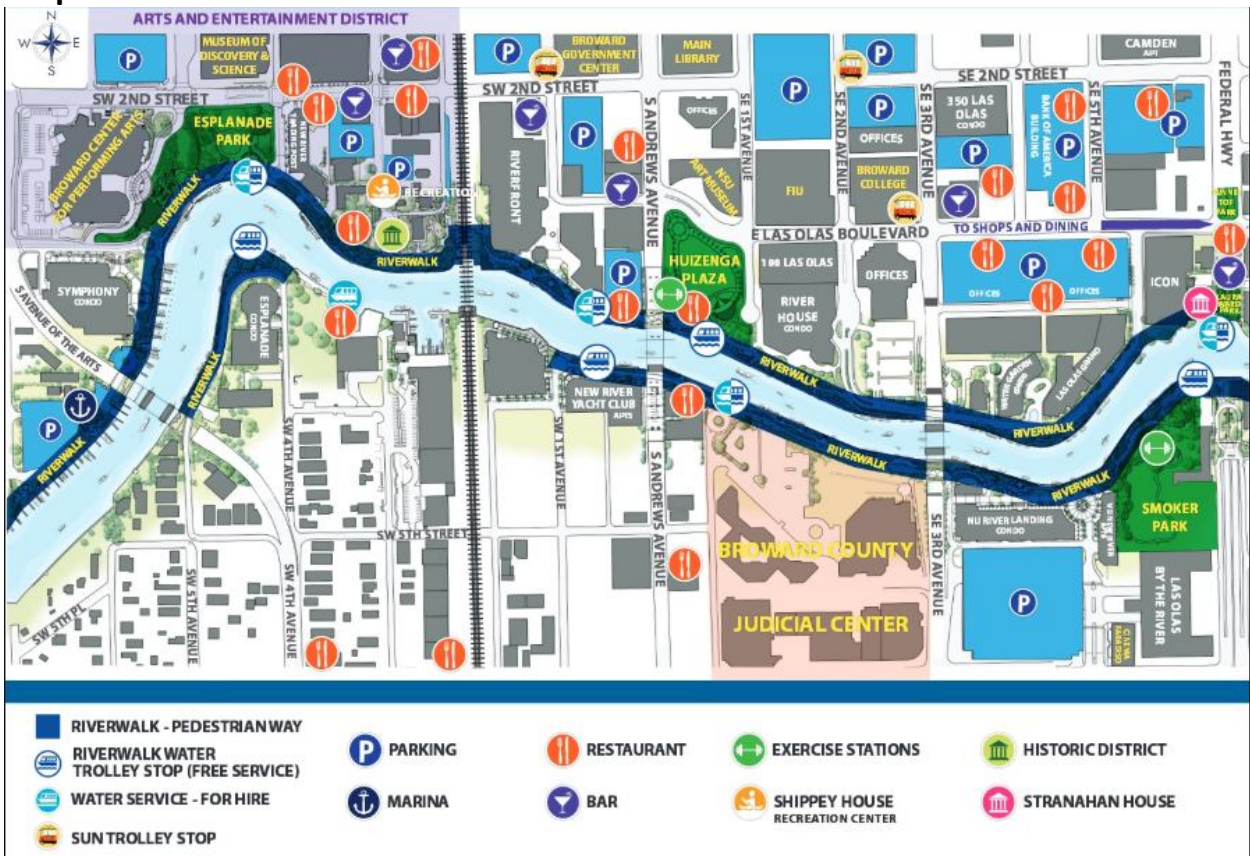
### Website:

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**Riverwalk Directions**  
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**Map of Riverwalk:**



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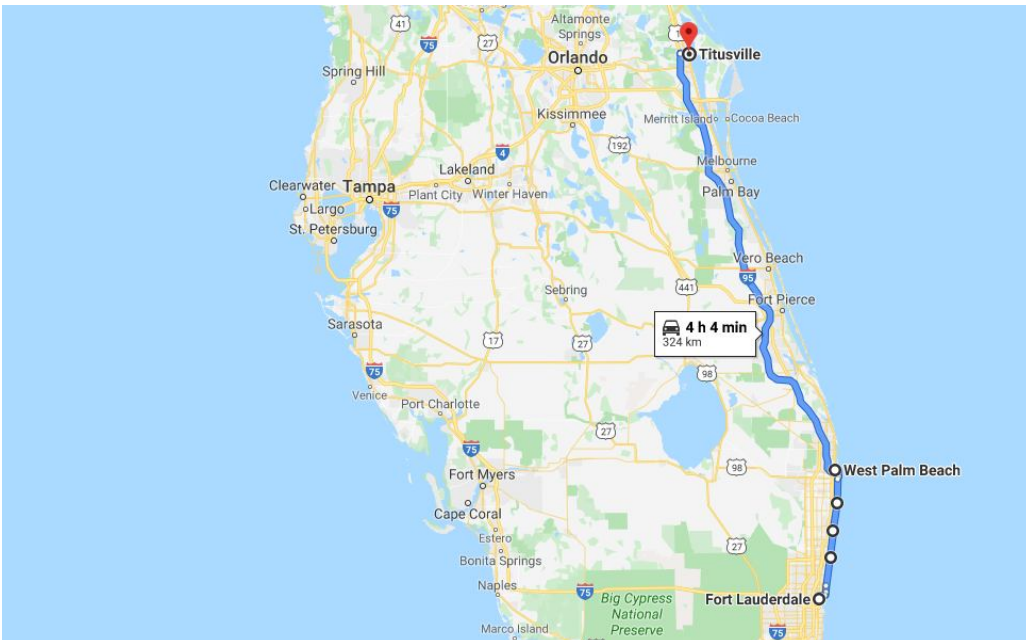


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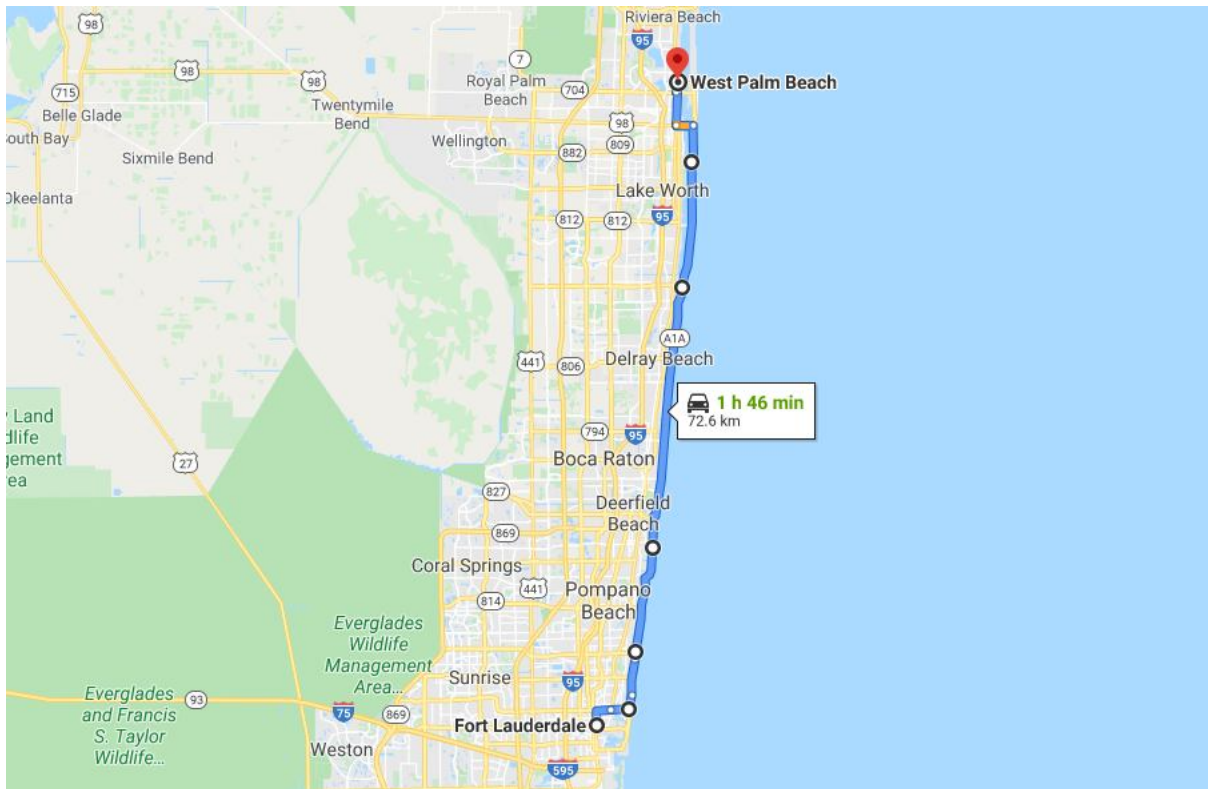
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**9:00 – leave Fort Lauderdale**

[Directions](#)

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## West Palm Beach

### West Palm Beach overview:

Population: 111, 398

It's a blossoming urban center with cultural treasures; excellent restaurants; a real "City Center" where people congregate to enjoy the one-of-a-kind shops, dining, and entertainment options. As the city's name suggests, it is often defined by its amazing miles of soft, sandy beaches, and many tourists come primarily to soak up the sun and enjoy the water.

The Palm Beaches area-comprising West Palm Beach and Palm Beach is one of the wealthiest towns on Earth. It offers no end of opportunities for those seeking a luxury weekend getaway. Although known as an area of second homes for billionaires (and presidents), there's much here to appeal to those with more modest budgets.

For the most part, the most luxurious resorts are located on Palm Beach, an island that's connected to the bigger, sprawling West Palm Beach at multiple crossing points. Here, you'll find the posh Worth Avenue, home to an array of luxury shopping opportunities, from the latest fashions to the grandest yachts.

This community was built by industrialist Henry Flagler at the turn of the 20th century, who, where others saw an uninhabited, desolate island, saw a perfect haven for his rich-and-famous friends. (And a great way to charge them for going there on his own railroad.)

West Palm Beach has a number of interesting museums and many trendy and fine dining restaurants. West Palm Beach is also home to plenty of other attractions, many of them family-friendly animal encounters. The South Florida Science Center and Aquarium is popular for its numerous exhibits and underwater residents, and the Manatee Lagoon gives visitors the chance to see these gentle giants up-close and free of charge. Sea creatures don't get all the attention, though - the Palm Beach Zoo & Conservation Society is home to 700 animals from habitats around the world, and Lion Country Safari gives visitors an opportunity to ride through the park to see some amazing African animals, as well as interact at the petting zoo and giraffe feeding station, and cool off in the water playground.

Palm Beach is where you'll also access some 47 miles of superb sandy beaches. And there's plenty of parking here, too, making a stay in the more affordable hotels and motels-along with its own collection of shopping, dining, and entertainment opportunities-in West Palm Beach even more appealing.

**Picture:**





11:00 – 11:30

## The Breakers

Pay a visit to The Breakers, and you won't doubt for a moment that the best hotels on the beach are in Palm Beach. Notable for being one of the longest-established beachfront resorts in Florida, The Breakers is also one of the state's most elegant hotels. Built in 1896 and still drawing guests for its sumptuous décor and ocean setting, this luxury hotel's accommodations are bright and comfortable, and come with large balconies, spacious closets, and large marble bathrooms.

Also worth noting are the grounds, with their lovely gardens and lawns offering plenty of places to sit and relax, and a lovely promenade on which to stroll.

Guests are spoiled for choice on so many fronts, from the large Beach Club consisting of four swimming pools (all heated, and one dedicated as adults only), no less than five hot tubs, a beautiful promenade, perfectly manicured lawns, a fitness center, spa, and half-mile stretch of private beach. The resort is also home to the state's oldest 18-hole course.

### Website:

<https://www.thebreakers.com/>

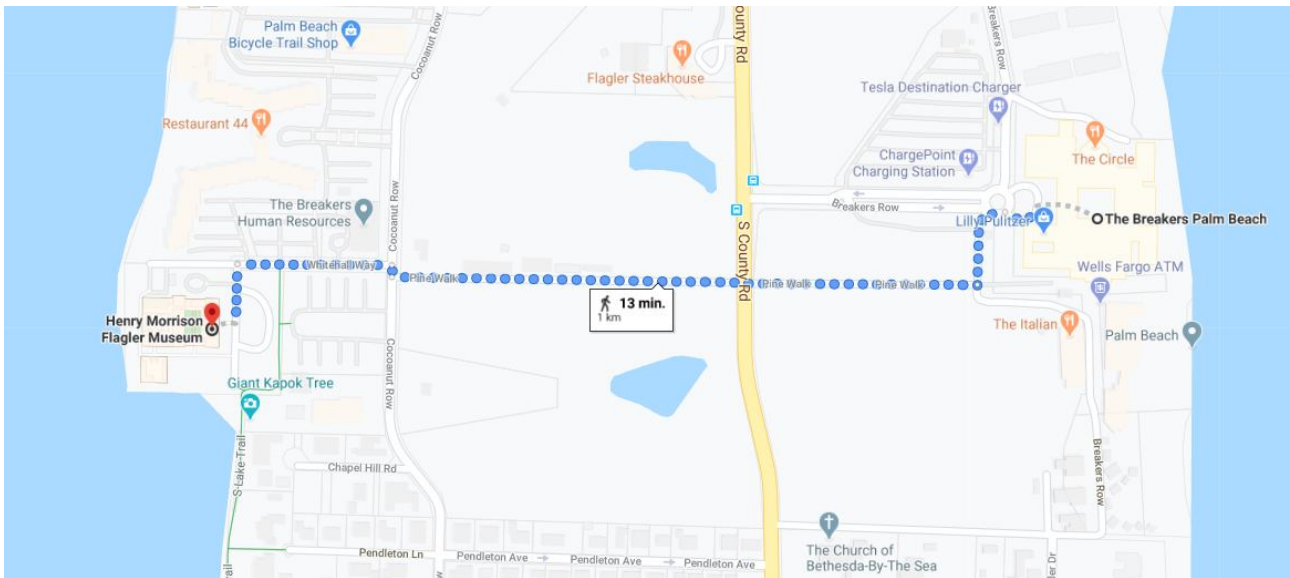
### Picture:



15min walk

[Directions](#)

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11:45 – 13:15

## Henry Morrison Flagler Museum

Henry Flagler not only created Palm Beach but many other Florida landmarks as well, such as the Overseas Railroad to Key West (which was, alas, wiped out in a long-ago hurricane).

As you drive up to the 1902 Georgian/Mediterranean mansion he called Whitehall, you'll know instantly that this is no ordinary museum. Upon completion of Whitehall, the New York Herald promptly called it the grandest mansion in the world, grander and more magnificent than any other private dwelling in the world." Indeed, with a telephone system, electric lighting, and central heating - and 22 bathrooms - it was possibly the most technologically-advanced home anywhere.

Today, Whitehall is a National Historic Landmark and is open to the public as the Flagler Museum, featuring guided tours, changing exhibits, and special programs.

You can wander through the grand hall, kitchens, parlors, and studies that Henry Flagler wandered through, as well as the hallways where the art he collected on his travels is still displayed. His splendid home also became the first museum in Florida. And today, in addition to Flagler's own art collection, important revolving exhibits feature renowned painters, sculptors, craftspeople, and photographers. This is truly a home - and a museum - for the ages.

### Entrance Fee:

Adults: \$18

### Opening Times:

Tuesday to Saturday: 10am – 5pm

Sunday: 12pm – 5pm

### Address:

One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach

**Website:**

<http://flaglermuseum.us/>

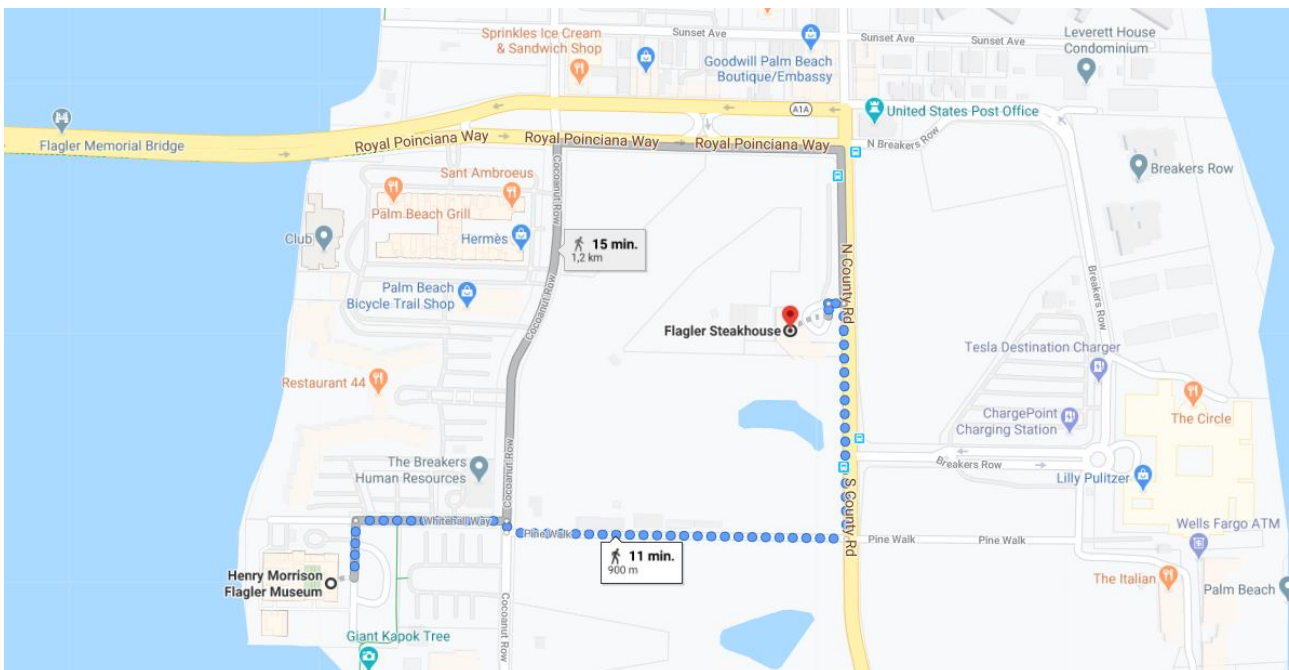
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15min walk

[Directions](#)

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13:30 – 15:00

## Lunch at Flagler Steakhouse restaurant

### References:

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2 S County Road, Palm Beach

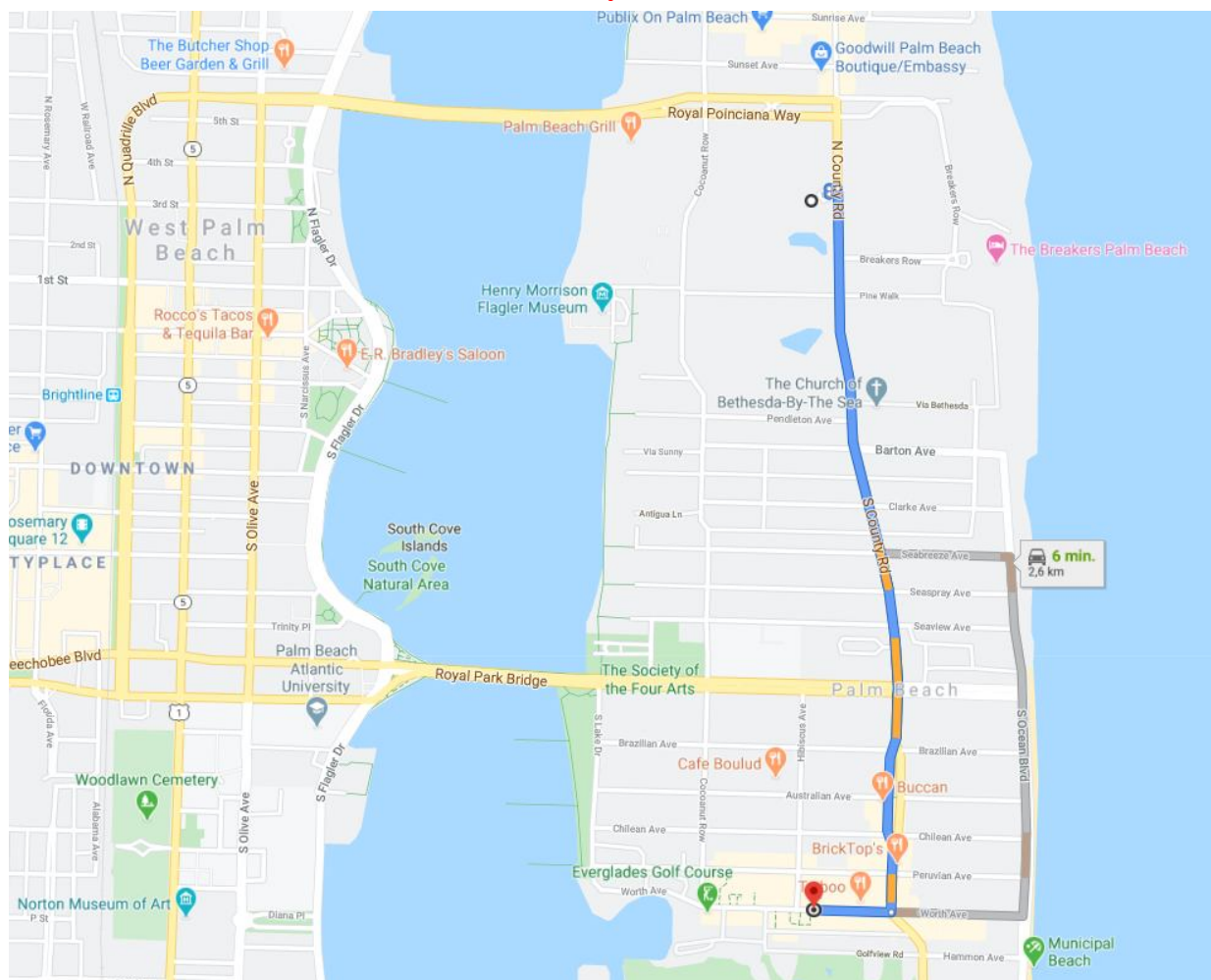
### Website:

<https://www.thebreakers.com/dining/flagler-steakhouse/>

5min, 3km, drive

### [Directions](#)

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15:00 – 16:20

## Worth Avenue, Clock Tower, Beach walk

Considered one of the most iconic streets in America, Worth Avenue has been a haven for upscale shopping and well-known brands. Dating back to the 1900s, it has been a haven for high-end shopping and a fascinating destination. Founded by Addison Mizner, the area in the 1920s, was well-known along the Eastern seaboard for its high-quality, exclusive merchandise. In fact, Saks Fifth Avenue opened its first store outside of New York on Worth Avenue in 1926.

Over the decades, the avenue grew to three blocks, spanning from the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway on the west to the Atlantic Ocean on the east. And over time, more and more well-known designers opened their doors along this strip of coveted real estate, including Cartier, Gucci and Hermès, to name a few. A small number of people actually know that Worth Avenue was established long before California's Rodeo Drive.

On Worth Avenue local residents say that if you have to ask the price, you can't afford it. But the great thing about this street is that you don't have to buy anything to enjoy it. Here, you'll find some of the most fashionable clothing and accessories shops anywhere, such as Brioni and Louis Vuitton, and some of the most fascinating antique shops, such as A.B. Levy. You'll also find the world's greatest jewelers, such as Cartier, and perfumeries, like Chanel, as well as unusual treasures like Raptis Rare Books. Also in the mix are art galleries and department stores along with the landmark Ta-Boo Restaurant, where the Kennedys used to gather. Set back in leafy courtyards are artists' studios, large bronze statues of children playing, and cafés and gourmet food shops.

### Website:

<https://worth-avenue.com/>

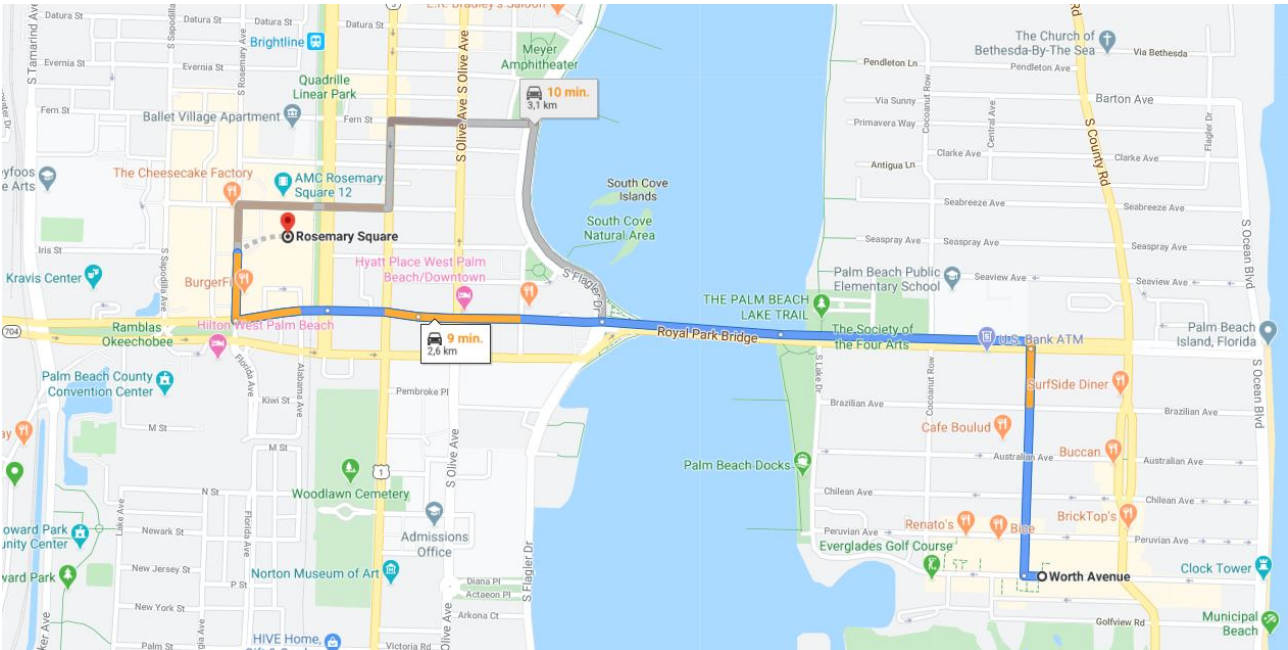
### Picture:



5min, 3km, drive

### Directions

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16:30 – 17:30

## Rosemary square, CityPlace

CityPlace is an urban city center where tourists can spend all day and all night and still not experience everything there is to see, do, and eat. It's one of the biggest attractions in South Florida, where you can enjoy shopping, dining, entertainment, live music, a happy vibe, and a colorful parade of people.

You can visit clothing, jewelry, or gift shops, where yesterday's "funky" mixes with tomorrow's "trendy." You can chow down on cuisines ranging from barbecue and Tuscan to Mexican, Southwestern, and Japanese. Or you can put together your own lunch or dinner at one of the gourmet marketplaces or cheese shops. Follow up your meal with the creamiest ice creams or frozen yogurt or melt-in-your-mouth chocolate treats. And perhaps its best feature is that it's an open-air center.

You can also access downtown's lively main street, Clematis Street, in style from CityPlace - on a trolley.

### Website:

<https://www.rosemarysquarewpb.com/>

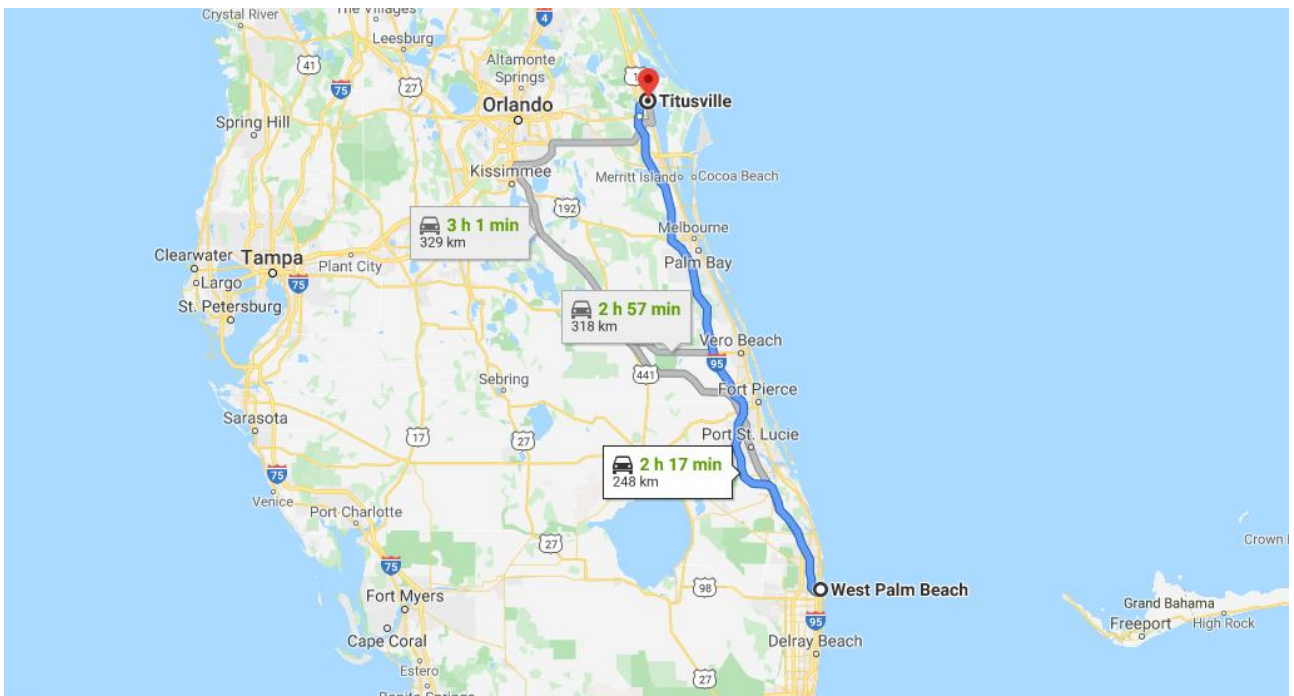
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19:45 – Titusville

Directions

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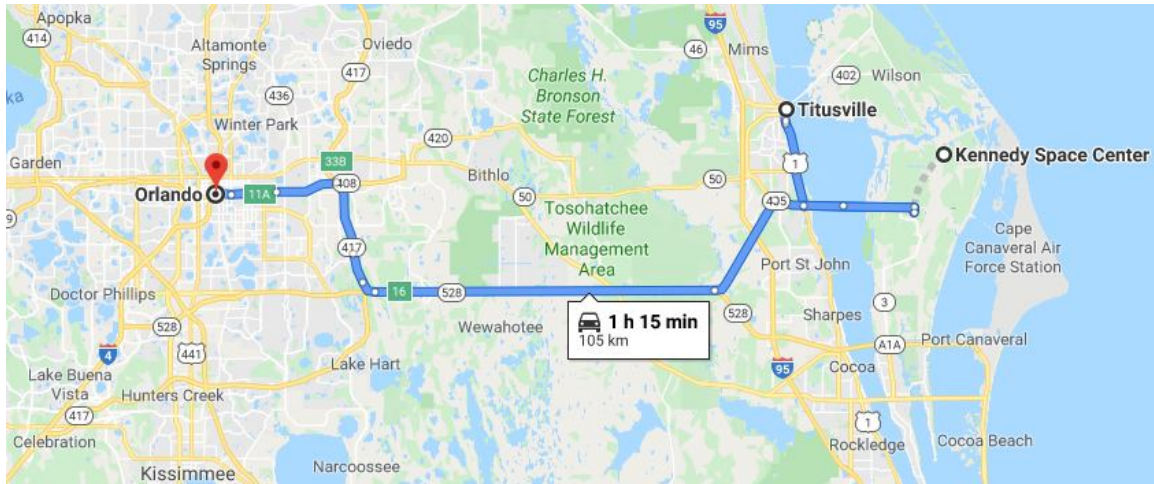
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## DAY 7

Total 95km & 1h 20 min drive

[Directions](#)

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09:30 – 18:00

### Kennedy Space Center, Cape Canaveral

The Kennedy Space Center is one of Florida's most exciting, fascinating, and educational attractions. Kennedy Space Center has been the launch site for every US human space flight since 1968 and currently operates as a launch site for unmanned rockets. Located on Florida's Space Coast, this huge complex is where space exploration has made history. Today, you can see rockets and the Space Shuttle Atlantis, meet an astronaut, and learn about missions to space.

Space enthusiasts flock to this center to take in the groundbreaking history of America's space program. Visitors marvel at the restored Saturn V launch vehicle, which was the method of getting astronauts into space during NASA's Apollo era, as well as the two launch pads and the Astronaut Hall of Fame. The Space Mirror Memorial is a black granite slab inscribed with the names of astronauts who have given their lives in pursuit of space exploration.

The Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex is divided into mission zones, each of which features interesting displays and interactive exhibits focused on specific themes. Displays are designed with all ages in mind, making this an engaging experience for adults or families. The Behind the Gates Kennedy Space Center Bus Tour takes you to restricted areas for a look at historic launch sites and other facilities with limited access to the public. This is included with your daily admission. Each area takes time to see, and you should expect to spend a full day at the Kennedy Space Center.



**Entrance Fee:**

Adults: \$57

**Opening Times:**

9am – 6pm

**Website:**

<https://www.kennedyspacecenter.com/>

**Directions from Titusville to Kennedy Space Center:**

<http://bit.ly/2RTBseE>

20min, 20km

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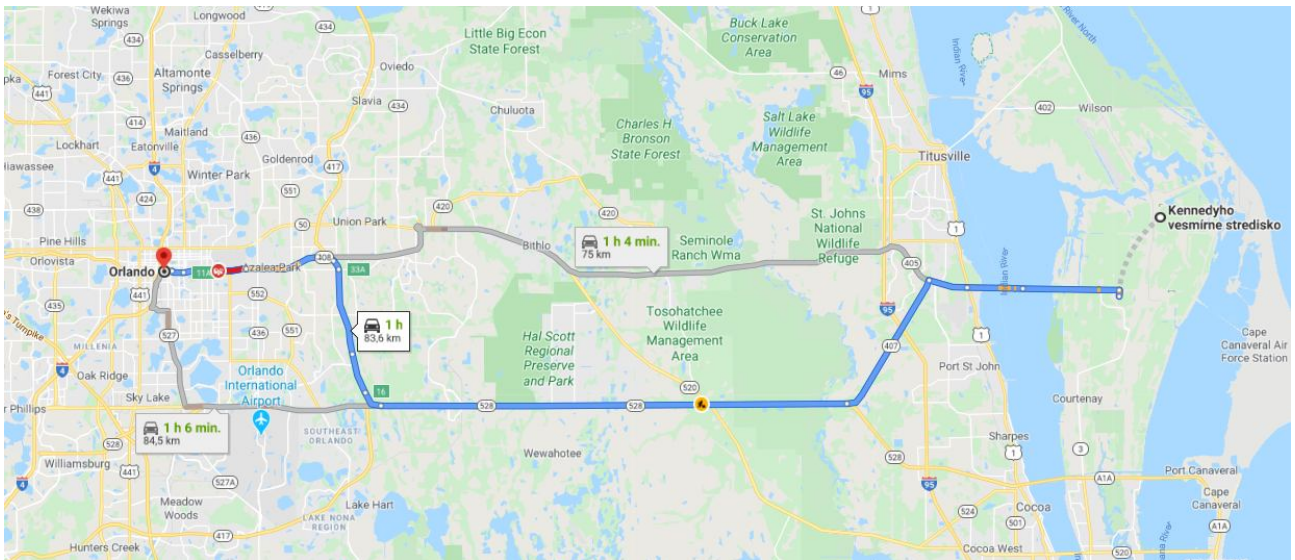
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**19:00 – Orlando**

1h, 75km, drive

[Directions to Orlando](#)

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## DAY 8

9:00 – 18:00

### Disney World Magic Kingdom

For the ultimate amusement park experience, there's no place quite like Disney World. Walt Disney World, located in Lake Buena Vista near Orlando, is the flagship of Disney's worldwide theme park empire and the most popular tourist attraction in Florida. It is also by far, the world's largest and most-visited theme park resort. The centerpieces of Walt Disney World are the four theme parks: The Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Disney's Hollywood Studios, and Disney's Animal Kingdom. Some visitors describe it as a place of fun, magic and fantasy while others complain of crowds, artifice, and unrelenting tackiness.

The magic of Disney has not worn off over the decades as millions of visitors still flock here each year to enjoy the Magic Kingdom and the many other attractions of this mega amusement park. The number of things to do and see here has grown over the years and now includes an extensive list that reaches far beyond the traditional theme parks. If you're looking for more ideas, consider checking out the water parks of Blizzard Beach and Typhoon Lagoon. You'll also find all kinds of dining experiences, shopping areas, and shows.

Of its four parks, Magic Kingdom is the most iconic, with Cinderella's Castle standing at the center of the park. Epcot's Spaceship Earth geosphere stands at the entrance of this exposition-style park, which includes Future World and the World Showcase, an around-the-world experience that gives visitors a chance to peek at different cultures and meet popular international Disney characters like Mulan, Belle, and

Mary Poppins. The Hollywood Studios park gives visitors the opportunity to see into the world of movie magic, with exciting stunt and special effect shows and even tours through actual studio space. The Kilimanjaro safari experience at Animal Kingdom is an amazing way to see African animals run free in a natural habitat, and the massive Tree of Life makes the perfect backdrop for family photos.

Fireworks and parades are nightly events throughout the parks, and there are special events year-round. Although lines for the top attractions and rides are notoriously long, there are Fast Pass options that can help you get the most out of your visit. If you are going to be visiting multiple parks, leave a minimum of one day for each and be sure to use a park map to plan ahead.

**Entrance Fee:**

1-Day Ticket: \$100-\$150

**Magic Kingdom Opening Times:**

Depending on day and month: 8am – 6pm

**Website:**

<https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/>

**Picture:**



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# DAY 9

9:00 – 18:00

## Sea World

Much like Walt Disney World, SeaWorld Orlando is a mega amusement park that has long been an important part of family vacations to Florida. Orlando's SeaWorld is known for its massive aquariums, dolphin and whale shows, touch pools, and many exciting rides. The complex features its classic dolphin and whale shows, as well as acts featuring a cast of unexpected characters, from cats and ducks to otters and sea lions. Other highlights include the Antarctica: Empire of the Penguin display and a host of other aquarium exhibits offering opportunities to see all kinds of marine life. Thrill rides, like the high-speed Mako roller coaster, which reaches speeds of up to 73 miles per hour, and the Journey to Atlantis water coaster ride, are also a big part of the SeaWorld experience.

Although guests may no longer feed the dolphins, you are still able to reach into the interactive dolphin pool and pet these beautiful, intelligent creatures. Those who want to get even more hands-on can sign up for an up-close tour with the dolphins, killer whales, sea lions, penguins, or sharks. Other special tours include a behind-the-scenes look at SeaWorld operations and tours of the manatee rehabilitation center or the dolphin nursery, where the park's youngest dolphins are cared for. In addition to the plethora of sea life, the park has many exciting rides for all ages, including several water rides that are refreshing on a hot Florida day. The park's most popular thrill rides are its roller coasters, including the Mako hyper coaster, the Manta Coaster, and the Kraken Virtual Reality Coaster.

The Sea of Legends brings nautical tales of fancy to life, including the lost city of Atlantis and the mythical Kraken. The Sea of Power is arguably the most famous attraction, featuring the park's celebrity performing orcas.

### **Entrance Fee:**

1-Day Ticket: \$85.99

### **Opening Times:**

Depending on day and month: 10am – 7pm

### **Website:**

<http://seaworldparks.com/en/seaworld-orlando>

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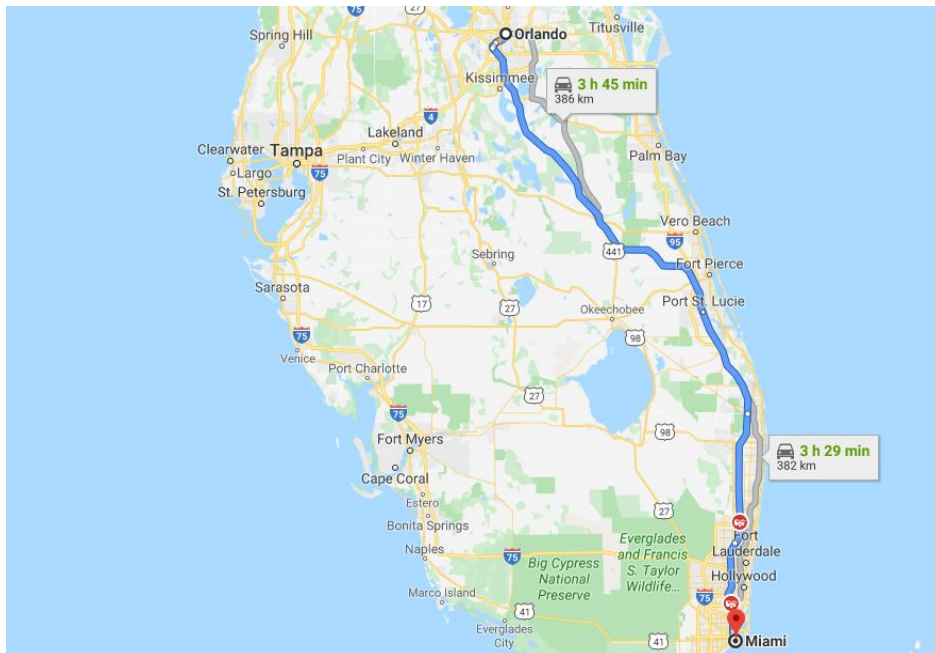
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**DAY 10**  
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9:00 – leave Orlando

[Directions from to Miami](#)

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Total 390km & 4h drive



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# Miami

## **Miami overview:**

Population: 470, 914

Metro Area: 6,198,782

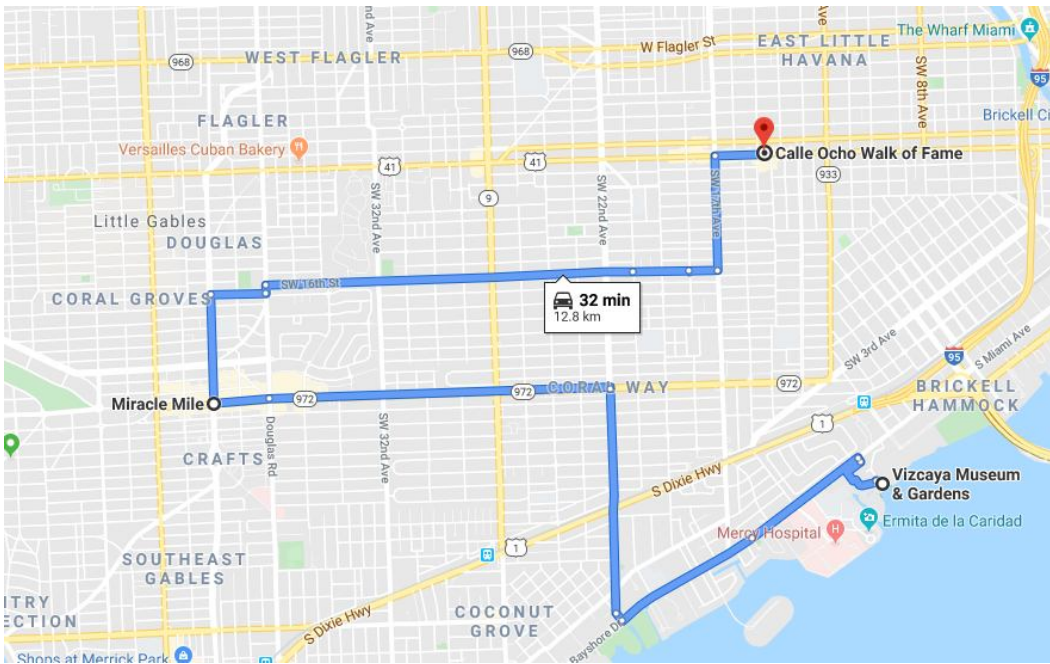
One of the most vibrant cities in the USA, Miami is best known for its Latin culture and sizzling nightlife. With its palm-tree-lined beaches and plethora of lovely art deco buildings, Miami is an enticing and attractive city that is a fun and festive place to visit. Its sunny climate is home to the largest Hispanic population in the States. It is possibly due to this that Miami has such a vibrant cultural scene, as is demonstrated in its fantastic museums showcasing some cutting-edge art and design. Attracting tourists from all over the planet, Miami is a melting pot of ethnic cultures with a wide array of exciting attractions and activities. One of Miami's main draws is its sunny beaches that range from family friendly to party scenes. Across the bay from Miami on a barrier island is Miami Beach, known for its Art Deco architecture and glamorous South Beach.

Among the iconic buildings with their pastel tones, there are some world-class restaurants for you to discover, as Miami again pushes the limits of what is possible. While the city is bathed in sunshine during the day, at night a myriad of dance halls, clubs and rooftop bars fill up. There are many great places where you can have a drink and look out over the glittering city. In addition to all this, Miami has loads of lovely nature spots to enjoy; you can be swimming with manatees one minute, before wandering through Oleta River National Park or be lounging on the beach the next. Miami is also a major port city managing the world's largest number of passenger cruise ships.



[Directions](#)

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13:00 – 15:15

## Vizcaya Museums & Gardens

The Vizcaya Museum and Gardens, also known as Villa Vizcaya, looks as if it could have been transported straight from Europe. This National Historic Landmark, set on 28 acres, was the luxurious winter home of 20th-century industrialist, James Deering. Built in 1916, the mansion features 34 rooms arranged around a central courtyard. It took more than 1,100 workers and craftsmen to complete the Vizcaya project, many of whom were brought over from Europe to ensure authenticity in design. The Italian Renaissance-style villa is filled with an impressive collection of European furniture and decorative arts from the 15th to 19th centuries.

The main building was once a private estate, but today is houses the museum, which boasts more than 70 rooms of European art and antiques. Just as appealing is what you can find outside, where the lavish and extensive gardens are located. The grounds and gardens contain beautiful Italian and French fountains, pools, and sculptures. Beautiful manicured flower beds, shrubs and shade trees dot the property, making it a popular place for events and weddings. A breakwater at the base of the steps leading into Biscayne Bay is an ornately carved barge, featuring female figures. Vizcaya has also been known to attract movie shoots, including *Bad Boys II* and *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective*.

### Entrance Fee:

Adults: \$22

Seniors: \$16

## Opening Times:

Wednesday to Monday: 9:30am – 4:30pm

## Address:

3251 South Miami Ave, Miami

## Website:

<https://vizcaya.org/>

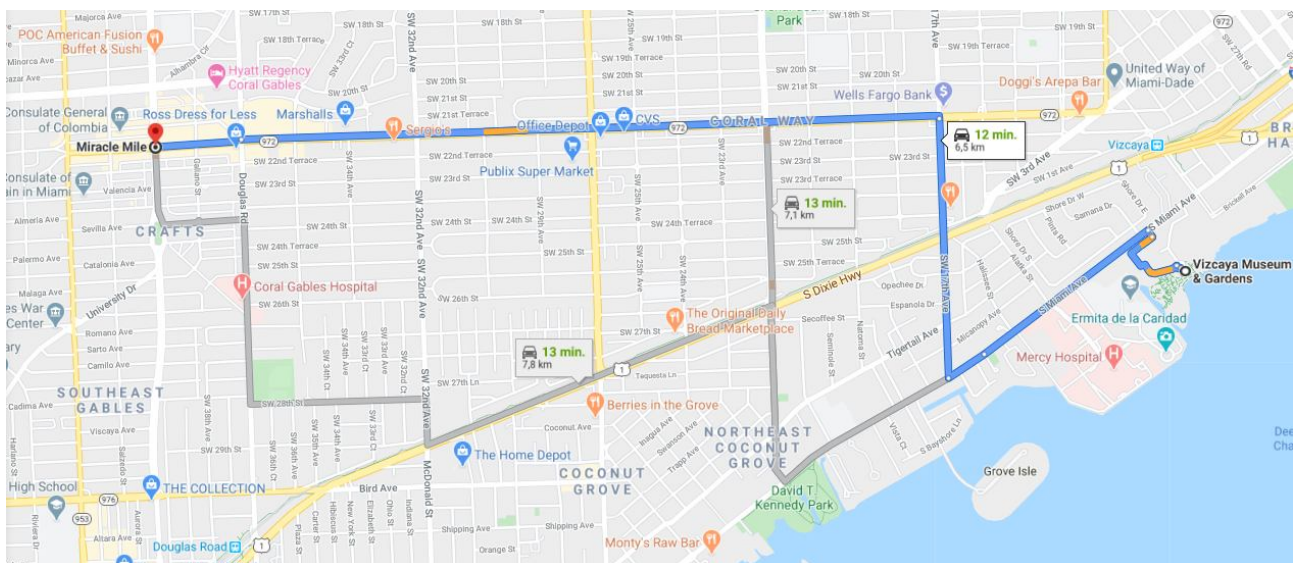
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15:45 – 17:45  
**Miracle Mile**

Coral Gables is one of Miami's most beautiful neighborhoods, and as such, their Downtown shopping district known as Miracle Mile is one of the most eye-pleasing, areas in town, featuring Mediterranean-style architecture housing more than 200 retailers. Features quality shops, art galleries, boutiques, cafes, restaurants and a live theater in a lushly landscaped environment of tree-lined streets. Miracle Mile has earned a reputation as a place with a lively atmosphere that appeals to the needs and desires of a wide range of clientele. Shoppers will find unique jewelry, apparel, home furnishings, book stores, salons, and spas, and other specialty shops. World-renowned restaurants offer food from around the world and serve dinner late into the evening. The area is known for its commitment to quality and personal service.

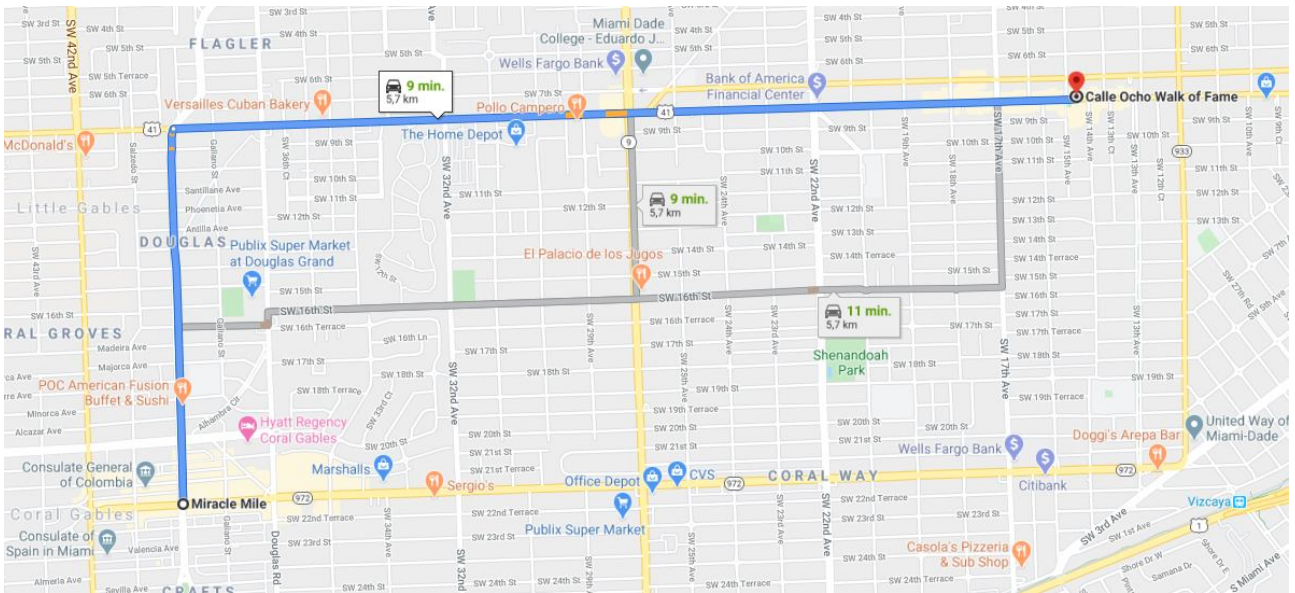
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18:00 – 19:30

## Calle Ocho & Little Havana

Little Havana, the Cuban district of Miami, isn't known for its wealth of tourist attractions but more for its distinctive cultural scene. If you can't get to Cuba, the next best place to experience Cuban cuisine, heritage, music and culture is in Little Havana. **Calle Ocho** or 8th Street are the main thoroughfares running through the district and home to much of the activity, but Little Havana spreads well beyond, into the surrounding streets and avenues. For people-watching, the area offers a great deal of entertainment. Restaurants and specialty food shops line the streets, and Latin music drifts through the air. Locals socialize in the open spaces. Murals grace the walls of buildings, showing important Cuban figures and scenes of daily life. You'll exclusively hear Spanish being spoken, and the surrounding shops on either side of the street sell Cuban favorites. On the street is Tower Theater, an Art Deco structure that still shows movies subtitled in Spanish. Stop in at Azucar Ice Cream Company to get Cuban-inspired sweet treats like a guava sorbet.

### Picture:



19:30 – 21:00

## Dinner at Old's Havana Cuban Bar & Cocina

### References:

[https://www.tripadvisor.sk/Restaurant\\_Review-g34438-d11721393-Reviews-Old s Havana Cuban Bar Cocina-Miami Florida.html](https://www.tripadvisor.sk/Restaurant_Review-g34438-d11721393-Reviews-Old_s_Havana_Cuban_Bar_Cocina-Miami_Florida.html)

### Address:

1442 SW 8 Street, Miami

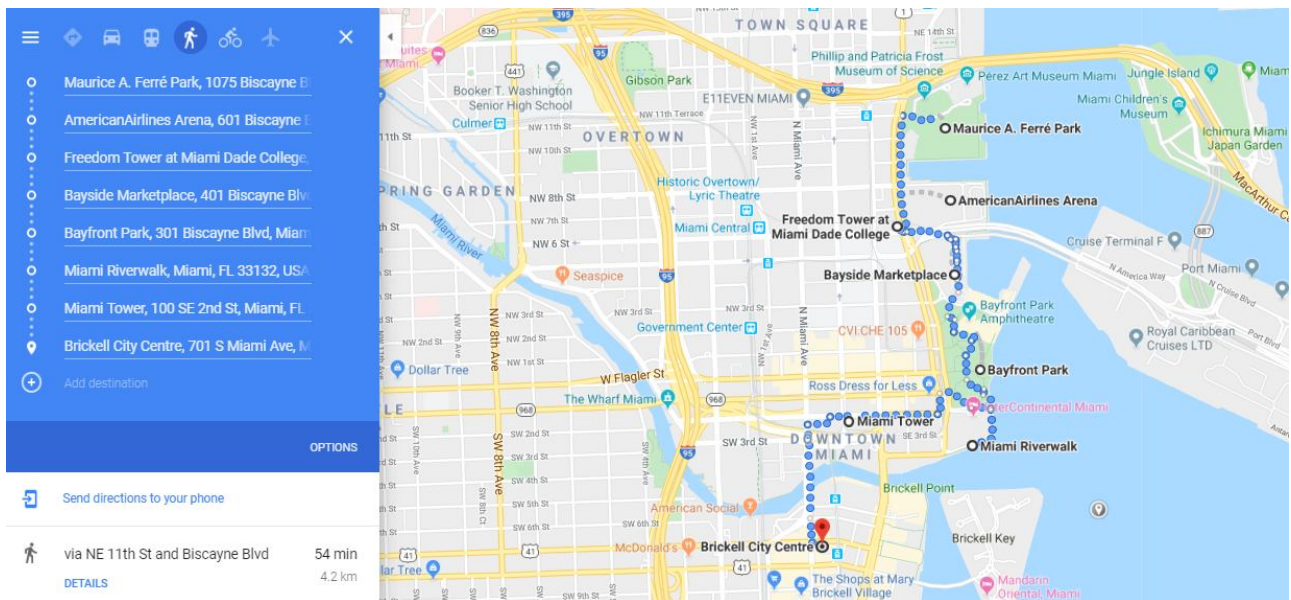
### Website:

<http://www.oldshavana.com/>

## DAY 11

### Directions

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09:00 – 09:15

## Maurice A. Ferre Park

Maurice A. Ferré Park is a 30-acre public, urban park in downtown Miami, Florida. The park is bordered on the south by the American Airlines Arena and Bayside Marketplace, and on the north by the Perez Art Museum Miami and the. The Park features a waterfront baywalk and promenade from Biscayne Boulevard to Biscayne Bay that provides pedestrian access to the museums.

The Plaza of the Spanish Navy (Plaza de la Marina Española) is a monument that honors the Spanish Navy, which under the orders of the admiral of the Ocean-Sea arrived in the Americas October 12th, 1492. The monument was erected in 1991, near the mooring site of the Spanish tall ship Juan Sebastian Elcano, by Mayor Xavier Suarez and Consul General Erik I. Martel, on the occasion of one of its visits to Miami.

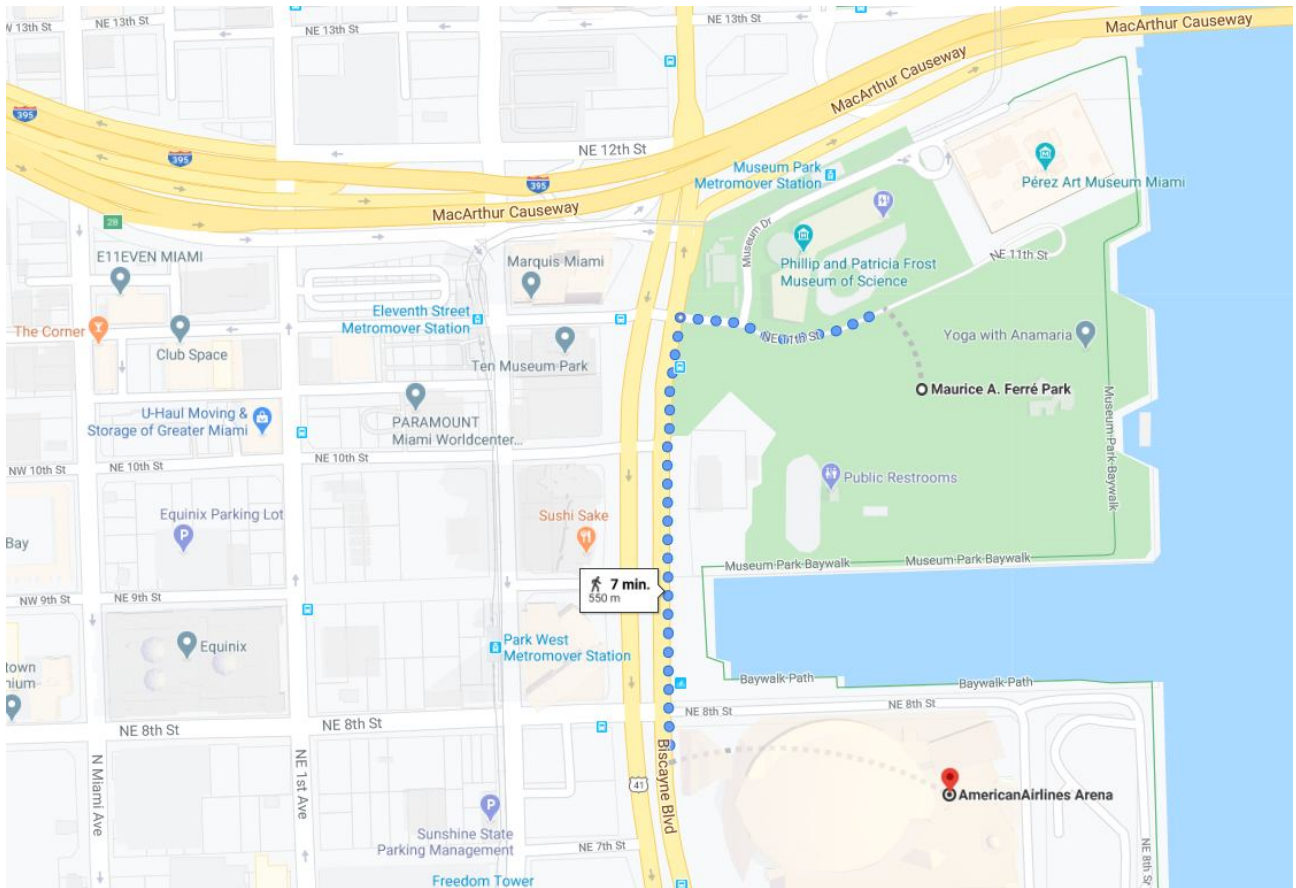
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09:30 – 10:05

## American Airlines Arena & Freedom Tower

The American Airlines Arena is the home of the NBA's Miami Heat. It is also the main venue for large concerts and other special events, including top name singers and performers. It can hold more than 19,000 people. The structure itself, opened in 1999, has been awarded the Leed Green Building Certification for being an energy efficient building. The arena stands out prominently on Biscayne Bay in downtown Miami.

**Address:**

601 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida

**Website:**

<http://www.aaarena.com>

**Picture:**



**Freedom Tower**

One of the most striking buildings on Biscayne Boulevard, Freedom Tower displays a "wedding-cake" style. Built in 1925, it is one of the oldest skyscrapers in the southeastern United States, and served for many years as the headquarters of the Miami Daily News.

Its name comes from its role as the immigration-processing center for hundreds of thousands of Cuban refugees who arrived in the 1960s. Today, it stands as a tribute to Cuban immigration and is used, in part, as a contemporary art museum.

**Address:**

600 North Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida

**Website:**

[http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/travel/american\\_latino\\_heritage/Freedom\\_Tower.html](http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/travel/american_latino_heritage/Freedom_Tower.html)

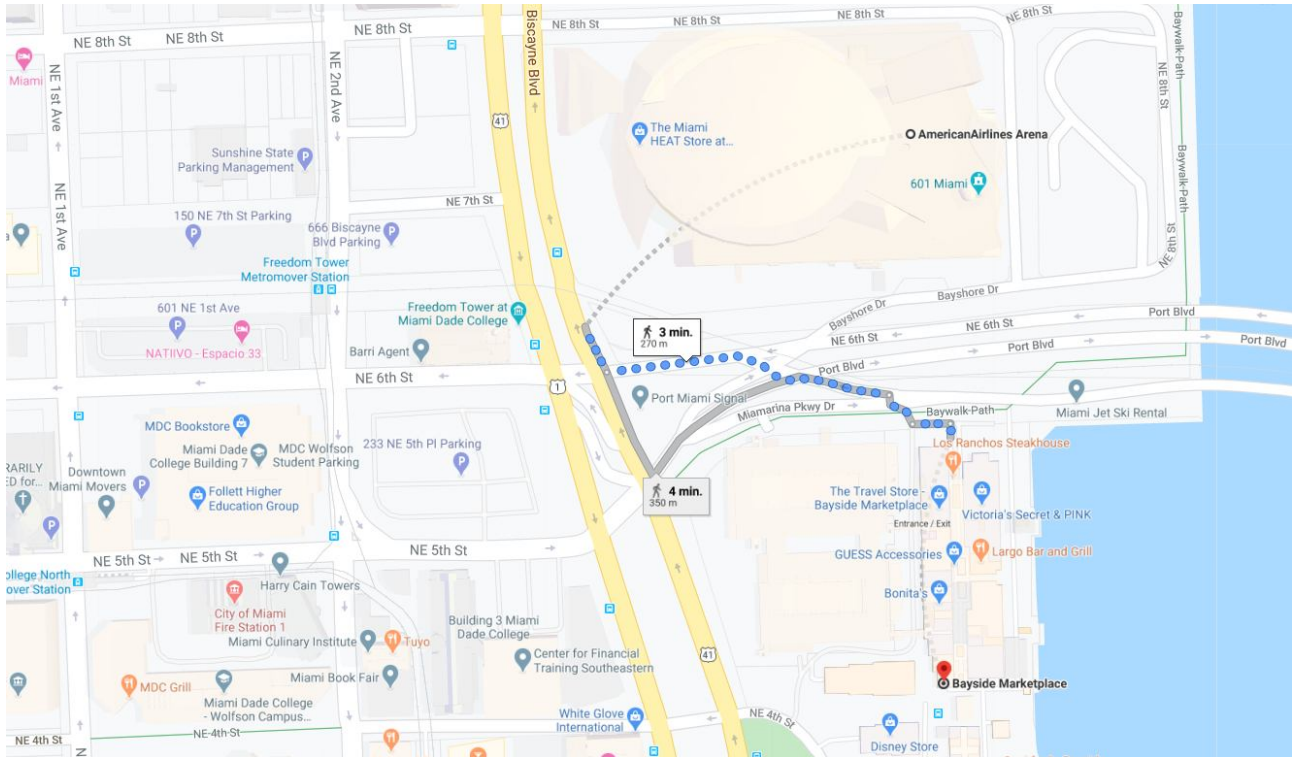
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10:15 – 11:00

## Bayside Marketplace

Bayside Marketplace is a large outdoor-style mall with more than 150 specialty and tourist shops, numerous cafes and restaurants, and daily live entertainment. Visitors will find some well-known chain stores, as well as many unique, one-of-a-kind places. The marketplace draws locals as well as tourists.

As may be evident in the name, the mall is located along Miami's waterfront, looking out over docks and boats. Many people come here simply to soak up the atmosphere. Tour boats leave from here, visiting locations around Biscayne Bay. There is also a water taxi service to Miami Beach and downtown hotels located in the area.

### Address:

401 Biscayne Blvd, Miami, Florida

### Website:

<http://www.baysidemarketplace.com/>

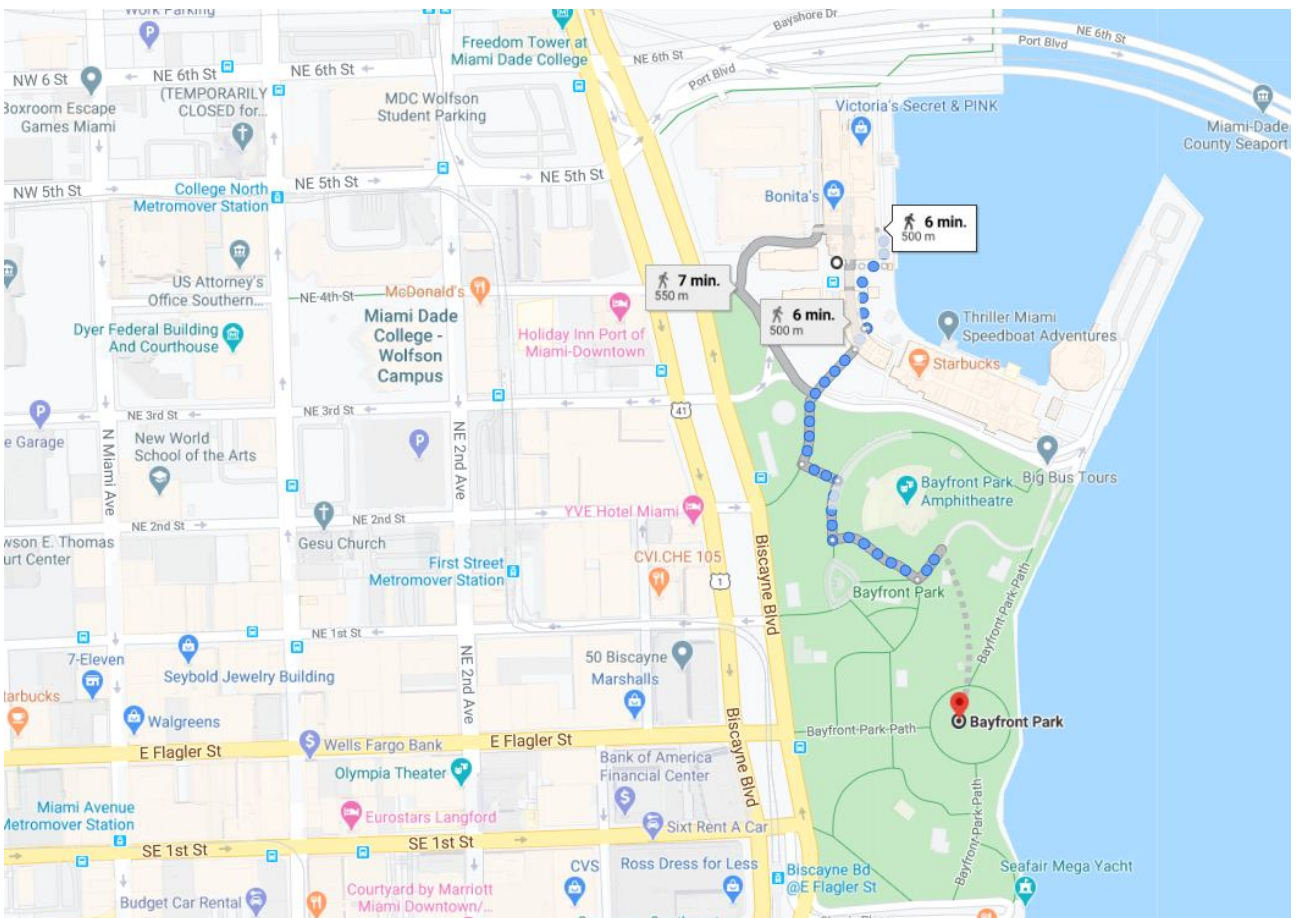
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11:15 – 11:45  
**Bayfront Park**

Bayfront Park is a 32-acre green urban park, adjacent to the Bayside Marketplace, right in the very center of Downtown Miami. It borders the waters of Biscayne Bay, meaning that you can set off on an unbelievably scenic walk right by the blue waters. The park has several interesting monuments and sculptures. One of the unique features is the electronically controlled Pepper Fountain. Other highlights include the Challenger Memorial, commemorating the crew of the Challenger spacecraft; the Light Tower, an amphitheater used for musical performances of all kinds; and a children's playground.

Bayfront Park is also home to a range of events and performances. You might be lucky enough to catch a major concert one evening, or you could take a yoga class in this gorgeous spot. Locals often come here just to run or walk on the paved trails.

**Address:**

301 North Biscayne Blvd, Miami, Florida

**Website:**

<http://www.bayfrontparkmiami.com/>

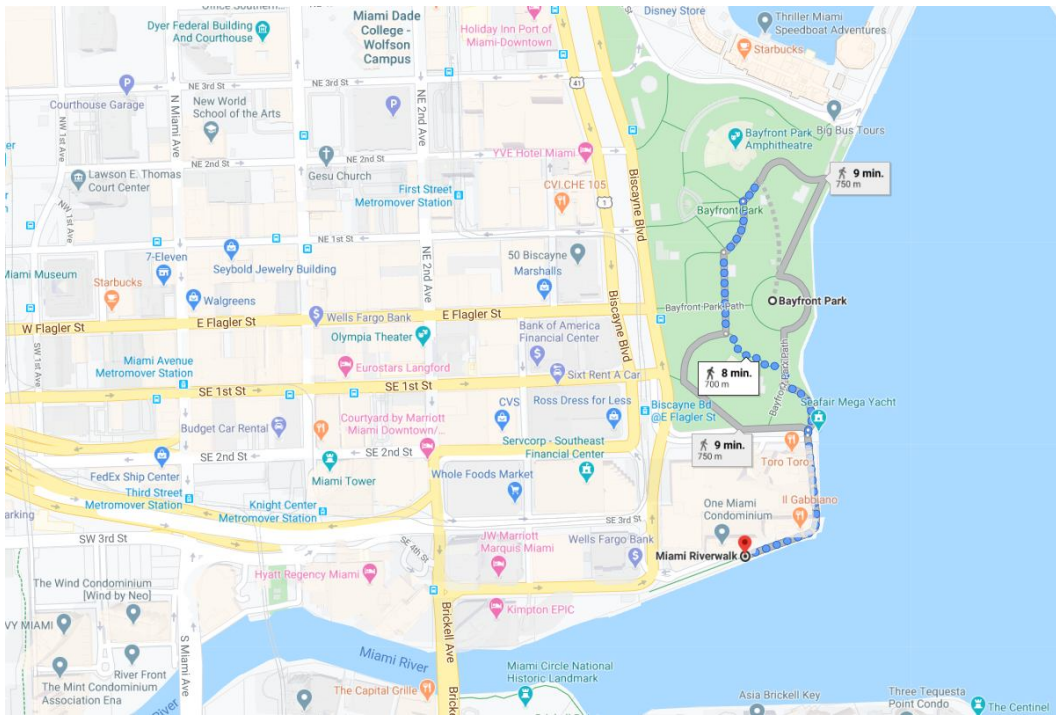
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12:00 – 12:15

## Miami RiverWalk

This pedestrian walkway follows along the northern edge of the river as it bisects Downtown, and offers some peaceful vantage points of bridges and skyscrapers dotting the urban landscape. You can start the walk at the south end of Bayfront Park and follow it under bridges and along the waterline till it ends just west of the SW 2nd Ave Bridge.

The Riverwalk is one small section of the ambitious Miami River Greenway project, which aims to extend a green path along both banks of the river all the way to the river's intersection with the Dolphin Expressway.

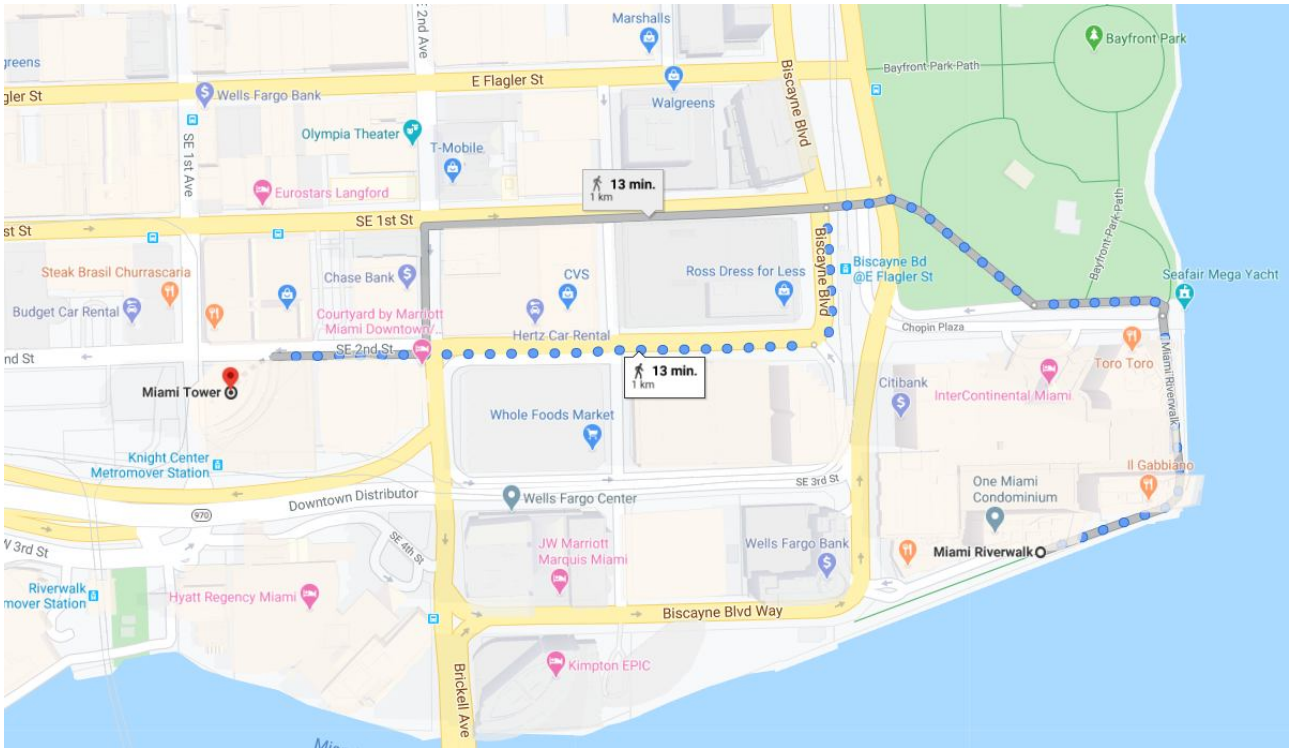
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20min walk

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12:35 – 12:45

## Miami Tower

The Miami Tower is a 47-story, landmark office skyscraper located in central Downtown. It is currently the 8th tallest building in Miami and Florida. On April 18, 2012, the AIA's Florida Chapter placed it on its list of *Florida Architecture: 100 Years. 100 Places* as the Bank of America Tower.

Built for CenTrust Bank in 1987, the 47-story building ranks in the top twenty tallest skyscrapers in Miami and in Florida at a height of 625 feet (191 m) and is known for its elaborate night-time illuminations and its dramatic three glass tiers.

The tower's three tiers allow it to have multiple color schemes in tribute to certain holidays and seasons. In 2012, a \$1.5 million LED system was installed on the tower to allow for more elaborate displays with a much quicker transition time.

**Address:**

100 SE 2nd Street, Miami

**Website:**

<https://www.miamitower.net/>

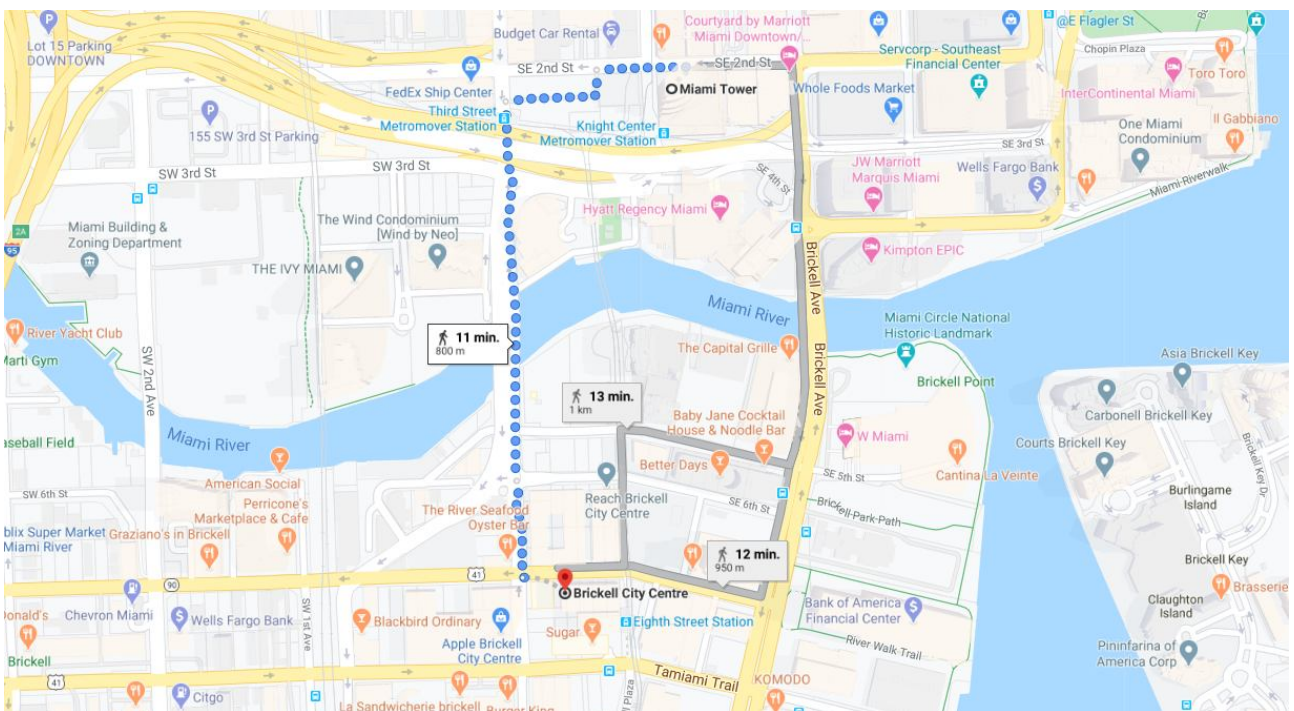
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13:00 – 13:30

## Miami Brickell City

Brickell is the city's financial center, where glittering business towers and luxury condos tower over Biscayne Bay. The Brickell financial district honestly feels more like New York than Miami, with a similar ambition, fast-paced lifestyle and walkability. Rooftop bars and surf 'n' turf grills cater to the banking and business crowd, while the art galleries and fashionable boutiques in the Brickell City Centre attract chic locals. The Brickell Avenue Bridge spans the Miami River and has views of the waterfront Miami Circle park and archaeological site.

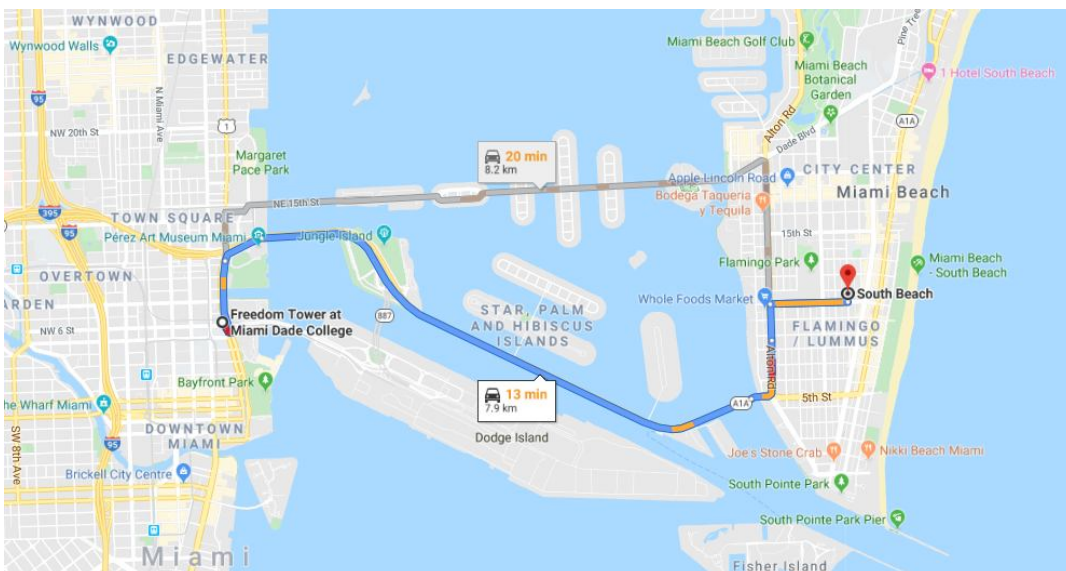
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14:00 – 16:30  
**South Beach**

Located on a barrier island and connected to the mainland by a series of bridges, Miami Beach is a mix of quiet neighborhoods, lively entertainment-focused areas, and long stretches of soft-sand beaches. For visitors, South Beach and the **Art Deco Historic District**, with pastel buildings from the 1930s and early 1940s sporting classic neon signs, is one of the main highlights. An expensive tourist district, this area features numerous beachfront restaurants, shops, hotels, and plenty of sunbathing opportunities. The most popular street in this area is **Ocean Drive**, a section of road located along the oceanfront and home to some beautiful Art Deco buildings. One block inland, running parallel with Ocean Drive, is Collins Avenue. Collins Avenue is actually State Road A1A and is the main oceanfront street in Miami Beach, joining numerous neighborhoods.

### **South Beach**

Located at the southern end of Miami Beach is a glorious stretch of sand known as South Beach. This wide section of beach fronts the ocean in the neighborhood of the same name. South Beach is the reason most people vacation in Miami. Often packed in summer, this is the most popular beach in Miami and one of the top beaches in Florida. It's a place to see and be seen, but also a place to swim and enjoy the shallow waters, escape the heat, and soak up the sun. A paved walk lines the beach, and in behind is Ocean Drive, where motorists cruise slowly by and take in the sights. Tourists can conveniently enjoy the beach, art deco architecture, world-famous nightlife, beautiful people, and high-end shopping all in one locale.

### **Boardwalk**

The Miami Beach Boardwalk is perhaps the best way to walk along the coast of Miami Beach. It stretches for over three miles, and it never veers far from the coast and Miami's most stunning beaches. The Miami Beach Boardwalk begins at Indian Beach Park in Mid-Beach Miami, and it heads south all the way to the heart of South Beach. Eventually, the boardwalk turns to a paved walkway, but it never stops being lively, vibrant and scenic. Head there in the early morning to beat the heat and join the countless runners and cyclists starting their day with some exercise.

### **Lummus Park Beach**

In the heart of Miami's famous South Beach is Lummus Park Beach, an urban park in the middle of all the action. Right on the Atlantic Ocean, Lummus Park Beach is an iconic spot that has been featured in countless films, television shows and music videos. There's a paved pathway that runs alongside the beach, but you can also walk right across the sand and dive into the cool waters of the Atlantic. Lummus

Park Beach is the ideal place to start or end a walking tour of the top attractions in Miami, and it is just steps from wonderful bars, restaurants, shops and even Art Deco architecture.

**Picture:**



16:30 – 18:30

## Art Deco Historical District & Ocean Drive

### **Ocean Drive**

Through Southern Florida, there is a major road known as the A1A. When it passes through much of Miami, it is known as Ocean Drive, and it turns into Collins Avenue as you head toward Miami Beach. Be prepared for thousands of people in their best swimsuits, a plethora of nightlife options, access to white sand beaches and plenty of roller skating on the paved sidewalk just next to the road. Ocean Drive is lined with trees, which means that you can stroll back and forth, sightseeing and people-watching the whole way, and still take advantage of the shade on a hot Miami day.

### **Art Deco Historic District**

The Art Deco Historic District is worth a trip out to Miami Beach. This architectural style, popular in the 1930s and 40s, dominates the trendy South Beach neighborhood. These uniquely designed buildings, in a range of pastel colors and displaying large neon signs, were built following a devastating hurricane that struck in 1926. As a result, the city boasts a staggering amount of Art Deco architecture.

Since the area is known for it, existing buildings are protected and preserved, and many of the interiors reflect their historic origins. There are more than 800 examples of Art Deco architecture in South Beach alone, so that's the best place for a walking tour. Although guided tours are available, you can also set off on your own and look for iconic landmarks like the Plymouth, the McAlpin, Winter Haven hotel, Cardozo hotel, US Post Office, Hotel Astor or Colony Hotel. Be sure to check out the Bass Museum, which offers both an impressive collection of early 20th century pieces and an impressive Art Deco exterior.

Many are hotels and restaurants, most of which have been beautifully restored. Along some of the main streets, awnings on the lower level of these buildings provide shade for outdoor dining areas. Ocean Drive and Collins Avenue are the two main streets through the area.

**Picture:**



18:30 – 19:30

## Lincoln Road Mall

Lincoln Road is basically a pedestrian friendly road (no cars, bikes, buses etc.) that has everything you need for a good day's fun. Eating, shopping and people watching are all good options. At this upscale, open-air mall off Collins Avenue at 17th Street, you'll find some of the most exclusive shops of South Beach, such as French Connection, Superdry, Alchemist, and Anthropologie. Shop 'til you drop at the historic Lincoln Theatre, which has been re-furbished and converted into a shopping mall that includes big name brands such as H&M, Apple, Forever 21, and J-Crew. There are also plenty of independently owned boutiques and popular outlets on Lincoln Road that offer a wide assortment of everything you could possibly need or



want. Many top art galleries and specialty stores are located here, but most browsers are here to see and be seen. There is a mixed and diverse crowd; it's not unusual to find people dressed "to the nines" being passed by inline skaters. You'll also find some of the most outstanding dining choices in the area, along with plenty of thriving nightlife options.

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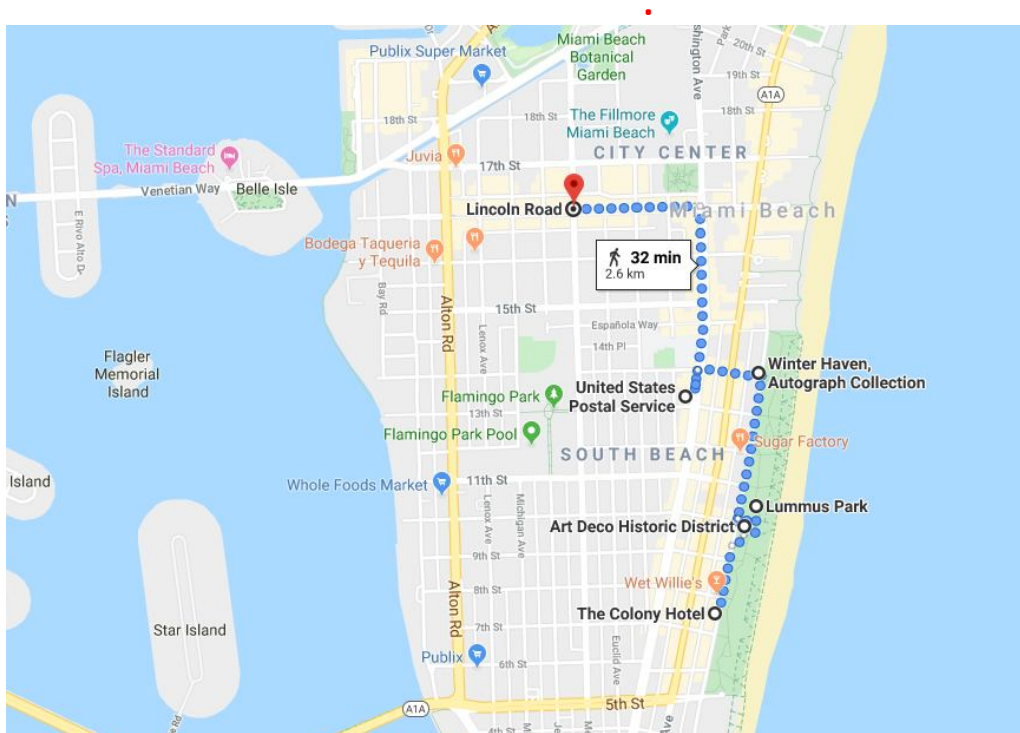
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**Picture:**



**Map of area:**

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11 days

**Drive:** 1,700 km

**Pace:** See it all

**Currency:** USD

**Language:** English, Spanish

**Food:** Florida Rock Shrimps, Cuban sandwiches, Key Lime Pie, Conch Fritters

**Main Airports:** Miami (MIA), Orlando (MCO), Fort Lauderdale (FLL), Tampa (TPA)

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