

Welcome to The Kite House Key West

The Kite House staff welcomes you to Key West and hopes you enjoy your stay and of course the kiting. Below is some info we think might be helpful.

These are some of our suggestions for dinner:

Casual, Value for Money

Rusty Anchor on Stock Island. For sure the **best** seafood you will get anywhere, they have their own fishing boats, so even the shrimp is pink and good, don't miss this !!!! Paul's favorite [pan fried yellow tail]

B.O.'s Fish wagon on Caroline and Williams St, looks like a rummage sale, but an unreal fish sandwich, or get the "fish fritter and fries" Buddy's been here his whole life, so he knows what's good.

Joses Cantina- on White Street, great Cuban food, very cheap and filling. They have been there a long time

Thai Cuisine – 513 Green Street, between Duval and Simonton.

Abondanzas Italian Restaurant – 1208 Simonton Street (just a short walk from the cottage)

Mr Z's cheese steaks, the best late night munchies you will find, on Southard St, right before Duval

The Café – 509 Southard, just off Duval Street. This is a mostly vegetarian place but they have great noodle and rice dishes along with a selection of specials, the portions are enormous and most dishes are under \$10.00, not only that but the food tastes fantastic and it has a funky atmosphere

Salsa Loco Duval Street. This is a fairly new little Mexican restaurant with seating either inside or in the courtyard garden out back. Again it has a colorful fun atmosphere, a large menu with big portions at very reasonable prices

Pizza

The Upper Crust – Duval Street (dine in, take out, delivery)

Big Johns - 610 Green Street (dine in, take out, delivery)

Sushi

Kyushu Japanese Restaurant - 921 Truman Avenue (a few blocks from cottage – go up Catherine to Packer Street and turn left till you reach Truman)

Upper end

The Grand Café – Duval street, opposite Hard Rock Café. Casual fine dining with very good food and a great selection of wines and martinis. The Grand has received numerous reviews recently about its food and atmosphere. And of course Paul is the chef there! Please remind us to give you a coupon for a free bottle of wine, should you choose to eat there.

Nine One Five – Duval Street, opposite the Mexican. This restaurant has great food but can be a bit pricy if you are very hungry. We like to go here and have a nice bottle of wine and order a selection of appetizers to share.

The Commadore – This restaurant is slightly more fine dining than the others but no more pricey. It has a great dining room over looking the water. Both the fish dishes and the steaks are recommended.

For Drinks

Schooner Wharf – This is a great locals spot right on the water overlooking all the sailing boats. Great for a sundowner and usually has live music. Even the dogs get a seat in this bar, very unique.

Green Parrot – This is a late evening locals bar, this is the true locals bar and some of the best live blues, ska and funk you will see, everyone's dancing, its where the weird go pro! Don't go till 9 or 10pm, that's when its gets fun, way better than the tourist bars down town.....these are pro's since 1890!

Southern Most House- outside bar and pool at the Atlantic end of Simonton, go for a swim!

Lazy Gecko - boom boom....and people on the bar dancing, good club stuff, more of a duval locals place.

Irish Kevin's Bar- Duval street, if Jarred is playing , go see him, he will have you laughing as he sings and pisses everyone off[he is also a kiter!]

Hoggs Breath salon- lower duval, good music and drinks, a fun place to hang out

Le Grand Vin – A little wine bar/shop offering a selection of wines by the glass or bottles which you can buy and sit on the porch and enjoy.

Louies backyard – Great for a romantic after dinner drink. It is a restaurant but has a bar out the back set right on the water.

Nine one Five – If you choose not to dine here it is still a nice spot to stop for a glass of wine (They only have a beer and wine liscence)

The Grand – Again if you choose not to eat here the bar at the back of the restaurant is a great place to enjoy a martini.

Cool stores

Local color - on duval and green , across from sloppy joe's has the cool stones and jewelry from the Dominican Republic and more, not priced high more of everyday wear they are kilters as well. Jessie and his family are some of the coolest locals you will me, stop by and say hello. They also have the Red Door, a house across from B.O.'s fish wagon..lots of history and cool clothes for women.

Things To Do

Take a kayak Tour- Lazy Dog Adventures gives the best by far tour on the island, it is a must do. They are located at the hurricane hole marina on stock island, tell them your from The Kite House.

Snorkel the reef- The reefs off Key West are truly a site to see. Lots of turtles and fish. Seabago and the fury make trips a few times a day.

Take a dolphin tour – Good fun and great for families as well, nice to see then in there environment, the boat Echo goes out daily out of Conch Harbor.

Go fishing- If its deep sea fishing for sailfish, wahoo, or going flats fishing Charter Boat row has it all for you in the city marina on palm ave

Hold a gold bar- The Mel Fisher museum has all the treasure brought up from the attocha, Mel devoted his life and more to all this, very interesting.

See some 6 toed cats- Visit Hemmingway's house on whitehead st, home of the writer and some weird cats

Take a ghost tour- Key West is very haunted[I am serious] learn some unreal history and go for a walk at night, the tour goes out of La Concha Hotel

Rent a bike- Key West is best seen by bike and there is tons to see, check out the cemetery, got to the beach at Ft Zach, nice beach and good snorkeling, costs 1.50

Celebrate sunset every night-At Mallory Square[at the bottom of Duval] see many different performers doing really cools acts, and shop the many local vendors with home made crafts

If You Bring the Kids

The aquarium is great, touch a shark!

The wreckers museum is a fun look at key west in the past

Pirate Soul museum on front street is a must do

Ripley's believe it or not is a fun tour

All these were given the 2 thumbs up by my son and cousin!

If you have any other needs or questions feel free to ask us at The Kite House, or just stop by our home at 533 william street[upstairs] number 3 and be welcome.

Aloha

Paul Menta