



DESTINATION - YACHT CHARTER GUIDE

Florida Keys

Yacht Charter Guide

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Florida Keys Yacht Charter

Region: Americas

Gateways: MIA - FLL - OPF

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FLORIDA KEYS

Overview

Think of Florida Keys as a precision week inside Florida & Miami: embark near Key West Bight Marina, protect swim mornings at Newfound Harbor, and book Louie's Backyard early. Blue Ocean Club brokers the berths and APA before contract.

Superyacht charter Florida Keys - embarkation, itinerary and APA bands before contract. Blue Ocean Club brokers Americas weeks.

AIRPORTS

MIA, FLL, OPF

REGION

Americas

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WHEN TO GO

Season & rhythm

- How a Florida Keys week actually runs.: A choreographed operation - berths, tenders and tables locked before wheels-down.
- Embark ready: APA open, crew briefed, transfer timed to Key West Bight Marina.
- Local cadence: Morning toys, held lunch, short reposition around Florida Keys, quiet overnight.
- Concierge lock: Restaurants and clubs confirmed weeks out - not left to chance.
- When to berth. When to anchor.: In Florida Keys, quay nights buy access; hook nights buy privacy.
- Quay nights: Harbour energy around Key West Bight Marina, walk-ashore dinners, event visibility.
- At anchor: Swim platforms, quiet mornings, tender-only shore calls.
- The usual play: One or two quay nights; the rest swinging in protected water.

ON THE WATER

Cruising grounds

Florida Keys

Biscayne to Key West - reef and backcountry.

Miami & Government Cut

Skyline sails, South Beach and Stiltsville.

QUAY NIGHTS

Marinas & berthing

Key West Bight Marina

Key West harbour for end-of-Keys weeks. - Max LOA ~40 m - Draft ~3.5 m - Gateway EYW - Transfer 10-20 min from EYW - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

DAY WATER

Anchorage

Key West Bight approaches

Primary overnight / marina.

Newfound Harbor

Mid-Keys protected holding.

Rodriguez Key

Islamorada day-hook.

Newfound Harbor / Big Pine

Lower Keys quiet overnight.

No Name Harbor, Key Biscayne

Protected hook near Miami.

SHORE TABLES

Restaurants**Louie's Backyard**

Key West

Waterfront institution after Key West Bight.

Half Shell Raw Bar

Key West

Harbour classic on the bight.

Lazy Days

Islamorada

Mid-Keys lunch on longer loops.

Keys waterfront casuuls

Upper Keys lunch culture on day-hooks.

Casa Tua / Miami Beach classics

Held against Island Gardens nights.

DAY ASHORE

Beach clubs**Fort Zachary Taylor Beach**

Key West

Best swim beach in Key West.

Nikki Beach Miami

Miami Beach

South Beach club day.

TRANSFERS

Airport to gangway.

We choreograph MIA / FLL arrivals into Key West Bight Marina.

Helicopter / GA

Private hops when Florida Keys supports coastal helipads or GA strips into the Americas gateway. MIA corridor FLL corridor OPF corridor

Chauffeur

SUV / S-Class briefed on Key West Bight Marina gates - timed to embarkation. To Key West Bight Marina 10-20 min from EYW

Door-to-deck options are confirmed against your embarkation slot.

NUMBERS - FLORIDA KEYS

VAT & APA - Florida Keys short version.

On a Florida Keys charter the base fee is only the starting line. Budget tax treatment and a realistic APA before you lock dates.

Tax

Confirm Florida sales tax / local tax treatment for your charter itinerary with yacht management.

APA

Peak winter often 25-35%+ once fuel and harbour berths are honest - confirm band before contract.

Berths

Indicative marina ranges on request - draft until agent confirms.

WITHIN THIS COAST

Local guides

Miami

Miami is a core Florida & Miami charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Island Gardens Deep Harbour, Miami - Day-anchor: No Name Harbor, Key Biscayne - Table: Casa Tua Cucina / Miami

Fort Lauderdale

Fort Lauderdale is a core Florida & Miami charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Palm Harbor Marina / Fort Lauderdale complex - Day-anchor: Elliott Key - Table: Joe's Stone Crab

BEFORE YOU FLY

FAQ

When is the best time for yacht charter in Florida Keys?

Shoulder months usually balance weather, water and berth availability for Florida Keys. Peak midsummer adds density and premium quay pricing at Key West Bight Marina.

Which marina should we embark from in Florida Keys?

Key West Bight Marina is the primary embarkation for Florida Keys, with anchorage fallbacks when LOA or events block the preferred quay.

How far ahead should we book berths in Florida Keys?

For peak season around Florida Keys, 4-12 weeks is typical for larger yachts; shoulder season is more flexible. We open the berth conversation with the yacht shortlist.

What does APA usually cover on a Florida Keys charter?

Fuel, berthing, food and beverage, and most guest concierge extras. For Florida Keys we set an honest APA band before contract - not a vague percentage.

Can you arrange airport transfers into Florida Keys?

Yes - chauffeur and helicopter where available from MIA / FLL, timed to the embarkation slot at Key West Bight Marina.

How does a Florida Keys week use Florida Keys?

Florida Keys is a core Florida Keys pocket - we sequence Key West Bight Marina nights and day-anchors so the week feels unhurried. Florida Keys sits inside Florida & Miami as a focused stop, not a duplicate of the country hub.

OPERATIONAL

Mooring notes

Florida Keys - Key West Bight Marina

High in peak season around Florida Keys - broker relationships matter for larger LOA. 4-12 weeks for peak season slips. Event or festival weeks near Florida Keys can multiply rates and eliminate availability. We hold Key West Bight Marina alternatives and anchorage fallbacks before you sign.

Berth fees, APA budgets and event lead times are indicative and move with LOA, season and harbour policy. Blue Ocean Club confirms live figures in writing before deposit. Not a substitute for captain pilotage or marina contracts.

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