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The Best Hotels and Resorts in the Florida Keys

Drive south from Miami and you'll discover an intriguing collection of islands strung together like a shell necklace. Each Florida Key has its own personality, so whether you lean more rugged, refined, or raucous, there is one to match your mood.

First up, Key Largo: Sure, it's littered with kitsch, but don't let that dissuade you. Turn off the main highway and you'll find some terrific spots for relaxing by, in, and under the water. Or cruise down to more sophisticated Islamorada, where fine dining and purple-hued sunsets compete for your attention, along with a host of resorts. Further south, Duck Key beckons families with its summer-camp vibe. Then, keep heading all the way south to Key West to discover legendary characters, a fierce independent streak of festive fun. Just like the islands themselves, you'll discover a variety of hotels and resorts along the way, from sprawling and intimate to laidback and luxurious; it's all here in America's Caribbean. Here, the best places to stay in the Florida Keys.

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Playa Largo Resort & Spa, Autograph Collection \rightarrow

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This member of Marriott's Autograph Collection is a welcome sight after driving past an almost endless string of fast food outlets and tacky shops on the Overseas Highway in Key Largo. The gleaming lobby feels more cosmopolitan than tropical with nary a seashell or palm leaf in sight. It's definitely a nice departure from the typical decor you'll find in the Keys. This is a full-service resort with a spa that shouldn't be missed and four restaurants and bars, each offering a different experience. Locally-sourced fine dining spot La Marea is even becoming a culinary destination in its own right.

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Reefhouse Resort & Marina →

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Reefhouse Resort & Marina's beachy location—not to mention its 50,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor event venues—makes it a popular destination for weddings and meetings. It's also a paradise for underwater adventurers, with its own basin and dive shop and close proximity (about a five-minute drive) to John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park. The rooms are fresh and bright with a chic nautical flair; many have balconies, and those with bay front views are the ones to book. There's also a spa with a comprehensive treatment menu.

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