

Key West, Florida

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Key West Gardens of Paradise

February 26 – March 1, 2009

Air, Hotel & Tour Package

From \$1,895.00 per person

*Price is based on double occupancy. Single supplement from \$350 per person. Airfare from Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport is included. Non-members of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, add \$100 to tour price.

The Key West Tropical Forest and Botanical Garden will be our host for a long weekend in the "Southernmost City" in the continental United States. We'll spend our days here visiting some of the many sights that make Key West so interesting, from the former residence of Ernest Hemingway to Harry S. Truman's "Little White House".

The island was founded in 1822 and has been home to pirates, artists, musicians and even hosts to presidents ever since. Truman, relaxing in his Winter White House, once wrote: *"I've a notion to move the capital to Key West and just stay."*

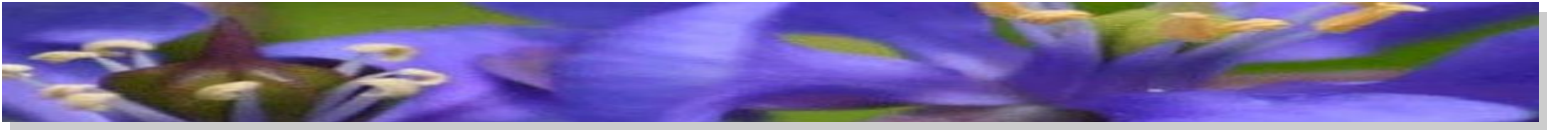
The diverse and spirited city is filled with museums, gardens, shops, galleries, restaurants and music venues.

The Key West Tropical Forest and Botanical Garden is holding their annual "**Gardenfest**" the weekend of our trip and have invited us to be a part of the festivities. We will enjoy private tours, wine tasting and special educational programs.

Throughout the stay we will be invited to visit a select number of private gardens including one on Sunset Key, a small island across the channel from Key West. We will take a water taxi to the island, tour as well as enjoy a delicious meal at the famous *Latitudes* restaurant.

One of the most popular things to do in Key West is to be a part of the sunset celebration on Mallory Square. Starting about two hours before sunset, the participants begin setting up their stalls or get

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ready to entertain. There are arts and crafts exhibitors, street performers, high-wire artists, food carts, psychics and palm readers, combined with thousands of tourists from around the world who come to visit this event and to watch the sun sink into the Gulf of Mexico. It's certainly a must-see event while you're here.



With many meals included, this is an exceptional value.

There's so much to do in Key West that you'll have no problem filling your free time with activities. The cuisine of the city is legendary, from conch fritters to freshly caught seafood! And there are museums, shops, historic houses, cemeteries and lighthouses to explore, all easily accessible from your hotel. And with all of these venues to visit, you'll be looking to find a way to get back soon to this charming bit of Gulf real estate

And all of this can be yours in the middle of our Minnesota winter, a breath of warm air to help you make it through until spring, at a price you can afford, all planned out for you in advance for carefree travel. Join the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum on this great weekend escape to sunny south Florida!

Single Occupancy Rate

\$2,245 per person



Ernest Hemmingway House in Key West

About the Key West Tropical Forest and Botanical Garden

The Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden is the only "frost-free" botanical garden in the continental United States. A tropical environment with ample rain allows most trees to retain their leaves in the dry season (December through late May). It is home to many endangered and threatened flora and fauna. Plus the species found in the Caribbean are among the richest in plant and animal life on the planet.

The Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden is a special place where you can appreciate biodiversity and learn more about its importance. For instance, the forest has two of the last remaining fresh water ponds in the Keys and is a major migratory stopping point for neo-tropical birds from places as far away as South America, as well as being home to many rare birds in the Florida Keys.

What's Included

- Roundtrip airfare between Minneapolis-St. Paul and Key West, Florida with one stop in Miami.
- Airline taxes and fuel surcharges
- Three nights' hotel accommodation at the Southernmost Hotel in Key West
- Breakfast daily
- Two lunches
- Welcome reception
- Sightseeing and transfers as indicated in itinerary
- Hotel taxes and service charges
 - A contribution to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
 - Expert host throughout tour



Travel Itinerary

Thursday, February 26

Morning departure from Minneapolis/St. Paul for Key West, Florida. Upon arrival you'll retrieve your luggage and transfer to the **Southernmost Hotel**, located near the beach at the south end of famous Duval Street. After check-in at the hotel, we'll take a short walk to the Hemingway House and Museum for a guided visit of the home of one of Key West's most famous residents—Ernest Hemmingway. Following our visit we return to the hotel, where we have a welcome reception on the beach. Afterwards, dinner is on your own. Many fine restaurants are located within easy walking distance of the hotel.

Friday, February 27

B L

Following breakfast this morning, we depart the hotel via the famous Conch Tour Train. We hop-off at various spots along the way and visit Nancy Forrester's Secret Garden, the Audubon House and Garden, Truman's Little White House, and the Martello Garden. Lunch is included during our tour at one of Key West's fine downtown restaurants. After lunch, you are free to use your Conch Tour Train ticket to work your way back to the hotel, either directly or by continuing to hop-on and hop-off at museums and/or shops along the way.

This evening we are taken by coach to the **Key West Tropical Forest and Botanical Garden**, where we begin Gardenfest activities with a wine tasting and plant sale preview. You'll be able to order exotic plants such as orchids for shipment back home or to carry back with you. After the event we return to our hotel, where the balance of the evening is at leisure. Dinner on own tonight.

Saturday, February 28

B L

Our day today features a return to the **Key West Tropical Forest and Botanical Garden** to take part in all of the activities scheduled, including private tours of local gardens, viewing and purchase of native plants, fruit trees, exotic palms,

orchids, bromeliads, flowering plants and more, as well as nature-themed art and crafts.

You'll also have a tour of the Botanical Garden, a rich and diverse environment whose attractions include tropical fruit trees, fragrant native plants, native palms, tropical spices and local herbs, champion trees, butterflies and birds.

On both Saturday and Sunday, there are a series of free educational workshops on horticultural subjects you can participate in for no cost.

Our tour features a special Gardenfest activity – a short trip across the water from Key West to the island of Sunset Key. Here we'll have a chance to visit several private gardens within this exclusive community which will be open especially for us this afternoon. We'll enjoy lunch beachside at *Latitudes* restaurant before our garden visits.

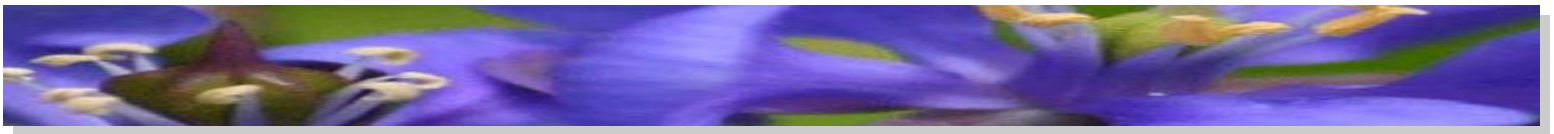
This afternoon promises to be the highlight of the weekend's activities. After our lunch and tour, we'll return to Key West. We'll be dropped off at the docks downtown. This is the time to get over to Mallory Square to watch the evening sunset celebration before heading out to dinner (on your own). The evening is free for your own activities.

Sunday, March 1

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This morning the group will have a special farewell breakfast at the famous Banana Café in Key West. After breakfast we stroll to the nearby Butterfly Farm and Nature Conservancy a few blocks from our hotel. The remainder of the afternoon will be free time to enjoy last minute shopping, relaxation or touring. We depart our hotel late afternoon for our evening flight back to Minneapolis.

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner



Not a Member? You can still come along!

*Non-members will need to add \$100 per person to the tour price. To qualify for the Arboretum member's price, each traveler must be a member of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Please contact the Arboretum at 952-443-1440 for information on membership.

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Not included in the tour:

- \$15 airline fee each way for first checked piece of luggage
- Optional sightseeing activities
- Gratuities to drivers and guides
- Meals not included in itinerary
- Travel insurance
- Any other items not specifically mentioned as included in the itinerary



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Harry W. Truman Little White House

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Deposits:

Deposit: \$500 per person at the time of booking. Travelers will be provided with a deposit and payment schedule.



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