



## *Florida Keys*

### Ocean Reef Club to Key West Intl

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In this adventurous flight you will experience a journey through the beauty of the islands of the Florida Keys, an archipelago of about 1,700 islands in the southeastern United States, connected to the mainland by the long Seven Mile Bridge viaduct. They begin southeast of the tip of the Florida Peninsula, about 15 miles south of Miami, and extend in a gentle arc from northeast to southwest to Key West, our destination, the westernmost of the inhabited islands, and the Dry Tortugas (uninhabited).

You will enjoy spectacular views of the crystal clear waters of the Atlantic Ocean, the Keys' tropical vegetation and turquoise bays. Take off from the Ocean Reef Club airport in Key Largo continuing southward flying over the many islands, their bays each with their own unique beauty. Be captivated by the view of the coral reef, which is one of the longest in the world and home to a wide range of marine life, including turtles, manta rays, sharks, and many other species. The trip ends at the airport in Key West, famous for the city's Spanish colonial architecture and colorful houses.

- **No. of Legs:** 1
- **Total distance:** 97 nm

## Legs

### Leg 1: 07FA - KEYW

Departure: Ocean Reef Club (07FA)

Destination: Key West Intl (KEYW)

Distance: 97,4 nm



### CKNWL-Crocodile Lake National Wildlife

Distance: 9,4 nm

Dist. from Dept.: 9,4 nm

Dist. to Dest.: 88,0 nm

True Course: 212°

Magnetic Course: 219°

After takeoff, climb to 1,500 feet, following the coastline of Key Largo southward. Keeping the turquoise waters of the Atlantic on your left and the lush greenery of the island on your right.

Crocodile Lake National Wildlife Refuge is a protected area rich in biodiversity and home to a wide range of animal species, including waterfowl such as ducks, herons and hawks, and mammals such as squirrels, flying squirrels, raccoons and foxes.

The area is also known for its rich vegetation, which includes mangrove forests, pines and other tree species. The refuge offers visitors a wide range of recreational activities, including fishing, kayaking and bird watching. There is also a bird watching trail that offers breathtaking views of the coast and surrounding waters. Visitors can also take a boat trip to see the wildlife and ecosystem of the area up close.

### JPCRP-John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park

Distance: 4,6 nm  
Dist. from Dept.: 14,0 nm  
Dist. to Dest.: 83,4 nm  
True Course: 209°  
Magnetic Course: 216°

The flight plan is very easy to follow. Follow the Overseas Highway's causeways southwest

John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park is one of the first underwater parks in the United States, located in Key Largo. The park was established in 1963 to protect the coral reef surrounding the island and the surrounding marine ecosystem. It covers an area of about 178 km<sup>2</sup>, which includes a large area of sea and a small portion of land. The park is known for its wide variety of marine life, which includes a wide range of fish species, turtles, manta rays, and corals.

The coral reef surrounding the park is one of the best examples of coral reefs in the Atlantic Ocean. Snorkeling and diving enthusiasts can explore the park's seabed and admire the beauty of marine life. It also offers many opportunities for freshwater enthusiasts, including canoeing and kayaking, and there is a range of hiking and fishing trails. History and culture lovers can visit the park's museum area to learn more about the history and culture of the area.

### PLNTK-Plantation Key

Distance: 11,2 nm  
Dist. from Dept.: 25,2 nm  
Dist. to Dest.: 72,2 nm  
True Course: 222°  
Magnetic Course: 228°

Leaving John Pennekamp, after 15 nautical miles appear, a narrow island with a mix of homes and marinas.

Plantation Key is an island best known for its beach, one of the most beautiful in the Florida Keys, with white sand and crystal clear waters.

The area is also very popular for shopping, eating, and entertainment. There are numerous stores, restaurants and bars where you can enjoy a relaxing atmosphere and enjoy spectacular views of the sea.

There is no shortage of historical and cultural attractions to visit, such as the Tropic Cinema theater and the Historic Seaport, a tourist district that offers a wide range of activities, including live music, shopping, and delicious food. In addition, you can see the Dry Tortugas Islands National Park, where you can spot various species of birds, sea turtles, and tropical fish.

The area is also famous for deep-sea fishing, where you can take part in fishing excursions to catch marlin, tuna, and other sport fish.

**LMKEY-Lower Matecumbe Key**

Distance: 11,7 nm  
Dist. from Dept.: 36,9 nm  
Dist. to Dest.: 60,5 nm  
True Course: 232°  
Magnetic Course: 239°

The island of Lower Matecumbe Key has a fascinating history rich in cultural traditions, dating back to pre-Columbian times when American Indians lived on these lands.

Over the centuries, Lower Matecumbe Key has been the scene of many important historical events, including the arrival of early European explorers, the building of forts and military garrisons during the American War of Independence, and the growth of the fishing and tourist industry in the 20th century.

The island became a major tourist center in the 1950s and 1960s due to its natural beauty and prime location. Even today, Lower Matecumbe Key attracts thousands of tourists each year, who come to enjoy its white beaches, crystal clear waters and rich underwater treasures. There is no shortage of recreational activities, such as fishing, windsurfing, kitesurfing and more, making it an ideal place for lovers of adventure and outdoor fun.

**LAYTN-Layton**

Distance: 6,0 nm  
Dist. from Dept.: 42,9 nm  
Dist. to Dest.: 54,5 nm  
True Course: 246°  
Magnetic Course: 252°

Leaving Lower Matecumbe Key, continue southwest along the Overseas Highway bridges.

Layton's history dates back to the late 19th century, when the area was used as a base for fishing and hunting, activities that continued to be important to the community throughout the 20th century.

In the 1950s and 1960s, Layton was also an important center of shell production, which was used to make pearls and other jewelry. This activity contributed greatly to the local economy and helped create a strong community of residents.

Today, Layton is still a popular tourist resort, offering a wide range of outdoor activities typical of such places.

**MRTON-Marathon**

Distance: 13,5 nm  
Dist. from Dept.: 56,4 nm  
Dist. to Dest.: 41,0 nm  
True Course: 245°  
Magnetic Course: 252°

Continue your navigation. Pass Duck Key, Key Colony Beach and fly over Marathon and its airport.

Marathon's history dates back to the mid-1800s, when the area was populated by fishermen and sailors working in the Keys. Over the years, the city has developed and established itself as a major



tourist and residential center. Currently, it is one of the most popular destinations for those seeking a quiet life in the Keys, and attracts many visitors throughout the year.

#### BHNDK-Baia Honda Key

Distance: 12,2 nm  
Dist. from Dept.: 68,6 nm  
Dist. to Dest.: 28,8 nm  
True Course: 254°  
Magnetic Course: 260°

Follow the Overseas Highway's bridges southwest, keeping the Atlantic's turquoise waves on your left and the Gulf's green waters on your right. After 10 nautical miles, Bahia Honda Key emerges, its state park and iconic old railroad bridge a striking landmark.

The next island you will fly over is Honda Key Bay. Honda Key offers a unique combination of natural beauty and history.

It is home to Baia Honda State Park, which offers many entertainment opportunities, such as swimming, fishing, camping, and biking.

The Baia Honda Bridge, which connects the island to the mainland, was built in the 1930s and has become a historical icon of the area. The construction of the Bay Honda Bridge also paved the way for the development of the island as a tourist destination.

The island is also known for its rich maritime history, which dates back to the era of pirates and privateers. During World War II, Honda Key Bay was used as a naval base, with many military installations still visible today.

#### SMMRL-Summerland Key

Distance: 10,4 nm  
Dist. from Dept.: 79,0 nm  
Dist. to Dest.: 18,4 nm  
True Course: 267°  
Magnetic Course: 273°

After 10 nautical miles, Summerland Key appears as a low island with scattered homes and a small airstrip.

The community of Summerland was originally inhabited by the Calusa, an ancient Indian tribe that lived in the region before the arrival of Europeans. During the Spanish Conquest era, the town was used as a stopping place for navigators on their way to New Spain.

In the 19th century, Summerland became an important fishing and production area for high-quality sponges, and many immigrant fishermen settled here. Today, Summerland is a residential community offering a quiet and relaxed lifestyle with beautiful beaches and an abundance of outdoor activities.

### BCHFL-Key West

Distance: 14,4 nm  
Dist. from Dept.: 93,3 nm  
Dist. to Dest.: 4,1 nm  
True Course: 250°  
Magnetic Course: 256°

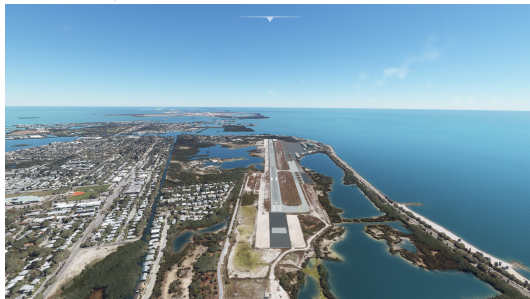
Pass the Summerland Key airport site and continue on course. Key West sprawls ahead with its colorful rooftops and bustling harbor at the U.S.'s southernmost point.

It is located at the southern end of the Florida Keys and covers an island only 4 miles long and 1 mile wide. Key West's history begins in 1822, when the island was officially incorporated as a city. During the 19th century, Key West became an important commercial and naval center for shrimp and sponge fishing. In 1898 it was also the starting point for the expedition against Cuba during the Spanish-American War.

In the 20th century, Key West became a popular destination for writers and artists, including Ernest Hemingway, who lived and wrote in Key West for a long time. His home, now converted into a museum, is one of the most visited places in the city.

Today, Key West is famous for its colorful architecture, vibrant nightlife, pristine beaches, and warm, sunny tropical climate. The city also hosts many annual events, such as the arts festival, seashell festival, and perfume flower festival.

### KEYW-Key West Intl



Distance: 4,1 nm  
Dist. from Dept.: 97,4 nm  
Dist. to Dest.: 0,0 nm  
True Course: 248°  
Magnetic Course: 254°

Prepare to land at Key West International Airport.

The Airport is the southernmost air gateway in the contiguous U.S., a busy hub since 1957 for tourists and locals alike. Built on a former WWII airstrip, it supports flights to Miami and beyond.