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ULTIMATE TIKI DRINKS

THE WILD SEYCHELLES

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## Great Florida Escapes

WHITE SAND & TRANQUIL WATER  
FROM THE PANHANDLE  
TO THE KEYS

DECORATING WITH COLOR!


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BAHAMAS STYLE**  
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A full-page photograph of a tropical beach. In the foreground, several palm trees with long, feathery fronds are silhouetted against a bright blue sky. The trees frame a view of a sandy beach leading to a calm, turquoise ocean. The horizon is visible in the distance under a clear sky.

# The New Keys

Is there any place more resilient and resolute than Florida's famed archipelago? Rebuilding after Hurricane Irma, enduring a pandemic, and doubling down on protecting its environment, the Keys are better than ever. Consider these 13 standouts as proof positive

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Beach Resort





A pint-sized denizen of the Turtle Hospital in Marathon

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### THE NEW ANIMAL ENCOUNTER

## The Turtle Hospital

Say goodbye to petting aquariums and say hello to the sweetest animal encounter in the Keys: Marathon's Turtle Hospital. There's no petting but plenty to love during the 90-minute educational tour of the first state-licensed veterinary hospital devoted solely to the treatment of endangered sea turtles in the world. Here on the grounds of a former roadside motel you'll learn about the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of green, loggerhead, hawksbill, leatherback, and Kemp's ridley turtles (which you'll see in therapy settings, as well as in outdoor tanks). You'll also meet a few sweet creatures whose injuries keep them here—safe and sound. Reservations recommended; [turtlehospital.org](http://turtlehospital.org).



### THE NEW SOUVENIR

## Kino Sandals

Forget Capri. The best place to acquire a handmade pair of leather sandals is in Key West, at this bustling workshop just blocks from the hurly burly of most of the town's tourist-luring merchants. In other words, you cannot snag a finer (nor more inexpensive) souvenir of any visit to the Keys. Founded by Roberto "Kino" Lopez, who came to Key West from Cuba in 1960 and started making and selling sandals soon thereafter, the company is still family run. Hand-stitched with real leather, these wonders come in 17 styles and myriad colors. The hardest part is narrowing down your choice; [kinosandals.com](http://kinosandals.com).

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### THE NEW ESCAPE

## Bungalows Key Largo

Once upon a time, a mobile home park occupied this enviable stretch of Gulf waterfront in the Upper Keys. Now, those 11.5 acres have been remade into a jungle hideaway of luxurious, tiny abodes—104 garden and 31 waterfront bungalows—and sublime hangout spots (opposite) that compose the perfect Keys escape (only 60 miles from Miami and a stylish seaplane hop from Fort Lauderdale). All-inclusive rates start at \$1,189 (21+); [bungalowskeylargo.com](http://bungalowskeylargo.com).



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