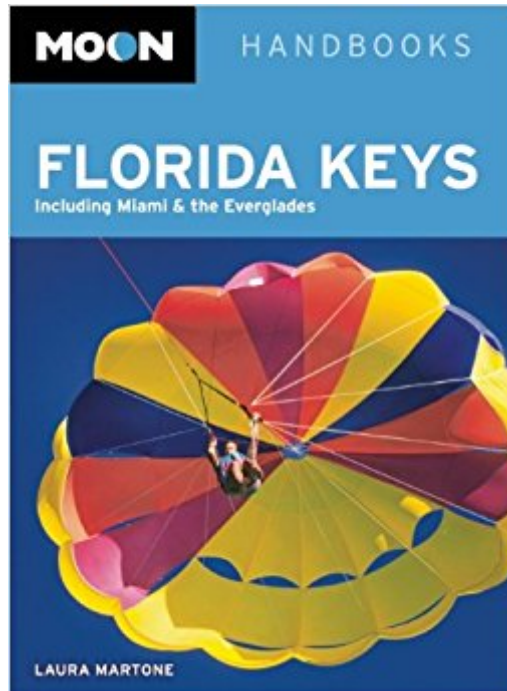




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# Moon Florida Keys (Moon Handbooks)



## Synopsis

World traveler Laura Martone shares the best ways to experience the Florida Keys, from diving the fascinating underwater coral reefs and shipwrecks of Key Largo to hiking and camping in the less touristy Middle Keys. Martone offers unique trip ideas for a variety of travelers, including Historic Architecture, Underwater Journey, and Romantic Key West Getaway. Complete with information on taking trolley tours, swimming with dolphins, and attending festivals like the Key Largo Pirates Fest, Moon Florida Keys gives travelers the tools they need to create a more personal and memorable experience. Coverage includes: Miami and the Everglades Key Largo Islamorada Marathon and the Middle Keys Big Pine and the Lower Keys Key West

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Fond of both cultural and natural wonders, Laura Martone particularly adores the Florida Keys, which she's been exploring for decades. She's snorkeled amid the coral reefs east of Key Largo, watched dragon boat races near Marathon, savored key lime pie on Duval Street, and visited the former haunts of Ernest Hemingway. While she favors outdoorsy places like Bahia Honda State Park, she feels a definite kinship for Key West, a town that's at once lively and laid-back, where she's spent many perfect afternoons strolling amid the gingerbread-like Victorian houses and breezy, Caribbean-style bungalows. A native of New Orleans, Laura has been an avid traveler since childhood. While growing up, she and her mother would often take long road trips to fascinating U.S. landmarks, from Monticello to the Rocky Mountains. After graduating from Northwestern University

with a dual degree in English and radio/TV/film, Laura continued to explore America with her husband, Daniel. When not traveling, Laura operates two film festivals with her husband and divides her time between New Orleans, Los Angeles, and northern Michigan. She's contributed articles to National Geographic Traveler, MotorHome, Route 66 Magazine, RV Journal, and The Ecotourism Observer, and she's also written several other guidebooks, including Moon New Orleans, Moon Michigan, Moon Baja RV Camping, and Moon Metro Los Angeles. For more about Laura's travels, visit her website at [WanderingSoles.com](http://WanderingSoles.com) and read her American Nomad blog at [Moon.com](http://Moon.com).

Moon are my new favorite guides. Color throughout and full of local information, not hotel and restaurant reviews.

Very helpful.

Good resource -- get it if you are planning a trip to the Keys.

We were planning a vacation to the Keys, and I honestly did not have the first clue about much of anything in the Keys other than the bright blue green water and that Key West is there. This book provides a wealth of information about all the different types of things there are to do in the different areas of the Keys. If you like guides with tons of color pictures, this may not be the book for you. The first part of the book has some, but the majority of it is writing with a few black and white pictures. What I like about this book is it is easy to find info about what you are interested in doing. Want a sample itinerary? This book has a few several day itineraries..one directed towards the best of the keys, one for romantic getaway, and one for those interested in being in the water seeing all the reefs, etc. Want to know in general about each key? The book is divided up into sections about each Key with an introduction summary and highlights of what each key is like and in general what type of activities you can find there. Then if you want to know more about that particular Key, the pages that follow include different sections with more detailed info about the history, shopping, sights, entertainment, sports and recreation, dining, how to get there, and services information such as where to find groceries, internet access, emergency services, laundry, and mail services. The back of the book has all sorts of information about the general area such as the wildlife, climate, festivals, and things such as padding tips, hurricane preparedness, a conversion table, and tons more stuff. Some of it is things that may be mentioned in other parts of the book under the headings of each Key, but this is the "essentials" section. For more info, the back even has a list of internet

sites that may be helpful as resources on certain subjects and a list of recommended books(fiction and non-fiction) involving the area. There is even a glossary for phrases or terms that the book mentions that the reader may not be familiar with. The MOON guides are really some of the most detailed guides you will find on various places. I also like that it lists a website, if available, and phone # of almost every single place mentioned, so you don't have to go looking. It even lists admission prices and tour prices for most places mentioned...these could, of course, change but not likely that they will change a whole lot...at least gives an idea...what I liked was it even lists some prices of places that don't even tell you the price on their own website. That irritates me when sites don't list a price for their own tours, but I'm glad this book does! Would recommend this book for anyone looking for lots of Keys info!

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