

The Lower Keys Cruise

Aboard M/Y **Rendezvous**
Six Nights and Seven Days



1st Day

1. If you come from “out of the area”, you may want to consider staying the night before your cruise at a local hotel. This way you can maximize your first day on the water.
2. Meet at the Boat at 9:00am:
Rickenbacker Marina
3303 Rickenbacker Causeway – Dock “D”
Key Biscayne, FL 33149 305-361-1900 Jay
3. Welcome aboard. We’ll take about an hour to go thru some general information and get more familiar with Rendezvous before departing for the cruise.



On the water by 10:00am, we’ll cruise to Blackwater Sound for lunch and a swim. On the way we’ll look for Dolphins as we go through Barnes sound. Get your camera ready!!
(About 2 ½ hours cruise to lunch)

After lunch, cruise to Plantation Key for dinner and anchorage for the night. (About 1 ½ hours cruise)
Dinner at:

Marker 88 Restaurant – by dinghy (very fun!)
88000 Overseas Highway
Islamorada, FL 33036 (305) 852-9315

www.marker88.info



2nd Day

Marker 88 to Hawk’s Cay Resort (about 2 hours cruising)

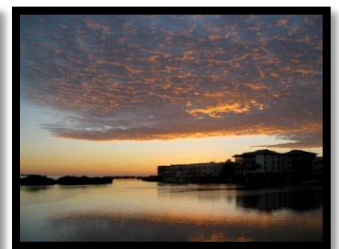
Breakfast on the boat

9:00am – Depart for Hawk’s Cay Resort.

Cruise south all the way to Lower Matecumbe Key, go through Channel 5 and out to Hawk’s Channel (the Atlantic) and then southwest to Duck Key. (About 2 hours cruise to lunch).



Lunch on the boat at Tom’s Harbor Channel and sandbar. It’s a great place for a little swim before heading into Hawk’s Cay Resort. This is a beautiful property with a nice marina for the boat, a couple of pools, restaurants, a quality workout facility and a very nice spa. Be sure to make reservations prior to our arrival if you’d like to schedule a treatment (305-743-7000).



We’ll lounge around in the afternoon, have cocktails on the boat and dinner at Tom’s Harbor House at the marina.

Night at Hawk’s Cay Resort and Marina

61 Hawks Cay Boulevard
Duck Key, FL 33050 1-305-743-7000
www.hawkscay.com

3rd Day

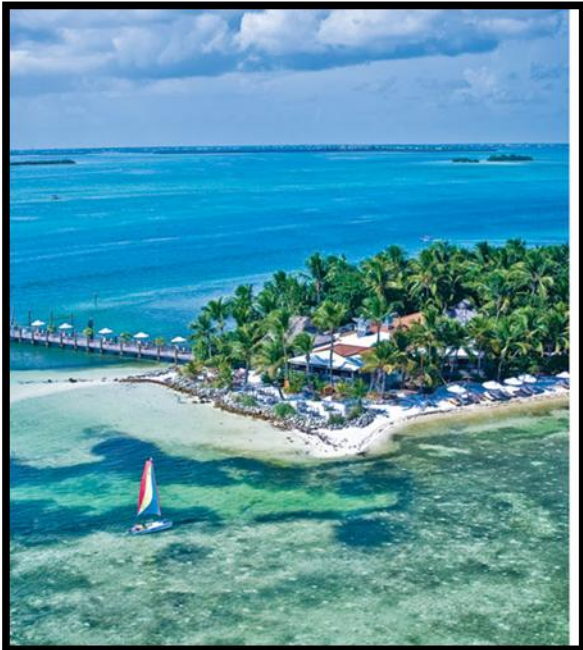
Hawk's Cay Resort to Little Palm (about 2 hours cruising)

Breakfast on the boat
10am – Depart for Little Palm Island

Cruise southwest on the outside (Hawk's Channel) past Marathon and Bahia Honda State Park and on to the little Palm Island. This is an amazing place!

We will plan to arrive at Little Palm for Lunch at about noon. Check out the website...

Little Palm Island Resort and Spa
28500 Overseas Highway
Little Torch Key, FL 33042
305-872-2524
www.littlepalmisland.com



We will spend the day at the resort, then we will have dinner and spend the night at anchor off Little Palm Island.

4th Day

Little Palm Island to Boot key (about 1 1/2 hours cruising)

Breakfast on the boat
9am- Depart for Boot Key
On the way to Boot Key we will spend some time in the morning exploring the Looe Key Reef about 3 miles south of Little Palm Island.
Lunch on the boat around noon, let's spend the afternoon at Bahia Honda State Park where you will enjoy beautiful beaches.



Dinner at Keys Fisheries (this is the fishery that provides stone crabs to Joe's Stone Crab in Miami) where they serve great fresh fish and crabs, we will go there by dinghy.



5th Day

Boot key to Marina Del Mar (about 2 1/2 hours cruising)

Breakfast on the boat
9:00am – Depart for John Pennekamp Coral reef state park
Cruise to Hen and Chickens reef, spend the day snorkeling, diving or sun bathing. We will explore a hand full of reefs and have lunch on board (about a 2 hours cruise to lunch).

After lunch, cruise north (about 1 hour) through Hawk Channel to Marina Del Mar Marina (the Atlantic) for the night (should arrive by about 5pm).

Dinner at Coconut's or Sharkies at Marina Del Mar



Marina Del Mar Hotel & Resort
527 Caribbean Drive
Key Largo, Florida 33037 305-451-4107

www.marinadelmarkeylargo.com

6th Day

Marina Del Mar to No Name Harbor (about 2 hours cruising)

Breakfast on the boat

10am- Depart for No Name Harbor
Cruise north on the outside (Hawk's Channel) past Elliott Key and Sands Key.

Dinghy into the beach for some sun bathing before lunch, we will spend more time snorkeling and spend the afternoon doing some water sports.

Arrive to anchorage by about 4:30.

"No Name Harbor"
Bill Bragg State Park
Key Biscayne, FL



7th Day

No Name Harbor to Rickenbacker Marina (about 45 minutes cruising)



Breakfast on the boat

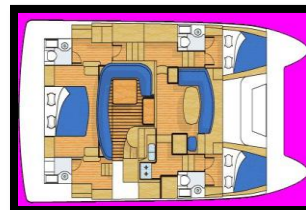
10am - Depart No Name Harbor to Rickenbacker marina

11am – Depart Rendezvous... Taxi from the Boat to the airport or to the hotel if guests are staying in Miami longer. Thanks for spending a little time with us in the Florida Keys.

The End...for now!



Photo Gallery



What to bring....

Remember, less is more!

Welcome Aboard! We have compiled the following list of clothing and other personal gear which, based on our experience, will help make your cruising experience more enjoyable.

1. Soft luggage that will stow easily on board.
2. We have suntan lotion onboard. But, if you have something special you like, bring it.
3. Hat or visor – we recommend one that fits securely
4. A long sleeve, light shirt for protection against the sun.
5. Sunglasses (at least one pair, but preferably two) with a “keeper string” or headband.
6. Each stateroom has a blow dryer
7. A few great books or magazines.
8. Photo equipment with plenty of film or disk storage space. Bring a case to protect your gear when not in use. We do have 110v onboard, so you can re-charge your batteries. An underwater camera can be very fun if you plan to snorkel.
9. Shirts, shorts and, of course, bathing suits (swim suit cover-up for ladies).
10. A light rain coat or windbreaker.
11. Long sleeved, heavy shirt, sweater or sweatshirt and a pair of your favorite jeans or sweat suits are nice for cool weather cruising and evenings.
12. A pair of casual dress slacks or dress shorts for men and a casual dress for women if dockside dining is in your plans.
13. We don't wear shoes on the boat but you may want to have some thick socks for hanging out on cool evenings. Bring casual dress shoes or sandals for dining out, and a pair of tennis shoes for work-

outs or a walk on the island (if you're so inclined).

14. A couple pairs of dry socks.
15. Toiletries – a “shower bag” is great for taking to marina facilities.
16. Any prescription medications, special dietary foods or drinks, or other medical supplies. Motion sickness is usually not an issue based on the planned cruising grounds. There is an extensive first aid kit onboard.
17. Personal CD's, DVD's, or iPods or other MP3 players to play on the ship's sound system.
18. Personal snorkel equipment. We have generic masks and snorkels on board.
19. We recommend not bringing expensive jewelry onboard.

Enjoy your cruise!

