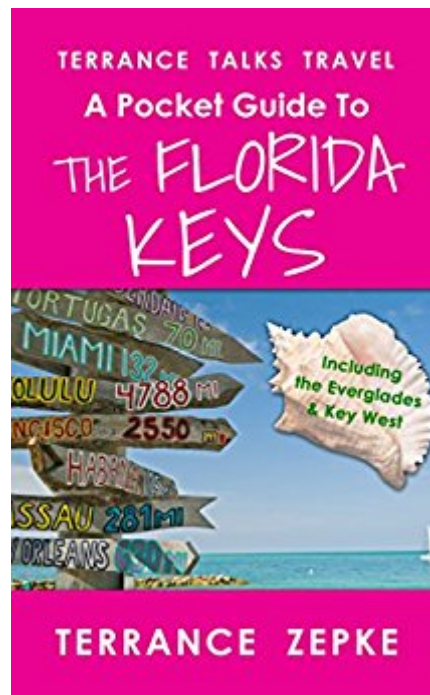




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# TERRANCE TALKS TRAVEL: A Pocket Guide To The Florida Keys: (Including The Everglades & Key West)



## Synopsis

Anything is possible in the Florida Keys! \*Take an exhilarating airboat ride where you'll spot plenty of gators and other wildlife in Everglades National Park. \*Spend the night in the world's only underwater hotel. \*Tour the Hemingway House and see where Ernest Hemingway wrote some of his classic novels (but it is his six-toed cats that make this one of the top attractions in Key West). \*Discover the rich history of the Keys at the unique Shipwreck Museum and find treasure at Mel Fisher's Maritime Museum. \*Immerse yourself in the spectacular Sunset Celebration in Key West. \*Discover why the Theater of the Sea is one of the best places in the Keys to take kids. \*Go scuba diving in John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park in Key Largo, which is known as the 'Diving Capital of the World," and see extraordinary exhibits at the nearby History of Diving Museum. \*Go sportfishing in Islamorada, which is known as the 'Fishing Capital of the Word" and ranked #1 fishing destination by anglers across America. \*See habitats and flora and fauna and wildlife that cannot be found anywhere else in the world. \*Shop, swim, snorkel, sip tropical drinks and enjoy local seafood....or just kick back and relax! This guidebook is not a Wikipedia-style publication. While it does contain plenty of facts and figures, the author also shares her personal insights and advice. While she discusses all the possibilities, she highlights the things that she loves about the Florida Keys. Be sure to read her FYI and highlight boxes to learn little tips and tricks for having the best Keys vacation possible. There is a time to go (and not go) to the Keys and there are some special seasonal events you may not want to miss. Learn all you need to know before you go...Terrance Zepke is an award-winning and best-selling author of thirty books, including THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CHEAP TRAVEL: SAVE UP TO 90% ON LODGING, FLIGHTS, TOURS, CRUISES & MORE! and TERRANCE TALKS TRAVEL: A POCKET GUIDE TO ADVENTURE TRAVEL. She is a travel agent, blogger, and adventure travel expert. She is in demand as a speaker and has made many media appearances, including CNN, NPR, Travel Channel, and Good Morning Show. She shares travel tips, TRIP PICKS and more in her weekly blog, TERRANCE TALKS TRAVEL and is the host of TERRANCE TALKS TRAVEL: UBER ADVENTURES. For more about this author and her titles or to subscribe to her blog visit [www.terrancezepke.com](http://www.terrancezepke.com) and [www.terrancetalkstravel.com](http://www.terrancetalkstravel.com).

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## Customer Reviews

Glossory numbers in the back do not correspond with the pages in the book. Large print, easy to read, but if you are trying to locate something in the book it is a treasure hunt.

This book has very little information if you are trying to find out where to stay. I suppose it is better for things to do but I don't find it very user friendly or appealing to the eye.

“The Florida Keys are made up of Upper, Middle, and Lower Keys. They are a coral cay archipelago on the southern coast of Florida,” Terrance Zepke writes in her book, *Terrance Talks Travel: A Pocket Guide to the Florida Keys*. At three-hundred-thirty pages, this paperback targets those interested knowing more the Florida Keys. With a few black and white photographs, it is a hands-on, practical reference guide for the traveler when visiting the area. After an introduction, fast facts, and historical timeline, the book describes the best beaches, Everglades, three sections, and fun places to visit. Also included are a wildlife checklist, how to talk like a local, Keys quiz, important information, and sample itinerary, ending with resources, special dates and events, photographs, other titles by the author including a sneak peak at her book about adventure traveling, and an index. Why Although I have not been to the Keys, I have always been fascinated with what it has to offer. I like how the book divided the islands into three groups, mentioning the best things to do, eat, and see at each. Interesting topics that peaked my interest

were the underwater hotel, the iconic African Queen boat, coral reefs, Bat Tower, Robert the Doll, and conch tour train. Several locale food recipes are added.~ Why Not ~Some may find the format a little confusing, not realizing it is broken down into three distinct sections, making it hard to look up lodging or restaurants in the table of contents or index. Others may have no interest visiting the Keys or find little information on costs included.~ Who ~Having traveled and lived all over the world, this author of two dozen books enjoys going on trips that take her sometimes to remote, out-of-the-way unique places where adventure can be found and loved. Freelance writer, photographer, and travel agent, she enjoys helping others make their vacations memorable without repeating her "misadventures."~ Wish ~With the pictures being in black and white, it would be nice if they were in color to show the beauty of the Keys. I noticed the index pages were incorrect on Jules Undersea Lodge, but it may be due to this being an ARC of the book.~ Want ~If you are planning a vacation to the Florida Keys, this reference book of the three sections offers many suggestions and ideas traveling to the southeastern tip of the United States. Thanks to Safari Publishing and the author for the book to read and review.

The book was really astounding. The book was like a travel guidebook but with the author personal experiences, which made it complete. The book was truly complete for every aspect when it came to traveling to the Florida Keys. The author explained about how to get there and how much it will cost you according to your transportation choice; flight or car. The author also wrote about the best time to go there and the average temperature, which I found really helpful because some people would prefer a warm weather for vacation just like me. For the most part of the book, the author wrote about the attractions in the Florida Keys such as the beaches, the market, and the national park. What I really liked about this was how the author mentioned every detail that was necessary for tourists like the opening hour for the national park and how many tours were offered daily. She even explained what was sold at the market! This book was truly wonderful; it was complete with everything and the author helped to save your time by doing the research for you. I would recommend this for anyone who wants to travel to the Florida Keys.

As someone who has visited the Florida Keys on several occasions I found Terrance Talks Travel: A Pocket Guide to The Florida Keys informative, accurate, and to be a wonderful resource for anyone looking to visit the Florida Keys. I was pleased to see my favorite beach (Bahia Honda) mentioned, and my husband was happy to find a recipe for conch chowder. This guide doesn't only cover Key West as so many other guides do but guides the reader through the upper, middle, and

lower keys all the way down to Key West. It includes historical facts as well as a guide to wildlife in the Everglades and the keys. There are many different recommendations for restaurants and attractions which tourists may visit and enjoy their time in the Florida Keys. The pictures were relevant and colorful which added context to the text. The websites mentioned are all active and full of information. The author even took great care as to mention the weather, best times of the year to travel, and when hurricane season starts. I would recommend this book to anyone who is even thinking about visiting the Florida Keys.

This travel guide to the Florida Keys was great! It made me want to book a vacation right now to Key West! I really want to see Hemingways six-toed cats. I thought the book was written very honestly. For instance, one of the Keys has an aquarium and the author gives a very honest review, where he basically says to save your money, skip it and enjoy the natural Floridian habitat on view for free. I also liked how the book first gives an overview of the Keys, then is broken up island by island, so there is more detail given once the traveler has a more definitive idea of which Key to visit in mind, especially food to discover! The pictures at the end were even more enticing! I liked the fauna and flora and I enjoyed the list of endangered species that the Keys are home to at the end of the book. I hope to see a few species, like the Florida Panther and the Key Deer. I also liked the attention to the history of the islands. This was a fun travel guide.

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