

## Greetings CFCA!

Who wants to go to Key West? It is time to make those reservations. Our trip begins on Friday, November 4, 2016 and ends whenever you feel like leaving. We will caravan down as a group on Friday, leaving from the Cracker Barrel on OBT. Some members will be returning on Sunday morning and others are staying for a few more days.

Once again our host hotel is the beautiful [Sheraton Suites Key West](#) directly across from world famous Smathers Beach. For several years we have enjoyed this beautiful hotel and the wonderful staff and look forward to going back.



Call soon as this is a very busy weekend for Key West. Please be advised that this is a smoke-free hotel. While our hotel is quite a way from Duval Street where all the action is, prices in the Duval area are almost double what we are getting at the Sheraton. As always, this is Parrothead Weekend so expect a lot of crazy people, in addition to our own craziness! You might even see Jimmy Buffet at his restaurant, Margaritaville, or out singing on the streets.

The hotel has a free shuttle which runs continuously. In years past we've made use of both the hotel shuttle as well as Key West's plentiful taxi service and it wasn't a problem at all. When taking the shuttle you will likely meet Mr. Ed. If you have any questions about Key West, he is the man to ask. Please tip him generously as he is very good to our group and often brings out extra shuttles so our group doesn't have to wait long.

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS** Prices have gone up again (what else is new?) but we did get a special rate with your choice of the Courtyard King Suites at \$249.00 per night or the Courtyard Double Queen Suites at \$269.00 per night. The Sheraton Suites Key West will NOT be charging us the \$29.00/night Key West resort tax. Cancellations must be made 3 days prior to arrival. Keep in mind all rooms are suites, the hotel is very nicely appointed, and there is plenty of safe, off street parking. The regular rate ranges from \$257-\$389 per night + taxes during this busy time of year. You must call the hotel directly at 305-292-9800 by October 1st and reference the **CENTRAL FLORIDA CORVETTE ASSOCIATION** to get our group rate.



**SUNSET CRUISE** We are again going with Danger Charters on their Wind & Wine Sunset Cruise. This year we will be sailing on Saturday (Nov 5<sup>th</sup>) so you won't have to be in such a rush to get there quickly on Friday when we drive down. Their 65' sailing boat has been rated #1 for the last three years on Trip Advisor and holds just over 20 people. The wines are more upscale than other cruises and they also serve cheese, crackers, veggies, dip, soda, beer, and water. Last year's 2½ hour cruise was a lot fun (for those that can remember). The cost is \$77.40 plus a 15% tip of \$10.80 to be paid on the boat. To make your reservations call Danger Charters at 305-304-7999 or [www.DangerCharters.com](http://www.DangerCharters.com). When making your reservation mention their online coupon at CoolKeyWest.com. The key word is DANGER for the 10% discount. Also, be sure to tell them you are with CFCA or if going online, make sure you put under comments that you are with CFCA. They have two boats going out and we want to all be on the same one! You must be at the dock by 5:00 pm. No refunds if you are late and miss the boat! The Danger Charters dock is located at the Westin Marina, 245 Front Street in Key West, just south of Mallory Square. There are directions to the marina on the [dangercharters.com](http://dangercharters.com) website, if needed.

**AFTER CRUISE DINNER** The Half Shell Raw Bar and Conch Republic Seafood Company have been great restaurants in the past but there are many other interesting places to eat in Key West. The group can decide if they want to go individually or as a group.

Mallory Square, "green flash" sunsets, street performers, white sandy beaches, Duval pub crawl, beautiful hotel pool, Conch Train, Sloppy Joe's, Key West Lighthouse, REAL key lime pie, Mel Fisher Maritime Museum, Key West Aquarium, Mai Tai's, Earnest Hemmingway home and museum, Harry Truman Little White House, Shipwreck Museum, Southernmost Point, jello shots, Mud Slides, Kino Sandal Factory, shopping, Fat Tuesdays, custom jewelry, Wyland Art Gallery (I can hear Hutch groaning already), and much, much more! It all awaits you at Key West. Make your reservations now!

Just think... as others are shoveling the snow off their sidewalks up north, we'll be sitting in the sun by the pool or the beach in the Keys sipping on a cool frozen drink. Ah yes, Life is good.

Of course plans change and it is early yet, but be sure to me know if you plan on joining us so I can add you to the list.

Hope to see you in Paradise this November!

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