

Key West

FLORIDA

BY JOSIE GULLIKSEN

GO SHOP

Voltaire Books

330 Simonton St; 305-296-3226; voltairebooks.com
The island's last remaining indie bookstore shows off its local pride with works by Ernest Hemingway and Tennessee Williams, as well as current Key West authors Judy Blume and Shel Silverstein. Hard-to-find and rare books rule here.

GO SEE

Cabanas Aerobatics Unlimited

3469 S Roosevelt Blvd; 305-296-5720; cabanasaerobatics.com
Soar over Key West with ace Fred Cabanas, who's been flying biplanes around the island for more than two decades. These thrill rides aren't for the faint of heart. You'll experience powerful G forces—up to eight positive and four negative—as you loop, roll and stall.

GO EAT

Café Marquesa

At Marquesa Hotel
600 Fleming St; 305-292-1919; marquesa.com/café-marquesa.htm
This quaint, 50-seat restaurant is housed inside one of the island's most elegant inns. Chef Susan Ferry's creations—conch and blue crab cakes and macadamia-crusting yellowtail snapper—are a hit with many Food Network chefs. \$\$\$

Café Solé

1029 Southard St; 305-294-0230; cafesole.com
This café is billed as "a taste of

LIFE'S A BEACH



BRUSH UP on history at the 18th-century fort, or just catch some rays while enjoying the great outdoors. Snorkel; fish (it's allowed on the west side) for amberjack and snapper; ride bike paths; grill up a picnic; or swim at what's considered the best beach in Key West.

Fort Zachary Taylor State Park

601 Howard England Way; 305-295-0037; floridastateparks.org/forttaylor

France in Key West," so the European-style décor and Provençal menu should come as no surprise. Classics like escargot and homemade foie gras are all served, but the hogfish snapper, Chef Correa's specialty, is a must-try. \$\$\$

GO PARTY

Virgilio's Martini Bar

524 Duval St; 305-296-8118; virgilioskeywest.com
This decade-old gem serves classic and original martinis. (Sip them for \$5 on Mondays.) The patio garden is the ideal spot to sip a drink, listen to live jazz and do some late-night dancing.

FUN FACT!

The annual Conch Republic Independence Celebration pays homage to the Keys' mock secession in 1982. This year's is April 22 to May 1.

Knoxville

TENNESSEE

BY ROSE KENNEDY

GO SHOP

M. S. McClellan

5614 Kingston Pike; 865-584-3492; mscclellan.com
This traditional clothier (established in 1966), which has been one of *Esquire's* best-of-class retailers for a decade straight, caters to Knoxville's smart set. It's the place for fit and quality with a touch of flair. Most of the merchandise—suits, ties and classic business attire for women—can't be found in other area stores.

GO SEE

The Civil War in Knoxville

At the Frank H. McClung Museum at the University of Tennessee
1327 Circle Park Dr; 865-974-2144; mcclungmuseum.utk.edu
The War Between the States reached Knoxville at the Battle of Fort Sanders. This exhibit, made up primarily of artifacts, brings the sorrowful events to life. A Union artilleryist's letters, a Confederate drum left behind and an 1864 map of the defenses are all part of the permanent collection at this top-drawer archeological museum.

Knoxville Ice Bears

At James White Civic Coliseum
500 Howard Baker Jr Ave; 865-656-4444; knoxvilleicebears.com
Even down-South Knoxville has an ice hockey team. Watch the Ice Bears brawl for supremacy in the Southern Professional Hockey League. It's action-packed fun, with quirky side promotions like

wiener dog races. See them play Huntsville (March 4) and Fayetteville (March 5, 19 and 25).

GO EAT

Pizza Palace

3132 E Magnolia Ave; 865-524-4388; visitpizzapalace.com
Locals flock to this 1961 landmark (and its vintage neon sign) for made-from-scratch foods like pizza, burgers and spaghetti. It's somewhat out of the way, but the drive's worth it for the hand-breaded onion rings. Pizza Palace has been featured on Food Network's *Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives* (and is a little bit of each). \$\$

LuLu's Tea Room

3703 W Beaver Creek Dr, Powell; 865-947-5858; lulustearoom.com
Lunch on ladylike sandwiches, soups and salads—chicken salad croissant, egg salad, quiche, that sort of thing. Or tuck into a traditional tea, complete with sweets and service that's worthy of Queen Victoria. \$\$

GO PARTY

Asia Cafe

6714B Central Ave Pike; 865-688-8888; asiacafe.org
Nosh on five Asian cuisines while you enjoy the 98-cent draft happy hour, a lavish liquor assortment, live music and a dancefloor.

FUN FACT!

In 1901, Kid Curry, a member of Butch Cassidy's Wild Bunch, was captured for shooting a couple of deputies and brought to Knoxville's jail. He escaped two years later, though, and was last seen riding the sheriff's stolen horse across the Gay Street Bridge.

KEYWEST: EVELYN PROIMOS

KnoxvilleOpera.com
the Southeast U.S. Premiere of
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Bellini
Apr 8th @ 8:00PM Apr 10 @ 2:30PM
HISTORIC TENNESSEE THEATRE

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10th Annual
Rossini
Festival
Italian Street Fair
April 9th 11:00AM - 9:00PM
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