

Jacksonville

FLORIDA

— Lilla Ross

GO SHOP**SWEET PETE'S**1922 Pearl St • 904-376-7161
sweetpete.net

If he were a health nut, Willy Wonka would love this place—vegan chocolate, gluten-free jellybeans and organic cotton candy in 30 flavors, most of it made on-site in the confectionary's candy-colored Victorian house.

REDDI ARTS1037 Hendricks Ave • 904-398-3161
reddiarts.com

This Jacksonville institution is a gallery for emerging artists and a great place to find one-of-a-kind gifts for art-loving friends. It also sells frames and art supplies.

GO SEE**BRYAN GOODING PLANETARIUM**At Museum of Science and History
1025 Museum Cir • 904-396-6674
themosh.org

This newly opened digital planetarium features cutting-edge technology, with a visual display four times sharper than the best HDTV. Out-of-this-world films, documentaries and live NASA feeds are projected onto the 60-foot, 360-degree dome theater, creating a total-immersion experience.

GO EAT**BEACH ROAD CHICKEN DINNERS**4132 Atlantic Blvd • 904-398-7980
beachroadchickendinners.com

Jeet yet? The chicken, steak, fish, okra, squash, onions and potatoes are all fried, Southern style. The peas are creamed, the biscuits hot, the iced tea sweet and the banana pudding homemade at this family dining institution, open since 1939. \$

GO PARTY**TERA NOVA LOUNGE**8206 Philips Hwy • 904-383-0868
teranovalounge.com

This is bachata central. Don't know the latest craze in Latin dancing? No problem, there's an instructor on the floor. Afterwards, cool down on the mod sofas with a refreshing mojito.

FUN FACT!

In 1916, Oliver Hardy (of Laurel and Hardy fame) made a one-reel, 12-minute comedy in Jacksonville called *Bouncing Baby*, in which he played the titular role in an oversized carriage.

Kansas City

MISSOURI

— Mary Bloch

GO SHOP**WINES BY JENNIFER**450 Main St, Parkville • 816-505-9463
winesbyjennifer.com

This darling house is filled with a sophisticated array of wines from around the world. An art gallery, tasting room and private party space add to the appeal.

GO SEE**THE ICE AT PARK PLACE**W 117th St & Nall Ave • 913-663-2070
destinationparkplace.com

Watch skaters twirl as you sip gourmet hot chocolate by the fire pit or grab a bite in a nearby café. Better yet, put down those shopping bags, lace up a pair of skates and take a turn on the ice. Advance reservations are required.

STEAMBOAT ARABIA MUSEUM400 Grand Blvd • 816-471-4030
1856.com

This fascinating museum tells the story of a dependable side-wheel steamer that sunk in the Missouri River in 1856. After more than 130 years underwater, its remains were painstakingly salvaged and are now on display, along with other artifacts of frontier life.

GO EAT**WESTPORT CAFÉ AND BAR**419 Westport Rd • 816-931-4740
westportcafeandbar.com

This new French bistro hits all the right notes, with authentic Parisian floor tiles, mirrored walls and out-of-this-world profiteroles. Stop in any time of day for tuna Nicoise or steak frites, paired with sophisticated cocktails. \$\$

GO PARTY**JARDINE'S**4536 Main St • 816-561-6480
jardines4jazz.com

This little gem brings in jazz stars every night of the week to play what *KC Magazine* calls the city's "best intimate live music venue." Though primarily regarded as a nightclub, music lovers often enjoy dinner before a show.

FUN FACT!

Kansas City ignored Prohibition during the 1920s, leading to an abundance of jazz clubs, brothels and gambling halls that earned it the nickname "The Paris of the Plains."

Key West

FLORIDA

— Josie Gulliksen

GO SHOP**THE KEY WEST WINERY**103 Simonton St • 305-292-1717
thekeywestwinery.com

It's not all about grapes here, where wines are made with oranges, strawberries, watermelon, cherries and, well, too many fruits to list them all. The ones with watermelon are quite refreshing and worth a try. The proprietors are friendly and offer snacks during each tasting.

GO SEE**FORT EAST MARTELLO MUSEUM & GARDENS**3501 S Roosevelt Blvd • 305-296-3913
kwahs.com/martello.htm

This daunting Civil War fort—modeled after Italian fortifications—was never completed and never saw hostile action, and it's as quirky as Key West itself. It features a "haunted doll" named Robert, the artwork of famed Keys folk artists Mario Sanchez and Stanley Papio as well as lush, colorful gardens.

GO EAT**BO'S FISH WAGON**801 Caroline St • 305-294-9272
bosfishwagon.com

Three words: fried grouper sandwich. That's the thing to order here, preferably with a cold beer and maybe some fries. Finding it is easy enough: Just look for the beat-up pickup truck and lots of fishing buoys, and keep your nose out for the smell of fresh seafood made to perfection. \$\$

GO PARTY**THE WESTIN KEY WEST RESORT & MARINA**245 Front St • 305-294-4000
westinkeywest.com

This hotel is right next to bustling Mallory Square—the site of a nightly, raucous sunset celebration—and shares the same incredible view. It's a much quieter and laidback place to enjoy it.

FUN FACT!

In 2004, city officials hired a local barber to be Key West's licensed chicken catcher. He rounded up roughly 500 of the free-range fowl before outraged citizens concocted the three-day ChickenFest Key West in protest. The city promptly withdrew the chicken catcher's license.

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