



## Asphalt Cruise February 25-29, 2024 "Changes in Latitude"

As you know, our home "port" for the 2024 Asphalt Cruise is the Hyatt Centric Key West Resort and Spa, 601 Front Street, Key West. The Resort is within easy walking distance of Duval Street and all the best Key West has to offer. Average high temperature for this time of year in Key West is 78°.

The cruise itinerary is now complete and is attached. Cruisers will start with a welcome cocktail party and light dinner Sunday February 25. After three days in Key West, our cruise ends Wednesday evening with cocktails and a farewell dinner in the Hyatt Marquesa Room where we will watch the sun sink over the beautiful Gulf water horizon.

Twenty-four rooms have been reserved by members already at the special rate of \$459 or \$509 plus taxes & fees. The VYC negotiated these special room rates which are a significant discount from the rates available to book with Hyatt on-line. The resort fee has been reduced from \$50 to \$15 per night, plus tax, and parking is also discounted. Jala Spa pre-booked services are discounted 10%. One room remains in the VYC block. If you have not booked a room, you can make your own Hyatt Centric Reservation (305-809-1234 or on-line) or there are other hotels, time shares and B&Bs in the area. And, there may well be Hyatt Centric cancellations between now and the cruise date in February. We will keep a wait list for VYC Hyatt rooms if requested.

We are asking those who have made a Hyatt Centric reservation to complete and return the attached Cruise Registration form as soon as possible; but the deadline for the Key West cruise registration is December 15, 2023. If you have to cancel your Cruise registration and Hyatt room reservation between now and Dec. 15, 2023, your registration fee will be returned.

This promises to be a great VYC Asphalt Cruise and by February, 2024 we will all be looking for a warm island stay. See you in Key West!

If you have questions or need other information please call us.

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Sunday, Feb. 25 5:30 – 7:30 Welcome Docktails and light dinner – On the Hyatt Dock

Monday, Feb. 26
9:30 Sightseeing group tour around the Island aboard the Old Town Trolley.
Then, on your own, you can hop on hop off the Trolley all day. Tour covers over 100 points of interest. Not to be missed: Southernmost Point, Key West Butterfly Conservatory, Hemingway House, Key West Lighthouse, Blue Heaven Restaurant

Lunch on your own

5:00-6:00 Happy Hour – Meet at the Hyatt Blue Mojito Bar Dinner on your own or with friends – see restaurant list included

Tuesday, Feb. 27

10:30 Harry S. Truman Little White House tour – transportation available
12:30 Lunch – El Meson de Pepe Restaurant – Cuban Island Cuisine:
order from the menu, separate checks.

Afternoon on your own: Explore Duval Street and Shopping

Stroll Mallory Square sunset celebration: where the sun sets and the fun begins. A Key West Tradition. Dinner on your own or with friends.

**OPTIONAL**: 4:30 Sunset Sail aboard the 105' Schooner America 2.0. Two hour sail includes beer, wine, champagne, soft drinks and hors d'ouevres.

Dinner after sail – (if you are still hungry) try a local bar for a bite with friends. We recommend Sloppy Joe's or Hog's Breath or Garbo's Grill (food truck) or Jack Flats. See the restaurant list.

Wednesday, Feb. 28 11:00 & 12:00 Tour of Hemingway's Rum Distillery and rum tasting.

Lunch on your own.

Afternoon on your own -

NOT TO BE MISSED: Tour the Key West Museum of Art & History at the Custom House. Visit Mel Fisher Museum or the USCGC Ingham Memorial Museum. Explore Historic Waterfront & Conch Republic Seafood or Schooner Wharf Bar or The Water Front Brewery.

And there's shopping and drinking on Duval Street . .or sunning at the pool . . .

5:30 Cocktails, sunset and farewell dinner in the Hyatt Marquesa Room on the water.

Thursday, Feb. 29 Depart for home or extend your stay in the Conch Republic



### ASPHALT CRUISE - CHANGES IN LATITODE - KEY WEST Feb. 25-29, 2024

Registration Form to be RECEIVED by Dec. 15, 2023

uest:		Cell Phone(s)#
nail:		
>	Registration Fee: \$490.	00 per person x # Attending = \$
>	Optional Cruise: Sunse champagne, soft drinks a	t Sail aboard 105' Schooner America 2.0 with wine, beer, and hors d'oeuvres
		# Attending @ \$120 pp = \$
>	Total Enclosed:	\$
>	Please Select: Wednesday Feb. 28 Farewell Dinner Entree:  Angus Prime Tenderloin Filet # Pan-Seared Yellowtail Snapper #	
	List any Food Allergies: Name:	

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATION is Friday December 15, 2023 (check is your reservation)

Please make check payable to the Virginia Yacht Club. Mail your check or bank check directly to Treasurer PC Hugh H. Riley, 717 Tazewell's Way, Williamsburg, VA 23185. Please be sure your payment arrives prior to December 15, 2023.

Send your registration form by email to <u>John@webrown.com</u> or by mail to: John Martin, 915 Monticello Road, Charlottesville, VA 22902

Registration is complete after both payment and registration form are received.

Questions? Call us. Cruise Directors:

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Hyatt Centric, Key West VYC Cruise Reservations as of Sept. 28, 2023:

Blankenship, Dan & Cyndi Boseman, Bob and Mimi Burritt, Jim & Mary Ann Cardwell, Tom & T.J. Coyle, John & Jeannie Cross, Dick & Jenny Frenck, Bud & Janet Graham, Randy & Carolyn Hechtkopf, Mike & Judy Holt, Tack & Debbie Kelly, Craig & Mary Charlotte Kramer, Stu & Joy Martin, John & Amy Mayo McAllister, Jim & Lee McBride, Robert & Beverly Noftsinger, Bill & Rosemary Nordlund, Jack & Vanessa Porterfield, Dick & Rita Pugh, Ron & Micki Ricketts, Barry & Mary Ann Riley, Hugh & Debbie Twiford, Travis & Kathy Wagner, Karl & Alicia West, Reed & Terrie

Note: several other members have offsite lodging.

# **CHANGES IN LATITUDE**



#### RESTAURANT SUGGESTIONS

### **Breakfast**

- 1. Blue Heaven 729 Thomas Street 305.296.8666, 0.9 mi.
- 2. Pepe's Café 806 Caroline Street 305.294.7192, 0.4 mi.
- 3. Harpoon Harry's 832 Caroline Street 305.294.8744\*, 0.5 mi.
- 4. Cuban Coffee Queen 291 Front Street 305.922.2896, 0.2 mi.

284 Margaret Street – 305.292.4747, 0.5 mi.

5 Lime Square - 305.294.778, 0.6 mi.

- 5. Two Friends Patio Restaurant, 512 Front St. -205-296-3124, 0.1 mi
- 6. Banana Café 1215 Duval Street 305.294.7227, 1.1 mi.
- 7. Sarabeth's 530 Simonton Street 305.293.8181, 0.5 mi.
- 8. The Breakfast Club 610 Greene Street 305.440.2898, 0.2 mi.
- 9. Croissants de France 816 Duval Street 305.294.2624, 0.8 mi. \* cash only

#### Lunch

- 1. Conch Republic 631 Green Street 305.294.4403, 0.2 mi.
- 2. Eaton Street Seafood Market 801 Eaton Street 305.295.3474, 0.5 mi.
- 3. Lagerheads Beach Bar 0 Simonton Street 305.509.7444 (Pier House) 0.1 mi.
- 4. Salute 1000 Atlantic Blvd 305.292.1117 \*\*\*\*, 1.8 mi.
- 5. Seaside Café at the Mansion 1400 Duval Street 305.340.8167, 1.2 mi.
- 6. Blue Heaven 729 Thomas Street 305.296.8666, 0.9 mi.
- 7. Onlywood Pizzeria Trattoria 613 ½ Duval Street 305.735.4412, 0.6 mi
- 8. El Meson de Pepe 410 Wall Street 305.295.2620, 0.2 mi.
- 9. The Waterfront Brewery, 201 William St., 305-440-2270, 0.5 mi.
- 10.Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville, 500 Duval St., 305-292-1435, 0.5 mi.

#### **Dinner**

- 1. La Te Da (AM)- 1125 Duval Street 305. 296.6706 1.0 mi.
- 2. Blue Heaven (AM)- 729 Thomas Street 305.296.8666 -0.9 mi.
- 3. Latitudes on Sunset Key (AM) On Sunset Key 305.292.5394, 0.4 mi. to ferry, catch the ferry behind the Opal Key Resort 245 Front Street
- 4. Santiago's Bodega (Tapas) 207 Petronia Street 305.296.7691, 1.0 mi.
- 5. Louie's Back Yard (Farm to Table) –700 Waddell Avenue 305.294. 1061, 1.3 mi.
- 6. Café Marquesa (Contemporary American) –600 Fleming Street 305.292.1244, 0.4 mi.
- 7. El Siboney (Cuban)-900 Catherine Street 305.296.4184, 1.2 mi.
- 8. Bagatelle (Seafood) 115 Duval Street 305.296.6609, 0.2 mi.
- 9. Better Than Sex (DESERT ONLY )– 926 Simonton Street 305.296.8102 \*\*\*, 0.8 mi.
- 10.Nine One Five (Tapas) 915 Duval Street 305.296.0669, 0.9 mi.
- 11.La Trattoria (Italian) 524 Duval Street 305.296.1075, 0.6 mi.
- 12.Seven Fish (Seafood) 921 Truman Avenue 305.296.2777, 1.1 mi.
- 13.First Flight (AM) 301 Whitehead Street 305.293.8484, 0.4 mi.
- 14.Southernmost Beach Café (Caribbean) 1405 Duval Street 305.295.6550, 1.2 mi.
- 15.Salute (Italian) 1000 Atlantic Avenue 305.292.1117\*\*\*\*, 1.8 mi.

\*\*\* Desert Only

\*\*\*\* Uber/Taxi required

Miles from the Hyatt Hotel, 601 Front Street.

