

Best of the Florida Keys



Blasius Erlinger Catch of the day at the World Wide Sportsman Bayside Marina in Islamorada.

The Florida Keys are sometimes called America's Caribbean, and they exude an end-of-the-road remoteness and a languid tropicality that rivals the West Indies in appeal

MIDDLE KEYS Hawk's Cay Resort This 60-acre playground is geared largely toward families, sportsmen, and conventioners. Besides the 177 guest rooms, there are 269 villa units and an 85-slip marina. Yes, it's gargantuan, and it can feel crowded, but the resort provides plenty of opportunities to filter out the noise and focus your mind—whether on a tennis ball, the massage you're getting at the brand-new spa, or the tug at the end of your fishing line. Hawk's Cay is renowned for its kids' activities: a water slide in the shape of a pirate ship, movies by the pool, miniature golf, even teen facials. *61 Hawk's Cay Blvd. (MM 61 Oceanside), Duck Key; 800/432-2242 or 305/743-7000; www.hawkscay.com; doubles from \$250, villas from \$425.*

