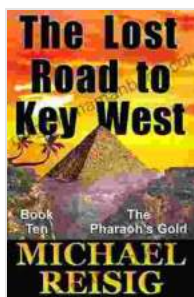


# The Road to Key West: A Journey of Discovery and Adventure

Prepare yourself for an extraordinary adventure as you embark on a journey along The Road to Key West, a legendary stretch of highway that meanders through the turquoise waters of the Florida Keys. Known as the Overseas Highway, this iconic route connects the mainland of Florida to the enchanting island paradise of Key West.



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This 113-mile long journey is more than just a road; it's a portal to a world of wonder, where history, nature, and adventure converge. As you drive over 42 bridges, including the world-famous Seven Mile Bridge, you'll witness a breathtaking panorama of azure waters, lush mangrove forests, and secluded islands.

## A Rich Tapestry of History

The Road to Key West is steeped in a rich tapestry of history that dates back to the late 19th century. In the early 1900s, railroad tycoon Henry Flagler embarked on an ambitious project to extend his Florida East Coast Railway to Key West, creating the Overseas Railroad.

The construction of the railroad was a monumental undertaking, fraught with engineering challenges and the loss of many lives. However, when it opened in 1912, the Overseas Railroad became a lifeline for the Florida Keys, connecting them to the mainland and fostering economic growth.

### **A Symphony of Nature**

As you travel along The Road to Key West, you'll be captivated by the stunning natural beauty that surrounds you. The turquoise waters of the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico dance alongside the highway, creating a vibrant seascape that is home to a diverse array of marine life.

Lush mangrove forests line the shores, providing a sanctuary for birds, fish, and other wildlife. The islands that dot the route offer hidden coves and pristine beaches, inviting you to explore their unspoiled beauty.

### **Endless Adventures Await**

The Road to Key West is a paradise for adventure seekers. Whether you're a fishing enthusiast, a kayaking aficionado, or a snorkeling or diving enthusiast, there's something for everyone along this captivating route.

Reel in a big catch from the bridges or charter a boat to explore the vibrant coral reefs and abundant marine life that thrive in the waters surrounding the Keys. Glide through serene waters on a kayak, paddling through tranquil bays and mangrove tunnels.

## **Key West: The Enchanting Destination**

At the end of your journey, you'll arrive at the vibrant island city of Key West, a place where Caribbean charm meets American flair. Immerse yourself in the laid-back atmosphere, explore historic streets lined with colorful buildings, and indulge in the fresh seafood and Cuban flavors that define the island's culinary scene.

Witness the magical sunset over the horizon from Mallory Square, where locals and visitors gather every evening to celebrate the end of another perfect day in paradise.

## **Hidden Gems Along the Route**

Beyond the iconic bridges and breathtaking scenery, The Road to Key West is dotted with hidden gems that are waiting to be discovered.

Stop at the Bahia Honda State Park, renowned for its pristine beaches and crystal-clear waters. Visit the National Key Deer Refuge to catch a glimpse of the endangered Key deer, unique to the Florida Keys. For a literary adventure, make a pilgrimage to the Ernest Hemingway Home and Museum, where the legendary writer found inspiration for his classic works.

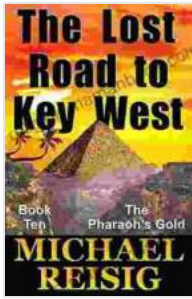
The Road to Key West is more than just a highway; it's an adventure that will stay with you long after you've returned home. From its rich history and stunning natural beauty to the endless opportunities for adventure and the enchanting destination that awaits you at the end, this journey is a must-do for travelers seeking a truly unforgettable experience.

So pack your bags, hit the open road, and embrace the adventure of a lifetime along The Road to Key West.





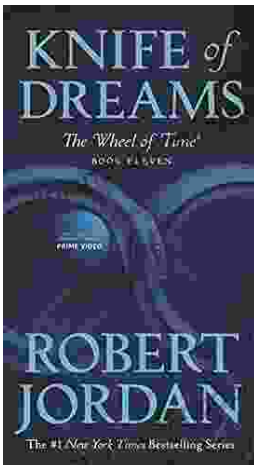




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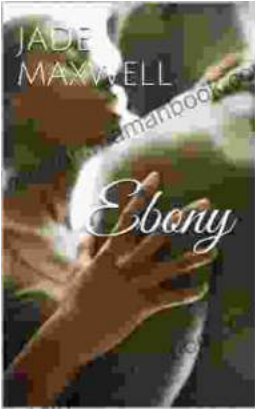
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