



# CULTURE

TRAVEL

## Destination of the Month: The Florida Keys

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*Far from the motels and the honky-tonk, **Richard Alleman** travels down U.S. 1 and discovers the secret sophistication of this tropical archipelago.*

### 2. Islamorada: Secret Stays

Just off Mile Marker 82.2 on U.S. 1, Casa Morada is a hip little hotel that feels more St. Barths than south Florida with its sixteen unpretentious suites with terrazzo floors, many with outdoor showers. The cool pool is on its own little island, facing Florida Bay. With rates starting at \$299 a night in high winter season, Casa Morada is a great buy, since rates include mini-bar, breakfast, and yoga; [casamorada.com](http://casamorada.com).