



5 Top Places To Dive In The Florida Keys

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Marathon

The Location: The Heart of the Florida Keys, Marathon is a 10-mile-long, family-oriented island community known for its fishing, laid-back lifestyle and seafaring traditions, and offers cool sites of wrecks and reefs.

What to See: The Thunderbolt, a 188-foot military ship sitting upright in 115 feet of water, attracts divers with its colorful sponge, coral and hydroid, and varieties of large fish such as angelfish, barracuda and jacks. Sombrero Reef, marked by a 140-foot lighthouse, is one of the most magnificent coral reefs in the Middle Keys; with depths ranging from five to 35 feet, this protected marine preserve is perfect for divers and snorkelers of all levels.

Where to Dive: [Hall's Diving Center and International Diving Career Institute](#) has scuba and snorkeling for the family and offers friendly service. They also have an excellent reputation for training master divers.

Where to Stay: [Hawks Cay](#), nestled on the small, secluded island of Duck Key, has onsite villas and countless activities including scuba diving and snorkeling, which are made available to guests.

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