ROAD TRIP · UNITED STATES

Bahamas cruise and Florida

Four nights from Miami to the Bahamas, then by car to the Keys and the Gulf coast.

Length	14 days, 13 nights
Distance	1,100 km, 7 driving days
Behind the wheel	15 h 50 min
Travellers	2, 1 room, 1 car
Hotels	Comfort: a good hotel (3 stars)
Flights	Amsterdam – Miami (MIA), Orlando (MCO) – Amsterdam

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Day by day

DAY	DATE	NIGHT	KM	DRIVE	°C
1		Miami Beach	20	30 min	
2		Miami Beach			
3		Aboard: Bahamas: Nassau and a private island	13	0 min	
4		Aboard: Bahamas: Nassau and a private island			
5		Aboard: Bahamas: Nassau and a private island			
6		Aboard: Bahamas: Nassau and a private island			
7		Key West	270	4 h 10 min	
8		Key West			
9		Naples	380	5 h 50 min	
10		Naples			
11		Sarasota	190	2 h 20 min	
12		Orlando	210	2 h 30 min	
13		Orlando			
14		Flight home from MCO	20	20 min	

1,100 km · 15 h 50 min behind the wheel · on average 160 km a driving day

Kilometres and drive times by road (OSRM, OpenStreetMap), without stops: plan generously.

The route



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ON THE ROAD

Day 1	Land at Miami (MIA), drive to Miami Beach · About 20 km (10 mi), 30 min
Day 3	Board the ship in Miami Beach
Day 7	Off the ship in Miami Beach, drive to Key West · About 270 km (170 mi), 4 h 10 min
Day 9	Key West, drive to Naples · About 380 km (240 mi), 5 h 50 min
Day 11	Naples, drive to Sarasota · About 190 km (120 mi), 2 h 20 min
Day 12	Sarasota, drive to Orlando · About 210 km (130 mi), 2 h 30 min

Well prepared

ESTA

Dutch and Belgian travellers need no visa for a holiday of up to 90 days, but do need an approved ESTA before boarding. It costs about $40, is valid for two years (or until your passport expires) and is applied for online. Apply at least 72 hours before you fly, and only on the official site.

esta.cbp.dhs.gov

Passport

An electronic passport (with the chip symbol), valid for the whole stay. Children need their own passport and ESTA.

nl.usembassy.gov

Driving licence

Your Dutch driving licence is accepted for renting and driving a car as a visitor. An international driving permit next to it helps with police and some rental desks.

anwb.nl

Renting a car

The renter is the main driver and pays with a credit card in their own name (no debit or prepaid card); the deposit is held on it. Usually from 21, and from 21 to 24 you pay a young-driver fee of about $25 a day. Book from home with insurance included (CDW/LDW and extra liability, SLI) and an extra driver if you want to take turns. Returning the car elsewhere (a one-way trip) costs extra. Fuel is sold by the gallon (3.8 litres); fill it up yourself before you bring it back.

Driving in the USA

Keep right; speeds are in miles an hour (65 mph is 105 km/h). Turning right on red is allowed after stopping, unless a sign says no. At a 4-way stop, whoever stopped first goes first. For a stopped yellow school bus with flashing lights you stop in both directions. Toll roads are often electronic only: ask your rental company about its toll pass. On remote stretches (parks, desert) there's little signal and a long way to the next pump: fill up at half and download the map.

Renting an RV

You can rent an RV from about 21 with an ordinary car licence. On top of the rent, count on mileage (often per mile), a kit with bedding and kitchen things, cleaning and the campsite: in the popular parks you book those months ahead on recreation.gov. Big RVs aren't allowed on every park road. Take photos of the RV when you pick it up: damage and missing items are the most heard complaint.

recreation.gov

National parks

Most big parks charge per car. Visitors from abroad pay $100 a person extra at 11 popular parks; the annual pass for non-residents is $250. Some parks need a timed-entry reservation in high season.

nps.gov

Money and tipping

Prices are without sales tax, which is added at the till. In restaurants a tip of 15 to 20% is usual. Cards are accepted almost everywhere; at the pump you may be asked for a ZIP code, so pay inside.

Travel insurance and health

Care in the USA is very expensive: take travel insurance with worldwide medical cover, and check whether your health insurance covers the USA. Cancellation insurance covers the trip if you can't go; insure the rental car with the rental company (see Renting a car). Take medicines in their original packaging, with a prescription in English. Emergency number: 911.

Power, phone and time

110 volt with flat two-pin plugs (type A/B): bring an adapter. A US eSIM is cheaper than roaming. The mainland has four time zones, Arizona mostly without daylight saving time.

Customs

Fresh food, meat and fruit may not be brought in. Declare food you carry.

Packing list

- [ ] Passport (valid for the whole trip)
- [ ] ESTA, printed
- [ ] Driving licence (and an international one)
- [ ] Credit card in the driver's name
- [ ] Travel and cancellation insurance
- [ ] Confirmations: flights, car, hotels
- [ ] America the Beautiful pass for the parks
- [ ] Plug adapter for type A/B (110 volt)
- [ ] Car charger and phone holder
- [ ] eSIM or offline maps
- [ ] Sunscreen, sunglasses and a cap
- [ ] Water bottles for the desert
- [ ] Hiking shoes
- [ ] Layers: the coast and the nights get cold
- [ ] Medicines, in your hand luggage
- [ ] A pen, for this booklet

DON'T FORGET

Notes



DAYS 1–2

Miami Beach FL

Art deco and South Beach

Land at Miami (MIA), drive to Miami Beach: about 20 km (10 mi), 30 min

2 nights

MIAMI BEACH · DAYS 1–2

HOTEL

- ☐ Waldorf Towers South Beach · 3★ — roughly €320
  860 Ocean Drive
- ☐ Hotel Belleza · 3★ — roughly €180
  2115 Washington Avenue
- ☐ Moxy Miami South Beach · 3★ — roughly €390
  915 WASHINGTON AVENUE
- ☐ Grand Beach Hotel Bay Harbor · 3★ — roughly €420
  9601 East Bay Harbor Drive
- ☐ Henrosa Hotel · 3★ — roughly €240
  1435 Collins Avenue

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DAYS 3–6

Miami Beach FL

Nassau and a private island

Board the ship in Miami Beach

4 nights

MIAMI BEACH · DAYS 3–6

HOTEL

- ☐ Waldorf Towers South Beach · 3★ — roughly €320
  860 Ocean Drive
- ☐ Hotel Belleza · 3★ — roughly €180
  2115 Washington Avenue
- ☐ Moxy Miami South Beach · 3★ — roughly €390
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- ☐ Grand Beach Hotel Bay Harbor · 3★ — roughly €420
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DAYS 7–8

Key West FL

The Overseas Highway and sunset at Mallory Square

Off the ship in Miami Beach, drive to Key West: about 270 km (170 mi), 4 h 10 min

2 nights

KEY WEST · DAYS 7–8

HOTEL

- [ ] Orchid Key Inn - Adults Only · 3★ — roughly €850
  1004 Duval St
- [ ] Almond Tree Inn - Adults Only · 3★ — roughly €900
  512 Truman Ave
- [ ] Ambrosia Key West · 3★ — roughly €850
  622 Fleming St
- [ ] The Marquesa Hotel · 3★
  600 Fleming Street
- [ ] Island City House · 3★ — roughly €430
  411 William Street

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DAYS 9–10

Naples FL

The Everglades and the Gulf beaches

Key West, drive to Naples: about 380 km (240 mi), 5 h 50 min

2 nights

NAPLES · DAYS 9–10

HOTEL

- [ ] Staybridge Suites - Naples - Marco Island by IHG · 3★ — roughly €230
  9401 Triangle Blvd
- [ ] GreenLinks Golf Villas at Lely Resort · 3★
  7995 Mahogany Run Lane
- [ ] Hampton Inn & Suites Naples South · 3★ — roughly €200
  5146 Tamiami Trail East
- [ ] Home2 Suites By Hilton Naples I-75 Pine Ridge Road · 3★ — roughly €230
  3685 Kramer Drive
- [ ] TownePlace Suites by Marriott Naples · 3★ — roughly €200
  5425 JULIET BLVD

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DAY 11

Sarasota FL

Siesta Key

Naples, drive to Sarasota: about 190 km (120 mi), 2 h 20 min

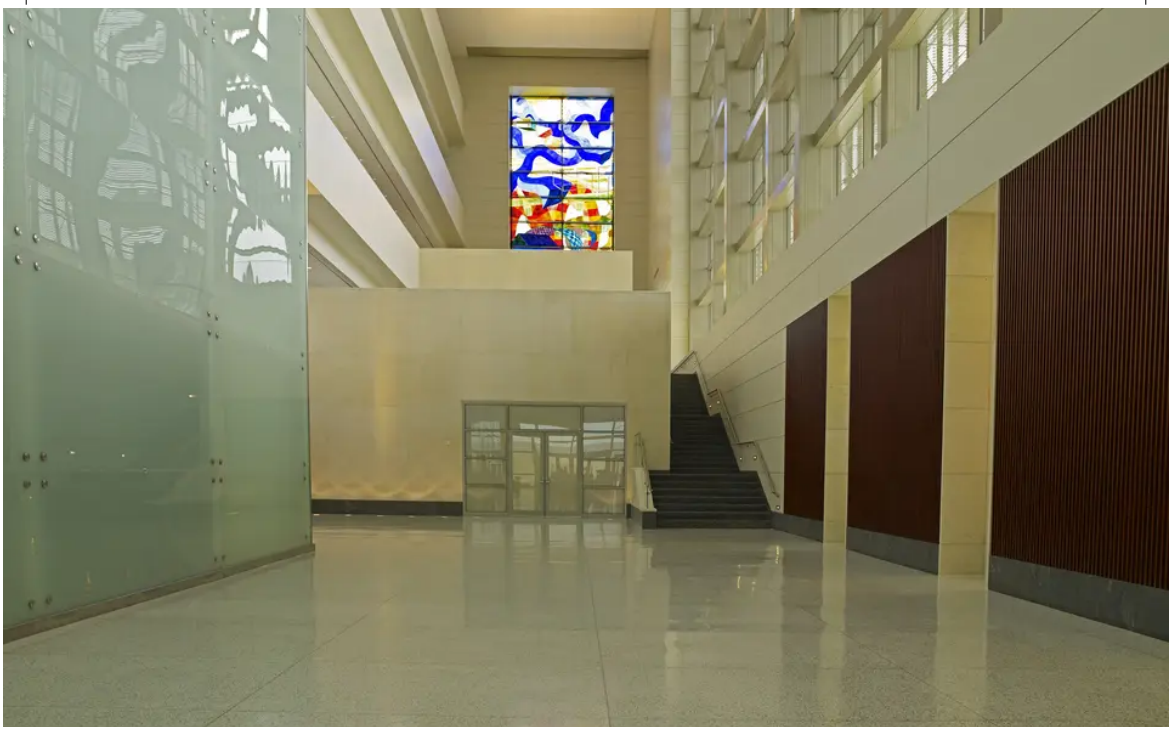
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SARASOTA · DAY 11

HOTEL

- [ ] Homewood Suites by Hilton Sarasota-Lakewood Ranch · 3★ — roughly €210
  305 North Cattlemen Road
- [ ] Twin Palms at Siesta · 3★
  1115 Point of Rocks Rd
- [ ] Cirque St Armands Beachside · 3★
  233 Ben Franklin Dr
- [ ] Home2 Suites by Hilton, Sarasota I-75 Bee Ridge, Fl · 3★ — roughly €120
  6410 MAUNA LOA BLVD
- [ ] Siesta Key Palms Resort · 3★ — roughly €330
  1800 Stickney Point Rd

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DAYS 12–13

Orlando FL

Theme parks or the Kennedy Space Center

Sarasota, drive to Orlando: about 210 km (130 mi), 2 h 30 min

2 nights

ORLANDO · DAYS 12–13

HOTEL

- [ ] Hampton Inn & Suites Orlando Airport at Gateway Village · 3★ — roughly €120
  5460 Gateway Village Cir
- [ ] Celebration Suites · 3★
  5820 W Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy
- [ ] Hilton Vacation Club Grande Villas Orlando · 3★
  12118 Turtle Cay Circle
- [ ] SpringHill Suites by Marriott Orlando at SeaWorld · 3★ — roughly €120
  10801 International Dr
- [ ] Holiday Inn Express & Suites Orlando At SeaWorld by IHG - With Free Shuttle Service to SeaWorld F — roughly €120
  10771 International Drive

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What it costs

DAY	PLACE	HOTEL	TOURS	CAR	TOTAL
1	Miami Beach	€160	–	€60	**€220**
2	Miami Beach	€160	–	€60	**€220**
3	Aboard: Bahamas: Nassau and a private island	€220	–	€60	**€280**
4	Aboard: Bahamas: Nassau and a private island	€220	–	–	**€220**
5	Aboard: Bahamas: Nassau and a private island	€220	–	–	**€220**
6	Aboard: Bahamas: Nassau and a private island	€220	–	–	**€220**
7	Key West	€160	–	€60	**€220**
8	Key West	€160	–	€60	**€220**
9	Naples	€160	–	€60	**€220**
10	Naples	€160	–	€60	**€220**
11	Sarasota	€160	–	€60	**€220**
12	Orlando	€160	–	€60	**€220**
13	Orlando	€160	–	€60	**€220**
14	Flight home from MCO	–	–	€60	**€60**

Flights	€1,700
Hotels	€2,320
Excursions	€0
Car hire	€660
Total	**€4,680**
	€2,340 a person

An estimate to plan with (prices of 2026-10): hotels, the ticked excursions, car hire and flights. No fuel or meals.

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About this booklet

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