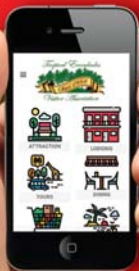


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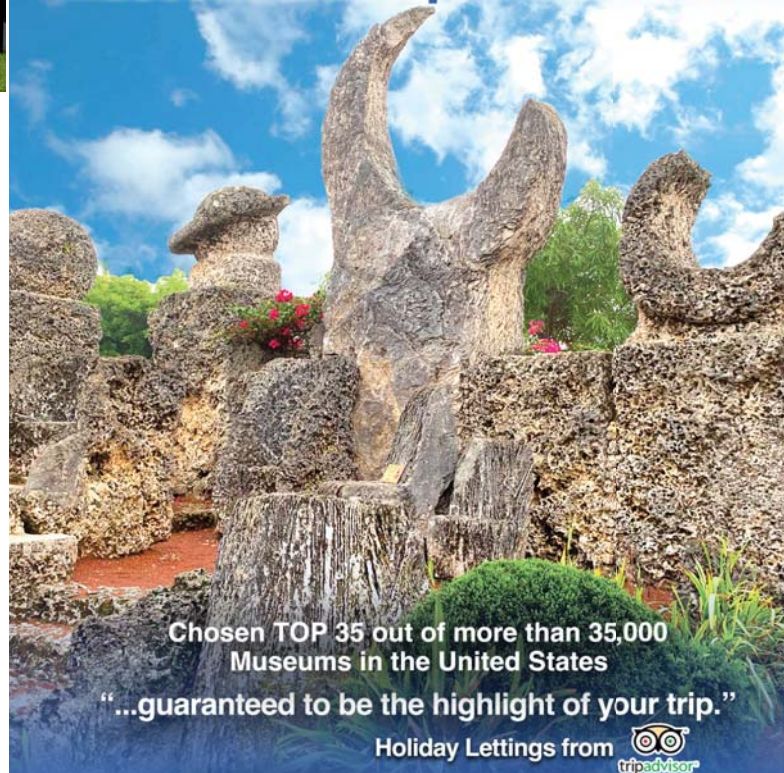


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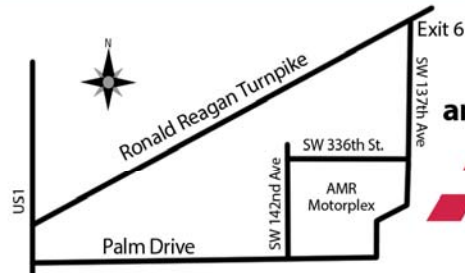
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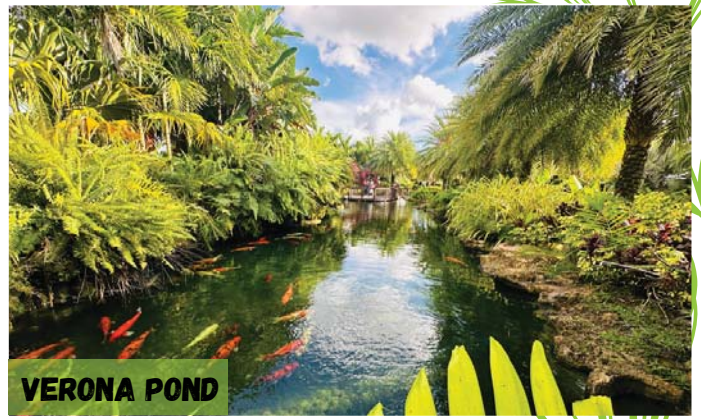


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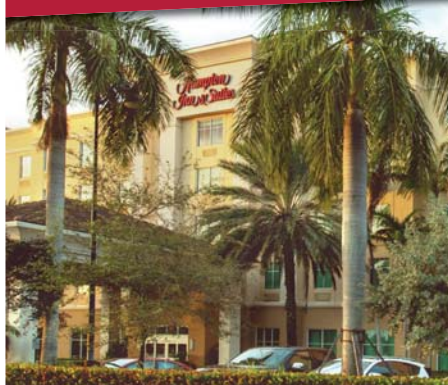
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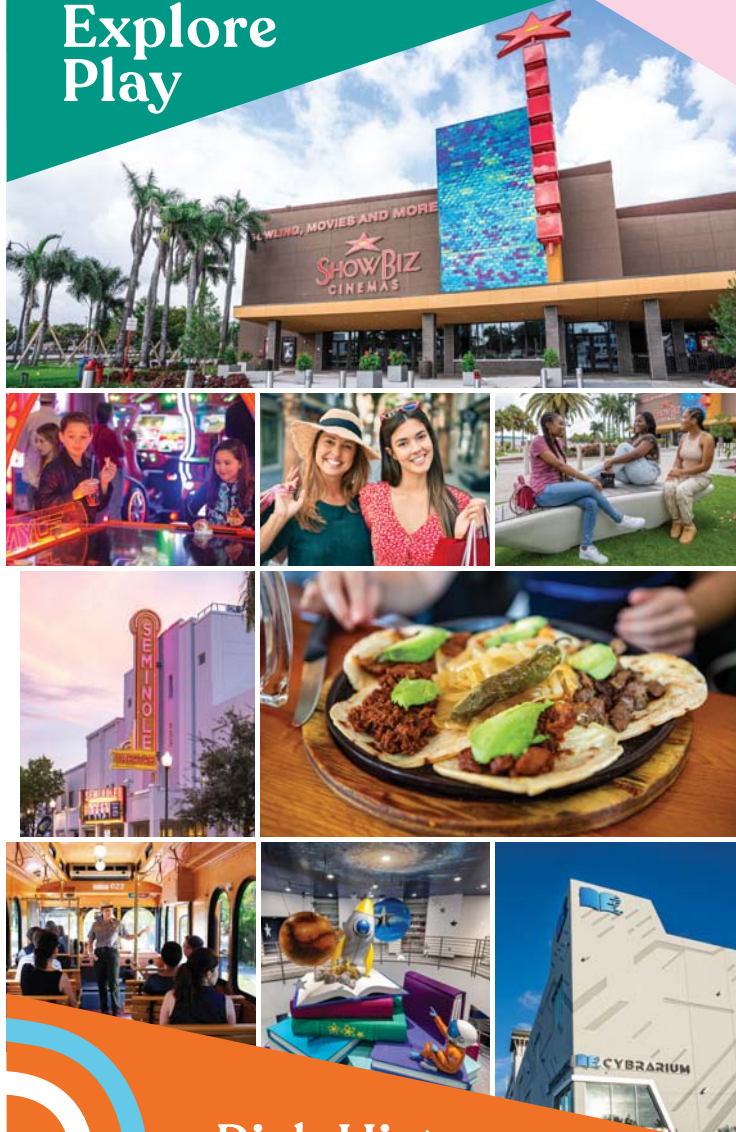
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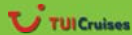


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KEYS**



- 1** Key Largo Princess Glass Bottom Boat (See ad on pg. 28)
- 2** Theater of the Sea (See ad on page 31)

ATTRACTIONS (FLA Keys)

Spend a day on the ocean or below exploring amazing reefs. Kiss a sea lion or dolphin. Kayak and take a walk on the wild side. Indulge with the unique inhabitants of these remarkable islands as everyday is a celebration.

Theater of the Sea (see ad and coupon on page 31)

305-664-2431

84721 Overseas Highway • Islamorada, FL 33036 • www.theaterofthesea.com

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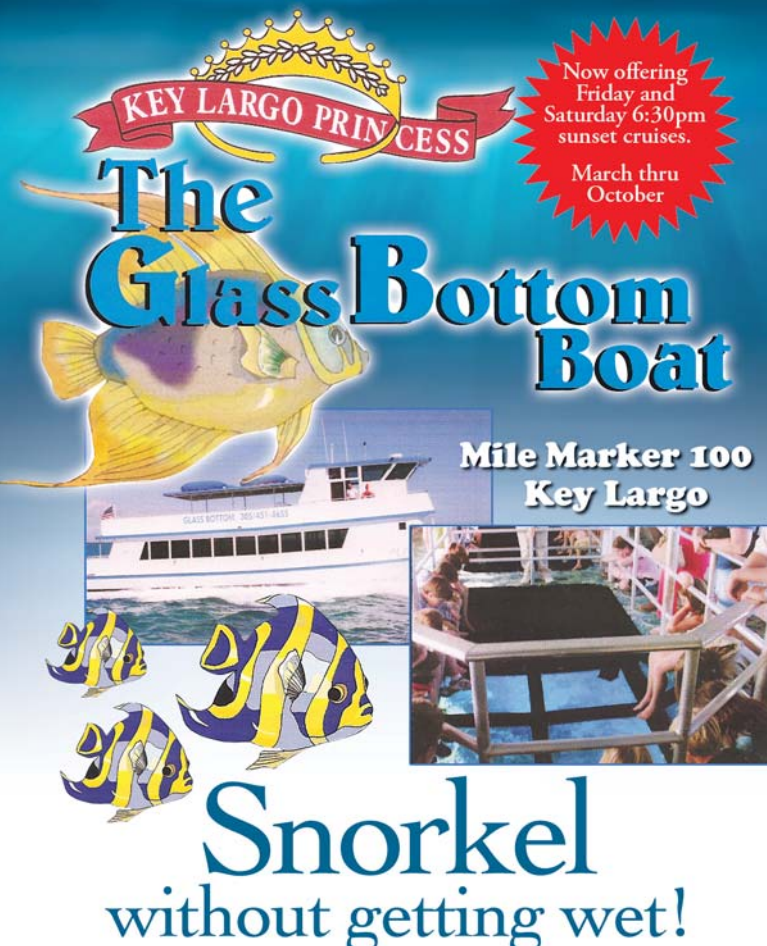
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