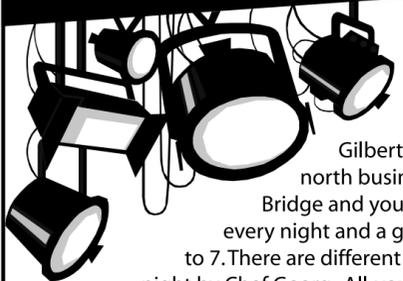


BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



Gilbert's Resort

Gilbert's Resort is quite the party spot! Just take the north business exit on US 1 off the new Jewfish Creek Bridge and you're there. They have entertainment almost every night and a great happy hour Monday thru Friday from 4 to 7. There are different chef's specials inside the restaurant each night by Chef Georg. All-you-can-eat shrimp on Wednesdays... prime rib dinner on Saturdays... lobster festival on Sundays... or if you want to try something really different, Thursday night is all-you-can-eat German Buffet—and all at reasonable prices!

Every Friday night until August 14th is Harley Davidson Bike Night. There are two bands playing interchangeably 'til midnight, with liquor specials from beer to Bacardi. Join up for the Gilbert's Poker Run, you can win prizes and the proceeds go to local charities. Ask about Gilbert's new Reward Cards, applicants get free entry to End of Summer Raffle on August 14th.

Gilbert's "on the water raw bar" is open weekends and serves the freshest seafood in Key Largo. From oysters, ceviche, fish dip, lobster bisque, a variety of different crab specialties and much more—you name it, they have it.

Why not make a weekend of it? The motel has real Keys charm with its waterfront rooms and it is pet friendly and very affordable. Spend the day fishing, hang out on the sandy beach or dock your boat. Gilbert's Resort at MM 108 has it all.

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Key Players & Marker 88 Team Up To Present New Murder Mystery Wine Dinner

Mark your calendars for Saturday November 14th and the Upper Keys Second Murder Mystery Wine Dinner. Enjoy a fabulous four-course menu paired with wines and the chance to solve this new 'Who Dunnit' presented by Key Players. The mystery 'Bachelorettes and Bullets' features an all female cast and they promise there will be a few surprises. The first Murder Mystery night held in August during Key Largo's Food and Wine Festival was a resounding success. 'We realize people are looking for fun and different things to do' said Bob Stoky owner of Marker 88 'so we paired with Key Players again to present another exciting night this one I'm told is full of deceit, divas and dirty secrets'

During the evening and between courses attendees will be treated to scenes that will offer information and clues to the identity of the Murderer.



Characters from the play will also mingle with diners and answer questions to assist the audience in their quest to solve the crime and win the reward.

The four course menu features Bridesmaid's Bounty, a Pumpkin Bisque with Coriander Marshmallows followed by Diva's Delight, Pear and Gorgonzola salad with Candied Walnuts and Maple Balsamic Vinagrette, a main course of Vixen's Chicken, Bombay chicken, Shrimp and Beef in a Mild Coconut Curry Sauce served over bed of rice and to end Delicious Deception, Strawberry Rhubarb Crisp with Vanilla Bean Ice Cream. Each course will be paired with wines chosen for the occasion.

Tickets are \$75 inclusive of tax and gratuity and can be reserved by calling 305-852-9315 'the last event was a sell out' said Stoky 'so we strongly advise booking ahead of time'

An October Booze Cruise Aboard the Norwegian Sky

In October seven friends set sail aboard the Norwegian Sky on a 4-day cruise to the Bahamas. The price was too good to pass up. The travel agent said "prices haven't been this low since 9/11!"

Prices start at \$109 per person, after taxes and fees \$191 each. A stateroom with a balcony was a few hundred dollars more. If you put aside \$10 a week, after a year you will have enough money to have the time of your life! All food is included and it is an all you can eat plentiful gourmet delight, but the drinks are expensive. A domestic beer is \$6 aboard the ship but you can purchase a helmet of 6 beers for \$30. We found a martini bar with a happy hour of 2 for 1 and for only \$10 we all got our moneys worth.

We met people from all over the world. One couple from California flies to Florida regularly just to cruise.

I have lived in the Keys for 20 years with the Port of Miami only an hour away and yet I had never been on a cruise.

As we left the Port of Miami the view from the 10th deck of the Norwegian Sky was breathless, people were scrambling to get the best pictures.

Day 1 - We woke up to find ourselves docked in what appeared to be a quarry. The clear Bahama blue ocean was beautiful but the land surrounding us was definitely not. From there we disembarked and for \$5 each took a cab 10 miles to Lucaya. The shopping was horrible. The jewelry is the same stuff you can buy for much less here, the straw items are made in Miami and dresses that I have bought at the Lion's Club flea market in Key Largo for \$22 were twice the price there. I did buy a cute pair of shoes for \$15 that fell apart the first day and are now headed for Mt.



The Norwegian Sky. It's an impressive ship!



Leaving the Port of Miami the view from the 10th deck of the Norwegian Sky was breathless.



The funeral procession we witnessed in Nassau.

Trashmore. The Casino in Lucaya was a disappointment too. The only saving grace to the area was Rumrunner's, a little hole-in-the-wall bar that served the best conch fritters for only \$4 and Sands beer, which is made on the island, 2 for \$5.

Day 2 - We found ourselves in Nassau, now that is beautiful! A few of us elected to walk around the town and found some excellent shopping there. The salespeople were very nice. I would advise to avoid the flea market. It is about a hundred desperate vendors all selling the same things crammed together under a sweltering tent.

As we roamed the street in search of a local bar for refreshments we ran into a funeral procession. A local dignitary had died and a huge parade was taking place. It appeared that the whole town came out to pay their respects. We were exhausted from the heat so we made our way back to the ship electing to skip Atlantis. We decided to save that for another cruise.

The first and second day of our trip we won big in the casino on 2 cent slots. The third and fourth day we weren't so lucky.

Day 4 - We awoke to a tropical paradise at Great Stirrup Cay, an island owned by NCL. Video Dave was the only one in our group to disembark and roam the island shooting photos with his new camera. The rest of us relaxed poolside intent on emptying our beer helmets in order to get our \$5 deposit back.

Day 5 - We disembark in Miami and headed home to the Fabulous Florida Keys already planning our next cruise to Jamaica in 2010.

Get your passport at the Post Office in Tavernier Town Shopping Plaza. For information on cruises we recommend CruisesOnly.com. Bon Voyage!