



TAVERNIER GUIDE

WHAT TO EXPECT



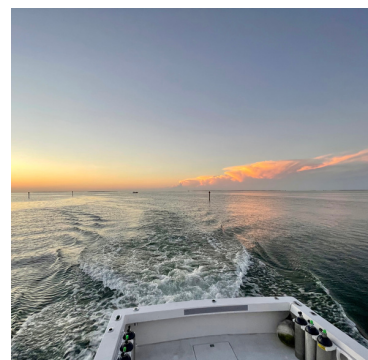
Tucked between the better-known Key Largo and Islamorada, Tavernier is one of the Florida Keys' best-kept secrets — a small, unassuming community with a big heart and genuine island soul. Moving here isn't just about relocating to paradise; it's about embracing a quieter, more personal side of the Keys where nature, neighbors, and a sense of belonging come together in harmony.

Tavernier offers an authentic, unhurried lifestyle. Close to Islamorada's dining and Key Largo's conveniences, it remains peaceful and laid-back. Life moves slowly not from lack of things to do, but because there's no rush. People come here to reconnect — with the water, with themselves, and with a welcoming community that treats new faces like old friends.

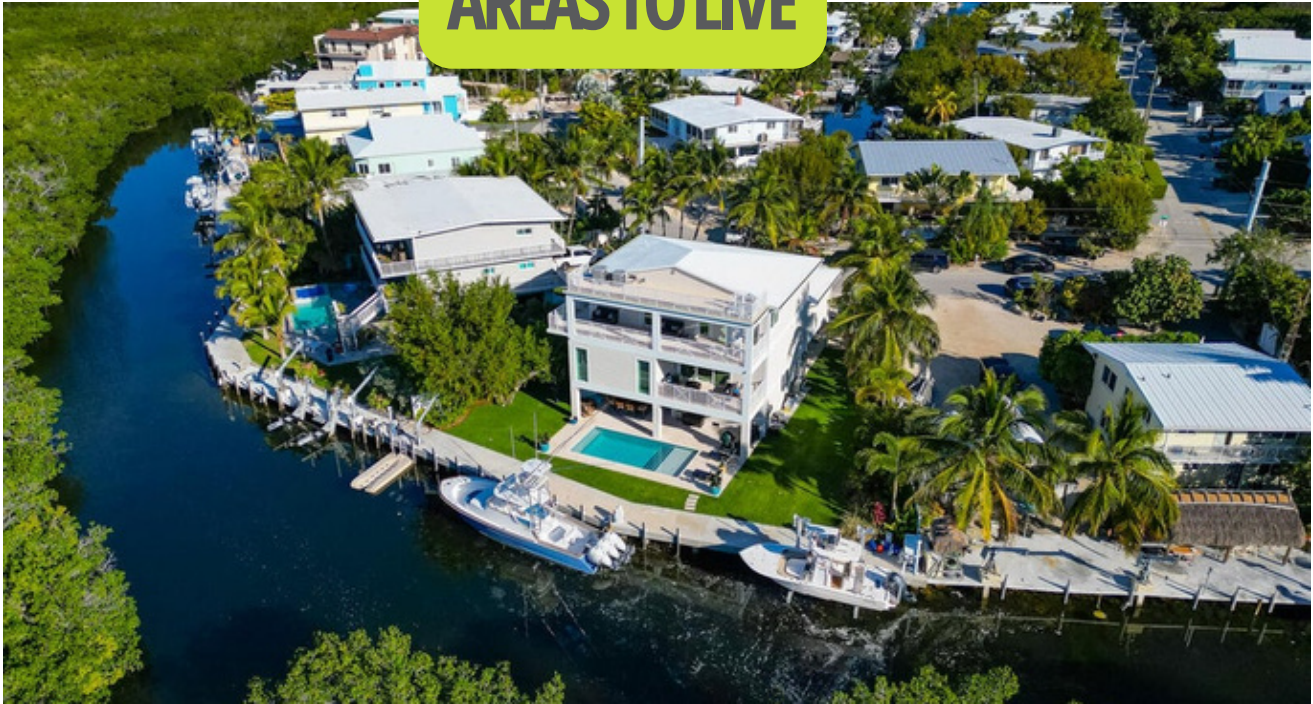
Surrounded by mangroves, turquoise bays, and access to both the Atlantic and Florida Bay, Tavernier is a dream for water lovers. Kayaking at sunrise, paddleboarding through quiet channels, or casting a line from your dock can become part of daily life. Dolphins, manatees, and seabirds are frequent neighbors, making even ordinary days special.

What Tavernier lacks in tourist bustle, it makes up for in charm. You'll find family-run seafood spots, fruit stands, and small shops rooted in community. Everyday conveniences are here too — from a hospital and grocery stores to banks, pharmacies, and good schools. Homes range from quaint Keys cottages to modern builds, many with canal or bay access for effortless boating. With tropical weather, vivid sunsets, and a strong community spirit, Tavernier is a rare gem — a place where island time isn't just a saying, but a way of life.

- Friendly, small-town atmosphere with a relaxed island lifestyle.
- Close-knit community with local events, farmers markets, and family-friendly activities.
- Access to quality schools, healthcare, grocery stores, and essential amenities.
- Opportunities for boating, fishing, kayaking, and paddleboarding in nearby waters.
- Easy access to natural parks, wildlife preserves, and outdoor recreational areas.



AREAS TO LIVE



Tavernier, located in the Upper Florida Keys, is a charming community that blends small-town character with the relaxed island lifestyle the Keys are known for. Conveniently situated between Key Largo and Islamorada, it offers both tranquility and easy access to dining, shopping, and recreation. With its friendly atmosphere and natural beauty, Tavernier appeals to families, retirees, seasonal residents, and boating enthusiasts alike.

Housing here is diverse, reflecting a mix of long-time locals and newcomers. Single-family homes range from modest cottages to newer, spacious builds, many designed with hurricane resilience in mind. Waterfront properties are especially sought-after, offering direct canal or bayside access with docks and boat lifts. For aviators, Tavernaero, the Keys' only airstrip community, features luxury homes with private hangars and boat slips. Condominiums and townhomes provide low-maintenance living with amenities like pools, tennis courts, and marinas—popular with snowbirds and retirees.

Outdoor living defines Tavernier. With the Atlantic on one side and Florida Bay on the other, boating, fishing, snorkeling, and paddleboarding are everyday pastimes. Local marinas and boat ramps make water access easy, while nearby parks and protected areas highlight the area's natural beauty and wildlife. Though quiet and residential, Tavernier has all the essentials—grocery stores, schools, restaurants, and healthcare—while remaining close to Key Largo's larger retail and services. This balance of convenience and laid-back living makes Tavernier especially appealing. Offering a welcoming community, natural beauty, and endless opportunities for adventure, Tavernier captures the essence of Keys living—relaxed, connected, and truly unique.

- Island Bay / Upper Tavernier: Quiet residential area with canal-front and waterfront homes, ideal for boating and peaceful living
- Tavernier Creek: Waterfront homes with private docks and boat access, great for water enthusiasts
- Plantation Key / Plantation Key Colony: Family-friendly neighborhoods with a mix of homes and condos
- Tavernier Gardens: Established community with single-family homes and mature landscaping
- North Tavernier / Coconut Palm Estates: Spacious homes, often with water access and a tranquil atmosphere



THINGS TO DO



Tavernier, in the heart of the Florida Keys, combines natural beauty, outdoor adventure, and small-town charm. Quieter than nearby Key Largo or Islamorada, it's perfect for those who want a peaceful lifestyle while staying close to everything the Keys have to offer.

Nature lovers will appreciate the Florida Keys Wild Bird Center, dedicated to rescuing and rehabilitating native birds. Walking trails allow visitors to observe wildlife up close while learning about local conservation efforts. Nearby, Harry Harris Park is a favorite spot for families, with a sandy beach, picnic areas, playground, and marina — ideal for swimming, fishing, or paddleboarding. Just up the road, Dagny Johnson Key Largo Hammock Botanical State Park offers six miles of trails through one of the largest remaining tropical hardwood hammocks, making it a haven for hikers, photographers, and birders.

Water activities are part of everyday life here. Kayaking and paddleboarding through mangroves reveal dolphins, manatees, and colorful fish, while local outfitters host eco-tours and sunset paddles. Fishing is also world-class, with easy access to both the Atlantic and Florida Bay for deep-sea, reef, or backcountry trips.

Tavernier offers a taste of Keys culture too. The Blond Giraffe Key Lime Pie Factory is beloved for its award-winning pies, while local shops and boutiques showcase handmade jewelry, island art, and unique souvenirs. Seasonal festivals bring residents together in celebration of music, food, and maritime heritage.

With its welcoming community, slower pace, and abundance of outdoor experiences, Tavernier offers an authentic slice of Keys living — a place to relax, explore, and truly feel at home.

- Visit the Florida Keys Wild Bird Center for wildlife observation and conservation education.
- Enjoy Harry Harris Park with its beach, marina, picnic areas, and family-friendly recreation.
- Explore Dagny Johnson Key Largo Hammock Botanical State Park for hiking and nature walks.
- Kayak or paddleboard through nearby mangroves to spot dolphins, manatees, and tropical fish.
- Sample local cuisine and desserts, such as the famous Key lime pies at Blond Giraffe Factory, or enjoy fresh seafood at waterfront restaurants.

