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RESORT & MARINA

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**The Westin Key West Resort & Marina Offers Unique Options for Meetings Planners**

KEY WEST, Fla. – October 15, 2008 – The Westin Key West Resort & Marina is the ultimate destination for groups to convene and enjoy experiences as unique as the island itself.

Get out of the boardroom and enjoy a spectacular view of the sun setting over the Gulf of Mexico on the Westin Sunset Pier. With over 10,000 square feet of outdoor function space, the Westin Sunset Pier is the perfect place for your group to relax and enjoy Key West's most celebrated moment of the day. Each evening as the sun sets into the horizon of the Gulf of Mexico, the Westin Sunset Pier is transformed into a fun-filled stage featuring street performers who entertain spectators as they cheer the end of another perfect day. The energy and uniqueness of this venue is just as spectacular as the setting sun.

There are several off-site venues within walking distance of the Westin that provide unique backdrops for your group event. The stunning historic gardens of the 19<sup>th</sup> century Audubon House can accommodate groups of 25 to 150, and the Harry S. Truman Little White House is available to groups of 25 to 300 and features nearly an acre of tropical foliage surrounded by the original 1890 wrought iron fence.

When your group is moving between venues, imagine being escorted by Key West's Caribbean Queen Junkanoos. This Afro-Caribbean processional band includes Moko Jumbies (stilt walkers), festive costuming and joyful rhythms and dancing straight from the islands.

If time on the water is in order catering aboard a private chartered vessel launched directly from the Westin Marina. Chartered vessels can be arranged for groups of 27 to 127.

The Westin offers off-site catering for any of the above venues ensuring your group receives the highest quality dining experience possible. Guests can choose anywhere from a casual buffet to a five course lavish dinner.

For smaller retreats or incentives, consider Sunset Key Guest Cottages, A Westin Resort. This sister property to the The Westin Key West Resort & Marina is located on a 27-acre island just 500 yards off Key West by motor launch and includes a white sand beach, tropical swimming pool and fantastic alfresco waterfront dining at Latitudes Beach Cafe. The accommodations offer multi-bedrooms, kitchen, living and dining areas that are spacious and offer the perfect ambiance for a Caribbean escape.

To learn more about the unique and exciting meeting options at The Westin Key West Resort & Marina, please call Group Sales at 305.292.4360, email [sales@westinkeywestresort.com](mailto:sales@westinkeywestresort.com) or visit [westin.com/keywest](http://westin.com/keywest).

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#### **About The Westin Key West Resort & Marina and Sunset Key Cottages, A Westin Resort**

The Westin Key West Resort & Marina and Sunset Key Guest Cottages are owned and managed by Ocean Properties Ltd., and franchised by Starwood Hotels. Since 1999, the resorts have been the only accommodations in Key West designated with the AAA Four-Diamond Full-Service award. **The Westin Key West Resort & Marina** is located on the waterfront, one walking block from fabled Duval Street and next to Mallory Square. The Westin Key West Resort & Marina is one of the Conch Republic's top destination resorts, offering deluxe guestrooms and suites, more than 16,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor function space, multiple dining options, heated pool and a 37-slip marina with vendors offering a complete range of watersports and a nightly Sunset Celebration on the Westin Pier. In addition, the resort operates one of the country's largest private ports, welcoming cruise ships to the destination daily. For more information on the resort, visit [westin.com/keywest](http://westin.com/keywest). **Sunset Key Guest Cottages, A Westin Resort**, is located on the 27-acre secluded island of Sunset Key. One-third of the island is a resort featuring 37 elegantly appointed one, two and three-bedroom cottages all with fully equipped kitchen, living and dining areas and are designed in traditional Key West architecture. The resort offers superior amenities and services such as a secluded beach, tropical pool, restaurant, two tennis courts, breakfast basket delivered to cottage porch each morning, grocery shopping service, personal chef service and 24-hour launch transportation to Key West. The remaining two-thirds of the island are reserved for one of the most prestigious residential communities in Key West. For more information please visit [www.sunsetkevisland.com](http://www.sunsetkevisland.com) and [www.westin.com/sunsetkey](http://www.westin.com/sunsetkey).

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