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The Dry Tortugas is located a mere seventy miles west of Key West which constitutes of very small but gorgeous islands blessed with a colorful history. Travelers from arrive from all parts to these captivating islands that were discovered by an explorer named Ponce de Leon in the year of 1513. What you'll want to see while visiting is Fort Jefferson plus snorkeling which goes without saying. Fort Jefferson provides everything you'll need to know regarding the history of the islands with illustrations and the crystal clear waters of the Gulf of Mexico are abundant with coral reefs, diverse fish and powdery white sand for anyone interested in snorkeling.

Tortugas gets its name from the turtles that inhabits the islands, 'Dry' used to warn sailors regarding the limited fresh water onto land. Regardless of this fact, in 1846 the US government erected a military base, which had only dramatized everything which took place on Fort Jefferson. The assassination of President Lincoln is specifically associated with the Fort; in which case, it will best to have a guided tour.

If you're interested in The Tortugas for its unmatched snorkeling experiences, then you are in for a fantastic ride. The sea of the islands are adorned with the most stunning waster and Concierge Mike Kelly of the Hammocks resort says "You snorkel off the beach and it's like swimming in an aquarium." Keys vacation would not be complete without a paddle in the waters.

The coral reefs in Dry Tortugas is known to be some of the best found in the U.S giving habitat to over a hundred species of fish. While snorkeling you'll encounter several marine life including coral, rays and eels. The water is as deep as 5'-15' and marine life ranging from starfish to seashells, plus treasure dwelling on the ocean floor.

Like most coral reefs, the ones you'll encounter on this island are to be looked at but not touched. Due to the fact that the algae living on the coral's polyps id crucial to life which is easily damaged considering the polyps fragility and susceptibility to disease. As Kelly highlights the Tortugas are a virgin and a tender group of islands that are heavily monitored. However, the exquisite environment is magnificent and is worth a visit.

A fulfilling day that quickly ends once the boat arrives back to Key West at 5:30 p.m. This is in time for you to catch the famous sunset at Mallory Square. It's the authentic 'Margaritaville' in so many ways." Ensure that you're prepared for some awesome memories with some fabulous snorkeling, discovering vibrant coral reefs. When you're in vicinity of Dry Tortugas, keep in mind that there certainly are many options for lodging accommodations, including hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts, resorts as well as beautiful [Bluegreen timeshare](#) options.

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