

# Rounders “Duval Crawl” and Parade

**Thursday April 26-  
Saturday April 28 2018**

**Key West Florida!**

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***Join Us in Key West!***

**M**ost people know the Florida Keys and Key West as a great getaway. One of the most unique places on earth. Calm. Serene. Laid back. Just the right setting to recharge your batteries and rejuvenate your spirits.

Add to this the pageantry and excitement of performing on Duval Street with the Second Time Arounders, and you'll find your getaway to be much more than just peace and quiet (*enter cymbal crash here!*)

Key West means history. Art. Theater. Fishing. Watersport. Museums. Shopping. Fine dining. Entertainment. And much more. It also means Duval Street where the band will march as part of the 2018 Conch Republic Festival celebrating Key West's brief succession from the United States; more of a State of mind than anything else but isn't that what Key West is really about?

Your Second Time Arounders will be there Thursday, April 26 through Saturday, April 28; earlier or later if you prefer. Both of our performances will be on Thursday close to sunset for both the parade and a brief standing concert, leaving Friday, Saturday, and even Sunday for you to enjoy the Key. So why not stay and enjoy?

## **The Festival:**

With activities ranging from a wacky bed race to a lighthearted sea battle featuring tall ships, the Conch Republic's 10-day birthday party showcases the independent and eccentric spirit that characterizes Key West. The night parade on Thursday billed as the

“World's Longest Parade” is actually just a little more than a mile of marching fun. While you're there, check out the other festival events in town. The festival's website is here (*although the 2018 schedule was not yet available at post time*).

<https://conchrepublic.com>



***The Conch Republic Festival***

## Transportation:

Ride the bus, take the Key West Express from Ft. Myers, or carpool and drive with your friends. It's up to you and gives you the ultimate in flexibility! Come for a night, a couple of nights, or longer. Both of our performances will be on Thursday late afternoon/evening.

- **The Bus**

Bus will leave Tropicana Field Thursday at 6 or 7am (TBD) for the 7.5 hour or so trip to Key West. The bus will stop at each of the band hotels for you to check in and get ready for that evening's concert and parade. Pack a lunch as this is a non-stop trip (restroom on the bus, of course). 56 seats available (first come first served). Staying elsewhere? You can still take the bus and cab-it to your hotel.

- Transportation from the hotels to our performance sites will be arranged for you by the band. Most of you will want to stay on Duval AFTER the parade and share a cab ride "home" at the end of the night. Instrument/equipment truck will be provided at the hotel and of course, after the parade.
- The bus will depart Key West back toward home on Saturday at 3PM (arriving Tropicana Field around 10:30 pm).

- **The Boat**

The Key West Express departs from Ft. Myers at 8:30 am (boarding 60 mins prior) and arrives downtown Key West near Dantes at Noon. Return trips leave Key West daily at 6PM (don't miss the boat!) A discount has been negotiated by the Rounders for your Key West Express travel. Book through us and save \$12.00 per ticket while they last (limited seats at this price).



*The Key West Express*

- **The Car**

Drive your own vehicle or carpool with friends. (a Blog on the Rounders web site "Home" and "Trips - Events" pages is available for posting ride share needs and opportunities). Key West is a 7-8 hour drive from St. Petersburg depending on your speed and number of stops. Leave early though as not to miss the parade (try to arrive by 2PM!). We understand a group of motorcycles are already conspiring to ride (ask!).

## Lodging:

April is still peak season in the Keys but the band has negotiated preferred rates at two quality hotels. These hotels are adjacent to one another with 40 rooms available at each for the Second Time Arounders for Thursday and Friday nights. Rooms for Wednesday and Saturday (and beyond) are available now, but are NOT being held for the group and can be sold to the general public. Additional nights, as well as our 80 reserved rooms, are first come first served so reserve your rooms now!

Here are the two Rounders hotels that are available. Rooms can be reserved at the special Rounders Rate available ONLY online through this link on the Rounders' web site:

<http://secondtimearounders.org/trips-events/>

First come, first served at these rates (40 room at each hotel).

**24 North Hotel:**

(3820 North Roosevelt Blvd)

**OR**

**Hilton Garden Inn:**

(3850 North Roosevelt Blvd)



[Hotel review: 24 North Hotel](#)



[Hotel review: Hilton Garden Inn](#)

**Fun:**

Oh my goodness, how can you NOT have fun in Key West? With so many things to see and do, you'll likely WANT to stay an extra day or two!

Fury Watersports \* Key West Butterfly Conservatory \* Boat Rentals\* The Conch Train Tour \* Dry Tortugas National Park \* Snorkeling Trips \* Sunset Rum Cruise \* Scooter Rentals \* Ernest Hemingway House \* Boat Tours \* Mallory Square Sunset Festival \* Live Music and Clubs \* People Watching\* \*The Bars of Key West\* The Southern Most Point \* Bicycle Rentals\* Duval Street \* Shopping\* Reef Snorkeling Trips \* Duck Boat Tours\* \*Eco Tours\* Fishing Charters and Tours \* Dolphin and Whale Watching \* Mel Fisher Maritime Museum \* Kayaking and Canoeing \* Pub Crawls \* The Oldest House Tour \* Key West Aquarium \* Ripley's Believe It Or Not \* Jet Ski Rentals \* Turtle Museum \* Dining Options \* Key West First Legal Rum Distillery \* Bill Findeison's Hotel Room \*

**Fare:**

We think you'll find our Duval Crawl April trip with the Rounders not only fun, but relatively affordable. Here are the options and rates!

**What's Paid Through the Band:**

<p><b>Participation Contribution</b>  <i>For everyone who marches in Key West. All units, band aids, etc.                  Helps cover common costs to the band for the trip! Mandatory.                  Pay through the Rounders Key West trip sign-up sheet</i></p> <p><b>What's Paid Through the Band (continued):</b></p>	<p><b>\$10.00</b></p>
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<b>Participation Contribution Tag-Along</b> <i>For all Tagalongs staying at 24 North or the Hilton Garden Inn (not required if you are staying elsewhere). Mandatory. Pay through the Rounders Key West trip sign-up sheet</i>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Bus Transportation</b> <i>Charter coach <b>Round Trip</b> from Tropicana Field (Thursday 6am, return late Saturday). Book through the Rounders Key West trip sign-up sheet!</i>	<b>\$149.00</b>
<b>Key West Express</b> <i><b>Round Trip</b> from Ft. Myers, FL. Group Rate (you'll select your travel days); Pay through the Rounders Key West trip sign-up sheet.(plus parking of \$13.00 per day paid on-site per car)</i>	<b>\$128.00</b>

### What's Paid Directly to the Hotel

Choose from several options & book your own hotel through this link:

<http://secondtimearounders.org/trips-events/>

<b>24 North Hotel per night on Thurs and Fri night</b> <i>(double occupancy); plus taxes.</i>	<b>\$239.00</b> <b>(\$119.50 pp)</b>
<b>24 North Hotel additional night before (Wednesday)</b>	<b>\$239.00</b>
<b>24 North Hotel additional night after (Saturday)</b>	<b>\$259.00</b>
<b>24 North Hotel additional person per room (above 2)</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Hilton Garden Inn per night on Thurs and Fri night</b> <i>(double occupancy); plus taxes.</i>	<b>\$229.00</b> <b>(\$114.50 pp)</b>
<b>Hilton Garden Inn night before (Wednesday)</b>	<b>\$229.00</b>
<b>Hilton Garden Inn night after (Saturday)</b>	<b>\$259.00</b>
<b>Hilton Garden Inn additional person per room (above 2)</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
<i>24 North or Hilton Garden Inn nights other than above (before Wed night or after Sat night)</i>	<b>Contact Hotel!</b>

## Make Your Plans Now!

This is going to be a trip to remember, marching and enjoying all Key West has to offer with your Rounders friends.

1. See the Key West Sign Up link to tell us that you and your Tag Alongs are coming (and pay applicable participation fee) and to reserve the bus (just 56 spots first come, first served), or to reserve your discount on the Key West Express (first come first served, and please note YOUR dates).
2. Only 80 hotel rooms have been reserved at Rounders reduced rates. To book your room(s) at the Rounders hotels, select one of the hotel links on the Rounders web site, under "Trips – Events" tab. We're expecting 250-plus Rounders in Key West, some making their own lodging arrangements.

See you in Key West Rounders! Don't delay, book today!

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Second Time Arounders Marching Band