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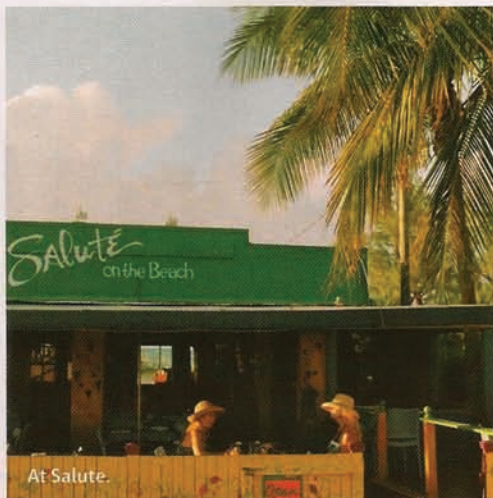
Debra Yates—artist, hotel and landscape designer, and fourth-generation Key West—dishes on her favorite spots on the island, including (surprise) the hotels she designs



KEY WEST



The pool at the Truman Hotel.



At Salute.



The view from La Concha.



ART • “I love Key West’s **LUCKY STREET GALLERY** for contemporary art and sculpture—I’ll be showing my new work there in March [1130 Duval St.; 305-294-3973]. The **HARRISON GALLERY** is also wonderful, with jewelry, crafts, wood carvings, and sculptures made out of palm [825 White St.; 305-294-0609].”

EATS • “**SALUTE** sits right on the sand on Higgs Beach, attracts a local winter crowd, and has really good, unpretentious food. I order the half chicken with brussels sprouts [1000 Atlantic Blvd.; 305-292-1117; entrées, \$13-\$29]. **SANTI-**

AGO’S BODEGA does delicious small plates and is in a tiny house in Bahama Village—you’d never know it was there [207 Petronia St.; 305-296-7691; small plates, \$7-\$12].”

DRINKS • “The outdoor Terrace Bar at **LA TE DA** has the best martini in town, and the **CRYSTAL ROOM**, upstairs, hosts Key West’s greatest drag show [915 Duval St.; 305-296-0669]. The bar at **LA TRATTORIA** is a locals’ spot—we watch the crowd without being in it. The restaurant has exquisite Italian food [524 Duval St.; 305-296-1075]. The hotel **LA CONCHA** was built in the 1920s and is the tallest building

in Key West—you get a 360-degree view of the city from the rooftop bar [430 Duval St.; 305-296-2991].”

BEDS • “The **TRUMAN HOTEL**, in the Old Town, is one of the only contemporary places to stay in Key West. I designed everything in the newer wing as well as the pool area, and my paintings hang in the rooms [305-296-6700; doubles, \$169-\$199]. The **PARADISE INN** has the same owner as the Truman and is next on my list to redesign top-to-bottom. You’re a block from the madness, so you can walk right into the crowd and right back out [305-293-8007; doubles, \$199-\$599].”

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