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Hemingway's Key West, Now in Hotel Form



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Check your calendar.

Does it say "Rum Row" or "Cigar Garden" anywhere on it?

No?

Well, sh*t. Hang on. We'll try to fix this.

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Ah, here we go. How about *The Gates Hotel Key West*, a new seaside retreat that aims to channel Hemingway by all means necessary, up to and including a rum bar and a cigar garden, now taking reservations for April 15 and beyond.

Come April, you're going to want some sun in your life. Shining through floor-to-ceiling windows. Bouncing off whitewashed wooden beams. Pouring all over your face as you lounge by a pool specifically engineered to make you better at drinking rum.

Drop your bags off in your pool-facing suite. Take it in real quick. Then, say goodbye to it forever. Or at least for a few hours. You've got some Key West—ing to do.

Start by skipping to <u>that poolside bar called Rum Row</u> (you can skip here, we checked). It's where special rum tastings and rum cocktails happen. Also, Bahamian-meets-Cuban-meets-Floridian-style tapas. You'll like those.

From there, you can either opt for a sunset bike ride around the island or a hand-rolled Rodriguez cigar in the garden lounge.

Maybe wear an unbuttoned Havana shirt, should time allow.

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