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BEYOND THE GLAM IN SOUTH BEACH

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MIAMI — South Beach has been a hot and hyped destination for more than a decade, and sometimes it's hard to separate the glam from the good. I've spent the past 10 winters in South Beach, from four to six months at a time, and over the years I've compiled an unofficial "Best of South Beach" list for guests. The premise is it's easy to find the high-profile, newest, hottest, glitziest places, but harder to find where the locals like to go. So here, in addition to my favorite restaurants, are some helpful tips about the neighborhood, the beach, and other things the usual tourist might miss. Welcome to my other hometown.

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OWAKI - KULLA/CORBIS (TOP), BOB KRIST/CORBIS

Expect lots of company at two iconic spots: Ocean Drive in South Beach, top, with its Art Deco buildings and great people-watching, and Mallory Square in Key West, known for sensational sunsets and other more curious sights.

POCKETS OF OLD IN NEW KEY WEST

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KEY WEST, Fla. — You're on a quest to find the old Key West, the one before Starbucks, Banana Republic, and CVS dropped their commercial anchors into this colorful tropical bohemia. Then you see a sign, maybe *the* sign, that seems to point the way.

"A last little piece of old Key West," reads a rooftop banner above the Schooner Wharf Bar, a weathered watering hole covered in fish netting.

The place has the look and feel of an old fishing boat or a tiki hut on Gilligan's Island with its tattered stools and tables. It feels almost like any South Florida waterfront bar, with small boats slung from the ceiling, license plates, and a jukebox with Bonnie Raitt and the Dave Matthews Band.

Regulars and visitors make toasts, swap stories, and listen to the waves lap at the historic seaport. Then you notice something in your peripheral vision — the first of many such sightings.

A brown hen appears outside the bar's rocky back lot and stalks along William Street with a seeming carefree, don't-mess-with-me attitude, similar to the early pioneers and longtime Conchs (what natives are called here).

Duval Street, the city's main thoroughfare, is rife with bars, T-shirt shops, For Sale signs, and notices like "Amer- KEY WEST, Page M5

DELRAY BEACH, FLA.

Peaceable kingdom

Meander the paths through pine and bamboo stands, past waterfalls and flowers, at the Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens. **M8**

CAPE ANN

A last go-round

For a sightseeing cyclist, the roads along the periphery of Gloucester, Rockport, and Annisquam are a salty breeze in the fall. **M11**

STOCKBRIDGE

Main Street, N.E.

Norman Rockwell and the Guthries (Woody and Arlo) pursued their arts and crafts in this little universe in the Berkshires. **M11**