





# BEST OF FLORIDA

There are so many great beaches to enjoy in Florida: Key West, Miami Beach, South Beach. This collage of Eric's paintings of Florida will make you want to put on your flip-flops and imagine you're sunbathing on the sand while you put together this puzzle.

1. St. Augustine was founded 1565, before the Pilgrims even landed up in Massachusetts. Spanish conquistador, Pedro Menéndez de Avilés founded the city and established a colony for the country of Spain.
2. Key West is an island that sits at the southernmost tip of Florida and is famous for its key lime pies!
3. Miami Beach is a favorite spot loved by locals and tourists alike along with the many different colorful lighthouses.
4. South Beach—also known as SoBe—is one of America's most famous beaches with a rich history as colorful as the local architecture and décor. Known for its great cuisine, fun nightlife, great outdoor activities and amazing art deco architecture.
5. Florida's nickname is The Sunshine State.
6. Spain owned the territory of Florida around the 1500's but was acquired as US Territory in 1821.
7. Florida means "flowery" in Spanish.
8. The state flag originally was white with the state seal in the middle, but during the 1890's Francis P. Fleming suggested to add red strips so that it didn't look like a surrender flag.
9. On March 3, 1845, Florida became the 27th state admitted into the US.
10. Florida is not the southern most US state, instead that title goes to Hawaii.