

## hit the ale trail

Find Greater Fort Lauderdale's thriving beer culture with 15 local nano- and micro-breweries and 32 craft brew pubs. The **Ale Trail** features 500 different beers, from a Hefeweizen made with Florida-grown mangos, to malty imports from across the globe. Experience breweries, beer gardens and brewpubs offering guided tours, an open-air cigar patio and horchata-inspired brew on tap. Find the Ale Trail map at [sunny.org/AleTrail](http://sunny.org/AleTrail).



## center stage

The live music scene heats up with **Riptide Music Festival**, a three-day alternative & classic hits music festival on Fort Lauderdale beach Nov 30-Dec 2. Bands include Panic! At the Disco, 311, Sublime with Rome, Young the Giant, Live, Third Eye Blind, Collective Soul and The Jacksons. **Rock the Ocean's Tortuga Music Festival** celebrates 8 years on Fort Lauderdale beach with a three-day music festival featuring some of the biggest names in country, rock and roots music, Apr 12-14. Headliners include Kenny Chesney, Jason Aldean, Thomas Rhett and Flo Rida.

## CRAVE greater fort lauderdale series

The **Food Network & Cooking Channel South Beach Wine & Food Festival (SOBEWFF®)** returns, along with the **Crave Greater Fort Lauderdale series**, during the 18th annual festival, Feb 20-24, 2019. Kicking off the 2019 festival is a dinner hosted by Donatella Arpaia, PJ Calapa and Michael Chavez. The series continues throughout the festival with a dinner hosted by Anne Burrell and Angelo Elia; dinner hosted by Elizabeth Karmel and Martina McBride; **Clambake** hosted by Alex Guarnaschelli and Jorge Ramos; **Rock 'n Roll** hosted by Adam Richman; **Sunset Spritz** hosted by Valerie Bertinelli; **Cajun-Cooking Master Class & Lunch** hosted by Sam & Cody Carroll; and the first-ever **Festival Drag Brunch** hosted by Alex Carr and Elvis Duran.

## new on the scene

**Unit B**, a new speakeasy-themed cocktail bar where you need your own personal door code to get in, recently opened in Flagler Village in Fort Lauderdale and features eight Prohibition-inspired cocktails with a twist, all with the sights, sounds, and aromas evocative of the 1920s. **Bar Rita**, a casual restaurant serving creative Mexican pub fare offering guests several unique in-house innovations, along with a handcrafted margarita bar on the roof. **New to Las Olas Boulevard: Sushi Shack**, a contemporary American bar and grill. **Del Frisco's Grille**, an upscale bar and grille serving prime steaks, fresh seafood and updated classics, opening November 2018. **Coming soon: Chops and Hops**, Fort Lauderdale's first ax-throwing bar, will be a 2,000 sq. ft. venue housing six enclosed ax-throwing lanes with wooden targets in a cozy, lodge-inspired setting. **DUNE**, an indoor-outdoor restaurant and bar at Auberge Beach Residences & Spa. **Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant**, a Napa-inspired eatery with a full bar, a winery-inspired private party space and an artisan retail market, opening at **The Galleria at Fort Lauderdale** early 2019.



## educational experiences

**Young At Art Museum** presents **LightScapes**, a solo exhibition of new large-scale light sculptures and an interactive fabrication lab by artist Haiileen. This immersive and interactive exhibition, runs November 3 through April 28, 2019, featuring a selection of three large-scale sculptures created to give viewers a multi-sensory, educational experience about the wonder of light and a dazzling, translucent maze of marbled acrylic walls. **SeaQuest Fort Lauderdale**, a hands-on global sea life education and entertainment experience for all ages, opening summer 2019 at **The Galleria at Fort Lauderdale**. The 23,000 sq. ft. venue will be home to a

variety of animal species from across the globe and designed as a "Quest of Edutainment," a journey through realistically-themed environments where visitors connect with select animals through various encounters.

## cruise update

**Celebrity Cruises'** new 2,918-passenger **Celebrity Edge**, will begin sailing from **Port Everglades** December 2018. *The Edge* is the first ship in Celebrity Cruises' new class of ships in nearly a decade. Cruise Terminal 25 is being completely renovated for the arrival. **Holland America Line's** newest Pinnacle-class ship, the 2,650-passenger **ms Nieuw Statendam**, is preparing to make her debut at Port Everglades mid-December 2018. A sister ship to **ms Koningsdam**, this spectacular new vessel combines classic style with contemporary appointments.

## FLL news

**Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport** New 2018 service includes: **Allegiant:** Flint; **Azul:** Recife, Brazil; **JetBlue:** Santiago DR, Atlanta, Grand Cayman, Steamboat Springs, Guayaquil (2019), St. Martin (2019) and Phoenix (2019); **Frontier:** Trenton and Islip; **Spirit:** Columbus, Richmond, Guayaquil, Seattle, Cap-Haitien, St. Croix, Asheville, Greensboro, Kansas City and Cali, Colombia; **Southwest:** Aruba, San Antonio; **Swoop:** Hamilton, Ontario.

# WHAT'S NEW in Greater Fort Lauderdale

## new on the hotel scene

The **CIRC Hotel**, a 111-room modern, boutique hotel designed with a contemporary flair and inspired by Downtown Hollywood's burgeoning arts scene, opened on Young Circle in May 2018. The 12-story building features **Olivia Restaurant & Bar by Piero Filpi**, **The Muse Rooftop Bar & Lounge**, and 3,000 sq. ft. of meeting space on the 11th floor.



**Costa Hollywood Beach Resort**, a chic oceanfront hotel featuring 307 suites from studios to three-bedroom suites, opened in October 2018. The resort features a 25,000 sq. ft. rooftop pool deck offering sweeping Atlantic Ocean and Intracoastal Waterway views, a poolside bar & bites, and just steps from Hollywood Beach Broadwalk.

**Wyndham Garden Fort Lauderdale Airport & Cruise Port**, a new \$21 million, 142-room hotel in Dania Beach, is slated to open November 2018, offering casual dining, flexible

meeting space and an inviting lobby and lounge.

**The Dalmar**, part of the Tribute Portfolio, Marriott International's newest independent brand of hotels, will feature 209 rooms including 44 suites. The 25-story hotel will offer an elevated arrival experience on the sixth floor along with a lobby lounge, pool deck, fitness room and will include 15,000 sq. ft. of indoor and outdoor meeting and ballroom space, a modern American Restaurant called **The Terrace Grill**, **Rose's Coffee Bar** and a high-rise rooftop bar **Sparrow**, offering stunning views. Accompanying The Dalmar, floors 7 through 12, will be **Element by Westin**, an extended stay experience offering 114 rooms including 28 suites, and an exclusive third floor check-in experience. The new luxury lifestyle hotel is set to open in December 2018 with a grand opening in early 2019.



A new 23-story **Four Seasons** broke ground, opening late 2019 with 150 hotel rooms and 95 residences, two restaurants, a spa, fitness center, children's recreation room, "Beach Butlers" and ballroom and meeting facilities.

Dual-Branded **Tru by Hilton** and **Home2 Suites by Hilton** is expected to open early 2020 in the Flagler Village in downtown Fort Lauderdale. Upon completion, the property will have 112 Tru guestrooms and 106 Home2 Suites guestrooms. The hotel will be 19 stories and feature two distinctive lobbies - each of which will have its own breakfast bar, lounge, and other brand-specific amenities. The hotel will also include an outdoor pool deck

complemented by an outdoor bar, a fitness center, and 4,843 sq. ft. of private event and conference space.

## hotel refresh

The **Bahia Mar Fort Lauderdale Beach - a DoubleTree by Hilton** is undergoing renovations in the Marina Building including 115 guestrooms and common areas as well as freshening up **Breezes**, their full service restaurant, and opening a brand new fitness center overlooking the ocean. The property consists of 296 total guest rooms, 25,000 sq. ft. of flexible meeting space and a 250-slip marina. Renovations will be completed by November 2018.

The **Pelican Grand Beach Resort** began a \$7 million rooms renovation, slated for completion in December 2018. The transformation includes a complete redesign of 145 guestrooms and 16 suites, as well as eight new luxury suites.

The **Atlantic Hotel & Spa**, Fort Lauderdale's iconic all-suite beachfront boutique hotel, is going through a full renovation of its 104 suites to be completed winter 2018.

The historic Escape Hotel is being transformed into the **Gale Boutique Hotel & Residences Fort Lauderdale**, with 96 rooms and 129 condo residences, and will feature luxury amenities, sleek furnishings, rooftop sky deck and fitness center, spa and pool. Opening early 2019.

The **Le Méridien Dania Beach at Fort Lauderdale Airport** (formerly Sheraton Fort Lauderdale Airport Hotel) is undergoing a \$30 million renovation and will feature 245 guest rooms, 20,000 sq. ft. of meeting space and two redesigned restaurants. Anticipated to open April 2019.

The **Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino - Hollywood** is undergoing a \$1.5 billion property-wide expansion. Upon completion in 2019, the property will be home to an iconic guitar-shaped hotel tower, increasing the total number of rooms to more than 1,200. The casino will nearly double in size including more than 3,000 slot machines and nearly 200 table games, plus a new poker room. Additional amenities include a newly rebuilt **Hard Rock Live** entertainment venue, new restaurants, bars and lounges, 120,000 sq. ft. of meeting and convention space, as well as a 41,000 sq. ft. spa.



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