

WHAT'S NEW in Greater Fort Lauderdale



The Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau's original foodie series on **Visit Lauderdale TV**, now in its third season, explores Greater Fort Lauderdale's most sought after restaurants, bars and breweries. Host Blue Arauz, Yelp's community director, takes viewers on behind-the-scenes tours as he interacts with chefs and tastes mouthwatering dishes and delectable drinks. Watch new episodes on Mondays on sunny.org/tv or on demand.

summer savings Explore the exotic Everglades. Discover a passion for diving. Get lost in a world of butterflies. Enjoy **2-for-1 Summer Savings** May 1 through Sept 30 on attractions throughout Greater Fort Lauderdale. Start planning your summer now, visit sunny.org/summer for deals.

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. **New to the Ale Trail:** 3 Sons Brewing Co. in Dania Beach, American Icon Brewery Kitchen and Taproom in Flagler Village, Sistrunk Marketplace and Brewery (spring 2019) and Dangerous Minds Brewing Company in Pompano Beach (spring 2019). Find the Ale Trail map at sunny.org/AleTrail.



new on the scene **Even Keel Fish & Oyster**, a new seafood restaurant with a modern Floridian coastal dining setting, features a kitchen that is a chef-driven, farm-to-table workshop with ever-changing menus. **AND Fish Kitchen + Bar**, a fresh-catch culinary experience inspired by Pompano Beach's casual coastal charm, world-class fishing and abundant diving, opened at the Fort Lauderdale Marriott Pompano Beach Resort & Spa. The 115-seat indoor restaurant boasts an exceptional wine list and signature



dishes served in a contemporary nautical setting. **DUNE** opened at the new Auberge Beach Residences & Spa in Fort Lauderdale, offering a menu of locally sourced seafood, fresh organic ingredients and beach-inspired signature cocktails. **Bo's Beach** on Fort Lauderdale beach serves seafood and wood-fired dishes with indoor and outdoor seating. **Andy's Live Fire Grill** has a wood-burning grill in an open kitchen with a 90-seat dining room downstairs with another 60 seats and two bars on the second floor.

Hotsy-Totsy Bar and Grill, a 1920 styled bar & grill in Hollywood serves flatbreads, light bites and tapas-style sharing plates. **Unit B**, a new speakeasy-themed cocktail bar where

you need your own personal door code to get in, opened in Flagler Village and features eight Prohibition-inspired cocktails, all with the sights, sounds, and aromas evocative of the 1920s. **La Boulangerie**, a new French artisanal bakery serves freshly made products in a relaxed environment with a vintage- industrial style atmosphere. **New on Las Olas Boulevard:** **Del Frisco's Grille**, an upscale bar and grille serving prime steaks, fresh seafood and updated classics. **Casa Sensei** features a combination of Pan-Asian flavors with the dynamic culinary traditions of Latin America. **Flight 19**, a new American restaurant and bar named after the mysterious disappearance of five aircrafts in the Bermuda triangle after taking off from Fort Lauderdale in 1945. And **Piazza Italia** recently opened serving authentic Italian cuisine.

entertainment experiences **Parker Playhouse** is set to undergo a \$25 million transformation to take the iconic entertainment venue into the 21st century. The venue will retain its classic elegance with many original architectural features remaining intact. Groundbreaking is anticipated in summer 2019, with completion for the 2020-2021 season. **SeaQuest Fort Lauderdale**, a hands-on global sea life education and entertainment experience for all ages, is opening late 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**, began sailing from Port Everglades on seven-night itineraries to the Eastern and Western Caribbean in December 2018. **Holland America Line's** newest Pinnacle-class ship, the 2,650-passenger **ms Nieuw Statendam**, also made her debut at Port Everglades in 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 2019 service includes:** **Silver:** Daytona Beach, Pensacola, The Bight (Bahamas); **JetBlue:** Phoenix, St. Maarten, Guayaquil; **Spirit:** Jacksonville, Austin, Raleigh (May), Durham (May), Charlotte (June); **WestJet:** St. Johns; and **Frontier:** Denver.

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new on the hotel scene



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, opened in 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, opened in December 2018 featuring 209 rooms including 44 suites. The 25-story hotel offers an elevated arrival experience on the sixth floor along with a lobby lounge, pool deck and fitness room and includes 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**. Accompanying The Dalmar, on floors 7 through 12, the **Element by Westin**, an extended stay experience, offers 114 rooms including 28 suites, and an exclusive third floor check-in experience.



A new 22-story **Four Seasons** is expected to open in 2020 with 130 guest rooms and 90 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 Flagler Village in downtown Fort Lauderdale. 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. There will also be an outdoor pool deck complemented by an outdoor bar, a

fitness center, and 4,843 sq. ft. of private event and conference space.

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 mid-2019.

A new **Cambria Hotel & Suites** will go up on Fort Lauderdale beach. The new 91,520 sq. ft. hotel will have 97 rooms and amenities including a meeting room, coffee bar, pool deck and fitness room.

hotel refresh

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

The **Pelican Grand Beach Resort** completed a \$7 million rooms renovation including 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, went through a full renovation of its 104 suites.

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 fall 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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