GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE FLORIDA

10 Ways to Play

With sunkissed beaches, outdoor cafes, shopping galore and exciting attractions just minutes away, it's easy to trade airport blues for sunny hues. Here are some ways to play, in under three hours, before your flight home. Visit **sunny.org/CruiseandPlay** for deals, maps and more.



Beachfront Promenade

Only two miles north of Port Everglades, you can experience the landscaped beachfront promenade with its signature white wave wall and brick-paved path. Across the street, visit luxury hotels and The Gallery at Beach Place for casual fun, shopping and dining. Catch the Sun Trolley to downtown Fort Lauderdale, Fri-Sun 10:30am-5:30pm, \$1/person or \$3 day pass. Or rent a bicycle with AvMed Rides powered by Broward B-cycle. Check out a B-cycle and return it to any open station, \$5 for the first 30 minutes, daily max \$25, \$5 each ½ hour after. For locations visit broward.bcycle.com. Distance from the Port: 3 miles.

Las Olas Boulevard

Downtown Fort Lauderdale, lasolasboulevard.com Stroll, people watch, sip a latte at an outdoor cafe or shop the chic boutiques along Las Olas Boulevard, a sophisticated mile of fashion, art and sidewalk cafes. Stop by the Stranahan House, a preserved 1900s house furnished with antiques of the era. Join the party, a "Cycle Party" and go on a foodie tour of Las Olas Boulevard on a quadracycle: cycleparty.com. Or "follow the red brick road" of Riverwalk, the landscaped park, to the Arts & Entertainment District. Distance from the Port: 3.5 miles.





Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District

Downtown Fort Lauderdale, riverwalkae.com Located along the New River offering an array of exciting entertainment options with world-class concerts, events, unique galleries and dining -- Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Florida Grand Opera, Fort Lauderdale History Center, NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale and the Stranahan House. The 22-block district includes Las Olas Boulevard for fashion, dining and nightlife. Take a Segway Fort Lauderdale tour and cruise along the New River: segwayfortlauderdale.com. Prices starting at \$35/person. Distance from the Port: 3.1 miles.

Boat Tours: Intracoastal Waterway & Millionaire's Row

WATER TAXI 954-467-6677 watertaxi.com Closest dock to the Port is Hilton Fort Lauderdale Marina. \$28 unlimited all day (seniors \$23, kids \$14), after 5pm \$18. Family packs available.

JUNGLE QUEEN RIVERBOAT

954-462-5596 junglequeen.com Bahia Mar Yachting Center on A1A. 90-minute and 3-hour sightseeing/dinner cruise. Adults from \$23.50, under 12 \$12.95, under 2 free. Distance from Port: 2.5 miles

RIVERFRONT CRUISES 954-463-3440

riverfrontcruise.com Las Olas Riverfront. 90-min sightseeing cruise. Every 2 hrs from 11am-5pm. Adults \$26, seniors/military \$24, Kids 4-16 \$14, Under 4 \$2. Family pack \$70. Distance from Port: 3 miles



Bonnet House

900 N. Birch Rd., Fort Lauderdale, 954-563-5393, bonnethouse.org Learn about Fort Lauderdale history, art, nature and a true love story at this 35-acre estate, nestled between the beach and Intracoastal Waterway. Open: Tues-Sun, 9am-4pm (last tour begins at 3:30pm). Closed Mon and Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day. Adults \$20, children 6-12, \$16, under 6 free. Gardens Only \$10, Tram Tour \$5. Distance from the Port: 4.2 miles





Flamingo Gardens

3750 S. Flamingo Rd., Davie, 954-473-2955, flamingogardens.org 60-acre botanical gardens and Everglades wildlife sanctuary. Bird of Prey Center & free-flight walk-through aviary, alligators, flamingos, bobcats, black bears & Florida panthers. Exotic & native plants, including Florida's "Champion" trees. Open daily 9:30am-5pm. Adults \$19.95, children 3-11 \$12.95, under 2 free. Narrated tram tour & Wildlife Encounter show included. Distance from Port: 15 miles

Sawgrass Mills Mall

12801 West Sunrise Blvd., Sunrise, 954-846-2350, sawgrassmillsmall.com More than 350 designer outlets, specialty shops and restaurants await, along with The Colonnade Outlets, high-end luxury fashion, including Michael Kors, Kate Spade New York, Alex and Ani, Tory Burch, Bloomingdale's - The Outlet Store, David Yurman, Marc Jacobs, Saks Fifth Avenue Off Fifth, Burberry and Salvatore Ferragamo. Dining scene includes: Zinburger Wine & Burger Bar, The Villagio, P.F. Chang's, Grand Lux Cafe and more. Allow at least three hours to experience this shopping mecca. Distance from the Port: 16 miles





Young At Art Museum

751 SW 121 Ave, Davie, 954-424-0085, youngatartmuseum.org An artrageous adventure awaits! Ride a subway, visit a cave and discover a dig in Artscapes. Build sand sculptures and recycled puppets in GreenScapes. Learn about faraway customs in CultureScapes. Explore the world of Alice in Wonderscapes. Sun 11am-6pm, Mon-Thurs, 10am-5pm, Fri-Sat 10am-6pm. Adults and children \$14, seniors 62+ \$12, military familes \$11. Distance from the Port: 13.9 miles

The Galleria at Fort Lauderdale

2414 E. Sunrise Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, 954-564-1015, galleriamall-fl.com Located just off of Fort Lauderdale beach, The Galleria offers 120 stores including: Neiman-Marcus, Macy's, H&M and Red Door Spa. Dine at Truluck's, Seasons 52, P.F. Chang's, The Capital Grille and Cooper's Hawk Winery and Restaurants. **Coming soon:** SeaQuest Fort Lauderdale, a hands-on global sea life education and entertainment experience for all ages. Distance from the Port: 6.8 miles





Florida's Hollywood

FloridasHollywood.org or Hollywoodcra.org

Beach: Sheridan St. and Hollywood Blvd. Rent a "fun cycle" and cruise along the 2 1/2 mile paved Broadwalk, lined with cafes and shops. **Downtown:** Browse art galleries, boutiques and sidewalk cafes. Walk through the Downtown Hollywood Mural Project, curated outdoor contemporary art murals by national & international recognized artists. Or explore ArtsPark at Young Circle. Catch the "Sun Shuttle," a free electric shuttle service, to get around town. Distance from the Port: 10.8 miles (Mural photo courtesy of Jill C. Weisberg)

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