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Welcome to Deerfield Beach, Hillsboro Beach, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Lighthouse Point, Pompano Beach and Village of Sea Ranch Lakes

These iconic beach towns of Greater Fort Lauderdale are vibrant communities where you’ll find plenty of art, culture and adventure.

Take the time to enjoy the area’s stunning natural landscape, whether you’re biking the rugged trails at Deerfield’s Quiet Waters Park or diving below the surf to swim among the spectacular coral reefs off the coast of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea. In Pompano Beach, turn up the thrills with a game of dodgeball for the kids at Sky Zone Trampoline Park or a game of blackjack for the adults at the Isle Casino. Also in Pompano Beach, stop by the Festival Flea Market for finds from the essential to the exotic. Explore the lively gastronomic scene celebrating fresh, local ingredients — from the upscale seafood dining experience at AND Fish Kitchen + Bar to the playful and inventive flavor combos at Charm City Burger Company. And a trip wouldn’t be complete without the signature landmarks that make these beach towns so iconic, from the piers of Deerfield Beach, Pompano Beach and Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, to the historic Hillsboro Inlet Lighthouse. In these pages, we’ll take a journey into the spaces that make these seaside locales truly special.

Whether you are a first-time visitor searching for something authentically local or a resident looking for fresh adventures in your own backyard, here are some amazing new things to discover.
THE Rundown

These small, charming beach-side towns have plenty of personality for you to experience once you venture beyond the everyday.

POMPANO BEACH

Art and whimsy are alive and well in the cultural hub, Pompano Beach. Local creative groups, like the Curtain Call Playhouse, and city employees with arts-forward mandates offer year-round creative programming for the community and its visitors, and public art dots the cityscape. There are unique pastimes to discover, like hurling weapons at the Axe Throwing Society, and vintage aficionados can explore the architecture at the Sample-McDougal House Museum or hunt for treasures at the Hillsboro Antique Mall. At the water’s edge, Hillsboro Inlet Park is a picturesque location just across from the famed lighthouse in neighboring Hillsboro Beach.

LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA

Recognized as South Florida’s Beach Diving Capital, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea offers a bevy of underwater attractions, watersports and marine conservation activities. The community of approximately 6,000 is bordered by the Atlantic to the east and the Intracoastal Waterway to the west. Enjoy a 45-minute round trip ride through the 1.5-square-mile town on the free Pelican Hopper shuttle. So small is the area that, though there are plenty nearby, there are no public schools or hospitals within its affluent borders. Still, families can enjoy parks, bocce ball, tennis, Little League, a community center and weekly farmers market. With restricted building heights, LBTS remains vigilant about maintaining its small-town charm.

HILLSBORO BEACH

At just three miles long, fewer than 900 feet wide and with a population just under 2,000, the tiny town of Hillsboro Beach offers a simple yet discerning slice of South Florida. There is only one hotel and one road in this residential community which takes pride in its role providing a haven for nesting sea turtles.

The Hillsboro Inlet — the site of the area’s majestic lighthouse — lies at the south end of town, and is the passage through which vessels cross between the Intracoastal Waterway and the Atlantic Ocean.
DEERFIELD BEACH

Named for the deer that once grazed along Hillsboro River, the farming town of Deerfield was incorporated in 1925, serving 1,300 residents. Today the city of Deerfield Beach is home to a population of more than 50,000, about half of which reside in the Century Village active adult community. Three species of sea turtles nest here, including the leatherback — the largest of all living turtles. Locals enjoy the pier, beach and green spaces like Arboretum at Constitution Park, as well as events like neighborhood festivals and holiday celebrations.

LIGHTHOUSE POINT

Lighthouse Point, so named for its proximity to the Hillsboro Inlet Lighthouse, has an area of 2.4 square miles, almost five percent of which is water. As a boating community, it is the dictionary definition of the quaint little town by the sea, and it is served by facilities like the Lighthouse Point Marina and the more glamorous Lighthouse Point Yacht Club.

VILLAGE OF SEA RANCH LAKES

With a population of fewer than 800, the gated residential community of Sea Ranch Lakes is a lovingly preserved enclave of coastal leisure. Nestled between the A1A and the Intracoastal Waterway, the exclusive, affluent community is perhaps the best kept secret among Greater Fort Lauderdale’s serene beach towns.
ESSENTIAL

ATTRACTIONS

Climb a staircase to the sky, play the ponies and the slots, shop for unique sundries then catch your dinner and a sunset all in the northeastern communities of Greater Fort Lauderdale.
TOUR OF HILLSBORO LIGHTHOUSE
Hillsboro Beach

There is an element of Old Florida romance to visiting the historic Hillsboro Inlet Lighthouse, one of the oldest structures in Broward County. You can only arrive by boat and tours are limited to a schedule set by the U.S. Coast Guard and The Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society.

Boats leave from the Sands Harbor Resort and Marina and take visitors on a two-mile tour of the Intracoastal Waterway. Upon arrival, you are greeted by volunteers from the Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society who share the history of the 100-year-old cottages on the grounds still used by U.S. Coast Guard families. They'll also lead you to the 175-step spiral staircase climb to the top of the lighthouse where panoramic views of Hillsboro and Pompano beaches can be enjoyed. On site is a statue commemorating the grueling journey of the Barefoot Mailman, who delivered mail between Palm Beach and Miami by rowboat and on foot in the late 1800s. A museum located on the south side of the inlet is open for tour groups on limited days and hours.

907 Hillsboro Mile | hillsborolighthouse.org

FISHER FAMILY PIER
Pompano Beach

The end of the 900-foot Fisher Family Pier was built in the shape of its city’s namesake fish, the pompano. Amenities on the recently renovated pier include shade structures, benches, splinter-free railings and an underwater camera for fish-watching. The pier and its surrounding fishing village are part of a major beach renovation that includes new restaurants, shops and a nautical-style parking garage.

Fisher Family Pier is open daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Access requires a modest fee for fishing, but sightseeing is free. Pompano Beach Kids Fishing Club offers angling instruction for the little ones. Try your hand at catching grunts and mangrove snapper near shore or Spanish mackerel and pompano mid-pier.

222 N. Pompano Beach Blvd.
ISLE CASINO RACING
Pompano Beach

Isle Casino Racing Pompano Park has been home to world-class horse racing since 1964. The facility features simulcast races from all over the United States and Canada 363 days per year. Wager on events from horse and greyhound racing to jai-alai games at over 20 venues across North America and enjoy 1,500 slot machines, Texas Hold’em, electronic roulette, craps and blackjack.

Avail yourself of culinary choices like Wine Spectator Award of Excellence winner Farraddays’ Steakhouse or New York-style Jewish delicatessen Myron’s. Though there are no on-site accommodations, guests can book with a "stay and play" partner hotel for exclusive rates and seamless transportation.

FESTIVAL FLEA MARKET
Pompano Beach

The Festival Flea Market is a 400,000 square foot mecca for bargain hunters, boasting over 250 eclectic shops, an antique mall, an entertainment center and a food court.

Air-conditioned and family-friendly, here you can find everything from brand-named clothing and designer jewelry to carrots just pulled from a local farm.

The facility is open every day from 10 a.m. until early evening. Events — like the monthly Vintage Fair, held on the third Saturday of each month — offer specialized shopping experiences.

More to see:
Goodyear Blimp Tour (Pompano Beach)
Deerfield International Fishing Pier (Deerfield Beach)
The quaint town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea is walkable enough to stroll about the promenades, beach and pier without breaking a sweat. Or for bikers, rent a ride from the Broward BCycle stand, then hit El Mar Drive or A1A to take in the sights.

Anglin’s Square is the town’s main drag. Aruba Beach Cafe and Anglin’s Beach Café are just two of more than 20 restaurants in the area. Pick up unique finds by local artisans at Coast Boutique, get a trinket or two at Glam Sparkle n’ Glitz or check out the local art scene at Gug Underwater Gallery. Then, grab a scoop of ice cream from Sloan’s and rest while you people-watch from the colorful chairs perched along the main strip.

After another jump north, those inclined to relaxation will love Deerfield Beach. Just off the coast is Deerfield Island Park, a mangrove preserve perfect for a picnic date or some lawn games to enjoy with the family.

A selection of restaurants and bars are staggered around the beach boardwalk district. JB’s on the Beach is a favorite for oysters, shrimp and lobster while Burger Craze’s most popular offerings are sizzling hand-helds. Enjoy frozen, fruity drinks in a relaxed, tiki bar setting at Kahuna Bar & Grill or sip on seaside cocktails at Oceans 234. The International Fishing Pier makes for a great backdrop when snapping some romantic photos to remember the day.

In Pompano Beach, kids and adults alike love the beachside Water Playground, with lots of splashing features to help cool off on hot Florida days. There are a host of parks to check out as well.

At the oceanside promenade, dip into Miami Blues for some new swimwear, 2nd Street Surf Shop to deck out your surfboard or Alvin’s Island for some beachy souvenirs. The city presents a selection of eateries, including luxury spots like Sushi By Bou, while many of the beachside bars and restaurants, such as Seaside Tiki Bar, offer live music and entertainment. Party like the locals at Mickey’s Tiki Bar, a legendary dive that has served drinks and good times for more than 50 years.
Ben PRESTON
Deerfield Beach

Stats: I’m 68 and I have a passion for my community. I’m on the Commission in Deerfield Beach as vice mayor, and from that position, I’m able to serve many people that are challenged.

Exploring the outdoors: One of my favorite ways to spend time off, and a must do in our city, is going fishing at the International Fishing Pier.

Where to chill: When I need time to relax and unwind, I like walking and jogging at Mayo Howard Park, Oveta McKeithen Recreational Complex and along the beach.

Seafood specials: My favorite Deerfield Beach restaurant is The Whale’s Rib and, for me, the best things on the menu are the dolphin fingers and clam chowder.

Bonus share: Deerfield Beach is a small town with big hugs. People are friendly and you will enjoy the experience from just the atmosphere alone.

Lauren SOMERS
Lighthouse Point

Stats: I’m a fun loving 23 year old. I enjoy hanging out with my friends, going to restaurants and being outside.

For outdoor enthusiasts: I love to go to the parks here in Lighthouse Point. Whenever I’m nannying, I take the kids to Frank McDonough Park. It has a giant field where we always have fun running around.

Where to chill: A couple of my friends and I are starting to play tennis and Lighthouse Point has some awesome courts. We always have a blast and get a great workout in.

Nautical eats: My friends and I paddle board over to Nauti Dawg – it’s truly my favorite restaurant here. Not only do they have amazing food but being in the marina makes the experience better. It’s a great place to stop after a day on the boat. My favorite thing from Nauti Dawg is their Black and Blue burger.
Patti
MILLER
Pompano Beach

Stats: I am 53 years old, a long time resident of Pompano Beach and have been involved in the fitness industry since 1987. I love to exercise, salsa dance and sit by the water.

A park by the sea: Hillsboro Inlet Park offers serene spots to enjoy the sun shining off the ocean. You can catch a great view of the Hillsboro Lighthouse and the many boats coming and going. There are also barbecue grills and a playground that are enjoyed by many families.

Where to chill: The newly renovated Fisher Family Pier offers a great spot to sit on canopy-covered benches. Grab an ice cream cone from Kilwins or Razzleberry’s.

Beachy comfort food: My personal favorite restaurant on A1A is Beach House, especially on the upper level. It offers a great view and ocean breeze. My favorites on the menu are the Caesar salad (the romaine is wood fire grilled), cheeseburger (made with a blend of short rib, brisket and ground chuck on a challah bun), sweet potato fries and a mojito.

Bonus share: Dandee Donuts offers incredible donuts and draws a crowd on weekend mornings. If I am not splurging on donuts I love to go to Pompano Beach Aquatic Center and exercise in one of their two beautiful pools.

Mark
GOLDSTEIN
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea

Stats: I’m 49 and a former attorney who moved here from DC six years ago. Whether I’m with my wife or friends, tourists or even just walking around town and talking to people, relationships give me more than anything else does in life. My goldendoodle, Humphrey, is the ambassador of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, everyone knows him.

Underwater adventure: I love snorkeling. That is a must-do in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea. We have three reefs here and it will only take you minutes to get out to them and see everything – sharks, stingrays and fish of every color of the rainbow.

Where to chill: El Prado Park is a really cool place to hang out. It’s a little park that’s physically on the beach with a farmers market in season every Sunday. I highly recommend the pastries from Jonathan. Another must do, is to check out Coast, a retail shop at the pier. They display local art and often give away free rum punch.

Small town fare: Laspadas has the best hoagie I’ve ever had, and I’m from Philly. They throw the meats across the room to each other! If you want to feel like you’re on vacation in the Caribbean, we have Aruba and Backflips on the beach. Basilic Vietnamese Grill is probably my favorite restaurant food wise – get the crepe appetizer. And you have to get an apple pie from the Cookie Shop on Pie Day, it’s kind of a little local secret.

Bonus share: The special thing about being a local here is whether it’s a hardware store, your eye doctor or retail, everything is within two blocks. It’s why you love living here.
Fun in the Water

The quiet cities of Pompano Beach, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea and Deerfield Beach have major clout when it comes to beachside sites and water-bound activities. Here’s how you can get your fix of adventure.

Pompano Beach is a hotbed for those who like to cruise the waves. Surfing aficionados and beginners alike can exercise their sea legs at some of the local spots, including Pompano Beach Pier and Hillsboro Inlet. If you’re totally new, there are several spots in town where you can grab a lesson, including EZride Surf School, which offers group and individual lessons for every level.

For the unforgettable chance to see what exactly lies beneath the sparkling waves of Pompano Beach, you have great options. The area is known for shipwrecks, many of them sunken intentionally to become man-made reefs and wildlife havens where marine life (and human diving enthusiasts) can thrive. Shipwreck Park is a nonprofit destination designated for that exact purpose — helping the local aquatic life continue to sustain their populations. The location values conservation above all else, so visitors are expected to uphold similar values as they head into the depths to observe the wrecks.

LTS Wakeboard School offers a range of options for learning watersports or, if you’ve got the skills already, just enjoying water activities for the afternoon. The coast is a perfect spot to let loose on the water, with endless sunny days and great temperatures to enjoy as you zip around with expert guides.

For those who love the water but are perhaps a bit less physically inclined, a glass-bottom boat tour with South Florida Diving Headquarters may be in order. You get the perfect close-up experience, peering down at the marine life below your vessel, but without the exertion of water sports or needing to get wet. They also offer a range of lessons, rentals and tours. Enjoy the view from above or hop off the glass bottom boat for a snorkeling expedition.

Nearby, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea is considered by many to be Florida’s beach diving capital and is a must-stop spot for those who love to scuba or snorkel. Reefs exist within 100 yards of the beach,
so it’s incredibly accessible for those of any skill level to visit them with ease. There are over a dozen popular offshore dive spots in this town, including Anglin’s Ledge, Touchdown Reef and a wide range of shipwrecks to explore.

In Deerfield Beach, Island Water Sports offers a full surf camp where novice surfers can learn the skills they need to catch that first wave with ease. Further inland at Quiet Waters Park, Deerfield Beach is home to Ski Rixen, which offers a variety of water play activities. They have massive aquapark spaces including an area with slides, obstacle courses and water trampolines. Another area is set aside for water skiing and wakeboarding, and even if you’re brand new to water sports, they provide the equipment and instruction to get you up and running quickly.
Each offers a variety of programming, exhibits and workshops featuring local and global creators in visual arts, music, film, theatre and dance.

"Current," a large sculpture of brushed stainless steel and patina bronze, created by artist Michael Szabo, greets visitors to Pompano Beach Cultural Center. Adjacent to city hall, the two-story structure features an art gallery, digital media arts center and a flexible performance and event space. Exhibits, performances and workshops create immersive experiences for those who participate.

A few blocks away, the historic Ali Cultural Arts Center, the first black-owned building in the city, celebrates "the history and culture of the African American community in Pompano Beach." It served as the Ali family’s home and as a boarding house for Black entertainers during times of segregation. Today, the Ali House is a hub for musicians, spoken-word poets, dancers and more who draw inspiration from Black culture.

Bailey Contemporary Arts, or BaCA – located in the historic Bailey Hotel structure – houses art studios, galleries and an open social area where emerging artists work alongside seasoned professionals. Visiting art enthusiasts will find monthly exhibits, working artist studios and community events. Whether your interest is painting, ceramics, photography, mixed-media or something interdisciplinary, you’ll find something fascinating on the calendar.
There’s a piece of Brazilian culture — its colorful Carnaval, the sounds of samba, the vibrant characters — right here in Greater Fort Lauderdale.

For decades, Brazilians who have settled in Broward County have made Pompano Beach their home, creating an enclave called Little Brazil and bringing relics of their culture with them. Many have opened businesses like restaurants and grocery stores in this thriving community.

To find Little Brazil, travel east from I-95 on Sample Road to the Sample Square Shopping Center — a mainstay for locals. The plaza is home to the famous Feijão Com Arroz restaurant, which offers buffet and sit-down homestyle Brazilian foods such as feijoada, a bean stew with beef and pork, considered the national dish. And there are many Brazilian steakhouses to choose from.

Across the street from the Sample Square Shopping Center plaza is Casa do Pastel, a Brazilian bakery serving empadinhas — mini pies of shrimp, chicken or hearts of palm — among other delicious pastries.

From there, head west on Sample Road for about five minutes and you’ll arrive at another plaza anchored by the Seabra Foods supermarket. There’s also a Pizzaria Brasil, Restaurante Brasil and, its sister bakery, Padaria Brasil. At Pandaria, try the brigadeiro — a traditional Brazilian dessert made from condensed milk, chocolate powder, butter and topped with chocolate sprinkles. Many of the shops carry the Gazeta Brazilian News, a local Brazilian newspaper celebrating 26 years.

For a more festive experience, the Boi no Rolete Brazilian Festival, a cultural event in its third year held in Pompano Beach, celebrates the art of traditional Brazilian barbecue, including a barbeque competition.

Take a trip to Pompano Beach for your own little taste of Brazil.
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Beachside Paradise

From above, the Hillsboro Inlet rock jetties.

PHOTOGRAPHY: ANTHONY J. RAYBURN
Local hideaways and favorite angler hotspots line the miles of sand that connect Deerfield Beach to the north and Lauderdale-By-The-Sea to the south. Piers at Deerfield Beach, Pompano Beach and Lauderdale-By-The-Sea each stretch more than 900 feet into the Atlantic and offer rods for rent on-site.

Although small in scale, Hillsboro Beach is home to some of the most beautiful oceanfront in South Florida. Walk along the water’s edge until you get to the area locals refer to as “the jetties,” a mixed dock and rock formation. From there, you can look out to the Hillsboro Inlet, home to one of the tallest working lighthouses on the east coast, for which the tiny city of Lighthouse Point was named. Nearby, the active waters of Pompano Beach offer consistent waves for the surfing community to ride.
A few blocks inland from Deerfield Beach’s beautiful Atlantic coastline, the city’s east end is lined with the famous inland waterways of Greater Fort Lauderdale. Its suburban breadth is pleasantly interrupted by the massive greenspace at the Deerfield Island Park. Along the palm-lined, windy shore, wooden structures offer shade to lifeguards and passersby. While strolling, check out the public sand volleyball courts for a quick bump, set, spike with friends.

About a mile south of Sea Ranch Lakes, Anglin’s Pier in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea is the local spot for taking in the sights of beautiful Commercial Beach. This family-friendly area invites you to spend the day walking about, lounging in colorful, oversized beach chairs, enjoying all of this small town’s biggest treasures.
Beach chairs on the promenade in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea.

Anglin’s Fishing Pier at Commercial Beach.

PHOTOGRAPHY: ANTHONY J. RAYBURN
The northeastern communities of Greater Fort Lauderdale boast elegant restaurants and comfort food delights galore, from traditional oven-baked pizza and gourmet burgers in an informal setting to lobster, filet mignon and creamy truffle risotto.

**DEERFIELD**

OCEANS 234

Enjoy the raw bar, sushi bar or simply sip cocktails at the full bar while you take in sweeping views of the white sand beach and pier stretching into the ocean. The main menu features many choices for meat and seafood lovers, as well as vegetarians. Try the vegan beet poke, tender all-natural Black Angus sliced skirt steak or citrus-marinated Florida swordfish which pair nicely with sides like a truffle mushroom risotto or creamy lobster mashed potatoes.

234 N. Ocean Blvd. oceans234.com

**CHARM CITY BURGER COMPANY**

Like a good steak, these fresh ground meat patties can be prepared to taste – from a touch of pink to juicy and well done. They’re served on artisan baked sesame or whole wheat buns topped with their signature Charm sauce. You can also choose chicken, hotdogs, salads or wings, but this is definitely a burger lover’s haven. Grass-fed or premium Wagyu beef, aged Gruyere, truffle aioli and peppered bacon are only a sample of the impressive additional ingredients.

1136 E. Hillsboro Blvd. charmcityburgerco.com
**THE MODERN ROSE**

- This sweet spot has an enviable tea list. Luckily, it’s yours for the tasting with locally sourced and special single-origin teas as well as custom blends. Loose leaf, white, oolong, herbal, matcha, bobā and green teas complement a menu featuring healthy, yet satisfying, meals like vegan bruschetta, avocado toast and hummus na’ān. Coffee is also an option to go with munchables like street corn with spicy seasoning, Cotija cheese and Mexican cream or smoked salmon with cherry tomatoes.

- [331 S.E. 15th Terrace | auniquecafe.com](331%20S.E.%2015th%20Terrace|auniquecafe.com)

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**POMPANO BEACH**

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**AND FISH KITCHEN + BAR**

- On-site at the Fort Lauderdale Marriott Pompano Beach Resort & Spa, this oceanfront restaurant delights the palate with fresh-caught seafood dishes like the Thai chili sea bass, chilled raw oysters and linguini clams. Tender cuts of chicken and dry-aged beef dishes are also featured, from chicken quesadillas to juicy New York steak. The East Asian infused menu starts just before midday, while a hearty breakfast menu is served until then, with build-your-own omelets, pancakes and Belgian waffles.

- [1200 N. Ocean Blvd.](1200%20N.%20Ocean%20Blvd.)

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**BEACH HOUSE POMPANO**

- The open-air seating is set to maximize the ocean views so guests can take in the stretch of white sand beach while enjoying drinks into the night. There is a wide culinary assortment with small bites to share – like ‘Oh Honey!’ wings, raw oysters and sliders – and more filling meals if you’re more than peckish. Enjoy sushi, sandwiches, tacos and salads as well as the wood-fire grilled catch of the day.

- [270 N. Pompano Beach Blvd. beachhousepompano.com](270%20N.%20Pompano%20Beach%20Blvd.|beachhousepompano.com)

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**THE FOUNDRY**

- From happy hour until dinner, this is the ideal “drinks with friends” setting for margaritas, mojitos or merlot, and of course, bottomless mimosas at weekend brunch. All of these pair nicely with traditional favorites with a twist. Fire roasted wings with Asian sticky sauce, eggplant and sun-dried tomato “meatballs,” and sweet fennel sausage pizza share the roster with West Indian curry, lobster ravioli, shrimp and grits and more, including substantial burgers, sandwiches, tacos and salads.

- [2781 E. Atlantic Blvd. thefoundryfl.com](2781%20E.%20Atlantic%20Blvd.|thefoundryfl.com)
ARUBA BEACH CAFE

This restaurant offers you a seaside dining experience with live music and views of the beach, whether indoors or seated on the patio under bright yellow umbrellas. Aside from happy hour beverages to go along with light snackables like sliders, nachos and shrimp, ask for the drink specials of the day. These delicious tropical concoctions pair perfectly with an extensive menu boasting steak and a wide array of seafood from crab cakes to lobster tails.

1 Commercial Blvd. | arubabeachcafe.com

MULLIGAN’S BEACH HOUSE

Customer favorites at this beachfront location include the monster fish n’ chips, lobster roll, tuna bowl and firecracker shrimp, to name only a few. A myriad of cravings can be satisfied here with breakfast goodies, sandwiches, soups, salads, pasta or incredibly healthy smoothies. Membership to the VIP club gives great discounts plus happy hour and day of the week specials.

14C Commercial Blvd. | mulligansbeachhouse.com

VILLAGE GRILLE

Since 1949, drinks and food have been served up with live music in this Boston-style pub only a block from the beach. The Boston baked cod, steak, burgers and thick-cut pork chops taste just as yummy, but nowadays, you can order items from fresh fruit to a full platter with eggs, pancakes, sausage and bacon for breakfast, and sushi, a quinoa and salmon salad, a patty melt or Philly cheesesteak sandwich for lunch.

4404 El Mar Drive | villagegrille.com

NAUTI DAWG

A favorite of locals, this spot is highly recommended not only for the food, but also for unique cocktails by the water with live music. In fact, you can even bring your dog along. Depending on the hour, order up the mahi reuben, galley burger or smoked salmon benedict for a delicious bite from a menu filled with market-fresh seafood, chicken and beef. Bring your own pre-filleted fresh catch and the chef will happily prepare it for you.

2841 Marina Circle | nautidawg.com
Beer enthusiasts can find a cornucopia of crafted pales, ipas, stouts and more among the independent breweries of the Pompano Beach craft beer scene, ready to be tapped.

Thirsty travelers can wander a self-guided beer trail starting at Pompano Beach Brewing Company. Find artisan brews incorporating local ingredients like their me before coffee ale brewed with local beans from Argyle Coffee Roasters in Fort Lauderdale or the squeeze and tell IPA crafted with farm-fresh Florida grapefruit. The old town station red ale is an homage to Pompano Beach’s first fire station. A visit to the electric brewhouse and taproom also promises rotating food trucks on-site on Tuesdays and Thursdays through Saturdays.

Make the next stop Odd Breed Wild Ales. They produce a collaborative concoction with Pompano Beach Brewing called peghead, in which flavors of sour fruit and baking chocolate meld with notes of oak and red wine. This brewery specializes in unique, barrel-aged wild ales including the mango marauder or the peachy fresh off the farm made with hand-picked Florida fruit. They’re open Thursday through Sunday and offer new bottle releases monthly.

Staying true to their homebrewing roots, 26° Brewing Co. — named after the global latitude of their location — took their homebrew recipes and scaled them up for production in their massive brewhouse. Their beers are uncomplicated and inspired by the Florida lifestyle, like their popular IPAIA which brings to mind a hop-fueled road trip along the iconic South Florida beachside highway. Tour their state-of-the-art brewing facility, visit the game room and stop in for the host of rotating food trucks offering tasty bites. Check out unique events like brews and tunes with local musicians. They also have trivia nights, Taco Tuesdays and other weekly events to tap into.

Founded in 2015, Broski Ciderworks was awarded 2017 through 2020 U.S. Cider Open Championship titles. The taproom is open Friday through the weekend with tours available on Sundays. Broski is brewing some of the most original ciders in the U.S., like their lychee peachy, pina-loca and the chicha morada blue corn cider — which they say “tastes like candy corn in a glass.” Your visit may also happen to involve life-size jenga, yoga among the barrels, cider and waffles or cider and ramen pairings and so much more.
ON THE MARQUEE

POMPANO BEACH SEAFOOD FESTIVAL
Pompano Beach

Every April, at this three-day festival, vendors set up along the beach to serve delicious fish, crabs, lobsters, shrimp and more. Thousands attend and all ages are welcome. There are kid-centered activities, crafts for sale and concerts at the amphitheatre with a lineup including rock and roll, country and jazz. Ticket prices range from $15 to $35 for one- to three-day access. Revenues go to various community organizations and charities.

1660 N.E. 10th St.
pompanobeachseafoodfestival.com

HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE
Pompano Beach

Kick off the Christmas season with this holiday boat parade along the Intracoastal Waterway. The jolly event features a display of luxury boats and yachts bringing holiday cheer with lights, decorations and music. The boats travel from Lake Santa Barbara in Pompano Beach north to Hillsboro Boulevard. Boats can enter the parade for free by calling the Greater Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce. Viewing party information can be found online.

2335 E. Atlantic Blvd., Suite 100 | facebook.com/PompanoBeachBoatParade

FLORIDA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL
Deerfield Beach

Calling all Vikings, princesses and noble knights to this magical event held each February and March in Quiet Waters Park. For seven weekends, the South Florida community is transported back to medieval times with performers, entertainment and food and drink from around the world. Put on your best 16th Century garb for the event, which often includes jousting, knife and axe throwing, climbing the “King’s Tower” rock wall and historical retellings, among other activities. Tickets are $13 for children ages 6-11 and $29 for 12 and over with discounts for seniors, military personnel and groups.

401 Powerline Road
ren-fest.com

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Medieval garb is revived at the Florida Renaissance Festival.
DEERFIELD BEACH

Constitution Park
Recreation center with outdoor sports, playground, indoor TV and game lounge.
2841 W. Hillsboro Blvd.

Deerfield Island Park
Nature preserve accessible by boat with marina, nature trails, camping ground and playground.
1720 Deerfield Island Park

Pioneer Park
Waterfront park with boat ramp, children’s playground and sports fields.
217 N.E. 5th Ave.

Quiet Waters Park
Nature park with butterfly garden, marina, sports courts and water sports.
401 Powerline Road

Sullivan Park
Waterfront park with biking and walking trails and fishing.
1633 Riverview Road

Woofing Water Dog Park and Marina
Small fenced-in dog park inside Quiet Waters Park with separate areas for small and large dogs.
401 Powerline Road

POMPOANO BEACH

Exchange Club Park
Small park for swimming, paddle boarding and kayaking.
2888 N.E. 24th St.

Hillsboro Inlet Park
Park and green space with fishing dock, picnic tables and scenic walkways.
2700 N. Ocean Blvd.

Pompano Airpark Trail
4.5-mile path for road biking, walking and hiking.
2001 N.E. 10th St.

Pompano Community Park
City park with outdoor pool, amphitheatre, playground and sports fields.
1660 N.E. 10th St.

Pompano Beach Dog Park
Dog park with fountains, pet stations, benches and open play area.
1000-1098 N.E. 18th Ave.

Friedt Park
Beachside playground for the kids, open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
4501 Bougainvilla Drive

Laura Ward Park
Small beachside park. Open daily from 6:30 a.m. to 7:45 p.m.
4600 El Mar Drive

Lighthouse Point

DeGroff Park
Quaint park, open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., with kayaking and paddle boarding.
3098 N.E. 52nd St.

Military Trail Natural Area
Nature habitat, featuring a rare plant community, with walking, jogging and hiking trails.
4600 N.W. 9th Ave.
Resources

ATM BANKS

ATM Suntrust Bank
1409 E. Atlantic Blvd., Pompano Beach

ATM Wells Fargo Bank
199 N. Ocean Blvd., Pompano Beach

Bank of America ATM
2850 N. Federal Highway, Lighthouse Point

Bank of America ATM (Drive-thru)
3311 W. Hillsboro Blvd., Deerfield Beach

City National Bank ATM
1337 S. Military Trail, Deerfield Beach

City National Bank ATM
4703 N. Ocean Drive, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea

Presto! ATM at Publix
3700 N. Federal Highway, Lighthouse Point

Suntrust ATM
4725 N. Ocean Drive, Sea Ranch Lakes

FITNESS

CrossFit Lighthouse Point
Strength and weight training.
52 S.W. 5th Ct., #3, Pompano Beach
954-727-5229
crossfitlighthousepoint.co

Orangetheory Fitness
HIIT group workout program.
3778 N. Federal Highway, Lighthouse Point
954-781-0800
orangetheory.com

YouFit Health Clubs
General fitness center with personal training available.
4032 W. Hillsboro Blvd., Deerfield Beach
954-312-1250
younfit.com

LA Fitness
A variety of cardio machines and more.
1000 N. Federal Highway, Pompano Beach
954-366-2569
lafitness.com

MAAA Kickboxing
Kickbox fitness classes.
218 Commercial Blvd., Lauderdale-By-The-Sea
305-307-5400
maaakickboxing.net

Say Fitness, Inc.
Personal training studio with individualized fitness plans.
449 S. Federal Highway, Deerfield Beach
954-421-2116
sayfitness.com

MARKETS

Aldi
Grocery items, meat and dairy.
3825 W. Hillsboro Blvd., Deerfield Beach
954-786-3500
aldis.us

Living Green Fresh Market
Fresh market and cafe.
413 N. Federal Highway, Pompano Beach
954-532-3331
livinggreenfreshmarket.com

Publix Super Market at Sea Ranch Village Shopping Center
Groceries, deli, bakery.
4703 N. Ocean Drive, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea
954-784-3707
publix.com

Sprouts
Natural, organic groceries.
930 S. Federal Highway, Deerfield Beach
954-363-2070
sprouts.com

Walmart Neighborhood Market
Produce, meats, groceries.
1199 S. Federal Highway, Pompano Beach
954-781-8774
walmart.com

Whole Foods Market
Natural, organic groceries.
2411 N. Federal Highway, Pompano Beach
954-786-3500
wholefoodsmarket.com

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Deerfield Beach Chamber of Commerce
Business advocacy for Deerfield Beach and surrounding communities.
361 E. Hillsboro Blvd., Deerfield Beach
954-427-1050
dbrchamber.com

Greater Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce
Promoting business ventures to enhance economic growth and development.
2200 E. Atlantic Blvd., Pompano Beach
954-941-2940
pompanobeachchamber.com

Lauderdale-by-the-Sea Chamber of Commerce
Developing the business community in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea and the Village of Sea Ranch Lakes.
4201 N. Ocean Drive, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea
954-776-1000
lbts.com
Touring the impressive Hillsboro Inlet Lighthouse.