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GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE



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Stroll down A1A, where the beachfront meets the cityscape.

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Fort Lauderdale is a spectacular city!

Here, you'll find yourself immersed in an urban paradise brimming with art, history, culture and vibrant nightlife. Adjacent to the sparkling waters of the Atlantic Ocean, this city beckons you to explore its extensive offerings.

Admire high-end yachting enclaves, then traverse the intricate waterways of this "Venice of America." Lay in the lap of luxury as you indulge in our world class spas. Fulfill your cultural cravings when you enjoy a play at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, or admire thought-provoking exhibits at the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center in the Sistrunk neighborhood. For the little ones, the Museum of Discovery and Science opens worlds of wonder and imagination.

Feel nature's embrace as you dive enchanting coral reefs and shipwrecks, or stroll beneath the ancient tree canopies

at Hugh Taylor Birch State Park. Take a step back in time when you visit the Historic Stranahan House Museum.

Venture into the charming shops and trendy restaurants of Flagler Village. At Gulf Stream Brewing Company, raise a pint of Visit Lauderdale's own "Everyone Under the Sun" beer and savor the tastes of the city.

International bands stage electrifying performances at Revolution Live. And throughout the year, major events like the Tortuga Music Festival and Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show attract a kaleidoscope of colorful characters from around the globe.

As a long-time resident of Greater Fort Lauderdale constantly seeking new experiences, this dynamic place never ceases to surprise me. Enjoy the adventures awaiting you as you explore this tropical paradise.



THE Rundown

While the beaches of Fort Lauderdale loom large in the public imagination, wander off the beaten path, and you'll discover a diverse, culturally-rich area with plenty to do and see.

An international travel hub, Fort Lauderdale is the home of Port Everglades, which has among the most home-ported cruise ships anywhere in the world, as well as Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, bringing travelers back and forth between South Florida, the Caribbean and the world.

Amid a paradise of sun, sand and surf,

Fort Lauderdale boasts a business-friendly atmosphere and is home to many marine, technology and avionics enterprises. Residential towers can be found in and around the downtown area, with more modest homes toward the outskirts of the city. Along the rivers and canals are some of the most spectacular mansions to be seen.

Live music flourishes at spots like

▲ The 27-meter high dive at the Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Center.

Casablanca Cafe, and Fort Lauderdale's nightlife lives up to its reputation, thanks to a selection of sophisticated venues – rooftop bars like Sparrow and Rooftop @IWLO – as well as fun spots like Pirate Republic Seafood Restaurant.

Revitalization efforts are underway around Historic Sistrunk, Fort Lauderdale's oldest African-American community. The arts and culture scene in Fort Lauderdale is thriving with a vibrant crop of creators. The city has seen a boom in the visual arts, buoyed by an active calendar of events. There are family-friendly activities like Las Olas art fairs, first Sunday jazz brunches along the Riverwalk and concerts at Las Olas Oceanside Park (LOOP). More glamorous experiences include Art Fort Lauderdale, where you can travel by Water Taxis to several luxurious waterfront properties featuring curated art exhibitions.

Notable on Las Olas Boulevard is Daniel Popper's iconic "Thrive" sculpture featuring a fern-laden alcove bursting from a fairy-tale giant. Grand, eccentric and magical, the artwork is very much like the city it calls home as Fort Lauderdale never fails to delight and surprise.

▼ The Hive, located in the MASS District, is an iconic development with unique shops, bars and eateries.

► Enjoy various events at the Las Olas Oceanside Park (LOOP).



Learn more about the city from the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society.



ESSENTIAL

ATTRACTIONS

Surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean, New River, and scenic inland waterways, Fort Lauderdale embodies its nickname, the "Venice of America."



Once known as a spring break capital with a tourism-based economy, Fort Lauderdale has become a year-round resort destination and family-friendly place to live. From gondola rides to museum tours, day spas to eclectic dining and outdoor adventure, there's always plenty to do.



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FORT LAUDERDALE BEACH

▲ Seven miles of sparkling seashore stretch along the Atlantic side of Florida's coast to make up the beaches of Fort Lauderdale. On one side is the turquoise ocean, and on the other is the city's signature promenade, dotted with shops, restaurants and entertainment venues, separated by the award-winning wave wall – a short, swirling structure extending three miles north to south.

Enjoy roller skating along the promenade, laying out on the sand or indulging in watersport activities. There are playgrounds and a world-class aquatics complex providing activities for all ages, so the whole family can make the most of their time in paradise.

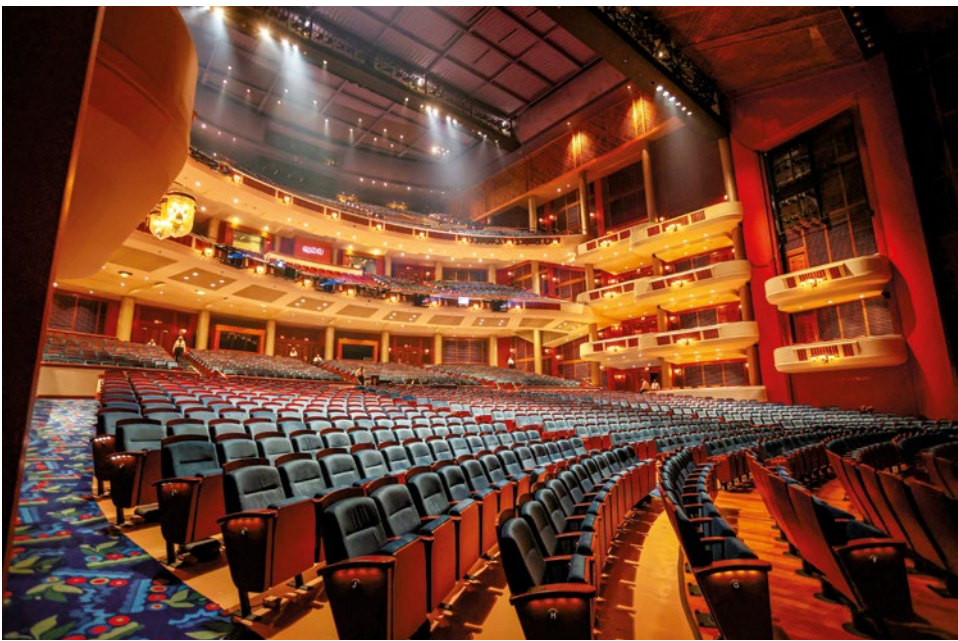
Three miles of the beach are supervised by Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue with a number of lifeguard towers to ensure public safety.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN RESEARCH LIBRARY AND CULTURAL CENTER

▼ AARLCC is a 60,000 square-foot public library and event facility anchoring the Historic Sistrunk neighborhood. The building is equipped with an expansive auditorium, exhibit area, conference rooms and dance studios. The special collection holds 85,000 items including rare books, artifacts, art and manuscripts by Black creatives such as "Roots" author, Alex Haley. Stage plays, an annual book fair, art exhibitions and destination-themed events are only some of the activities hosted there.

➡ 2650 Sistrunk Blvd.





BROWARD CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

◀ With three theaters on-site, the center hosts more than 700 performances annually and is among the top ten most-visited theaters in the world, presenting Broadway musicals, operas, ballets, concerts, plays, lectures and community events on the calendar. Free, behind-the-scenes tours are available on the first Sunday of each month during the neighborhood's Sunday Jazz Brunch.

➡ 201 S.W. 5th Ave. | browardcenter.org



NSU ART MUSEUM

◀ With 25,000 square feet of exhibition space and a 256-seat auditorium, this museum holds a permanent collection of 7,500 works, including post-war, avant-garde pieces from artists who resisted German occupation during World War II and the largest collection of works by American painter William J. Glackens. It celebrates the work of traditionally marginalized communities, like Black and Hispanic artists, features outdoor murals and houses an international exhibition program meant to challenge perceptions of the global community.

➡ 1 E. Las Olas Blvd. | nsuartmuseum.org



THE PARKER

◀ The Parker is a 1,191-seat theater with pristine acoustics that has garnered a reputation for thoughtful programming and forged its own brand of old-Florida charm coupled with intelligent productions.

Renovated in 2021, The Parker still has the classic red seats, but now enjoys premium lounges, upgraded systems and technology and a signature bar area.

➡ 707 N.E. 8th St. | parkerplayhouse.com

RIVERWALK

▶ Spanning the north and south banks of Fort Lauderdale's New River, Riverwalk is a waterfront oasis. Historically, Native Americans traded their ocean catches here, while early settlers transported harvests for rail shipment. Today, this area showcases lush tropical landscapes, meandering walkways, and a seamless connection to attractions, restaurants and shops.

➡ goriverwalk.com



JUNGLE QUEEN RIVERBOAT

▶ With expert guides who infuse a touch of humor, this activity boasts a rich, 88-year history and an impressive tour vessel.

The highlight of the excursion is the renowned Millionaire's Row, where the opulent, extravagant homes of the ultra-rich line the New River. Don't forget to indulge in a refreshing drink from the onboard bar, which offers a selection of beverages to enjoy as you soak in the incredible sights.

➡ 801 Seabreeze Blvd. | junglequeen.com



WATER TAXI

▶ Savor refreshments onboard while the crew narrates the city's history, describing notable homes and local heroes. Discover the best places to visit at each of the 11 stops along the 15-mile waterway.

Choose an all-day pass to hop on and off at your leisure, or opt for an evening pass and witness the illuminated cityscape.

➡ watertaxi.com





DRV PNK STADIUM

DRV PNK Stadium, developed and owned by David Beckham, is a 19,000-seat facility that serves as the training complex of soccer club Inter Miami CF's home team and youth academy, and for United Soccer League's team, Fort Lauderdale CF.

In addition to world-class soccer matches, DRV PNK Stadium offers the community 34 acres of youth soccer fields and a community center.

1350 N.W. 55th St.
intermiamicf.com



XTREME ACTION PARK

▲ The largest all-ages indoor entertainment venue in Florida, Xtreme Action Park offers go kart racing, bowling, a ropes adventure course, trampoline park, roller skating rink, escape rooms and more. There are more than 100 interactive arcade games, a glow-in-the-dark laser tag arena and an XD Dark Ride Theater where guests engage in multisensory adventures.

With on-site eats and meeting spaces, you can visit for family entertainment, an adventurous date or your next corporate team-building event.

5300 Powerline Road | xtremeactionpark.com



THE GALLERIA AT FORT LAUDERDALE

▲ Featuring more than 100 retailers and popular eateries, this multi-story indoor mall is home to stores like Banana Republic, Free People and Apple. Shoppers can find everything from clothing to home goods to tech products. Try the food court for a casual meal or restaurants like P.F. Chang's or Cooper's Hawk Winery and Restaurant for fine dining. Get there by Water Taxi or charge up at one of the standard electric charging stations available.

2414 E. Sunrise Blvd. | galleriamall-fl.com



Reggae artist
Chronixx at Revolution Live.

With open-air bars, breweries, happy hour spots, music and entertainment venues and nightclubs all within a 5-mile radius of downtown Fort Lauderdale, you'll never run out of options to live it up.

Situated along the New River in Las Olas, The Wharf's large, modern, open-air venue offers refreshing drinks, mixed cuisine, table games, music and dancing. Mojitos are the happy hour specialty, but a full bar awaits.

Visit Rhythm and Vine for a more low-key night. This eclectic, indoor/outdoor beer garden offers local DJ sets and exotic rotating food trucks. At their vintage Airstream bar, order a Chido tequila seltzer cheekily named "Let's Get Flocked Up."

For live entertainment, just a stone's throw from Broward Boulevard, is Revolution Live, featuring comedy shows, pop and hip hop artists, indie stars, rock cover bands and even Disney DJ nights. Up to 1,300 people can party at the venue with a full bar, second story decks and a mosh pit.

In Flagler Village, The Angeles is a 100 year-old transformed house of worship for private events. Sinners and saints dance to live DJs spinning dance music and top hits.

In the artsy MASS District is the eclectic Glitch Bar, an old school adult arcade with pinball machines, skeeball and retro games. A menu of light bites is at the ready when you need a break from game play.

The Palm Room is a classic speakeasy sports lounge along Las Olas Boulevard. "Cocktails and chaos" is the theme, and visitors can choose from drinks like the tropical Trophy Wife with tequila, rhubarb, watermelon and hibiscus. In the evening, enjoy a live DJ, dancing and bottle service.



The beer
garden at
Rhythm &
Vine.

Live Like a Local



Commissioner
Steven
GLASSMAN

Stats: As Commissioner of District 2 in the city of Fort Lauderdale, my passion is for serving my community. In my 70 years, I have always strived for honesty, integrity, being active in the community and spreading kindness to all.

Where to chill: Fort Lauderdale’s entire arts and entertainment district downtown has something for everyone. From the Broward Center for the Performing Arts on one end all the way to the NSU Museum of Art on the other.

Champion shot: When not working on behalf of my district and the city, I have recently grown to love pickleball. The courts throughout the city are wonderful meeting places where so many of our neighbors come out to share the camaraderie of the game and enjoy the fitness benefits.

Eat up: I really enjoy the entire Las Olas corridor from the beach all the way west to downtown. Here you can sample everything from seafood to steakhouses to bakeries and many ethnic choices in between – the city has it all.



▲ NSU Art Museum.



▲ Ann's Florist.

Maria
FAGNILLI



Stats: I’m a 24-year-old life-loving digital marketer who values personal growth, independence, and living in the present. I’m driven in my career and prioritize a healthy work-life balance.

Where to chill: At Chloe Ravel’s sound healing and meditation classes, my favorite thing is the crystal bowl frequencies that move through your body, leaving you refreshed and centered.

Morning glory: Waking up early to catch the breathtaking sunrise at the beach is a soul-nourishing experience. The soft, powdery sand beneath my feet and the tranquility of the early morning create the perfect setting.

Opal: One of my absolute favorites is Ya Mas! on Las Olas. The Saturday brunch evolves into a lively, Greek-inspired party with dancing on tables and napkin-throwing. The rich and comforting lasagna, and the perfectly balanced vodka pasta at Anthony’s Runway 84 hold a special place in my heart.

Bonus share: When you’re strolling along Las Olas, don’t miss Ann’s Florist. Their trinkets and unique gifts are a treat for the eyes, and treating yourself to a surprise bouquet is an absolute mood lifter.



Bryan
CUNNINGHAM

Stats: I’m originally from Ohio. I’ve been in South Florida for 16 years.

Where to chill: You can’t miss the Sunday brunch at Shooters Waterfront. I love the lamb chops, unlimited mimosas, and just hanging out on the waterfront. A great hidden spot is the B Ocean Hotel. They have a Wreck Bar, and on the weekends, they do a mermaid show.

Whatever floats your boat: I’m a yacht enthusiast, so I love the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show. It’s the largest in-water boat show in the world! I also like to charter yachts, and it’s fun to pull up at all the different restaurants on the Intracoastal, like 15th Street Fisheries, Shooters Waterfront, Matchbox and Kaluz.

Downtown district: I really love hanging out on Las Olas – it’s one street where I can get it all from shopping to dining and boating. There are so many restaurants and, of course, the nightlife.

Bonus share: One of my favorite places to go is the Fort Lauderdale Marriott Harbor Beach Resort & Spa. You feel like you’re in the Caribbean! With the pool, the beach, jet skis, massages, sometimes I’ll go and work remotely with a day pass.



▲ The Wreck Bar at B Ocean Hotel.



▲ Performers on stage for Thou Art Woman at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.

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WRIGHT

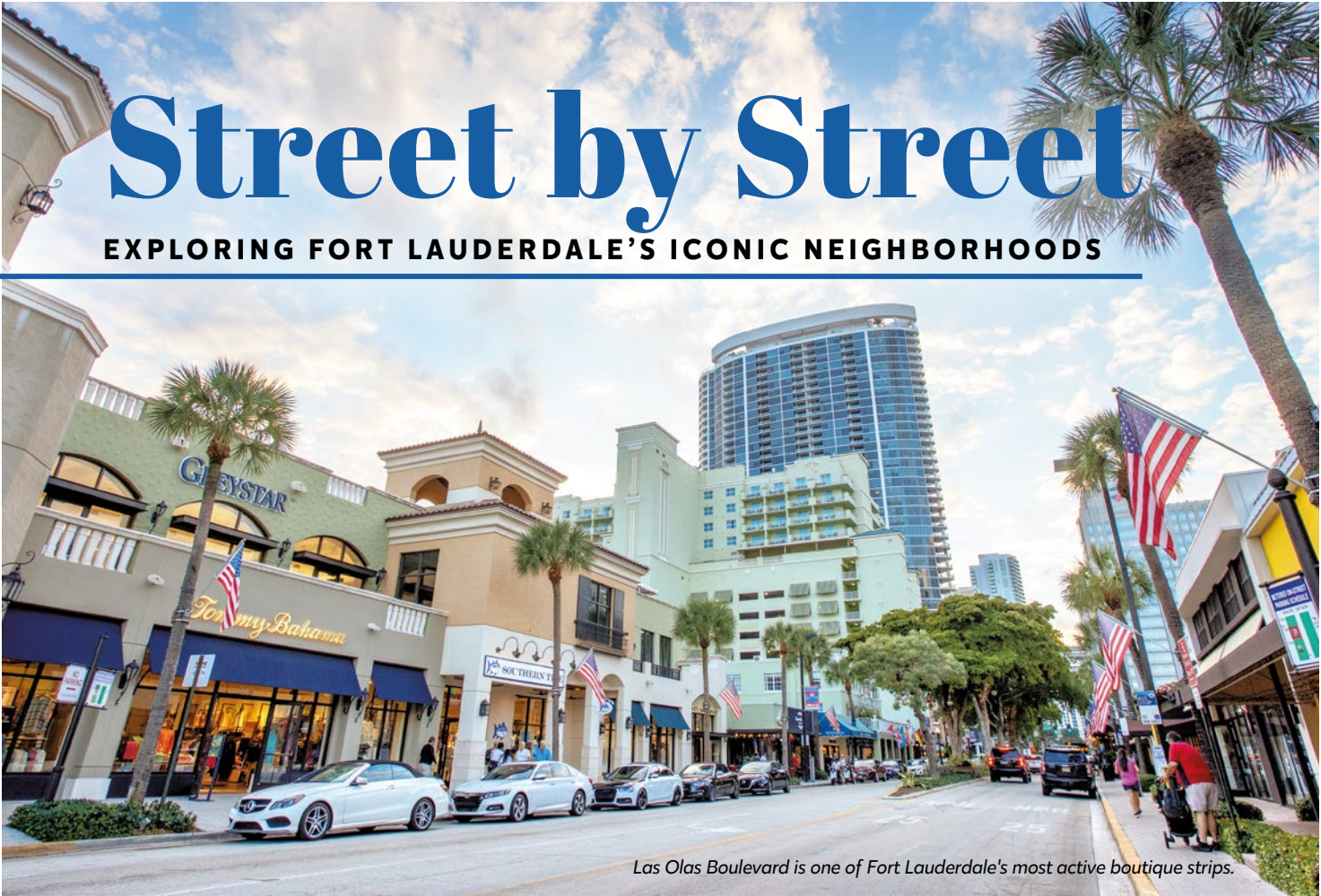


Stats: I’m a Jamaican-American, masculine-presenting queer woman with two adult sons. I’m always on the go, whether at cultural events in the LGBTQ+ community, writing, spending time with my family and friends, or engaging in some serious self-care.

Where to chill: Fort Lauderdale beach is a must. I have so many memories of fun times there with my kids. Fort Lauderdale Beach Park and the new Las Olas Oceanside Park are great spots. On Sundays, I typically doze off, read, write, chat with my girlfriend, take a dip and enjoy watching people bask on the beach.

Culture club: I love art and cultural events! Broward Center for the Performing Arts typically has great productions. Art lovers will appreciate the well-curated exhibitions at ArtServe, NSU Art Museum or 1310 Gallery.

Caribbean comforts: As a "Jamerican," my favorite quick service food in Fort Lauderdale is Dutch Pot Jamaican Restaurant. You can’t go wrong with stew chicken, oxtail, or fried chicken with rice and peas. For good food and ambiance, my favorite is Thai Spice. I adore the grilled calamari and lamb chops!



Las Olas Boulevard is one of Fort Lauderdale's most active boutique strips.

Street by Street

EXPLORING FORT LAUDERDALE'S ICONIC NEIGHBORHOODS

Beyond the beaches and downtown, there's plenty of neighborhoods that give Fort Lauderdale its eclectic character.

RIVERWALK

Riverwalk is a tropical hideaway along the New River. Stroll and see boaters, paddlers and graceful birds. Marvel at waterside residences, then hop aboard the free water trolley for destinations including the gardens of Esplanade Park. The district boasts a signature meandering pathway, exercise stations, dining and lush foliage.

➡ goriverwalk.com

HISTORIC SISTRUNK

As "The Heart and Soul of the City," discover the rich spirit of Historic Sistrunk, the city's oldest Black community. You'll find churches, historical landmarks, and a flourishing culinary scene. Named after Dr. James Franklin Sistrunk, the community honors his legacy of founding Broward's first Black hospital.

LAS OLAS

From downtown to the beach, Las Olas presents immersive Florida charm. The scenic route lures you with window shopping, art galleries and the scents of tropical delectables. The Historic Stranahan House Museum offers Fort Lauderdale history, while nearby, live music fills the air. There are amazing places to nosh – fine dining, cafes and waterfront eateries. The stores have everything from jewelry and home decor to clothing and souvenirs.

➡ lasolasboulevard.com

FLAGLER VILLAGE AND MASS DISTRICT

In Flagler Village, find boutique yoga studios alongside trendy bars, breweries and restaurants. Shop and view local art. The village's Music & Arts South of Sunrise (MASS) District is home to small businesses focused on arts, music and culture.

➡ flaglervillagefortlauderdale.com
massdistrict.com



BIKING AND WALKING

For the gastronomically inclined, Fort Lauderdale Food Tours are the way to go. Spend lunch strolling Downtown Las Olas with expert guides, sampling the most scrumptious morsels in town. Enjoy tastings, adult beverages and desserts while meeting the chefs who shaped the culinary scene.

For a more active dry land option, try a cycling tour. A Classic Bike Tour from Riverwalk Activities is a great way to see the city and learn as you go. The two-hour adventure moves at a relaxed pace. Or grab some friends for a Cycle Party, pedal-powered bar crawls along Fort Lauderdale's scenic corridors.

See the Sights

UNIQUE FORT LAUDERDALE TOURS

Whether you prefer traveling on ground, water or high above it all, there are great options for your tour around Fort Lauderdale.

THROUGH WATER AND SKIES

Passion for the water? Las Olas Gondola takes you for scenic and romantic voyages through the Fort Lauderdale canals. Tours offer private cabins, well-dressed gondoliers, and relaxing floats past stunning mansions and gardens. An ideal outing for groups, families and friends, Carrie B Cruises offer 90-minute casual Venice of America tours, showcasing opulent homes along the New River. Or try a paddleboard tour with your furry friend. SupPup Paddleboard offers rentals and guided tours, perfect for beginners on two, and four, feet.



A ride with Las Olas Gondolas makes for the perfect romantic date.



Enjoy paddleboarding
at Hugh Taylor Birch
State Park.

With incredible access to the Atlantic Ocean along its east coast, striking rivers that slice through the city, and an exquisite canal system, Fort Lauderdale is, at its heart, a water-lover's haven. For those who crave wet and wild adventure, aquatic excursions are available around every corner.

REEFS

Just 1,000 feet from the shoreline at Vista Park Beach is a world of colors and surprises just below the gentle waves. Vista Park Reef is a stunning coral reef that's both accessible and a bit off the beaten path. It's beloved by locals but not too crowded with visitors. A day of diving or snorkeling here will enchant you with glimpses of colorful coral, stingrays, lobsters and plenty of darting tropical fish. Nearby, Barracuda Reef is also a haven for scuba divers and snorkelers alike. You're unlikely to spot barracuda in this shallow reef, but peek behind rocks to catch a glimpse of massive Florida lobsters and observe peaceful blue tangs, hogfish, angelfish and others as you drift through the warm waves.

SHIPWRECKS

A barge submerged off the coast of Fort Lauderdale in 1986 is now a well-loved location for divers. Hog Heaven Shipwreck was sunk intentionally to create an artificial reef of sorts, and it's living up to this goal by hosting flourishing populations of fish, including large numbers of hogfish. Divers can also keep their eyes peeled for a range of other visitors, including nurse sharks and groupers, or swim nearby to another sunken barge – the Wayne – for more exploration.

Buried on the ocean floor since 1989, the Robert Edmister Shipwreck is another local spot popular with open water divers. The most popular and largest of a group of three closely connected wrecks, the Edminster was once a coast guard vessel. The Paul Sherman shipwreck is just north of the Edminster, and the Wendy Rosshem is just about 100 feet away, connected by a guide cord. Both shipwrecks are loaded with fish and other creatures waiting to be surveyed by intrepid divers.

SAILING

Experiencing the water in a more sophisticated way may be your preference. If so, check out Tropical Sailing. They offer an incredible range of tours that will take you out on stunning yachts or catamarans to enjoy the scenery, snorkel the reef or sip a drink while you admire a stunning sunset. For those ready for an extra splurge, you can even choose a private yacht rental and enjoy the city in fine style.

WATER SPORTS

While you're probably familiar with jet skis, SEABOBs might be a new concept. Essentially, they are smaller, water-operating electric vehicles. The rider holds onto the SEABOB's handles and uses the machine to cruise along the surface of the water and even below for snorkeling and observing sea life. It's a simple, safe system that allows you to swim, dolphin-like, at around 8 mph. Both personal rentals and guided tours are available. And even if you prefer to opt for the more traditional, surface-dwelling jet ski, you can rent either or both from Beach Ventures.



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Take to the sky
with Aqua Flight's
flyboard.

For the adrenaline junkies who want even bigger water thrills, Aqua Flight may be the spot to hit. Take to the waves on an electric surfboard reaching speeds of up to 24 mph. This is a great water sports option because it is accessible to learn in a single session, even if you're not a surfing pro. Even more extreme are flyboards, which lift you right off the water and into the air above, providing an amazing rush and a unique view of Fort Lauderdale's coast.

For an elevated perspective, spend a day with Aloha Parasail – flying high above the beach, coast and stunning waves. Have a blast on the 15-minute ride alone or take a double ride with a friend and enjoy the views together.



Settle in for a massage at EVARA Beach Spa.

Fort Lauderdale provides plenty of opportunities for relaxation with some of the best spas in Florida.

The AWAY Spa, located in the W Fort Lauderdale Hotel, is a superb intersection of modern luxury and convenience for those staying close to the downtown area or those looking to make a day out and about a whole lot better. The spa capitalizes on ambiance and lavish experience, offering a categorized menu ranging from eye treatments to facials, lip enhancements and even makeup services. This would be an amazing pick for a full day of solo rejuvenation and relaxation and is also heavenly for an afternoon with the girls for pedicures and mini massages.

For a retreat into peace and tranquility, EVARA Beach Spa at Auberge Beach Residences is a stunner. Named after the fusion of two ancient words meaning "wellness" and "beauty," the facility focuses on bringing the best of nature, particularly from the local area, into every treatment. The spa has water- and sand-inspired elements at every turn and indigenous ingredients and techniques from the tropics to enhance each service. Whether your muscles are releasing tension under the influence of warmed stones infused with CBD oil, or salt treatments are calming your nerves

and body, you can bet on leaving this spa feeling like you just had a long tropical getaway.

For those who long for days by the sea, a day of self-care at The Ritz-Carlton Spa, Fort Lauderdale is a great choice. Ocean-inspired, the spa is stunning from top to bottom, covered in stone and marble. There are local ingredients and natural elements in every treatment. They pay special homage to the delights of citrus, particularly in the signature Rebalancing Citrus Spring treatment, featuring a citrus scrub, full-body massage, and lots of luxurious oils and tinctures. And while this is an amazing place to spend an entire day to yourself, it would also be an incredible place to bring a partner for a couple's massage and any other treatments you have your hearts set on.



A boater's paradise. A yachter's haven. Fort Lauderdale has a well-earned reputation as the yachting capital of the world. So what makes this slice of South Florida so supreme for seafarers aboard high-end vessels?

WATERFRONT GOLD

Boasting more than 165 miles of navigable waterways just in the city limits, Fort Lauderdale offers plenty of space to meander, explore and dock while taking in sunsets, sunny skies and views of gorgeous homes and natural riches around every curve. And when the passing yacht owner gets hungry, there are even a vast array of restaurants and bars on the water with dock spots open and waiting. There are a range of gorgeous marinas throughout the city where future yacht owners can eye up their aspirations and where, each day, boaters can dock and unwind.

ATTRACTION CENTRAL

Fort Lauderdale also offers diverse activities and attractions to keep yachters occupied. Visitors and locals can charter a luxury vessel for a day and bring their loved ones along for an unforgettable excursion. Fishing enthusiasts can find great places to idle in the canals or out on the open sea, so they can expect a wide variety in their catch. Take a dip off the boat and explore Fort Lauderdale's 76 stunning man-made reefs, all accessible by snorkel or scuba. And for those



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who like to relax on the water, they can people-watch as paddleboards, parasails, wakeboards and sailboats pass by in every direction.

At Bahia Mar Resort and Yachting Center, a yacht-focused upscale marina with gorgeous coastal access, the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show is hosted annually, proving the city's yachting capital status with several days of the world's best yachts, boat debuts and sea-centric upscale entertainment.

Tucked within Pizza Craft lies
The Apothecary 330 cocktail bar.



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Cocktails and Ales

Explore Fort Lauderdale's vibrant craft beer and cocktail scene as you discover local artisanal breweries, unwind at specialty bars, and slide into hidden speakeasies for handcrafted drinks in intimate settings.

Start your journey at Gulf Stream Brewing Company, known for hop-forward IPAs and refreshing wheat beer. Enjoy a wide range of beer made with local ingredients while enjoying the inviting ambiance, regular lineup of events and exciting games. Don't forget to sample Visit Lauderdale's official beer, "Everyone Under the Sun."

Next on the trail is LauderAle Brewery, Fort Lauderdale's first nano-brewery, offering a cozy outdoor beer garden and a constantly changing lineup of 30 taps. Indulge in the unique Nitro C Porter or the zesty C Hop's Saison. Witness the electric-fired brewing method, and savor the

flavors of small-batch beers. With food trucks adding to the vibrant atmosphere, LauderAle promises an authentic and community-oriented craft brewing experience.

For a taste of innovation, head to Dream State Brewing, where the rotating selection includes inventive brews like the Raspberry Bliss Berliner Weisse and the Coffee Love Breakfast Stout.

Looking for something stronger? Indulge yourself in Fort Lauderdale's ever growing cocktail scene. Right off Broward Boulevard sits The Wilder, where you can't miss the famous Earl Grey-infused gin cocktail or the spicy Jalapeño Business. The Wilder offers a seamless



Rooftop @IWLO

blend of vintage elegance and contemporary twists, serving handcrafted cocktails in a sophisticated yet welcoming setting. No Man's Land Cocktail Parlor & Eatery, a hidden gem nestled in an unassuming shopping plaza, evokes the spirit of a speakeasy, offering classic cocktails and an intimate ambiance that transports you back to the golden age of mixology. Head over for "TikiTuesday" and experience one of the "performative" drinks, like the Gypsy's Tears that gets sparked with flames before consumption.

For breathtaking views, head to Rooftop @IWLO and enjoy a magnificent selection of craft beers or signature cocktails like the Lychee Martini. The enchanting setting elevates your experience, making it perfect for special occasions or a memorable night out.

Apothecary 330, hidden in the back of Pizza Craft, presents a cozy, elegant atmosphere adorned with

leather and velvet couches. Discover a library of liquors, like the famous Barrel-Aged Negroni, and indulge in expertly crafted cocktails by talented mixologists. Unit B, another speakeasy tucked inside The Brass Tap, pays homage to the Prohibition era with live jazz, burlesque shows, and exceptional cocktails. You just have to find the secret door, and get the passcode right.

For an exclusive experience, knock on the door of Room 901, located within the Hyatt Centric Las Olas. Step into a small party room featuring oriental rugs, a wooden bar, and visiting bartenders who craft intriguing cocktails. Reservations are essential for this intimate and unforgettable experience.

Whether you're a beer enthusiast, a cocktail connoisseur, or an adventurer seeking the allure of a secret bar, this trail promises an exciting and memorable experience.



A flight of Gulf Stream Brewing Company's bestsellers.

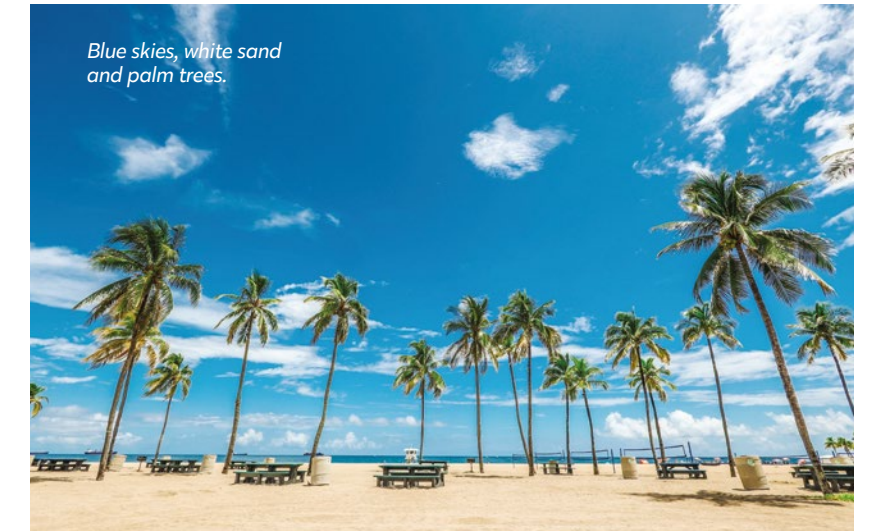
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Beaches and Murals

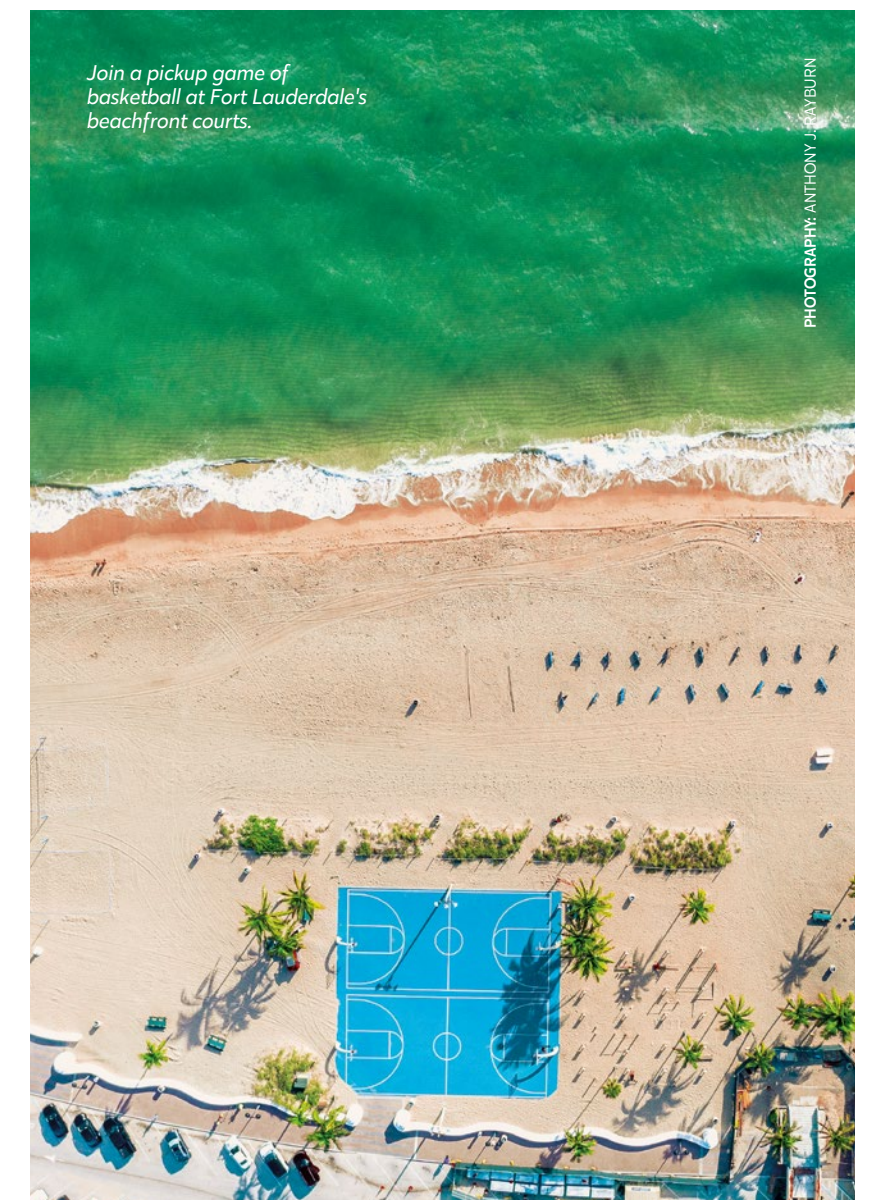


Two beach-goers walk along the Fort Lauderdale beachfront promenade.

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Blue skies, white sand and palm trees.



Join a pickup game of basketball at Fort Lauderdale's beachfront courts.

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The skyline meets the ocean on Fort Lauderdale beach.

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BEACHES

With sparkling ocean views to the east and miles of walkable sand, the beaches of Fort Lauderdale offer much to explore.

Stroll down the paved sidewalks and wave wall along AIA. This famous beachfront promenade plays host to street performers, or roller skaters and skateboarders practicing their skills, so people watching is a must.

Once you set your sights on that perfect spot on the sand, set up for a relaxing day of tanning, swimming, sand castles and picnics. For the athletic type, go for an early morning jog, or stretch at

sunrise yoga on the beach, and feel the seabreeze against your skin. Thrill-seekers can stop by one of the many vendors along the beach and be on a jet ski, paddleboard or parasail above the waves within the hour.

The beaches of Fort Lauderdale are also amazing for snorkeling and scuba diving – especially at Vista Park Reef, a shallow reef just off the shoreline, where you can expect to see vibrant corals, tropical fish, sea urchins and even a lone nurse shark gliding through an underwater habitat.

When you're ready for a bite, stop at any of the multiple beachside restaurants serving up fresh catch.



This mural captures the eclectic, tropical vibe of the city of Fort Lauderdale.



Color block fish crisscross this wall in homage to the city's beaches.



An abstract representation of rock and roll icon Jimi Hendrix.



A large mural of Marilyn Monroe.

MURALS

If you thought Fort Lauderdale was only about the beaches and nightlife, guess again! Near the downtown area are a number of communities brimming with local art and culture.

When walking through the MASS District and other sections of Flagler Village, you'll find extravagant paint and graffiti on many walls and around virtually every street corner. Business buildings, storefronts and local shops are all adorned with beautiful murals that harmoniously articulate the area's personality in vibrant style.

The murals are all publicly accessible, and if you're lucky, you can even spot local artists adding to the art in real time. Abstract art, panoramic scenes, realism and masterful color block designs are scattered throughout, all serving as a reminder of how public art can play a starring role in the production of a community.

RESTAURANTS

Indulge in Fort Lauderdale's wide range of dining options, where lunch can entice you with Latin-fusion fare, Mexican favorites or oodles of noodles from the Far East, while dinner can transport you to India or Italy, or offer up an abundance of surf and turf specialties.



TAKATO

▲ This Japanese-Korean fusion spot provides a dining experience featuring Kobe wagyu striploin, rock shrimp tempura, and kimchi fried rice. Try a variety of sushi, maki, nigiri, and sashimi, with happy hour serving oysters. The breakfast menu ranges from smoothies, omelets, and avocado toast to short rib benedict or decadent waffles. Enjoy the elegant oceanfront bar. You will feel extreme happiness, or simply, "Takato."

➡ 551 N. Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd. | takatorestaurant.com

SISTRUNK MARKETPLACE & BREWERY

▲ Sistrunk Marketplace is a lively and diverse setting where you can eat, shop and have fun. Try delicious food from around the world in one location, like restaurants from the Caribbean, South America and more. They have attractive stores with unique and handmade stuff from local entrepreneurs. Walk-ins are welcome, but a reservation is recommended for parties of six or larger.

➡ 115 N.E. 6 St. | sistrunkmarketplace.com

ANTHONY'S RUNWAY 84

Anthony's Runway 84 is a well-known Italian and American restaurant with an old-school mafia vibe. It's been around since 1982 and is a great place to celebrate or enjoy a date. The restaurant has a cozy atmosphere and menu with something for everyone, like the hot antipasti — an assortment of salami, cheese, seafood and vegetables.

➡ 3330 W. State Road 84. | runway84.com



CASA SENSEI

► Casa Sensei is a fantastic blend of Japanese and Pan-Asian flavors with Latin traditions. Located on Las Olas, it offers unique dining experiences like eating on a gondola. The Bangkok steak salad is a standout. Along with the menu, TripAdvisor reviews rave about the service.

➡ 1200 E. Las Olas Blvd | casasensei.com



CANYON

For 25 years, Canyon has served unique cuisine with flavors from Asia, South, Central and North America. Small plates feature roasted beet and goat cheese salad or beef tenderloin tacos while larger entrees include sea bass and succulent filet mignon. Canyon has a full bar, with the famous prickly pear margarita. Or head to Rios, a secret bar inside with its own signature cocktails.

➡ 620 S. Federal Highway | canyonfl.com

THE INDIAN HARBOR

◀ At The Indian Harbor, the magic of authentic traditional Indian mixes with modern ideas. The chicken tikka masala is a star on the menu — tender chicken cooked in a rich, spicy tomato and creamy cashew gravy that bursts with flavor. Indian Harbour caters to takeout, informal meals and even romantic evenings.

➡ 1515 S.E. 17 Street, Ste. 102 | theindianharbor.com



SMITTY'S WINGS

◀ This casual joint — perfect for hanging out with friends — serves up wings in a variety of sauces from orange pepper and jerk to spicy habanero, plus soulful options like sweet potato fries, chicken livers and fried okra. Finish your meal with a rum-spiked Smitty's Lemonade or something from their curated wine menu.

➡ 1134 N.W. 6 Street | smittysistrunk.com

LONA COCINA & TEQUILERIA

Enter Lona Cocina & Tequileria and feel the excitement of a party in every bite. The restaurant is full of energy, excellent for a fun night out. Each dish brings Chef Pablo Salas' version of classic Mexican flavors to American food, from the special ahi tuna tostada to lobster quesadilla. Enjoy ocean views while you eat and drink at one of Fort Lauderdale's best beachfront spots.

➡ 321 N. Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd. | lonarestaurant.com



THE KATHERINE

▲ Opened in 2021, The Katherine Restaurant is where fine dining meets your neighborhood hotspot. Inventive raw bar items like hamachi crudo are juxtaposed with homestyle dishes like short rib orecchiette and roasted marrow bones. Just two years after opening, The Katherine made the James Beard Award list in 2023 and a Best Chef South Semi Finalist spot.

➡ 723 E. Broward Blvd. | thekatherinerestaurant.com



THE CHIMNEY HOUSE

▲ Step into Chimney House, a cozy Latin-fusion joint in the heart of Fort Lauderdale, where food lovers can enjoy a unique culinary journey. All but the original chimney has been remodeled in this historic 1924 home-turned-restaurant. The menu includes the grilled pork chop in malbec mushroom sauce, adding a rich and earthy flavor.

➡ 701 W. Las Olas Blvd. | chimneyhousefl.com

LOBSTER BAR SEA GRILLE

Lobster Bar Sea Grille is an upscale restaurant by the water offering fantastic views. With a combination of beautiful sights and great food, Lobster Bar Sea Grille's menu boasts many seafood options. Satisfy your palate with lobster bisque au cognac, a Florida jumbo shrimp cocktail, or sesame seared ahi tuna loin. Besides several other awards, they've earned a "Certificate of Excellence" from TripAdvisor, so you know they're big on quality.

➡ 450 E. Las Olas Blvd. | lobsterbarseagrille.com

WILD SEA LAS OLAS

This endearing restaurant focuses on using local ingredients and expert craftsmanship, showing its dedication to being environmentally friendly. The crispy skin branzino is a must-try dish, a delicate masterpiece with crispy skin and citrus gremolata flavors, showcasing Wild Sea's passion for creative, ocean-inspired cooking. Explore various menu options, including fresh salads, a raw bar, seafood specialties, pizzas, burgers, crab cakes, steaks and more. The extensive beer and wine selection is perfect to finish your meal.

➡ 620 E. Las Olas Blvd. | wildsealasolas.com

BOATYARD

Right by the busy marina, Boatyard shows Fort Lauderdale's strong connection to the sea. They follow an "Eat Local, Be Coastal" idea, using fresh local fish and ingredients. You can enjoy seafood — hook to table — meat, and more. There's an oversized outdoor patio by the water where you can watch boats go by while you eat or have drinks. It's casual dining at Boatyard, but the recommended dress code is comfortable and not beach casual.

➡ 1555 S.E. 17 Street | boatyard.restaurant



Fort Lauderdale is no stranger to great brew, with cafés founded by people who create a world of coffee as diverse as the city.



In northern Fort Lauderdale, Spud's Coffee emphasizes scratch menu offerings like eggs benedict and a BLT with kale and jerk maple bacon. Spud's has classic cordados, lattes and cold brew, plus signatures like the reggae brew with Red Stripe syrup and grapefruit.

At Wells Coffee Company in Flagler Village, owner Brandon Wells thanks his grandmother, who taught him coffee is a ritual to be enjoyed. Try the signature horchata white cold brew or seasonal summer blueberry lemonade matcha.

Also in the Flagler area, pop into Rose's Coffee Bar at The Dalmar. This hidden spot offers specialty coffee, pressed juice and light bites. Serving the popular La Colombe roasts, visitors can also grab a turmeric latte.

With two locations, Press and Grind Cafe serves local, single-origin coffee. Try a classic macchiato or menu of smoothies, juices, teas and brunch.

Off the Las Olas strip is Borsalino, an Italian cafe known for its vintage vibe. Enjoy breakfast served all day, with drinks such as the lavender or french toast latte.



HISTORIC House Tours

The Stranahan House Museum is the oldest surviving structure in Greater Fort Lauderdale.

Three historic Fort Lauderdale houses offer a peek into the city's birth. Each is ideal for families, history aficionados, or couples planning a picturesque wedding.

BONNET HOUSE MUSEUM & GARDENS

In 1920, artist and architect Frederic Clay Bartlett built the enchanting 35-acre oceanfront estate inspired by Caribbean plantations. The estate is now a museum with original furnishings and an extensive collection of paintings. Its breathtaking grounds include a rare native barrier island and expansive garden.

➡ 900 N. Birch Road | bonnethouse.org

STRANAHAN HOUSE

Built in 1901 by Fort Lauderdale's founding father, Frank Stranahan, and opened as a museum in 1984, the Stranahan House is the oldest surviving structure in Greater Fort Lauderdale. Besides serving as a residence, the property also operated as a post office, trading post and town hall. Find turn-of-the-century furnishings and historical photos. Guided tours last 45 to 60 minutes.

➡ 335 S.E. 6th Ave. | stranahanhouse.org



History Fort Lauderdale's on-site museum serves as a reminder of the city's growth.

HISTORY FORT LAUDERDALE

For half a century, History Fort Lauderdale has been a hub for the community. The center maintains a 1907 house museum, an 1899 schoolhouse replica and a history museum with subjects spanning from archaeology to Seminole culture. Step into the past as lifelike displays, artifacts, dioramas, and photographs paint a vivid picture of Fort Lauderdale's rich history.

➡ 231 S.W. 2nd Ave. | historyfortlauderdale.org



Learning and adventure await at the Museum of Discovery and Science.

MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY AND SCIENCE

The Museum of Discovery and Science (MODS) offers 119,000 square feet of hands-on exhibits, a 300-seat AutoNation IMAX Theatre and open-air Grand Atrium with the Great Gravity Clock – 52 feet tall, the biggest kinetic energy sculpture in Florida, and one of only three worldwide.

In the EcoDiscovery Center, visitors can learn about the connections between humans and the natural world. The Mangurian Foundation Lifelong Learning Center allows visitors to explore health, conservation and the physics of flight. And the 27,000-square-foot Science Park provides exhibits on physics and engineering. MODS is open seven days a week, year-round.

➡ 401 S.W. 2nd St. | mods.org

BLUEFOOT PIRATE ADVENTURES

Ahoy, maties! At Bluefoot Pirate Adventures, climb aboard the pirate ship for a fully interactive experience. Children will learn swashbuckling lingo, explore the map in search of treasure and defend the ship against an enemy vessel. Please arrive 30 minutes early for painted pirate tattoos. Designed for all ages, younger pirates will love to hunt for treasure while the more seasoned can learn about the nearby superyachts.

➡ 801 Seabreeze Blvd., Dock I-909 | bluefootpirates.com

Family MATTERS

HANG LOOSE SURF SCHOOL

Hang Loose Surf School offers one-on-one surf lessons with private instruction. They teach the best surf techniques as well as ocean awareness and safety. With a money-back guarantee that you'll ride a wave after your first lesson, there's no reason not to try. Prices start at \$75 per hour for one person, with discounts for groups. Book your private lesson, group session, camp or birthday party.

➡ 1800 N. Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd. | hangloosesurfschool.com



A yacht on display at the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show.

Major events that showcase and celebrate local culture are put on by and for the Fort Lauderdale community.

FORT LAUDERDALE INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW

The Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, the largest in-water boat show in the world, attracts 100,000 visitors for this five-day annual October event that spans across seven locations and features an impressive display of more than 1,300 vessels. Superyacht shoppers, celebrities and casual marine enthusiasts alike can tour extravagant watercraft. Navigating between the show's various locations is a delightful experience itself, as visitors hop aboard the convenient Water Taxi.

➡ 801 Seabreeze Blvd. | flibs.com

TORTUGA MUSIC FESTIVAL

Each spring, the beaches of Fort Lauderdale come alive with the three-day Tortuga music festival where, on average, more than 30,000 concert goers enjoy top names in country and rock, like Kenny Chesney and Luke Bryan. Proceeds benefit the Rock the Ocean Foundation for marine research and coral reef conservation, with more than \$3 million raised throughout the years. General admission passes or weekend packages range from \$140 to \$2,000.

➡ 1100 Seabreeze Blvd. | tortugamusicfestival.com

VISIT LAUDERDALE FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL

Foodies rejoice at this annual culinary event celebrating Greater Fort Lauderdale's local hospitality industry. Established in 2018 and held each January, the event is well loved for its samplings from top-rated restaurants, mixology competition, celebrity chef cooking demonstrations and more, all to raise funds for the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital.

➡ 3000 E. Las Olas Blvd. | vifoodwine.com

THE GREAT Outdoors



Running trails at Hugh Taylor Birch State Park.

Bayview Park

Local park with sport practice fields and playground for kids.
4401 Bayview Drive

George English Park

Waterfront park with boat ramps, a walking trail, tennis court and playground.
1101 Bayview Drive

Holiday Park

Large city park with sports fields, playgrounds, recreation center and more.
1150 G. Harold Martin Drive

Holiday Park Dog Park

Fenced-in dog park for off leash play.
901 Memorial Drive

Hugh Taylor Birch State Park

State park featuring a lagoon, walking trails, fishing and boat access from the Intracoastal.
3109 E. Sunrise Blvd.

Fort Lauderdale Beach Park

Beachside park and playground with exercise equipment.
1100 Seabreeze Blvd.

Mangurian Park

Park facility with playground, walking trails and fitness equipment.
3850 N. Federal Highway

Mills Pond Park

Large park with scheduled softball, baseball and football games, fishing, open play and recreation center.
2201 N.W. 9th Ave.

Secret Woods Nature Center

57-acre wilderness area including butterfly garden, reptile habitat, nature and walking trails.
2701 W. State Road 84

Snyder Park

Open recreation area with play and swimming space for dogs.
3299 S.W. 4th Ave.

Vista Park

Small waterfront park with walking trails, open recreation area and picnic tables.
2851 N. Atlantic Blvd.

Resources

ATM BANKS

ATM (Wells Fargo Bank)
1700 W. Commercial Blvd.

**Bank of America ATM
(Drive-thru)**
888 N.W. 62nd St.

RockItCoin Bitcoin ATM
4999 N.W. 9th Ave.

TD Bank ATM
665 N.W. 62nd St.

FITNESS

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Lauderdale**
Kickbox fitness classes.
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954-626-0780
9round.com

CrossFit Fort Lauderdale
Strength and weight
training.
1255 N. Flagler Drive
954-463-1889
crossfitfortlauderdale.com

**CycleBar
Fort Lauderdale**
Indoor cycling led by live
coaches.
525 N. Federal Highway,
Ste. 100
954-727-3467
cyclebar.com

LA Fitness
A variety of cardio
machines and more.
6501 N. Andrews Ave.
954-495-2288
lafitness.com

Orangetheory Fitness
HIIT group workout
program.
2354 N. Federal Highway
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orangetheory.com



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pgfortlauderdale.com

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Grocery items, meat and
dairy.
100 W. Sunrise Blvd.
aldi.us

Publix Super Market
Groceries, deli and bakery.
1415 E. Sunrise Blvd.
954-888-8915
publix.com

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Market at Galleria**
Groceries, deli and
bakery.
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The Fresh Market
Upscale grocery
offering local produce,
prepared eats, wine and
more.
3820 N. Federal Highway
954-564-5353
thefreshmarket.com

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Variety of signature items,
produce, dairy and more.
1560 N. Federal Highway
954-537-3585
traderjoes.com

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Fresh produce, meats and
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The iconic Thrive
sculpture by artist
Daniel Popper.



Welcome

EVERYONE UNDER THE SUN



Welcome thrill-seekers and chill-seekers and kids of all ages. The world's most welcoming destination awaits in Greater Fort Lauderdale with miles of golden beaches and scenic waterways, cosmopolitan dining and nightlife, amazing Everglades eco-tours and more. Come share unforgettable moments in a beach playground unlike any other.



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