

# A DAY IN THE CITY

## Greater Fort Lauderdale

### MORNING • 9AM

After enjoying coffee on your balcony overlooking the sparkling sea, spend the morning at [Hugh Taylor Birch State Park](#). Take a stroll around the expansive park dotted with nature trails, or for some recreation, embark on a kayak trip on the park's freshwater lake.



### LUNCH • 12PM

A leisurely lunch outdoors at the oceanfront [Park & Ocean](#) is a great place for midday rejuvenation. You can soak up the salt air and ocean views while sipping a local beer and noshing on Caribbean-style dishes.

### BONNET HOUSE MUSEUM & GARDENS • 1PM

Now that you're refreshed, move across the street to the neighboring [Bonnet House Museum & Gardens](#) for 35 acres of breathtaking beauty. Roam the historic home (which recently celebrated its 100th birthday) known for its oh-so-Florida design and decor, where you'll view eclectic artwork and cheeky animal statues, and even a spectacular shell museum. Don't miss its lush gardens, courtyard and an orchid room. We suggest taking a moment to sit by the lily-pad clad lake flanked by towering palm trees to watch the swans glide by—it's a postcard-worthy way to conclude your Bonnet House visit.





## NEW RIVER OR INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY • 3PM

Next it's time to see the sights. Hop on a boat ride down the scenic [New River or Intracoastal Waterway](#). If you want something intimate (meaning you pretty much have the boat all to yourself), choose from an authentic gondola ride with [Las Olas Gondola](#), or a sunset dinner cruise with [Riverfront Gondola Tours](#). The gondoliers do all the work, so all you have to do is sit back and enjoy the ride, peeping the area's waterfront mansions and appreciating why the area's rivers, canals and waterways earned it the nickname Venice of America. For a livelier atmosphere, the [Fort Lauderdale Water Taxi](#) is another great option.

## LAS OLAS BOULEVARD • 4PM

After your boat ride, stretch your legs on [Las Olas Boulevard](#). The famous street is lined with art galleries, unique boutiques and mainstream shops, along with restaurants and cafes perfect for al fresco dining.

## DINNER • 6PM

Have dinner at a popular spot like [Boathouse](#), where you can grab a seat and take in the beautiful view of the New River, while perusing a wide selection of local and international inspired cuisine, creative specials and diverse cocktail options. Or head to [Louie Bossi's](#) for housemade pasta, bread, pastries and gelato, plus meats and sausages cured in-house. It's not just the food that makes this eatery a must-visit. Take your Aperol spritz or Negroni to the private courtyard, where you can grab a seat in the gazebo or start a game of bocce ball on the lawn with new friends.

## AFTER DINNER • 8PM

After dinner, head to trendy [FAT Village Arts District](#), for a cup of coffee or a nightcap at speakeasy-style [Next Door at C&I Studios](#), followed by a walk through the colorful murals filling the streets. The perfect ending to your Greater Fort Lauderdale adventure.



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