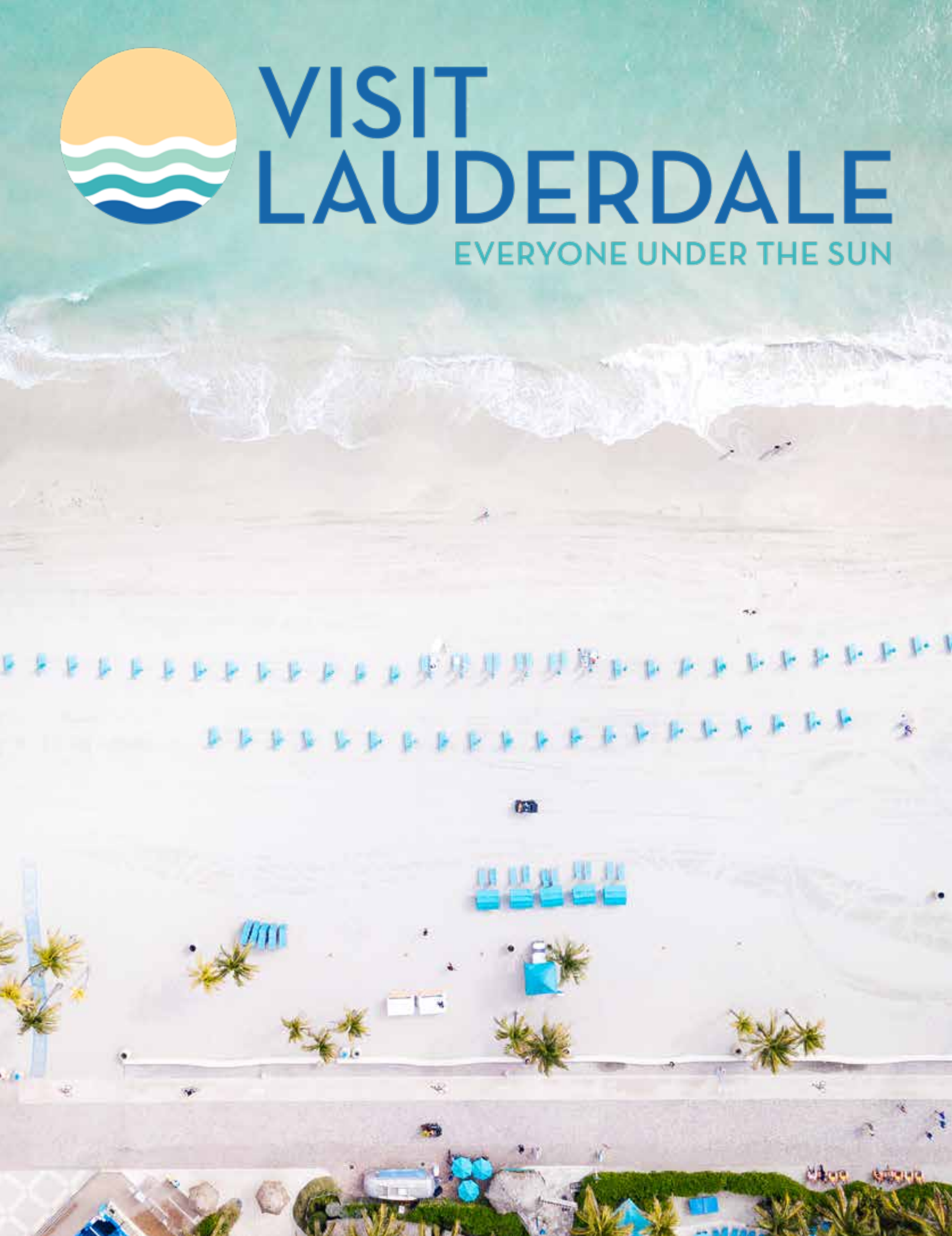




# VISIT LAUDERDALE

EVERYONE UNDER THE SUN



# WELCOME TO GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE



## WELCOME TO OUR VIBRANT TROPICAL PARADISE, WHERE WE WELCOME EVERYONE UNDER THE SUN.

Enjoy our beautiful 24 miles of beaches and explore our vibrant 31 neighborhoods, offering a thriving arts and culture scene, culinary sensations, thrilling outdoor adventures, breathtaking views and memory-making experiences for all generations.

Discover an unmatched mix of one-of-a-kind offerings from eight distinct beach communities, including immersive nature encounters, shopping, dock and dine, and pampering in the “Venice of America.”

Feel the warmth of our diverse and inclusive community. People from more than 170 countries speaking 147 languages call Greater Fort Lauderdale home.

You’ve probably heard the popular saying, “The people make the place.” Call it cliché, but it couldn’t ring truer in Greater Fort Lauderdale. A vacation here starts with the people — the welcoming committee for anyone (and yes, everyone) under the sun.

Hear languages of all kinds while shopping at the largest outlet mall in the U.S. Strike up conversation with beer lovers on the **Visit Lauderdale Ale Trail**, meet families on an airboat ride in the **Everglades**, or dance with music fans attending the **Tortuga Music Festival**. Maybe you’ll go to **Hollywood** for an art walk or venture to **Coconut Creek** for the world’s largest butterfly park.

No matter where your trip takes you, you will be greeted with open arms and a good time.

## TRAVEL NOTES

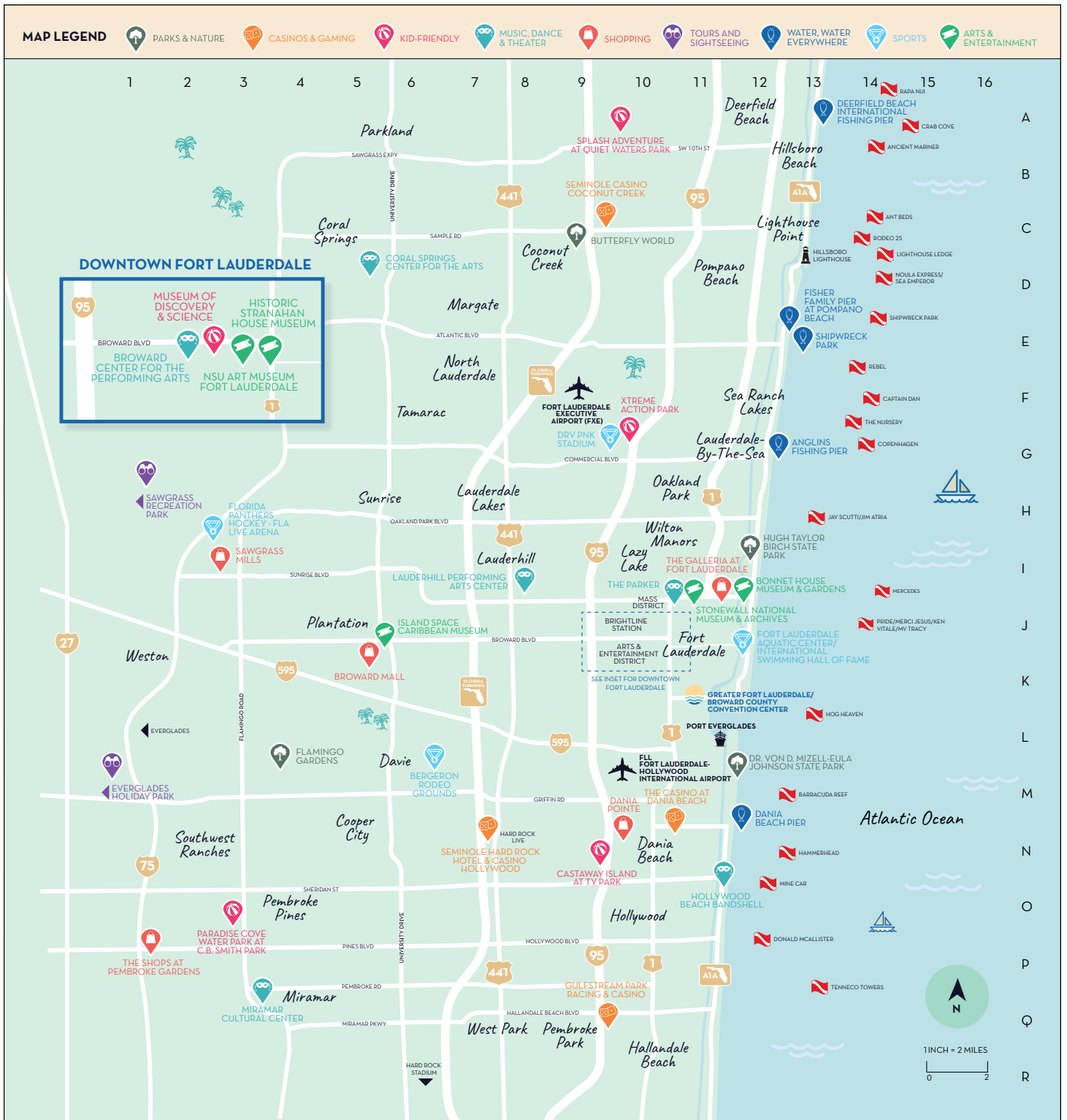
**LOCATION:** Greater Fort Lauderdale has 24 miles of Atlantic Ocean Beach, stretching between Palm Beach County to the north and Miami-Dade County to the south. It’s bounded to the west by 505,600 acres of Florida Everglades.

**GETTING THERE:** Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL) is linked by air to more than 100 U.S. and international cities. Downtown Fort Lauderdale is also served by the high-speed rail service Brightline from downtown Miami, Palm Beach and Orlando.

**GETTING AROUND:** The Broward County Transit System connects all the municipalities. There’s the free LauderGo! Community Shuttle, which operates five routes with links to other transit systems. Meanwhile, the free LauderGo! Water Trolley cruises along the scenic New River and the Water Taxi has stops throughout Fort Lauderdale and Hollywood. The free LauderGo! Micro Mover also travels throughout Downtown, Las Olas and to the beach.

**STAYING ON:** There are more than 38,000 hotel rooms to choose from ranging from boutique lodgings to beach resorts and luxurious accommodations.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** Get travel inspiration from Visit Lauderdale at [www.visitlauderdale.com](http://www.visitlauderdale.com)



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# WATER WONDERLAND

Miles of sand-trimmed beaches and a tangle of inland waterways mean Greater Fort Lauderdale is the perfect place to make a splash. You'll be at the heart of the action on **Fort Lauderdale beach**, where buzzy restaurants and sleek hotels like **Hotel Maren by Curio** are within kissing distance of the sand. Wander on the paved promenade, with its wiggling wave wall, or shoot across the waves on jet skis rented from **Aloha Watersports**.

Craving a change of pace? Strike south to **Dania Beach**, whose pristine sands are gloriously quiet, and studded with pastel lifeguard towers and palms. The **Dania Beach Fishing Pier** is a dreamy place to watch the sunrise too.



Fort Lauderdale beach

If you're here from March through to October, look out for **turtles** on the beach. Around 2,000 leatherback, loggerhead and green turtles nest on Fort Lauderdale's golden sands during the season and conservation projects help protect this threatened species. Learn more at the **Museum of Discovery and Science**, which also organizes educational guided walks of the beaches by night in June and July.

Marine life abounds too. Sink beneath the ocean's surface on a **scuba diving** trip and swim past colorful coral, schools of lionfish and stingrays, plus mysterious shipwrecks. You can also have a snorkeling adventure at the swimmable reefs off Lauderdale-By-The-Sea - head out from **Datura Avenue beach** to discover the **Shipwreck Snorkel Trail**. It's also a hotspot for shore diving.



The region earned its “Venice of America” nickname for good reason: Greater Fort Lauderdale is laced with some 300 miles of navigable waterways and the best way to explore is with a boat ride. The shimmering canals are fringed with mansions, and you can taste some luxury yourself by organizing a yacht ride – **BF Charter One Yachts** is an extra special option.

For something more wallet-friendly, take a trip on the **Water Taxi**, which cruises between lush, palm-lined banks in Fort Lauderdale, joining up sights such as the **Historic Stranahan House Museum**, **Fort Lauderdale beach** and **Hugh Taylor Birch State Park**. A single ticket allows you to hop on and off all day and narration from expert guides will bring the waterways to life. The Hollywood Express also whisks passengers to **Hollywood Beach**, home to the **Margaritaville Hollywood Beach Resort**.

As evening breaks, feel the romance with a boat ride at sunset. **Riverfront Gondola Tours** are a much-loved choice of operator and their **Dinner Cruise** adds an extra dose of luxury. You’ll wend your way through the region’s canals on the quiet, electric-powered vessel as a guide regales you with the history of the area. Your meal will be provided by Japanese-Latin fusion restaurant **Casa Sensei**, a hotspot in town.

If you want to get even closer to the water, make for **Hugh Taylor Birch State Park** and strike out on a kayak or paddleboard – both rentals and tours are available here.



## ADVENTURES AT SEA

**UNDERWATER JET SKIING** – For a thrilling adventure, rent a SEABOB – described as your ‘own personal submarine’ – from Beach Ventures.

**SURFING** – Go it alone if you’re a pro, or book a lesson with EZride Surf School, which has multiple locations.

**PARASAILING** – You’ll be in expert hands if you organize a parasailing adventure with Fort Lauderdale Watersports.

**WAKEBOARDING** – Adrenaline junkies should make for Quiet Waters Park in Deerfield Beach to try this white-knuckle sport.

**SCUBA DIVING** – Discover a world of marine life on a scuba diving trip with Sea Experience, who also operate glass-bottomed boat tours.



## CRUISING IN FORT LAUDERDALE

Port Everglades is one of the finest cruising ports in the States, with luxury liners operated by big names such as Royal Caribbean, Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection, Princess and Celebrity sailing out from the city. Itineraries might strike out to balmy Caribbean islands or head for the Panama Canal. If you’re planning on sailing the seas, make sure you linger a while in Greater Fort Lauderdale first. Spend a few nights and enjoy the golden-sand beaches; take in avant-garde art displays; and experience a food scene rich in seafood and global influences. Upscale hotels such as the Fort Lauderdale Marriott Harbor Beach Resort and Spa are conveniently located close to the cruise port.



# ARTS, CULTURE & ENTERTAINMENT



Fort Lauderdale sounds as good as it looks. Let smooth jazz and blues wash over you at **Blue Jean Blues**, a snug, low-lit spot for live music and a cocktail or two – or head to craft beer spot **Funky Buddha** for a low-key dinner, small-batch brews and some great local bands and vinyl DJ sets. Serious music fans should time their trip for the annual **Tortuga Music Festival**, which takes place in the spring. The event sees big names from across genres take to Fort Lauderdale's sands – come by to hear superstars like Wiz Khalifa or country greats like Shania Twain and Kenny Chesney. You'll catch musical giants performing at **Hollywood's Hard Rock Live** venue too.

Art lovers will find plenty to occupy them in Greater Fort Lauderdale. Make a beeline for **NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale**, housed in a slick modernist building. Highlights of the glittering collection include a huge store of works by Latin American creators, from Diego Rivera to Frida Kahlo, plus a slew of paintings by European Cobra painters. You'll find plenty of jewels at **MAC Art Galleries – Fort Lauderdale** too. Cool, contemporary work is the focus here and you'll see everything from eye-popping abstract paintings to bold, angular sculptures. Next, head to buzzing **East Las Olas Boulevard**, one of the city's main arteries, to explore **Bellagio International Gallery**. The star attraction here is a collection of illustrations by Theodore Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss.





The **Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District** is a great place for culture vultures. Here you'll find the **Broward Center for the Performing Arts**, whose glittering program offers something for all tastes. Spend the evening soaking up an opera show, singing along to a Broadway musical or watching the ballet. Behind-the-scenes tours are available to the public too. The **Bonnet House Museum and Gardens** is another must-visit in the neighborhood. The 19th-century home has a fine art collection, including easel paintings by former proprietor, artist Frederic Clay Bartlett himself.



*Bonnet House Museum and Gardens*



*"Thrive"*

Greater Fort Lauderdale is blessed with some fantastic public art, from eye-catching sculptures to rainbow-colored wall murals. The **NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale** is splashed with paint, and includes a commissioned piece by Venezuelan artist Arturo Herrera, in which a mess of abstract human forms appear to dance across the wall. One of the city's most striking sculptures, **"Thrive"**, can be found at Fort Lauderdale's Society Las Olas apartments - an enormous female effigy sits at the entrance and appears to tear open her chest, revealing a carpet of green. Also, don't miss a trip out to **Hollywood** to enjoy the fruits of the **Downtown Hollywood Mural Project**. The most vibrant paintings include bright depictions of mermaids, turtles and birdlife.

Given Greater Fort Lauderdale's endless sunshine, you might find it hard to tear yourself from the beach. But those who explore the region's many museums are richly rewarded. The **Art and Culture Center/Hollywood** wears many hats: you can explore contemporary art exhibits, catch talks and film screenings and watch live performances. **Coral Springs Museum of Art** has a contemporary focus too, featuring cutting-edge multimedia installations, graphic prints and stirring photography series. The handsome city of **Coral Springs** also has an impressive collection of **public art**, from kaleidoscopic sculptures to mosaiced murals. Once you've had your art fix, Fort Lauderdale's **Museum of Science and Discovery** is a mammoth complex that's bound to be a hit with the kids. Dive into displays covering prehistoric Florida, the human body, aviation and outer space.



*NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale*



## SEMINOLE CULTURE

The Native Seminole peoples and their descendants have existed in the Southeastern US for thousands of years and many call the Greater Fort Lauderdale region home today. The Seminole people own the **Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Hollywood**, the giant guitar-shaped hotel that watches over the city. You can learn more about the rich culture of the Seminole with a visit to the **Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum** on the **Big Cypress Reservation** in the Everglades. There's a boardwalk trail through the cypress trees, a replica of a Seminole village and displays of artifacts from clothing to baskets.



# SPORTS, EVENTS & RECREATION

Whether you want to cheer on your favorite sports team or get active yourself, Greater Fort Lauderdale delivers. Show your support for the National Hockey League's Florida Panthers by catching a game at the **FLA Live Arena** in **Sunrise** – the season runs from October through to April. You can often watch athletics events at the **Ansin Sports Complex** in **Miramar** too. Are you a soccer fan? Nab tickets to see pro team **Inter Miami CF** play at Fort Lauderdale's **DRV PNK Stadium**.

Beyond the stadiums, you can get a slice of the action at one of Fort Lauderdale's buzzy sports bars. **Bokamper's Sports Bar and Grill** on the Intracoastal Waterway is a firm favorite, with its many TVs and a solid menu of American comfort food – think saucy chicken wings, towering burgers and barbecue ribs.



There's no need to leave it to the professionals in Greater Fort Lauderdale – anyone can be a sports star. The **Florida Panthers IceDen** – the official practice ground for the pro hockey team – is open to public skating, or soccer fans can take to the indoor pitch at **Americas Got Soccer**. There's also a bar here for a post-match refresh. Meanwhile, all-rounders should head to **Brian Piccolo Park and Velodrome**, where there's the opportunity to take part in baseball games, disc golf, tennis or track running, or cycle in the first-rate velodrome.





Sawgrass Recreation Park

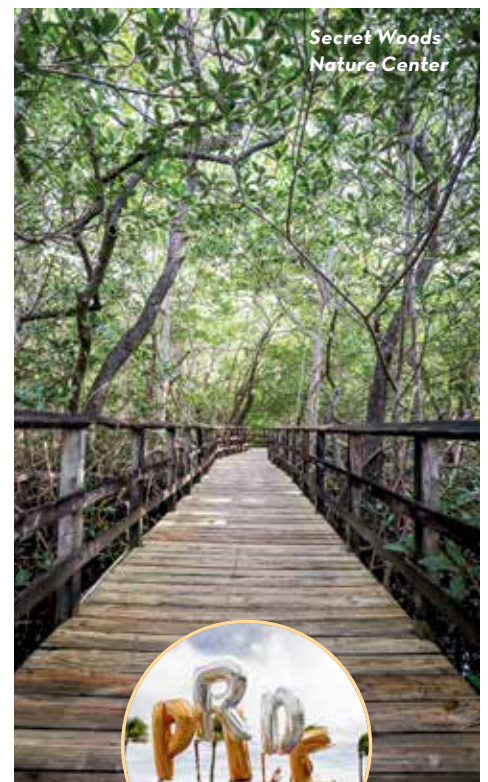
Greater Fort Lauderdale is a springboard for adventures in the Everglades, a rich patchwork of ecosystems, including swaths of hardwood hammock, pinelands, cypress wetlands and canals knitted with mangroves. The best way to explore is by getting out on the water: head out on a guided airboat tour at **Sawgrass Recreation Park**, around a 30-minute drive from the center of Fort Lauderdale. Experience a breathtaking ride with a sunrise excursion, or book onto a nighttime gator tour and watch out for glowing eyes lurking in the water. Afterwards, pop into the reptile sanctuary, home to rescued iguanas, snakes and tortoises. Want to see alligators up close? Head to **Everglades Holiday Park**. They offer airboat rides too and you can learn about the ancient reptiles with a presentation at the park's **Gator Pit**.

Keen hikers and bikers will be right at home here too. Greater Fort Lauderdale has a tapestry of natural oases, laced with trails and boardwalks and filled with wildlife. You'll be able to find some peace and quiet close to the city center at the small but beautiful **Bill Keith Preserve**. Shady pathways route through the trees and there's a kayak launch if you want to get out on the water.

A quick jaunt west of central Fort Lauderdale, **Pine Island Ridge** is a haven for bird-watchers. Twisting live oaks and teetering slash pines fill this high hammock forest, which is home to species like the regal-looking purple gallinules or cute red-bellied woodpeckers. Information panels along the way will help you identify wildlife species.

The **Tall Cypress Natural Area** is another must-visit for wildlife enthusiasts. The site protects tranquil swampland laced with cypress trees and a sweep of pine flatwoods and boardwalk trails zig-zag through the wilderness. More birdlife flourishes in the canopy, from blue herons to egrets, while reptiles like turtles and lizards live below. A pair of covered overlooks make perfect rest stops.

Want to get the kids excited about nature? Hotfoot it to the **Secret Woods Nature Center** in **Dania Beach**. The forested nature trails are complemented by detailed wildlife exhibits and special educational events at the amphitheater.



Secret Woods Nature Center

## SAVE THE DATE

Whenever you arrive in Greater Fort Lauderdale, there's a packed calendar of events and festivals to fill up your schedule – and, of course, many center around the water. If you're here during the holiday season, the **Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade** will be sure to dazzle you: it sees boats of all shapes and sizes take to the waterways adorned with twinkling lights. The **Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show** being the largest in-water boat show is a big deal too – people travel from far and wide to see dreamy mega-yachts (and other vessels) cruising about the region.

Fort Lauderdale also hosts the oldest **pride celebration** in the state. Visit in February to join in colorful celebrations of the city's LGBTQ+ community. Past guests have included legends such as Boy George.





**Las Olas** – one of Fort Lauderdale’s thriving main drags – is a top destination for shopping in the region. It’s even been nicknamed “style mile” for its impressive array of fashion boutiques and art galleries. Soak up the buzz with a wander here and duck your head into one-off jewellery stores, trendy clothing shops and emporiums filled with artwork. You’ll not be able to miss the bold blue storefront of the **Guy Harvey Gallery and Shop**. The airy space is filled with striking artwork depicting sea life by the marine conservationist himself. Meanwhile, **Unique Treasures** does exactly what it says on the sign: this quirky shop is filled with curios, from bronze sculptures to pop art. If you’re in the market for a new outfit, stylish and failsafe options such as **Lilly Pulitzer** and **Deborah James** are on hand too.

Sprawling malls, home-spun boutiques and artisan markets make for a treasure-filled shopping experience in Greater Fort Lauderdale. The area’s sparkling malls are the main event and chief among them is **Sawgrass Mills in Sunrise**. The giant outlet complex offers a who’s who of the designer fashion world – we’re talking Armani, Balenciaga and Burberry and more – and you can get some pinch-yourself deals too. A variety of restaurants, from pizza parlors to burger joints, will fuel your retail therapy.

**Dania Pointe** in **Dania Beach** is another hotspot. Here you’ll find a slew of big-name brands, from TJ Maxx to Urban Outfitters. There’s also a comedy club and a bowling alley, so you can make a day of it.

More tempting stores await at **Galleria Fort Lauderdale**. Many dependable highstreet clothing brands are represented, alongside beloved all-American department store Macy’s.



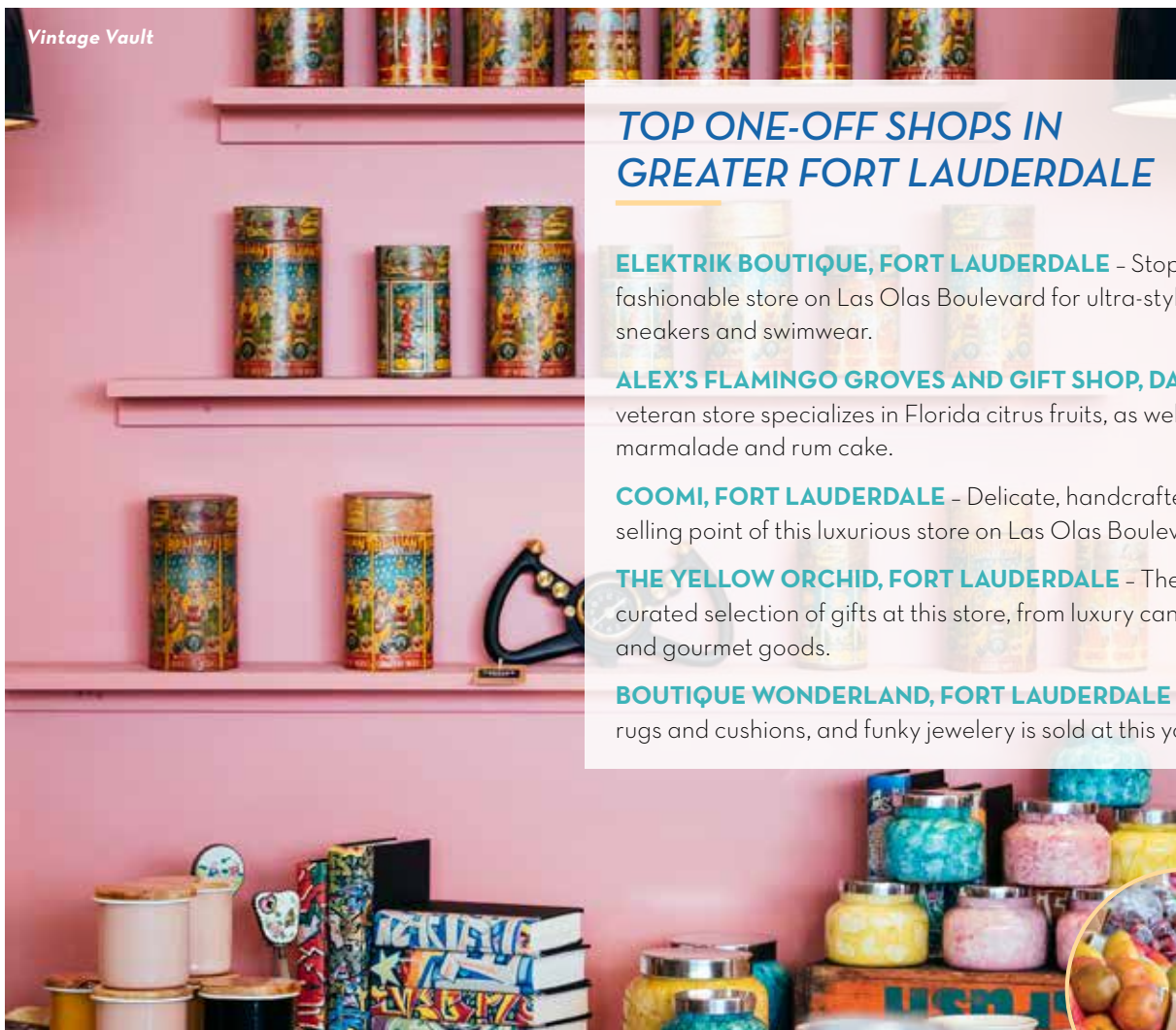




Lone Ranger Antiques

A plethora of jewel-filled antiques stores and thrift shops mean you're bound to find something unique while shopping in Greater Fort Lauderdale. Head to **Dania Beach's Historic Art and Antique District**, which has rows of shops fit to burst with precious furniture, jewelry, ornaments and paintings. You'll surely strike upon some treasure in **Akiba Antiques**, which brims with decorative plates, sculptures, ornate pottery and rare clocks. Meanwhile, **Oddball Nifty Thrift** is extra quirky. There's everything from carefully crafted wooden furniture to used books, trinkets and paintings.

If you're searching for a gift, you can't go wrong with the **Indie Craft Bazaar**, which takes place across Revolution Live, Stache and America's Backyard in downtown Fort Lauderdale. Around 100 vendors hawk everything from handmade jewelry and macrame wall hangings to hand-poured candles and prints and illustrations. It's all sold to a soundtrack of live local bands and there's plenty of food on offer too – get your sugar fix with home-baked macarons or fill up on barbecue and burgers from a food truck.



Vintage Vault

## TOP ONE-OFF SHOPS IN GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE

**ELEKTRIK BOUTIQUE, FORT LAUDERDALE** – Stop by this fashionable store on Las Olas Boulevard for ultra-stylish clothing, sneakers and swimwear.

**ALEX'S FLAMINGO GROVES AND GIFT SHOP, DANIA BEACH** – This veteran store specializes in Florida citrus fruits, as well as foodie gifts like marmalade and rum cake.

**COOMI, FORT LAUDERDALE** – Delicate, handcrafted jewelry is the selling point of this luxurious store on Las Olas Boulevard.

**THE YELLOW ORCHID, FORT LAUDERDALE** – There's a thoughtfully curated selection of gifts at this store, from luxury candles to homewards and gourmet goods.

**BOUTIQUE WONDERLAND, FORT LAUDERDALE** – Colorful clothing, rugs and cushions, and funky jewelry is sold at this youthful boutique.



## MAKE IT TO THE MARKET

Stock up for a day at the beach with a trip to one of the region's farmers' markets. **Hollywood's Yellow Green Farmers Market** is a front-runner and has a focus on local makers and producers. Peruse stalls heaving with colorful fruit and vegetables, baked goods, natural body products and crafts and accessories by Florida artisans. It's held every weekend, year-round. Another top option is **Coconut Creek Farmers Market**. This is a foodie's paradise, selling delights from home-baked cookies to dips and preserves ready for a picnic (it operates seasonally on the first and third Saturday of each month).

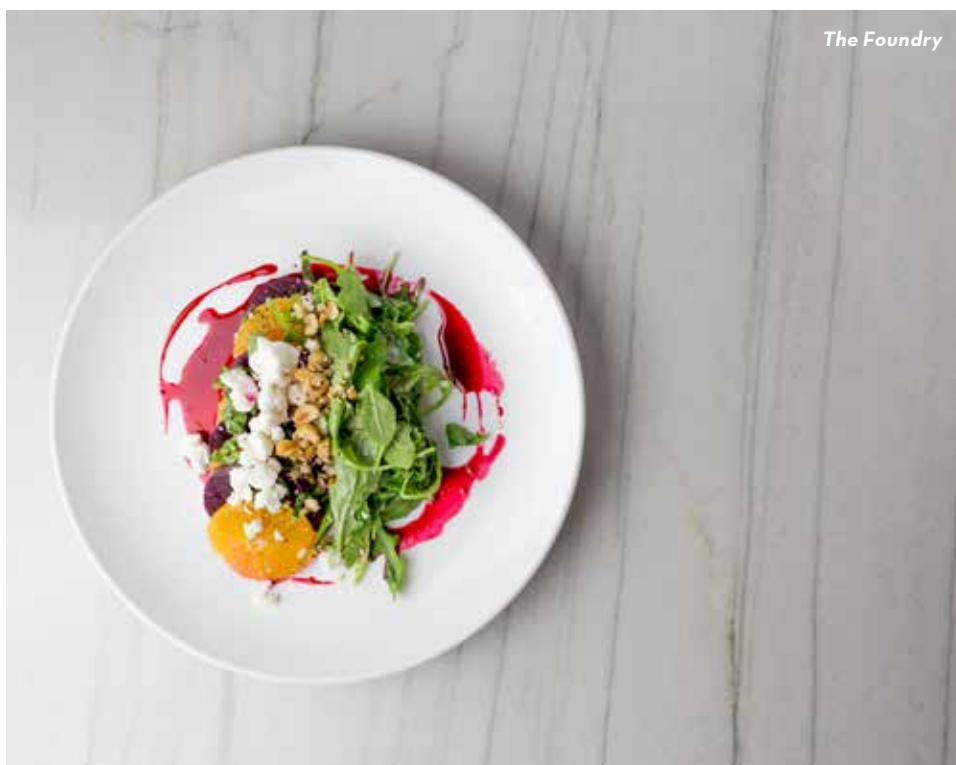


# FOOD & NIGHTLIFE



You can travel the globe and never leave Greater Fort Lauderdale – such is the diverse array of restaurants on offer in this South Florida bolthole. You'll get epic ocean views from **Lona Cocina Tequileria**, which dishes up modern Mexican plates like octopus tostada, brisket quesadilla and the chef's special drunken grouper with a Mexican beer glaze. Next, whizz over to Cuba at **Padrino's Cuban**, where belly-busting Cubano sandwiches filled with pork and cheese are on the menu, alongside croquetas and empanadas. You'll get a taste of the Continent at **Cafe Seville**, a charming, family-run spot that deals in traditional tapas and Spanish dishes. Mouthwatering options range from seafood paella to tomatoey rabbit stew, and the menu is paired with an impressive wine list. Watching your meat intake? There's a world of plant-based delights cooked up at **The Rabbit Hole** in **Pompano Beach**. Try a veganized Southern barbecue platter or feast on meat-free burgers and wings. **Screaming Carrots** in **Hallandale Beach** is another great option: it focuses on organic, plant-based food with Thai specialties like drunken noodles and pad cha.

From elegant seafood restaurants to failsafe steakhouses, Fort Lauderdale does fine dining to a tee too. **Steak 954** at the W Hotel is the cream of the crop. You can drink in ocean views as you feast on decadent seafood platters (think Alaskan king crab, Maine lobster and oysters), or sample fine cuts of meat including prime tomahawk. **Sea Watch on the Ocean** is something of a local landmark. More breathtaking sea views are coupled with an upscale menu featuring blackened mahi mahi, buttery lobster tails and scallops, and filet mignon with Bearnaise sauce. Discerning chain **Mastro's Ocean Club** is a fine choice too.



Got the kids in tow? They'll be well satisfied in Greater Fort Lauderdale. Little ones will love gloriously old-fashioned **Jaxson's Ice Cream Parlor Restaurant**, known for its generous scoops in flavors from 'rocky road' and 'fudge ripple' to bright blue 'cookie monster' and sprinkle-filled 'birthday cake'. Stay for dinner and a menu of chicken sandwiches, burgers and hot dogs. If you're hoping to get your kids excited about seafood, the homely **Rustic Inn Crabhouse** is a good place to start. The laidback spot is known for its mouth-watering garlic crab and there's a separate kids' menu too.



Food halls have taken the USA by storm and Greater Fort Lauderdale isn't left out. Hip **Sistrunk Marketplace** has become a favored local hangout – swing by for make-your-own poke bowls, pita wraps, craft tacos, ceviche and classic Southern dishes. There are regular live music sets and art shows here too. Meanwhile, die-hard foodies shouldn't miss the annual **Visit Lauderdale Food & Wine Festival**, which takes place in January. The event showcases offerings from some of Greater Fort Lauderdale's finest and most creative restaurants and allows punters to try a variety of tipples too.

It's not 'lights out' in Fort Lauderdale when the sun sets. A variety of luxurious cocktail lounges, waterside bars and down-to-earth joints showing sports keep the city alive when evening falls. **The Rooftop @1WLO**, on Las Olas Boulevard, makes a lovely special occasion spot. Visit for epic views of the winking skyline, imaginative cocktails and elevated bar bites. Speakeasy **Unit B** is another noteworthy option. For date night, opt for **No Man's Land**, a romantic 1920s-style cocktail parlor that offers tempting sharing plates too. Wine connoisseurs should try out **Vinos on Las Olas**. This Key West export fits right in in Fort Lauderdale and offers world wines in a stylish space with cool vintage accents.



## BREWED TO PERFECTION

There's certainly no shortage of quality beer in the Greater Fort Lauderdale region – so much so that there's an Ale Trail knitting together all the best spots. Make the most of **Visit Lauderdale's Ale Trail Passport**: the mobile passport, sent to your device by text or email, curates a selection of the region's finest breweries. Check in with GPS as you hop between venues and enjoy discounts on your orders. You'll pick your own favorites as you travel, but you can't go wrong with **Odd Breed Wild Ales** in **Pompano Beach**. As its name suggests, craft ale is this small brewery's specialty: they're aged in oak barrels and often incorporate local citrus fruits too. The mural-splashed tap room at **Funky Buddha** is also seriously cool. Prop up the bar and sup top-notch wheat beers, hard seltzers and IPAs. **Tarpon River Brewing**, meanwhile, has a 'beer-inspired' menu to match its craft brews. Feast on pretzels with beer cheese and fabulous ales and lagers.



# 48 HOURS IN GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE

Want an itinerary to suit everyone? Here's how to spend a perfect long weekend in Greater Fort Lauderdale.

## FRIDAY



**CHECK IN TO:** AC Hotel by Marriott Fort Lauderdale Beach. This chic bolthole places you right at the beach and has a sleek lobby bar, a pool and a modern, minimalist design.



**DINE AT:** Casablanca Cafe. Don't fancy straying far from your hotel on the first night? This convivial and historic restaurant is right on your doorstep. Modern European and American dishes are on the menu – dive into plates of garlicky escargot and shrimp cocktails and mains such as grilled New York strip. It doubles as a piano bar, so your evening entertainment is sorted too.

## SATURDAY



**BREAKFAST AT:** your hotel or start your day with a sweet pastry or delicious breakfast sandwich at Nanou French Bakery & Café on Las Olas Boulevard.



**HIT THE SHOPS:** on Las Olas Boulevard. Once you're fueled up for the day, hop between boutiques and galleries on this bustling street. Make time for a coffee stop at Ann's Florist and Coffee Bar too. This lovely antiques store and flower shop doubles as a cheerful cafe.



**LUNCH AT:** Boathouse at the Riverside. Gorgeous views of the water are the drawcard of this charming restaurant – in fact, boaters can dock right outside and enter via the patio. On the menu are gourmet flatbreads, seafood dishes and pasta.



**SPEND THE AFTERNOON:** on the water. After you've soaked up the vistas over lunch, explore miles of pretty inland waterways with a Cruising' Tiki tour – their grass-thatched-roofed vessels are hand-crafted in the USA. Or hop aboard the historic Jungle Queen riverboat, which has been cruising since 1935 and recently revamped its dinner cruise and show.

## SUNDAY



**BREAKFAST AT:** The Alchemist Café in Wilton Manors. The carefully sourced coffee and made-to-order waffles are well worth the short drive from your hotel.



**WHILE AWAY THE MORNING AT:** Fort Lauderdale beach. Kick back on the buzziest stretch of sand in the area or – if you’ve got the need for speed – rent jet skis from one of the outlets by the sand. For a little more peace and quiet, Dania Beach is a short drive away.



**LUNCH AT:** Coconuts. Keep the laid-back vibe going with waterside Coconuts, whose menu includes salads, lobster rolls, jambalaya and the catch of the day. They have a punchy cocktail list too.



**BECOME ONE WITH NATURE:** with a hike at Tall Cypress Natural Area. It’s around a 45-minute drive out to this precious slice of swampland and pine forest, with boardwalk trails and abundant birdlife.



**DINE AT:** Takato. A short walk up the beach from the AC Hotel, Takato serves elegantly plated Japanese-Korean dishes in an equally stylish setting.



**CATCH A SHOW AT:** The Parker. Check the schedule at this local playhouse, which hosts tribute bands, comedy shows and dance performances.



## TOP 5 LOCATIONS FOR YOUR INSTAGRAM

**SEMINOLE HARD ROCK HOTEL AND CASINO HOLLYWOOD** – The camera loves this giant, glass-clad hotel in the shape of a guitar.

**HILLSBORO INLET LIGHTHOUSE** – Get just the right angle of this 1907 beacon, as it watches over Champagne-colored sands.

**HUGH TAYLOR BIRCH STATE PARK** – Mother Nature puts on a show at this oak-tree-filled preserve, dubbed “the Central Park of Fort Lauderdale”.

**SAWGRASS TRAILHEAD AT ATLANTIC BOULEVARD** – Take a dusk walk along the Everglades and watch as the setting sun paints the landscape gold.

**RIVERWALK FORT LAUDERDALE** – From soaring skyscrapers to mega yachts, there’s plenty to point your phone at in this waterside park.



# Welcome

## EVERYONE UNDER THE SUN



The world's most welcoming destination awaits in Greater Fort Lauderdale, Florida, with miles of golden beaches and scenic waterways, cosmopolitan dining and nightlife, amazing Everglades eco-tours, world-class shopping and more. Treat your clients to unforgettable moments in a beach playground unlike any other. Learn more at [VisitLauderdale.com](https://www.VisitLauderdale.com).

