



VISIT LAUDERDALE

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Gearing up to host two of the world's most iconic football events, the **FIFA Club World Cup 2025** and the **FIFA World Cup 2026**, Greater Fort Lauderdale is a tropical, warm, and welcoming destination that embraces everyone under the sun. Home to **Fort Lauderdale United FC**, the only professional women's football club in South Florida, and **Inter Miami CF**, where the legendary Lionel Messi takes the field, this vibrant region is a global hub for football fandom and a bucket list destination for sports enthusiasts.

Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport flies to more than 100 US and international destinations, ensuring easy access for fans and teams arriving from across the globe, while Greater Fort Lauderdale's vibrant sports culture brings an electric atmosphere to the state-of-the-art facilities. World-class venues such as the **Florida Blue Training Center** and **Chase Stadium** set the stage for marquee matchups, promising professional-grade pitches and stadiums buzzing with energy and passion.

Off the field, Greater Fort Lauderdale is **Florida's LGBT+ Capital** and a tropical playground filled with year-round warmth and endless recreational activities. Imagine sun-soaked days exploring **stunning beaches**, **winding waterways**, and **vibrant nightlife** that boast a choose-your-own-adventure destination of attractions and accommodations. From **world-class dining** to well-appointed **waterfront resorts**, every memorable moment in Greater Fort Lauderdale seamlessly blends sports with leisure that invites fans to be part of history in the making and never left on the sidelines.

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, Pompano Beach 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.

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GOAL!

For football fanatics, Greater Fort Lauderdale is gearing up to host two of the world's most coveted football events: the FIFA Club World Cup 2025, where elite clubs will kick off for international glory, and the FIFA World Cup 2026, a celebration of national pride and unbeatable passion. With "goal"-den beaches, top-tier stadiums, and a love of the game, Greater Fort Lauderdale is ready to take centre stage with fans and players in South Florida. It's a match made in heaven – and you won't want to miss it!

A FOOTBALL LEGACY

Greater Fort Lauderdale is a goal-worthy destination for football fans, packed with bucket-list worthy venues for anyone who lives and breathes the game. At the heart of it all is **Chase Stadium**, with seven pitches for impromptu matches, a 50,000-square-foot state-of-the-art training centre, and a youth academy. **NSU Soccer Stadium** is another spot to see the brightest stars shine under the lights, attracting professional and national teams from all over the world. And just a short pass south, you'll find **Hard Rock Stadium**, a legendary venue that's hosted six Super Bowls and iconic matches like Copa Americana and El Clásico in an electric atmosphere.



With **Lionel Messi**, the G.O.A.T. (Greatest of All Time) himself at the helm, the region's football scene has reached new heights, and a home match with **Inter Miami CF** is an assist you don't want to miss. You'll see Messi work his magic on the pitch, proving why he's arguably the greatest of all time—and why Greater Fort Lauderdale a dream destination for every football fan.



Brian Piccolo Park

WELCOMING THE WORLD TO SOUTH FLORIDA

A trip to Greater Fort Lauderdale isn't just about attending matches—it's about experiencing in a region that's as passionate about football as you are. Whether you're here to support your favourite team at the **FIFA Club World Cup** or join the global celebration of the **FIFA World Cup**, Greater Fort Lauderdale offers everything you need for an unforgettable journey.

With its **famous beaches, year-round sunshine**, and endless opportunities for **outdoor adventure**, Greater Fort Lauderdale is the perfect place to explore or relax between matches. Imagine starting your day with a stroll along the pristine coastline, immersing yourself in the thrill of a match in the afternoon, and capping off the evening with a delicious meal and the vibrant nightlife—all under the warmth of the Florida sun.

NOW THAT'S A SCORE!

But it's not just about the men's game—Greater Fort Lauderdale is also the proud home of **Fort Lauderdale United FC**, the only professional women's football club in South Florida. The club competes in the **USL Super League**, a new Division I league that kicked off its inaugural season fall of 2024. This scores big in making the area an inclusive space for fans of all ages, backgrounds, and teams, and a place where the love of the game transcends boundaries, creating a vibrant football community where everybody's a winner.



HISTORIC MATCHES

Greater Fort Lauderdale has been the setting for some truly historic football moments. In 2017, the area was buzzing when the legendary **El Clásico** match between FC Barcelona and Real Madrid took place, drawing fans from all over the world to witness the intense rivalry between two of the sport's biggest clubs. Going back to the 1970s, the **Fort Lauderdale Strikers** helped shape the local football culture by bringing in international stars like **George Best**, **Gerd Müller**, and **Teófilo Cubillas**. These legends helped kick Greater Fort Lauderdale into the global spotlight, leaving a lasting impact on the region's football history and culture with only more to come.

TRANSPORTATION

Hard Rock Stadium: With affordable parking and a free shuttle to the NW gate, the Park & Ride shuttle is your best bet for a winning ride that run three hours before kick-off and keep rolling 90 minutes post-game. If you're looking to take the train, Brightline whisks you to the Aventura Station, where a free shuttle takes you straight to the stadium. Rideshare services are available for those who want a smooth and easy drive to the action.

Chase Stadium: Chase Stadium has several parking lots with entry on various sides of the stadium. The yellow, blue and green lots are reserved parking you must purchase in advance. Overflow lots open as other lots fill up to accommodate the crowds. Hop on a shuttle from the brown and purple lots for a ride right to the fan zone. Or, if you prefer public transit, take the Brightline from Fort Lauderdale or Tri-Rail to the nearby Cypress Creek station. Rideshare and taxis are also available to make sure you get to and from the game with no trouble!



SPORTS & RECREATION

With football, baseball, basketball, and even hockey on offer, the Greater Fort Lauderdale sports scene is always game on! From intense football battles to the thrill of cricket matches, you'll find plenty of teams putting on a show to ensure there's never a dull moment.



SPECTATOR SPORTS

Central Broward Park & Broward County Stadium is the only ICC-certified cricket ground in the United States, making it the go-to pitch for cricket fans across the globe. But the action doesn't stop there! Home to the Paris Saint-Germain Academy Florida, the stadium fosters elite football training alongside its dynamic lineup of sports events, from rugby and football to lacrosse, bringing the global game right to your doorstep.

Football enthusiasts can't miss a high-energy match of Inter Miami CF, led by legendary Messi at the newly enhanced **Chase Stadium**. Upgrades like expanded seating, state-of-the-art LED screens, a premium sound system, and a high-quality turf training field have transformed the arena into a bucket list sports destination. They have hosted global matches like the highly anticipated Italy vs. Venezuela and the "El Clasico Colombiano," in addition to supporting youth and local leagues, fostering a community that celebrates and encourages talent at all levels.

Or, experience the unstoppable energy of women's football with the **USL Super League**, North America's largest and fastest-growing pro football organization. You can also check out **Florida Blue Training Center**, a top-tier facility where you'll see players of all ages—from U12 Academy stars to the MLS first team—kicking around on six natural grass and one top-quality turf field.



WHERE TO GET YOUR FOOTBALL ON

With about 100 multi-use fields in Greater Fort Lauderdale, whether you're looking for fast-paced play on the fields at the **Brian Piccolo Sports Park & Velodrome** in Cooper City or perfecting your skills on the turf at **Soccer Five**, you're never too far from a goal. Head to **America's Got Soccer**, Florida's largest indoor facility for leagues and open play year-round. For the young Messis and Ronaldos, **Barca Academy**, FC Barcelona's official football camp, offers world-class training and workout days, led by UEFA-licensed coaches right in South Florida—perfect for aspiring pros looking to pass, shoot, and score!

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

If you'd rather get out and active, the area's lush parks, serene waterways, and expansive green spaces make it a haven for those seeking to connect with nature. Visitors can explore a variety of landscapes, from the mangrove-lined shores of **Hugh Taylor Birch State Park** to the sprawling **Everglades**, where airboat tours take you deep into the heart of the unique ecosystem.

Hugh Taylor Birch State Park, often referred to as the "Central Park" of Fort Lauderdale, is a must-visit for those wanting to explore the trails via hiking or biking without venturing too far from the city centre. Kayaking through the park's waterways offers a fresh perspective on local wildlife, including turtles, manatees, and numerous bird species.



Hugh Taylor Birch State Park

GET ACTIVE

Brian Piccolo Sports Park & Velodrome – A paradise for cycling enthusiasts with a top-tier velodrome for racing, plus fields for baseball, football, or skating.

Tradewinds Park & Stables – Enjoy horseback riding along scenic trails.

Baptist Health Iceplex – Cool off at two regulation-sized indoor ice rinks, youth and adult hockey programs, public skating, and figure skating.



Butterfly World

For a look into Florida's iconic wetlands, the **Everglades** cover nearly two-thirds of the area and are home to the Seminole Indians, who invite visitors to learn about their proud, ancient culture. Guided airboat tours navigate the marshy landscape, offering up-close encounters with alligators, and the region's unique flora and fauna. Alternatively, you can hike the boardwalk to explore the trails at your own pace.

In Coral Springs, the 66-acre **Tall Cypress Natural Area** preserves the last remaining stands of basin swamp and pine flatwoods, while the **Military Trail Natural Area** showcases one of the rarest plant communities in the county. Pine Island Ridge is part of the **Great Florida Birding Trail**, or enjoy a gator show at **Everglades Holiday Park**.

Coconut Creek, known as the "Butterfly Capital of the World," was the first city in the state to become a certified Community Wildlife Habitat. It is also home to the world's largest butterfly park, **Butterfly World**, located in Tradewinds Park.

HAVE A BALL AT THE BEACH

When you need a break from the bright stadium lights and roar of the crowd, 24 miles of sandy shores await. Deerfield Beach, Pompano Beach, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Hollywood Beach, Dania Beach, and Hallandale Beach are all easily accessible from the action—each with their own appeal and vibe.

Deerfield Beach scores big with families with a winning lineup of water sports just 20 minutes from Chase Stadium. Clear, calm waters beckon visitors to try snorkelling or paddleboarding, while adrenaline junkies can kick it up a notch surfing. For those looking to take their skills to the next level, the nearby cable water ski park Quiet Waters is the place to try for water skiing, kneeboarding, or wakeboarding.

Further south lies **Pompano Beach**, a go-to destination for divers and snorkellers, thanks to beautiful coral reefs just offshore and 18 shipwrecks at Shipwreck Park. The underwater world is a haven for those who love exploring marine life up close, while above water, the steady coastal winds make Pompano Beach a top contender for kiteboarding and parasailing.

Located on a barrier island, the charming town of **Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** invites visitors to explore the reefs and wrecks of Shipwreck Snorkel Trail right offshore, which is also home to the SS *Copenhagen*, a British steamship that sunk in the 1900s. The wreck site is a Florida Underwater Archaeological Preserve and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Conversely, a relaxing stroll along the water is a penalty-free way to take in the sights.



PLAY OR WATCH BEACH FOOTBALL

Get your game face on and get ready to kick things into high gear because all across Greater Fort Lauderdale, **beach football** is buzzing. Whether you're looking to score big or just have a bit of fun with friends, there's a match for every level of play. Grab a ball and join a pickup game, or sign up for a tournament where friendships are forged, young players become seasoned pros, and new generations share the love of the game.



ADVENTURES AT SEA

Island Watersports — Discover your new favourite water sport with private or group lessons in surf, skim, skateboarding, and stand-up paddleboarding from professional surfer Cheyne Cottrell's company.

Shipwreck Park — Explore underwater at this public/private not-for-profit organisation dedicated to protecting the reef, sunken ships, and creating unique, rotating underwater art installations.

Sunrise Paddleboard — Practise your balance on an eco-tour of the "Venice of America" as you glide past mangroves, manatees, and mansions on a guided tour of the water.

Coastal Yacht Tours — Charter a private vessel for up to twenty of your closest friends as you cruise in style along the bay in the Yachting Capital of the World (sunset time recommended!).

Aqua Flight — The premier extreme water sport company in Greater Fort Lauderdale, hire jet packs, jet skis, Seabobs, snorkelling equipment, kayaks, and paddleboards for an adrenaline-filled day on the water.

Over in **Dania Beach**, you'll find the scenic Dania Beach Pier, or explore underwater at the Erojacks, an artificial reef inside Dr. Von D Mizell Johnson State Park. For a change of pace, meander the historic Dania Beach Antique & Arts District, or enjoy fresh seafood at a local waterfront restaurant—a real goal for foodies.

If it's a livelier scene you're after, **Hollywood Beach** offers a vibrant atmosphere especially after dark on the famous Broadwalk, which stretches for over two miles. Cycle or stroll the shops and stalls along the beach, where street performers add to the winning environment.

Close to Hard Rock Stadium, **Hallandale Beach** is another serene spot for a quiet day by the ocean. For some friendly competition, head to South City Park for a game of volleyball, or swing by North City Park to snap a picture with the ever-Instagrammable Beach Ball Water Tower. The area regularly hosts complimentary seasonal concerts, but if it's another kind of rush you're after, the nearby casinos and horse racing tracks provide a different kind of thrill.

CAST A LINE

Whether you're an expert angler or a newbie looking to cast your first line, **Fishing in Greater Fort Lauderdale** offers a range of experiences from deep-sea excursions to lazy days on the dock of the bay. **The Hillsboro Inlet Fishing Center** in Pompano Beach is a prime destination for those looking for daily drift trips, where you can reel in a daily catch of mahi-mahi or grouper on the largest vessels on the east coast. The 1,000-foot-long **International Fishing Pier** at Deerfield Beach is an international attraction that hosts free environmental workshops and lessons throughout the year – a winning combination.





ART, MUSIC & MUSEUMS

Football and sunshine aren't the only perfect pairing in Florida—the state is also a vibrant hub of arts and culture, where theatres, music, and museums are the MVPs of the scene. From Broadway-calibre performances to immersive art experiences, set the goal-d standard with endless entertainment all weekend long.

FEEL THE BEAT

The **Pompano Beach Amphitheater** is one of South Florida's most beloved spots to catch a show. Architecturally stunning, there isn't a bad seat in the house at this covered, open-air venue, which boasts the perfect pitch to keep your weekend rocking on and off the field.



For a grander concert experience, head to the **Amerant Bank Arena** in Sunrise. One of the largest indoor arenas in Florida is home to the 2024 Stanley Cup-winning Florida Panthers hockey team and has become a go-to destination for major headline artists like the Foo Fighters and Billy Joel, offering fans the chance to see their favourite acts in a rockin' environment.

Hard Rock Live in Hollywood is another legendary venue. This 3,500-seat space frequently hosts A-listers like Eric Clapton and Bruce Springsteen. Located within the iconic Guitar Hotel at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, they consistently deliver electrifying vibes for concert-goers. For the perfect pre-or-post-game snack, **grab a Messi Chicken Sandwich** — a collaboration with the football legend himself and tasty treat fit for the G.O.A.T.

BRING ON THE DRAMA

Broward Center for the Performing Arts, located in the downtown Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District, is the cornerstone of the area's cultural landscape. This state-of-the-art venue features four theatres and hosts a diverse range of musical acts, from classical orchestras to contemporary rock bands and everything in between – the artistic equivalent of a hat trick.

The **Coral Springs Centre for the Arts** is another must-see venue where you'll find everything from comedy shows to world-class music, plus a permanent and rotating art collection. Whether you're looking for a laugh or a standing ovation, this place does not disappoint.

For a more intimate experience, head to the **Parker Playhouse**, one of Fort Lauderdale's oldest and most beloved venues. Lovingly restored to its former glory, it continues to host a variety of plays, comedy shows, and small-scale musical performances year after year.



Island SPACE Caribbean Museum



GET CULTURED

Greater Fort Lauderdale also boasts a vibrant museum scene that celebrates everything from fine art to local heritage. The **NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale** features a contemporary collection focused on Latin American and Cuban works, in addition to rotating exhibits. **Bonnet House Museum and Gardens** is another local treasure, a 19th-century home that features a fine art collection, including easel paintings by the former proprietor, artist Frederic Clay Bartlett himself.

Mad Arts Museum in Dania Beach is where art meets technology. With interactive exhibits and workshops, this museum challenges traditional principles of design. If you're more into street art, the city of Coral Springs boasts an impressive collection of public art—everything from vibrant sculptures to eye-catching murals.

For those interested in history, the **Island SPACE Caribbean Museum** is the first and only brick and mortar pan-Caribbean heritage museum in the United States with fascinating exhibits on everything from football and sports to arts and artefacts from pre-colonial times through slavery and emancipation.

DON'T MISS

In addition to its year-round attractions, Greater Fort Lauderdale also hosts special events like **Fan Fest at Hollywood Circle**. With outdoor screenings, live music, and food festivals, Hollywood Circle brings the energy of the Copa or World Cup to the streets, offering locals and visitors the chance to cheer, eat, and party for their favourite teams in a lively atmosphere. It's one celebration you won't want to sit on the sidelines for!



SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

Greater Fort Lauderdale is also an ideal destination for retail therapy. Whether you're scouting for souvenirs or picking up a winning outfit for a big night out, there's a full line up of boutiques and shops to score that one-of-a-kind gift. Those attending the matches can grab gameday garb, pick up a new jersey, or score a memento from your favourite player or team. Just don't forget to leave some room in your suitcase.



Sawgrass Mills

The Galleria at Fort Lauderdale and the **Broward Mall** in Plantation are all-stars destinations, offering the traditional American shopping experience. But the MVP is **Sawgrass Mills** in Sunrise. With over 350 shops, it's no wonder it consistently ranks among the largest malls in the country. This outlet is home to scores of items at a fraction of the price, whether it's everyday retailers or luxury brands like Balenciaga, David Yurman, Jimmy Choo, and Prada.

Another open-air shopping destination is **Dania Pointe**, which boasts all your favourite brands from Anthropologie to American Eagle, and the Nike Clearance store, your headquarters for deals on football shoes, shirts, and sports apparel. The whole family will enjoy a trip to Dania Pointe, thanks to the plethora of restaurants and entertainment options with a cinema and bowling alley.

If you're looking for a more local experience, **Las Olas Boulevard** — Spanish for “the waves” — has been aptly named “style mile” for its tree-lined avenues of restaurants, bars, and boutiques. Think Tommy Bahama (which has an attached bar and restaurant), Yeti, Warby Parker, Lilly Pulitzer, and art galleries.



Sawgrass Mills

ONE OF A KIND FINDS

Inter Miami Team Store — Located in Chase Stadium, the official merchandise shop is open to the public with men's, women's, and youth merchandise.

Cooper City Antique Mall — Go treasure hunting at this 10,000-square-foot bazaar, featuring vendors selling everything from antique furniture to repurposed electronics in a vintage marketplace.

To the Moon Marketplace — Get a sugar rush at this literal candy palace. With over 12,000 types of nostalgic sweets dating back to the early 1800s from 60 different countries, there's no shortage of chocolates or gourmet food to satisfy any craving.

Tate's Comics, Toys and More — Opened by a seventeen-year-old high school senior that catered to all his favourite things, this award-winning store has since expanded to over 900 square metres of comics and collectibles.



FARMERS MARKETS

Located in nearly every corner of Greater Fort Lauderdale, the seasonal and year-round farmers' markets are a treasure trove of fresh produce, tropical plants, and unique gifts. One of the best is Hollywood's **Yellow Green Farmers' Market**, boasting an impressive 600 vendors, including 200 food and beverage stalls offering colourful fruit and vegetables, baked goods, crafts, cheese, and flowers. Dog- and kid-friendly, they often host live music, yoga, and dance classes to kick-start the weekend. If you're there on match day, it's the perfect spot to grab some snacks. For seasonal favourites, check out the **Coconut Creek Farmers' Market**, with over 60 vendors offering everything from dips and sauces to kitchenware — ideal for your watch party spread. Year-round, explore the indoor **Flamingo Road Nursery** for produce from their on-site hydroponic greenhouse, or pick up homemade bread and freshly squeezed juices to start your morning with a cheer. **Pompano Beach Green Market**, in operation from November to April, has food stalls and even dance class for all ages.



Nearby Hard Rock Stadium, the **Shops at Pembroke Gardens** is another outdoor shopping area with 75 different retailers for food, fashion and fun near the Barca Football Camp.

There are also rotating pop-ups and markets around the region, from **Indie Craft Bazaar** at Revolution Live to **Dania After Dark**, **Flamingo Flea** at Tarpon River Brewing, **Sunny Side Up Market** at Pier 6 in Pompano Beach, **Wine Garden** in Fort Lauderdale, and **Untapped Pompano** in Pompano Beach, the perfect way to pass the time while shopping for unique treasures!

SAVOUR THE FLAVOUR

The Greater Fort Lauderdale culinary scene offers plenty of options to fuel your appetite on match day and beyond. Whether you're looking for sports bars full of game-day bites where you can huddle up over wings and burgers or craving something fancier to celebrate a victory, the local dining scene scores big with foodie finds.

CELEBRATORY MEALS

For upscale dining, head to the **Diplomat Prime** in Hollywood, an award-winning steakhouse near Hard Rock Stadium, where dry-aged steaks and custom sauces will have you feeling like a VIP.

Burlock Coast in Fort Lauderdale dishes up coastal flavours and Prohibition-era charm, perfect for a special night out. For a romantic dinner, **Casa D'Angelo** scores with authentic Tuscan cuisine and an impressive wine list. **ETARU** in Hallandale is also close to the Hard Rock Stadium for elevated Japanese cuisine, where robata-grilled meats and fresh sashimi score big on flavour.



CHEERS WITH A BEER

Greater Fort Lauderdale's brewery scene is buzzing, with endless options for the perfect pour to celebrate a nail-biting victory or to catch a match. **Gulf Stream Brewing's** award-winning taps and community vibe make it a go-to spot for craft brews and bites from a rotating selection of food trucks. **Funky Buddha** is all about bold, inventive flavours, offering everything from traditional ales to creative concoctions that every beer lover needs to try. At **Invasive Species Brewing**, local enthusiasts trained at Germany's top brewing school, learning to make juicy IPAs, tangy sours, and a wild range of styles. For a lively, nautical vibe, head to **The Wharf**, where watch parties bring fans together. And for the diehards, you can even raise a glass of GOAT beer, a special release by Lionel Messi and **Prison Pals Brewing**, celebrating his arrival.

SEAFOOD SCORES

For local delicacies, don't miss **15th Street Fisheries** for fresh stone crabs, conch fritters, and snapper while watching the boats drift by. For shellfish fans, **Southport Raw Bar** serves up oysters, clams, and peel-and-eat shrimp in a chill, old-Florida setting. Looking for something a little fancier? **Blue Moon Fish Co.** scores big with seafood towers and a champagne brunch. Or, for a taste of the islands, **Tiki Tiki's** raw bar dishes up everything from stone crab to lobster rolls, plus seafood feasts and tacos for a festive meal.



WHERE TO CATCH A MATCH OR GAME

La Birra Bar – Home to the world's most awarded burger, crafted fresh every day.

Palm Room – A sleek, tropical sports bar atmosphere for fans with a taste for style.

Mickey Byrne's Irish Pub – Perfectly poured pints for toasting a win or easing a loss.

Gym Sportsbar – A lively LGBTQ+ hotspot for locals and visitors alike.

Bodega – Try award-winning tacos served from a retro Airstream with a hidden speakeasy vibe.

Baoshi – An Asian food hall that combines flavours and fandom for a unique sports experience.

Waxy's – Your go-to spot for Premier League, Champions League, and international matches.

Dangerous Minds Brewery – For the food-loving sports fan in Pompano Beach.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY FINDS

Coconuts is a local winner by the water serving everything from seafood to burgers, plus their famous "Scoobies"—garlic-infused blue crab claws that are a real game changer. For a bite of history, head to **The Ambry**, founded by legendary footballer Gerd Müller, where German favourites meets comfort food. Or, kick back at **Riverside Market**, a hidden gem with a vast beer selection (for the grown-ups) and fresh pizzas (for all), plus board games for some post-match fun!



BEST OF GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE ITINERARY

DAY 1

BREAKFAST: Foxy Brown – A cosy American bistro known for its creative twists on breakfast classics, try their s'mores waffle or banana foster pancake for an indulgent start to the weekend.

SEE: Las Olas Boulevard – A win-win for art lovers and shoppers, bob and weave through boutiques, galleries, and charming cafés, browse the NSU Art Museum or pass through the vibrant entertainment district that's at the heart of the action.

LUNCH: The Floridian – A local landmark for over 70 years, this classic diner is one of the oldest restaurants in Fort Lauderdale. Known for its innovative Southern fare for omnivores, herbivores, and locavores, it features regional delicacies like shrimp and grits and fried green tomatoes—definitely the goal for lunch!

DO: Keen Fly Helicopter Tour – Take to the skies with a breathtaking aerial view of the area's coastline, canals, and famous landmarks like Port Everglades and Fort Lauderdale Beach. For real fanatics, you can even fly over Chase Stadium for a one-of-a-kind perspective!

DINNER: Boatyard – One of the iconic waterfront dining experiences, enjoy views of the Intracoastal Waterway while savouring the fresh catch of the day, seafood tower raw bar, and renowned Bimini bread—a hat-trick for your taste buds.

DAY 2

BREAKFAST: Tinta – Kick off the day with a bottomless mimosa brunch with a Mexican twist. Live-action stations prepare waffles, ceviche, meats, and more before your eyes.

SEE: Fort Lauderdale Beach – Enjoy a leisurely walk along the scenic promenade or hire a bike to see the sights and burn some calories. There are scuba and snorkel lessons and rentals if you prefer to dive in, and watersport rentals along the shore for those looking to splash into action.

LUNCH: El Vez at the W Fort Lauderdale – Baja-style cooking on the beach—enjoy whole branzino and traditional tacos at their sit-down restaurant, or pick up something from their grab-and-go counter so you don't miss a second of the action.

DO: Catch a Match – Make your way to Chase Stadium, home of Greater Fort Lauderdale's Major League Soccer team, Inter Miami CF, and the legendary Messi, for an unforgettable game day experience that's a must for football fans of all ages.

DINNER: Evelyn's – Where coastal Florida cuisine meets Eastern Mediterranean flavours, enjoy sophisticated waterfront dining at the Four Seasons Hotel. With mezze small bites and tapas designed for sharing, it's the perfect place to assist in indulging.



BEST OF GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE ITINERARY

DAY 3

BREAKFAST: Hatch – Known for its benedicts called “hollandaze,” mimosaritas, and pancake flights with a tagline of “peace, love, and bacon,” Hatch has a top-tier breakfast lineup to fuel up for the day’s activities.

SEE: Hugh Taylor Birch State Park – The “Central Park” of Fort Lauderdale, get your steps in hiking or kayaking surrounded by nature. A coastal playground, there are animal presentations and guided habitat tours every weekend.

LUNCH: Rhythm & Vine – A laid-back beer garden with a range of food trucks, enjoy live music and a relaxed vibe as you refuel with casual sips and bites.

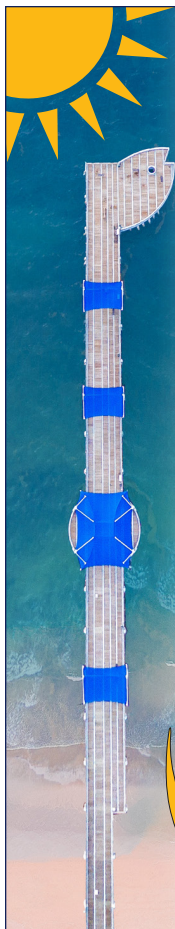
DO: Water Taxi – See the area from the water and explore hidden gems. An all-star pass for adventure, a water taxi is the best way to experience Greater Fort Lauderdale’s famous waterways; hop on and off at 20 stops along the Riverwalk, Stranahan House Museum, and even Hollywood to catch live music on the Broadwalk.

DINNER: S3 (Sun, Surf & Sand) at the Hilton Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort – A trendy spot on Fort Lauderdale Beach, enjoy a mix of seafood, steaks, and sushi in a chic, open-air setting as you toast to sunset views and dream about your next visit—a final goal to round out the weekend.



WHERE TO STAY

Travelling teams often stay at premier hotels that provide convenient access to the facilities along with top-notch amenities for athletes and fans to unwind in style. If you’re seeking a luxury getaway, consider the **Conrad Fort Lauderdale** or the **Diplomat Hollywood Beach Resort**. For a comfortable midrange stay, options like **Le Meridien** or **AC Fort Lauderdale Airport** are ideal. Alternatively, budget-conscious travellers will find convenience and comfort at the **Sheraton Suites Fort Lauderdale West** or **Embassy Suites Deerfield Beach**. Who knows – if you’re lucky, you may even run into your favourite player while you’re there!



Visit POMPANO BEACH

Sun. Fun. Adventure.

WATER ADVENTURES Enjoy sport fishing, snorkeling and scuba diving at 18 shipwrecks.

GOLFING & TOPGOLF Play at five 18-hole courses or visit Topgolf.

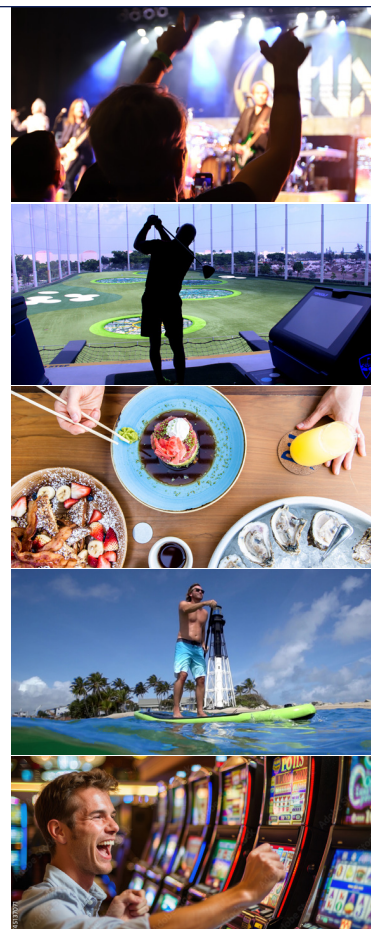
GAMING Try your luck at Harrah's casino.

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