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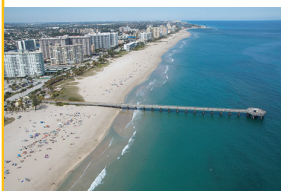
The live music scene heats up with the annual **Rock the Ocean's Tortuga Music Festival** on Fort Lauderdale beach with an additional third day, April 15-17. Headliners include Blake Shelton, Tim McGraw and Dierks Bentley. **RockFest** heads to Markham Park in Sunrise for a two-day festival with more than 20 original 80's bands including Paul Rodgers, Bret Michaels, Night Ranger and Ace Frehley.



After a \$60 million complete makeover, the former Dania Casino & Jai Alai has reopened as **The Casino @ Dania Beach** with 900 Las Vegas-style slot machines, 24-table card room, live Jai-Alai, and Stage 954 for comedy and concerts. Smash Mouth (Mar 5), Foreigner (Mar 11), Ralphie May (Mar 18), Gabriel Iglesias (Apr 1) and Air Supply (Apr 16).

The **Lauderhill Performing Arts Center**, a brand new, 1143-seat theater, opened in January 2016 and welcomes: Saturday Night Fever - The Musical (Mar 1-2), Stomp (Mar 19-21) and Bob Saget (Apr 15-16).

The **BB&T Center** in Sunrise welcomes AC/DC (Mar 11), Disney On Ice presents Frozen (Mar 23-27), Pearl Jam (Apr 8), Demi Lovato and Nick Jonas (June 24), Twenty One Pilots (July 2) and Janet Jackson (Aug 4). The **Hard Rock Live** in Hollywood presents The Moody Blues (Mar 3), Steve Miller Band (Mar 6), Adam Lambert (Mar 12), Chris Tucker (Mar 24), Wanda Sykes (Apr 17), George Benson (May 10) and Tracy Morgan (May 21). Broadway shows at the **Broward Center for the Performing Arts** include Kinky Boots (Mar 1-13), Spring Awakening (Mar 17-Apr 3), Dirty Dancing (Apr 12-24), Beautiful, The Carole King Musical (May 10-22), Heathers (June 9-26) and Rooms: A Rock Romance (June 16-July 2).



shipwreck park

Coming this summer to Pompano Beach: the dramatic sinking of a 300+ foot ship less than one mile from shore, as the centerpiece of the new Shipwreck Park for divers. This will be one of the largest contributions to Florida's artificial reef system, and it will eventually include rotating exhibits of underwater art. At least 16 other shipwrecks are in the vicinity, in one of the most easily accessible major dive sites in the nation.

new on the menu

The Ritz-Carlton, Fort Lauderdale's newest restaurant, **Burlock Coast**, opened its doors in November in a rustic yet sophisticated space featuring an indoor/outdoor specialty rum bar and a carefully-curated marketplace. The Fort Lauderdale Marriott Harbor Beach Resort welcomes back its critically-acclaimed restaurant **3030 Ocean**, following an extensive renovation. **Boatyard**, a new waterside dining concept at the former site of Bimini Boatyard, underwent a complete redesign offering an upscale vibe in a laid-back atmosphere overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway. Las Olas Boulevard also welcomes **Thursday's**, a landmark in Montreal, opened a Fort Lauderdale location on Las Olas Boulevard, featuring French cuisine with an American twist. **Hyde Beach Kitchen + Cocktails**, located in the recently opened Beachwalk Resort in Hallandale Beach, is three-floor beachfront concept features an innovative menu developed by award-winning Chef Danny Elmaleh. Beachwalk Bistro & Market also opened at the hotel, with locally-sourced healthy casual fare.



slip into something sunny

Sawgrass Mills continues to expand with shops opening soon including Carolina Herrera, Helmut Lang, John Varvatos Outlet, Marc Jacobs, Rag & Bone, Tod's, Alexis Bittar, Ted Baker London and Vince. The retailers will be the first to open for business at Sawgrass' expanded **Colonnade Outlets**, which offers an additional 80,000 square feet of retail and restaurant space. Sawgrass also plans to build **Town Center at Sawgrass**, a 118,000-square-foot venue with four sit-down restaurants, 25 full-price retailers and a 2,000-vehicle parking deck in 2018. **Las Olas Place** shopping, dining and office space will open next to the Riverside Hotel on Las Olas Boulevard in Spring 2017.

The Galleria at Fort Lauderdale launched its **SHINE 2016** tourism promotion, with two \$500 shopping sprees for travel agencies and wholesalers who deliver the most visits to the mall via a voucher system. This program launches at an exciting time as The Galleria refines its shopping experience with recently opened and coming soon stores including H&M, Free People, REM French Riviera, Pink, and transformed food court. Visit galleriamall-fl.com

new on the hotel scene

The new \$147 million, 349-room **Margaritaville Hollywood Beach Resort** is now open on the Broadwalk, featuring eight restaurants/bars, three pools, full-service St. Somewhere Spa, and 30,000 sq. ft. of flexible function space.

Beachwalk Resort recently opened along the Intracoastal Waterway in Hallandale Beach, with 216 resort units, infinity pool and restaurant. Its beachfront sister property, **HYDE Resort** opens in 2017 with 367 units, a pool, spa, restaurant.

The Pelican Grand Beach Resort completed a \$6 million expansion, adding two new ballrooms (each with an oceanfront terrace), a new PURE indoor/outdoor spa overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, and a new penthouse.

The Sheraton Suites Plantation just completed an \$8 million renovation of all suites, hallways, the new club lounge, pool and fitness center.

The new **B Ocean Resort in Fort Lauderdale** is undergoing an extensive renovation including lobby, restaurants, corridors, outdoor and public spaces, all 487 guestrooms and suites, plus the addition of new features including two B Indulged® Spa Suites AVEDA, dining venue and new meeting space. Completion is scheduled in mid-2016.

The **Conrad Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort** is expected to open in Summer 2016 with 290 expansive studio and suite accommodations, four alfresco dining experiences, a 4,000-sq ft ocean view spa and fitness center, elevated deck oasis with an ocean-facing pool and plush cabanas, and 20,000 sq. ft. of flexible meeting and event space.

A new 23-story **Four Seasons** will open in 2018 with 150 hotel rooms and 95 residences, two restaurants, a spa, fitness center, children's recreation room, "Beach Butlers" and ballroom and meeting facilities.

In downtown Fort Lauderdale, a 24-story dual-hotel complex, featuring a **Starwood Tribute Portfolio** (209 rooms) and **Element by Westin Hotel** (114 rooms), will offer retail, restaurant, rooftop bar and sky lobby, seventh-floor infinity pool and 12,000 sq ft of meeting space. Opens Spring 2017.

Construction of a 158-room **Lexington Inn & Suites** is expected to begin by early 2016 in Dania Beach.

The **Comfort Suites Airport & Cruise Port** has been renamed Fort Lauderdale Airport/Cruise Port Inn as it transitions to a Four Points by Sheraton in July 2016.

Additional openings in Fall 2016 include: **Fairfield Inn & Suites Downtown Fort Lauderdale** with 108 units, and the **Hampton Inn Fort Lauderdale/Pompano Beach** with 102 units.

The historic Escape Hotel is being renovated and transformed into the **Gale Boutique Hotel**, with 96 rooms and 128 condo residences in Fort Lauderdale's North Beach Village. Estimated to open in late 2016, the Gale will feature sleek furnishings and luxury amenities, rooftop sky deck, fitness center and spa, concierge services and pool.

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FLL news: Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport's recent opening of Concourse G in Terminal 4, with new concession area and walkway art project, is part of the first phase of a \$450 million expansion and modernization project underway in. Phase Two will be completed in mid-2018. **New international service includes:** JetBlue from Mexico City; Providenciales in Turks and Caicos; Quito, Ecuador and Barbados (Apr 2016). Canadian service includes WestJet from Calgary (seasonal), and Sunwing from Winnipeg (seasonal). **New domestic service includes** JetBlue from Baltimore, Charleston, Philadelphia, Albany, Nashville, Aguadilla (Puerto Rico), San Diego and Syracuse (seasonal); Southwest from DCA and Minneapolis; Allegiant from Portsmouth, NH; Akron, OH; Rochester, NY; San Antonio, TX and Grand Rapids, MI (seasonal); and Spirit from Baltimore. FLL now offers **Mobile Passport Control**, a free app allowing eligible travelers to submit their passport information and customs declaration form prior to arrival allowing faster processing. <http://mobilepassport.us/>

port everglades cruise update

Costa Cruises returned to Port Everglades with the 2,826-passenger Costa Delizios.

Royal Caribbean's newest Oasis-class cruise ship, Harmony of the Seas, will offer a seven-night Eastern and Western Caribbean itinerary though its inaugural season beginning November 5, 2016. **Holland America Line's** ms Koningsdam will sail from Port Everglades on 10 and 11 day sailings following her inaugural season in the Mediterranean also in November 2016.

