

WHAT'S NEW in Greater Fort Lauderdale



summer deals

Lauderdale Spa Chic returns: Relax, refresh, renew August 15-September 30. Greater Fort Lauderdale's most sublime resort spas invite you to indulge in luxury for less -- with \$99 spa treatments (a 50% savings): sunny.org/spachic.

Join us for the most tasteful event of the year, **Dine Out Lauderdale**, a six-week celebration of the area's top restaurants, chefs and cuisine starts August 15 through September 30. A selection of Greater Fort Lauderdale restaurants offering lunch specials at \$16 and specially-created, three-course prix fixe dinner menus for \$36: sunny.org/dineout.



Enjoy **2-for-1 Summer Offers** at more than 60 attractions now through September 30. Explore the exotic Everglades. Get lost in a world of butterflies. Swim with fish. Visit sunny.org/summer to request a 2-for-1 savings card. Indulge in luxe for less with a signature **'Vacation Like a VIP'** package at top resorts, including room upgrade, \$100 resort credit, \$25 Visa gift card, complimentary valet parking, special savings at Sawgrass Mills and Colonnade Outlets and 2-for-1 Summer Savings Card. The VIP package is offered exclusively at Lauderdale Luxe Collection hotels. The VIP Package is valid now through September 30 with a two-night minimum stay: sunny.org/vip.



shipwreck park

The dramatic sinking of Lady Luck, a 324-foot ship, took place in July, just a mile from the Pompano Beach fishing pier. Lady Luck is now the centerpiece of the new **Shipwreck Park** for divers, complete with underwater art exhibits. She is one of the largest contributions to Florida's artificial reef system and is the most easily accessible major dive site in the nation with at least 16 other shipwrecks in the vicinity. For more info: shipwreckparkpompano.org.

new on the menu

American English Kitchen and Bar recently opened in Hollywood and features an eclectic mix of regional American and globally influenced dishes. Also new in Hollywood, at the Diplomat Landing, are **Bristol's Burgers** featuring ingredient-driven burgers, and **Portico**, a rustic outdoor beer and wine garden serving more than 20 beers, wines and cocktails, all on tap. A newcomer on Las Olas Blvd, **Raw Poke Bar**, is a new fast-casual Hawaiian eatery, focusing on raw, cubed fish salad. A new kind of dining hatches in Fort Lauderdale as **Spring Chicken** combines the farm-fresh qualities of homestyle Southern comfort cooking. And coming soon - Bravo TV Top Chef Star, Josie Smith-Malave will open **Bubbles & Pearls**, a champagne raw bar in Wilton Manors, and **Bar Rita**, an exciting new concept featuring a modern take on Mexican bar food with a rooftop margarita bar in Fort Lauderdale.



port everglades cruise update

Port Everglades welcomes two newly built cruise ships, **Holland America's ms Koningsdam** and **Royal Caribbean's Harmony of the Seas**, in November 2016. A fourth cruise ship will be added to the summer 2017 roster with **Carnival Cruise's Carnival Splendor**, and luxury cruise line **Crystal Cruises** will begin sailing from Port Everglades in October 2017.

FLL news: **Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport** opened Concourse G in Terminal 4 with new concession areas and five new gates and is part of the first phase of a \$450 million expansion and modernization project. Phase Two will include an interactive walkway and nine new gates. When completed in mid-2018, the terminal will have 12 international and 2 domestic gates. The addition of Concourse A in Terminal 1 is underway and will include a Customs Inspection Facility with five gates handling both international and domestic flights and is expected to be completed May 2017.

New international service includes: **Norwegian Air Shuttle:** Paris (Aug 2016) and Guadeloupe, West Indies (Dec 2016); **Southwest:** Nassau (Aug 2016); **JetBlue:** Santa Clara, Cuba (Mon, Wed, Fri; Daily; Oct 2016); Camaguey, Cuba (Nov 2016), Holguin, Cuba (Nov 2016) and Havana, Cuba (Fall 2016). **New domestic service includes:** **JetBlue:** New Orleans (Sept 2016); **Allegiant:** Ogdensburg, NY (Oct 2016) and Niagara Falls (Nov 2016); **Frontier:** Cincinnati (Oct 2016 seasonal); **Spirit:** Newark (Oct 2016); Akron-Canton (Nov 2016); **Southwest:** Newark (May 2017); and **United:** Washington Dulles (Dec 2016 seasonal).

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new on the hotel scene

The **Conrad Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort** is expected to open in winter 2017 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.



HYDE Resort, the beachfront sister property to the newly opened **Beachwalk Resort** in Hallandale Beach, opens in 2017 with 300+ units, a pool, spa, and restaurant.

The **Le Meridien Dania Beach** at Fort Lauderdale Airport, formerly Sheraton Fort Lauderdale Airport & Cruise Port Hotel, is undergoing a \$30 million renovation and conversion and will feature 245 contemporary guest rooms, 20,000 sq ft of state-of-the-art flexible meeting space and two redesigned restaurants. Anticipated to open fall 2017.

A new \$21 million, 142 room **Wyndham Garden Hotel** in Dania Beach is expected to open late 2017 and plans to offer casual dining, flexible meeting space and an inviting lobby and lounge.

The historic Escape Hotel is being renovated and transformed into the **Gale Boutique Hotel**, with 96 rooms and 129 condo residences in Fort Lauderdale's North Beach Village. Estimated to open in late 2017.

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 dual-branded hotel complex, featuring the **Tribute Portfolio Hotel: The Dalmar** (209 rooms) will offer a rooftop lounge and sky lobby, an infinity pool and 24,000 sq ft of meeting and retail space. The **Element Fort Lauderdale Downtown** (114 rooms) will also be part of the hotel complex. Opens Mar 2018.

In addition to 136 loft-like rooms at **Aloft Weston**, the new property will offer 600 sq ft of meeting space and all the brand essentials such as WXYZ® bar, and a Splash pool. Opens Apr 2018. **Aloft Fort Lauderdale** will also provide loft-like rooms and all the brand's signature amenities, along with 1,500 sq ft of meeting facilities. Opens Jan 2019.

hotel refresh

The **Diplomat Resort & Spa** in Hollywood is undergoing a \$95 million transformation including guest rooms, lobby and restaurants & lounges. Completion fall 2016.

The **W Fort Lauderdale** is undergoing a \$55 million renovation restyle bringing a high-contrast, sleek design to 430 guest-rooms & suites, Living Room (Lobby), WET Decks (2 Pools) and all the public spaces. The new guestrooms and suites will be complete by Nov 2016, followed by all public spaces by mid-Dec 2016. A new 4,000 sq ft ballroom is underway along with an additional 3-meals-a-day Stephen Starr restaurant with completion slated for early 2017.

The **B Ocean Resort Fort Lauderdale** has undergone an extensive renovation including a new front desk, meeting space, guestrooms, and the famous Wreck Bar. Plans are underway to enhance the overall food and beverage concepts throughout the hotel as well as entertainment options. Completion fall 2016.

The **Renaissance Fort Lauderdale Cruise Port** is completing a total brand transformation with renovations to the hotel lobby, restaurants, and meeting space (guestrooms were refurbished in 2015).



The **Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort** is undergoing a \$5.5 million renovation including the transformation of the Porte cochere and lobby for a more inviting guest arrival experience, and a new oceanfront dining concept.

The **Fort Lauderdale Marriott Harbor Beach Resort & Spa** is renovating guestrooms with completion in mid-Nov 2016.

The Comfort Suites Airport & Cruise Port has been renamed Fort Lauderdale Airport/Cruise Port Inn as it transitions to **Four Points by Sheraton 17th Street** in Dec 2016.

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