

A tropical sunset scene with palm trees and a white lounge chair. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm orange glow over the sky and the ocean. The palm trees are silhouetted against the bright sky. In the foreground, a white lounge chair is visible, partially obscured by the palm trees.

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SATW FREELANCE COUNCIL
FORT LAUDERDALE
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WELCOME TO GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE



Welcome to the excitement, ease and warmth of Greater Fort Lauderdale. We are so excited to host the SATW Freelance Council meeting along our sunny shores.

While in town we hope you discover the many natural wonders the area has to offer from the seagrass to the sawgrass. Water lovers will enjoy the 23 miles of Blue Wave certified beaches that stretch enticingly along calm Atlantic waters -- from Deerfield Beach in the north to Hollywood and Hallandale Beach in the south.

Known as the Venice of America, Greater Fort Lauderdale sports a water culture that spans more than 300 miles, providing spectacular views of mega-yachts, mansions, and enticing "dock n' dine" options. In fact, you could

explore Greater Fort Lauderdale without touching land via our water taxi system and sightseeing boats and even an authentic gondola ride.

If you do explore by land, and we encourage you to do so, you'll find lots to do on our tree and botique lined Las Olas Boulevard in downtown Fort Lauderdale or in Hollywood beach to stroll along one of America's top Boardwalks (we call it the Broadwalk). Or, you could take in a show at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District, or get immersed in the exotic Everglades and the Seminole Indian culture.

Designer outlet shopping, hip neighborhoods, music lounges, fashion and art and entertain-

ment merge for a thriving day-to-night cultural scene. Ante up and double down and try your luck at a casino with blackjack, poker and slots.

There's always something special going on in beach-chic Greater Fort Lauderdale, where casual meets sophisticated and where endless experiences are waiting to be unleashed.

Our media relations team, brand ambassadors, and "locals in the know" (insider tourism experts) you will be interacting with during your visit will be available to assist you with information, directions, recommendations and tips.

So say Hello Sunny and really get to know the "new" Greater Fort Lauderdale during your stay with us.



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HOST HOTEL THE WESTIN BEACH RESORT & SPA

www.westinflauderdalebeach.com

Your host hotel, The Westin Beach Resort & Spa, Fort Lauderdale, welcomes you with miles of remarkable soft sand beaches and the blue waters of the Atlantic Ocean. This awe inspiring oceanfront retreat on Fort Lauderdale Beach underwent a rebirth in 2009 with a multi-phase, multi-million dollar renovation. The revamped resort offers a relaxing, restorative environment for mind and body with 433 spacious guestrooms and suites providing spectacular views of the ocean or Intracoastal Waterway.

resort offerings include

- Alluring 8,100 square foot Heavenly Spa by Westin™
- Indulge at the resort's signature restaurant, Shula's on the Beach, with sweeping oceanfront views
- Grab a bite at the poolside Waves Bar & Grill or Amastu Sushi & Sake
- Recharge at the WestinWORKOUT® Fitness Studio located adjacent to the full-service, oceanfront Starbucks Coffee outlet
- Located less than 5 miles away from Port Everglades, the *Cruising Capital of the World*, makes booking pre- and post-cruise stays a breeze
- Venture out to explore Greater Fort Lauderdale's best restaurants, boutiques, and nightlife, just steps from the hotel's front door
- Tiny footprints in the sand, the Westin Kids Club allows families to make the most of their beach vacation with entertainment for little visitors and support for parents that need some "me time"

During your stay, complimentary in-room Wi-Fi and internet access during professional development meetings will be available.

In addition, those traveling to the SATW Freelance Council conference in Greater Fort Lauderdale via car will have complimentary parking provided at The Westin Beach Resort & Spa during the core dates of the conference, November 14-17, 2014.

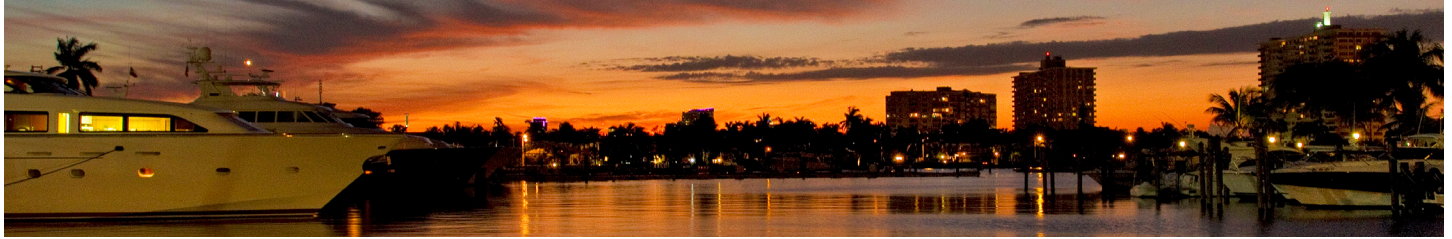
The Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau will be arranging complimentary airport transfers from the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL) only and will require your arrival/departure information to create a manifest for scheduling. You will be able to enter this information on your registration or simply send an email to Jessica Chapman at jchapman@cmc-associates.com with your flight information. If you are flying into any other airport, you are responsible for scheduling transfers at your own expense. For a list of direct air routes and airlines that service FLL, visit www.sunny.org/airport



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PRE & POST CONFERENCE

WELCOME SOCIETY OF TRAVEL WRITERS



pre-conference options



ROYAL CARIBBEAN 5-night Western Caribbean cruise:

- Departs on November 8
- Cost: from \$699. (Attendees to book direct with cruise lines, cost on own)

HOLLYWOOD Tour of the City's most well-known hotels, beach, and Broadwalk, museums, downtown and natural wonders

- Tour begins mid-day on Thursday, November 13
- Cost: \$159-per night at Westin Beach Resort & Spa, Fort Lauderdale
Tour, lunch, dinner and transportation included

Friday, November 14

ALL DAY: Arrivals and check-in at Westin Beach Resort & Spa, Fort Lauderdale

early arrival options



EXPLORE FORT LAUDERDALE The Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau will offer media VIP passes for attendees, which will provide FREE admission to more than two dozen local attractions, along with a map and suggested transportation modes. From a Water Taxi tour to group cycling along the beach, go at your own pace and enjoy the splendor of Greater Fort Lauderdale.

SHOP TIL' YOU DROP The nation's largest outlet shopping destination, Sawgrass Mills, is located in Broward County! Your first purchase- another piece of luggage to bring back all the bargains you'll want to take advantage of. (Transportation to and from to be arranged)

EVENING WELCOME RECEPTION See first-hand why Fort Lauderdale is called the "Venice of America."

- 5:45pm - Board yacht for welcome reception and cruise.
- 6pm - Welcoming Reception aboard one of Fort Lauderdale's many beautiful yachts.
- Attire: Resort casual

Saturday, November 15

CONFERENCE ITINERARY

5:30 - 7:30 am

Optional: Early morning sunrise photo shoot of beach and nature area

8 am

Breakfast in Atlantic Ballroom I

9 am

Business meeting commences in Atlantic Ballroom VI

9:45 am

Professional development session begins Atlantic Ballroom VI

10:30 am

Coffee break

12pm

Depart for tours. Meet in lower lobby of convention center bus entrance



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TOUR OPTION 1

PATHWAYS TO THE SEMINOLE NATION

Enjoy a trip to the Everglades and learn about the history of the Seminole Nation. Highlights include a visit to the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum, an authentic Seminole village tour and an airboat ride. Dine at the Swamp Water Café features gator nuggets, frog legs, catfish and fry bread with honey (standard fare also offered).

TOUR OPTION 2

NAUTICAL WANDERINGS

Enjoy lunch in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea and a quick jaunt around town to view this sea side village’s colorful embrace of the sea. Visit the Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society museum and take a boat tour to the Hillsboro Lighthouse for a glimpse at this local treasure and celebration of Greater Fort Lauderdale’s nautical history. Travel back in time with dinner and a tour of Cap’s Place, a 1920’s hideaway of smugglers, gangsters and coastal fishermen accessible only by boat.



Sunday, November 16 CONFERENCE ITINERARY

- 7:30 am** | Breakfast in Atlantic Ballroom I
- 8:30-10:30 am** | Professional development session begins Atlantic Ballroom VI
- 11 am** | Depart for tours. Meet in lower lobby of convention center bus entrance



TOUR OPTION 1

ARTS & CULTURE

Visit the Museum of Art for a tour and personalized art class, followed by brunch at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts and a performance of the smash Off-Broadway musical sensation, The Marvelous Wonderettes.



TOUR OPTION 2

Catamaran Reef Sail

Hop aboard the Spirit of Lauderdale Catamaran Cruise for a 3-hour Reef Snorkel cruise beginning with a mansion and historic site tour along the Intracoastal Waterway before heading to the ocean for some fun in the water. You will anchor on the first reef (approximately 10 feet of water) where everyone will be able to swim/snorkel on the reef.



TOUR OPTION 3

AFTERNOON TO EXPLORE FORT LAUDERDALE

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7 pm

Evening Closing Reception

Enjoy one last night in Greater Fort Lauderdale to reminisce on the week's adventures. Depart for a tour aboard the Water Taxi through the Intracoastal Waterways of Greater Fort Lauderdale. Take in views of Millionaire's Row and catch a glimpse into the lifestyle of Fort Lauderdale's 'rich & famous.' Experience a progressive Dine-a-Round along the area's style-mile, Las Olas Boulevard, dotted with countless outdoor eateries, galleries and boutiques.

Monday, November 17 CONFERENCE ITINERARY

7:30 am

Breakfast

8:30 am

Optional tours depart

optional tours



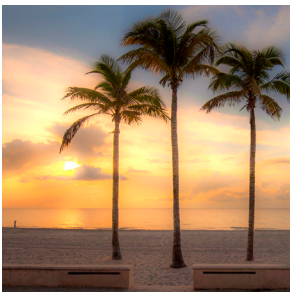
NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY EXPEDITION Discover Broward's inspiring landscapes and search for wood storks, otters, herons, ibis and alligators to capture as your next photographic subjects. Travel Greater Fort Lauderdale's untouched natural areas and wetlands for exceptional photography. Personally guided tour by birders and ecologists through areas of natural beauty.

BEACH BIKE TOUR AND VISIT TO LOCAL GARDENS. The Eco-Bike Tour follows Fort Lauderdale beach, guided by a historian/naturalist. Stops include a visit to the Bonnet House Museum & Gardens, and a visit to a local park forming an oasis of tropical hammocks between the ocean and the Intracoastal Waterway.

TOUR OF THE WILD FLORIDA LANDSCAPE. Old Florida Horseback journey includes a 90-minute tour of the wild Florida landscape with a visit to Flamingo Gardens including a 30-minute tram ride and tour of this 60-acre botanical garden and wildlife sanctuary.

NOON | Conference Ends

post-conference fam options



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FREE THINGS TO DO in Greater Fort Lauderdale



gr8 beaches

Enjoy a day of fun in the sun and swimming in the Atlantic at eight distinct beaches in Greater Fort Lauderdale, spanning 23 miles of Blue Wave certified beaches.

Stroll, jog, or bike along the brick-lined **FORT LAUDERDALE** beachfront promenade, a chic and charming cosmopolitan spot. Pass by the world famous Elbo Room, site of the 1960's "Where the Boys Are" movie. fortlauderdale.gov

Meditate as you watch the sunrise on beautiful **DEERFIELD BEACH**, Broward County's cove-like beach with fishing pier, volleyball courts and chickee huts. deerfield-beach.com

HOLLYWOOD is eclectic, retro-cool and laid back. The 2 1/2-mile Broadwalk is ideal for walking, cycling (try a fun-cycle), and jogging. Outdoor cafés abound. hollywoodfl.org

Snorkel (no boat needed) from shore along **LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA'S** three-tiered reefs. Catch the Old Florida "beach village" vibe of this 1/2-mile hamlet. lbts.com

Enjoy **POMPANO BEACH'S** three-and-a-half mile beach, a favorite spot for families featuring playgrounds, fishing pier, boat charters and dive shops. mypompanobeach.org

nature parks

Climb (or elevator) to the observation tower, or follow the boardwalk at **ANNE KOLB NATURE CENTER** at West Lake Park in Hollywood, a 1,500 mangrove estuary and habitat for wading birds and other native wildlife. (954) 926-2410, broward.org/parks

CENTRAL BROWARD REGIONAL PARK & STADIUM in Lauderhill, is the only certified US Cricket stadium, free on weekdays, with soccer/football fields, netball courts, tennis courts, basketball courts and water playground. broward.org/parks

FERN FOREST NATURE CENTER, in Coconut Creek, offers a beautiful and serene setting with a picnic shelter, amphitheater, and the Royal Fern Hall. broward.org/parks

SNAKE WARRIOR'S ISLAND, in Miramar, is a 53.3-acre nature preserve that is part of the Great Florida Birding Trail.

Stroll along downtown Fort Lauderdale's **RIVERWALK** along the New River to attractions, restaurants, and shops. Talk thru the "whispering dishes," or tell time with the gravity clock at the Museum of Discovery & Science with the new Eco-Discovery Center. goriverwalk.com



arts & culture

AFRICAN-AMERICAN RESEARCH LIBRARY & CULTURAL CENTER with more than 75,000 books, documents, artifacts focusing on the experiences of people of African descent. (954) 625-2800, broward.org/aaricc.htm

ARTSPARK AT YOUNG CIRCLE in downtown Hollywood is a great place to play and enjoy visual and performing arts programs. Thurs-Sun: Free glass-blowing demonstrations. hollywoodfl.org/artspark

OLD DILLARD MUSEUM is an historic landmark containing African-American galleries of cultural and historic artifacts in traditional settings. browardschools.com/history/1920.htm

ART WALKS, monthly on Las Olas Boulevard and FAT Village in downtown Fort Lauderdale, as well as Hollywood, Wilton Manors and Pompano Beach. sunny.org/artwalks





WHAT'S NEW in Greater Fort Lauderdale



broward 100

Broward County gets ready to kick off its 100 year centennial. “Broward 100 – Celebrating the Art of Community” will be a year-long, community-wide celebration beginning October 2014, with numerous events and activities that incorporate the arts to strengthen communities and build unity. There will be four featured cornerstones of Broward’s centennial celebration: Inside Out, VisualEYES, Calendar 100 and a grand finale event, October 2-4, 2015, that will showcase Greater Fort Lauderdale’s diverse talent in an exciting way. Visit broward100.org for details, and to wish Broward County a happy birthday.

restaurant scene

Beauty and the Feast Bar|Kitchen is the newest restaurant concept at The Atlantic Hotel & Spa, featuring a trendy globally-inspired American menu of small plates, entrees, and family-style feast plates. Newcomer in the Hammersheer Village neighborhood from the Creative Kitchen Restaurant Group is **The Bull Market**, an American gastropub with shared plates menu of traditional items with a funky twist – like Dr. Pepper Pulled Pork, Captain Crunch Chicken Fingers and Angry Orchard Sloppy Joes. Fork & Balls, a new meatball restaurant concept from The Restaurant People, recently opened on Las Olas Boulevard featuring a casual bar scene with craft beers and wine, as well as a wide variety of balls, meatballs that is. Sliders, sandwiches and salads are also on the menu. **Steak 954** at the W Fort Lauderdale was recognized in Wine Enthusiast’s list of America’s 100 Best Wine Restaurants in 2014.



slip into something sunny



Sawgrass Mills continues to expand and offer first-in-market locations. The famed **Diesel** brand brings its haute couture denim to the upscale Colonnade Outlets. For tiny fashionistas, **Catimini**, offers fresh, innovative, chic apparel for children. And just in time for swimsuit season, **OndadeMar** offers a vast selection of bikinis, one-pieces and resort wear with a laid-back, sophisticated beach style. Also opening: **OneClick**, Apple reseller; **Samsung**, **The North Face Outlet Store** and **AllSaints** British fashion retailer, the first in Florida. On the culinary front, **Zinburger Wine & Burger Bar** recently opened offering gourmet burgers, salads, cocktails, wines by the glass and a hearty selection of beers.



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10 WAYS to PLAY

With sun-kissed beaches, outdoor cafes, shopping galore and exciting attractions just minutes away, it's easy to trade airport blues for sunny hues. Here are some ways to play, in under three hours, before your flight home. Visit www.sunny.org/CruiseandPlay for deals, maps and more.



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beachfront promenade

Only two miles north of Port Everglades, you can experience the landscaped beachfront promenade with its signature white wave wall and brick paved path. Across the street, visit luxury hotels and Gallery at BeachPlace for casual fun, shopping, dining, or a narrated 90-min. amphibious Fort Lauderdale Duck Tour of quaint Las Olas Boulevard, historical districts and the mansions and yachts dotting Millionaire's Row. Daily 11am-3pm. Adults \$32, seniors \$26, children \$18, under 3 \$5. Distance from the Port: 2.5 miles, approx. \$16 taxi*

las olas boulevard

Downtown Fort Lauderdale, www.lasolasboulevard.com. Stroll, people watch, sip a latte at an outdoor cafe or shop the chic boutiques along Las Olas Boulevard, a sophisticated mile of fashion, art and sidewalk cafes. Stop by the Stranahan House, a preserved 1900s house furnished with antiques of the era. Or "follow the red brick road" of Riverwalk, the landscaped park, to the Arts & Entertainment District. Distance from the Port: 3.9 miles, approx \$16 taxi ride*



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riverwalk arts & entertainment district

Downtown Fort Lauderdale, 954-468-1541, www.riverwalk-ae.com. The heart of downtown Fort Lauderdale pulses with shopping, dining, waterfront parks and cultural attractions -- the Bonnet House, Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Museum of Discovery & Science/Automation 3D IMAX, Florida Grand Opera, Fort Lauderdale History Center, Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale, Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival, and Stranahan House. All are along brick-lined Riverwalk, a meandering promenade that runs along the New River. The 22-block district includes chic Las Olas Blvd for fashion, dining and nightlife. Distance from the Port: 3.1 miles, approx \$16 taxi ride*

boat tours: intracoastal waterway & millionaire's row

WATER TAXI

954-467-6677
watertaxi.com
 Closest docks to Port are Hilton Fort Lauderdale Marina and Hyatt Regency Pier 66. \$22 unlimited all day (seniors \$18, kids \$11), after 5pm \$15. Family pack available.

JUNGLE QUEEN RIVERBOAT

954-462-5596
junglequeen.com
 Bahia Mar Yachting Center on A1A. 90-minute and 3-hour sightseeing cruise + dinner cruise. Adults \$21.95, under 12 \$11.95. Distance from Port: 2 miles*

RIVERFRONT CRUISES

954-463-3440
anticipation.com/riverfront
 Las Olas Riverfront. 90-min sightseeing cruise. Every 2 hrs from 11am-3pm. Adults \$23, Kids 4-16 \$13, Under 4 free, Distance from Port: 3 miles*



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bonnet house

900 N. Birch Rd., Fort Lauderdale, 954-563-5393, www.bonnethouse.org
Learn about Fort Lauderdale history, art, nature and a true love story at this 35-acre estate, nestled between the beach and Intracoastal Waterway. Open: Tues-Sat, 10am-4pm, Sun 11am-4pm, Last tour begins at 3:30pm. Closed Mon and Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day. Adults \$20, seniors \$18, children 6-12, \$16, under 6 free. Distance from the Port: 4.2 miles*



IGFA fishing hall of fame & museum

300 Gulfstream Way, Dania Beach, 954-922-4212, www.igfa.org. World-class state-of-the-art facility includes seven galleries, an outdoor marina, living wetlands, a theater, virtual fishing and indoor/outdoor demonstrations. Open Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun noon-6pm. Adults \$10, seniors and children 3-16 \$5, under 3 free. Distance from the Port: 4.7 miles*

sawgrass mills mall

12801 West Sunrise Blvd., Sunrise, 954-846-2350 www.sawgrassmillsmall.com More than 350 designer outlets, specialty shops and restaurants await. Don't miss The Colonnade Outlets at Sawgrass, with high-end luxury fashion, including Coach, David Yurman, Florida's first Prada Outlet, Bloomingdale's - The Outlet Store, Saks Fifth Avenue Off Fifth, Burberry and Salvatore Ferragamo. Dining scene includes Grand Lux Cafe, The Villagio, P.F. Chang's China Bistro, Cheesecake Factory and more. Allow at least three hours to experience this shopping mecca. Distance from the Port: 16 miles*



young at art museum

751 SW 121 Ave, Davie, 954-424-0085 youngatartmuseum.org An Artrageous Adventure Awaits! Ride a subway, visit a cave and discover a dig in Artscapes. Build sand sculptures and recycled puppets in GreenScapes. Learn about faraway customs in CultureScapes. Explore the world of Alice in Wonderscapes. Sun 11am-6pm, Mon-Thurs, 10am-5pm, Fri-Sat 10am-6pm. Adults \$14, seniors 62+ \$12. Distance from the Port: 13.9 miles*

the galleria

2414 E. Sunrise Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, 954-564-1015 www.galleriamall-fl.com
Located just off of Fort Lauderdale beach, The Galleria Mall offers 120 stores, including Neiman-Marcus, Macy's and Red Door Spa. Dine at Truluck's, Seasons 52, Blue Martini, P.F. Chang's and Capital Grille. Distance from the Port: 6.8 miles*



hooray for hollywood

www.visithollywood.org; www.downtownhollywood.com
Beach: Sheridan St. and Hollywood Blvd. Rent a "funcycle" or six-man bike and cruise along this 2 1/2 mile paved Boardwalk, lined with cafes and shops. Downtown: Browse art galleries, boutiques and sidewalk cafes. Explore ArtsPark at Young Circle, the 10-acre site for festivals and events. Hollywood Trolley is a fun way to get around, Wed-Sun, 10am-10pm, \$1 per ride/per person. Distance from the Port: 10.8 miles*

Broward County taxi rates: \$4.50 for the first mile, \$2.40 each additional mile, 40¢ per minute wait time. \$2 port fee for transfers between FLL Airport and Port Everglades.

UNDERGROUND LAUDERDALE BRING^{ON}_{THE} NIGHT

After the sun sets, the heat rises with drinks under the stars, downtown clubs and moonlit beach bashes. Dance to your own beat in this city by the sea, where casual and upscale mingle beautifully. Uncover a hub for up-and-coming artists, musicians and performers. On any given night, catch street art in action or an impromptu jam session. Even food trucks are making regular appearances. Delicious.

a1a nightlife

Go from sunny sands to sizzling nightlife. Sip a cocktail and people watch on open-air patios. From the Elbo Room to the Parrot Lounge, all-in-one entertainment is across from the beach. Fort Lauderdale Beach

art walk

Multiple communities come together to celebrate local creativity with food, drink and live music. Street performances, interactive exhibitions and more. Fort Lauderdale, Hollywood, Pompano Beach, Wilton Manors

artspark at young circle

Wide array of visual and performing arts themed educational, recreational, and entertainment. Hollywood

craft beer scene

“Sip” into Fort Lauderdale’s craft beer community and savor original brews at 13 EVEN, Bull Market, Funky Buddha Brewery, Laser Wolf, Original Fat Cat’s, Riverside Market, Tap 42, The Mack House and The Topsy Boar.

f.a.t. village

Urban Arts District with open artists’ studios, galleries, live theatre, and a host of one-of-a-kind events. NW 1st Ave. and NW 5th St., Fort Lauderdale

the galleria at night

Which of 42 martinis will tempt those tastebuds the most? Find out at Blue Martini. Or enjoy happy hour at Truluck’s, Capital Grille. Fort Lauderdale

himmarshee village

Irish pubs, Tarpon Bend and Revolution Live. Downtown becomes one big block party. Fort Lauderdale

las olas lounge scene

O Lounge at YOLO, Vibe, Voodka and Preston’s at the Riverside are perfect for chilling out. See and be seen at American Social, Las Olas Wine Cafe, Big City Tavern, Grille 401 and the Royal Pig. Fort Lauderdale

seminole paradise at seminole hard rock hotel & casino

Crave 24/7 fun with Vegas sizzle? This is “THE” spot: themed eateries, high-energy clubs, shops, plus Hard Rock Live. Hollywood

village at gulf stream park

This outdoor shopping, gaming and entertainment complex features vibrant cafés and signature restaurants. Hallandale Beach



ALL ASHORE

SAILING FROM THE CRUISE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD

When cruising in and out of Port Everglades don't forget to extend the fun by coming a little earlier or staying a little longer — easy breezy when the Port and Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport are just two miles apart from each other. Even if there are only a few hours to spare before the flight home, there's plenty of sunny to go around. Visit sunny.org/cruiseandplay for pre- and post-cruise suggestions.

four hours to spare?

Wander through boutiques and galleries on Las Olas Boulevard. Savor fresh-seafood from an open-air bistro or enjoy a wine bar and tapas.

eight hours to spare?

Enjoy Blue Wave beaches and warm sunny breezes or treat the kids to hands-on fun at the Museum of Discovery and Science (not to mention that awesome five-story 3D IMAX screen and EcoDiscovery Center).

extra day or more?

Score the best deals at Sawgrass Mills — the world's largest designer outlet mall. Take an airboat ride through the Everglades. Relax at a beachfront café. Stroll along Riverwalk in the Arts & Entertainment district. Meander through museums or take in a show at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. B-Cycle from downtown to the beach and enjoy the ocean breezes and views.

HELLO WILD CHILD

Fly by some of mother earth's most amazing wonders on an airboat ride in the Everglades. Kayak, bird watch, or visit a panther in its natural habitat. Then there are the gators and manatees that call this area home. Unforgettable encounters everywhere.

anne kolb nature center

See endangered species at this 1,500 mangrove ecosystem. Explore by kayak, boat or boardwalk trails. Observation Tower. West Lake Park, Hollywood

billie swamp safari

Airboat rides, Swamp Buggy tours, overnight camping in a Seminole Chickee Hut, animal encounters. Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation

broward parks eNaturalist program

eNature Tours provide users with a smart phone or tablet enabled video- and audio- guided tour through natural areas. Program includes geocaching, eLearning Center and educational website. Broward County

butterfly world

The country's largest free flight hummingbird aviary. Hand feed Australian Lorikeets. Admire lush rainforest waterfalls and over 80 species of butterflies. Coconut Creek

flamingo gardens

60 acres house more than 70 native birds and thousands of rare, exotic plants. Free flight bird aviary; alligator viewing, bobcats, Florida panthers and of course, flamingos. Davie



hugh taylor birch state park

A freshwater lagoon, nature trails and beach access make this a fun oasis between the ocean and the Intracoastal Waterway. Fort Lauderdale

john u. lloyd beach state park

A scenic spot for kayaking, bird watching, shore diving, fishing and boating. Dania Beach

sawgrass recreation park

Alligator and panther exhibits and daytime and nighttime airboat adventures in the Everglades. Weston

SOAK IT ALL IN: ARTS & CULTURE

A vibrant arts and culture scene comes alive with engaging performances, stirring exhibitions, music, film, historic sites and a multitude of other offerings. Ignite your senses. Enrich your mind. In Greater Fort Lauderdale, creativity shines.

art and culture center of hollywood

Enjoy contemporary art and live performances. Hollywood

bonnet house Foster creative expression and reflection at this 35-acre historic house and museum. Fort Lauderdale

broward 100

Commemorating Broward County's centennial. Year-long festivities.

www.broward100.org Fort Lauderdale

broward center for the performing arts

Multiple stages and a diverse schedule include the best of Broadway, such as Pippin, plus opera, ballet and concerts. Fort Lauderdale

fort lauderdale history center

Tours of century-old buildings, the first schoolhouse and more. Fort Lauderdale

hillsboro lighthouse

The iconic lighthouse built in 1905 still shines with the brightest beams on the East Coast. Tours conducted by Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society. Hillsboro Beach

nsu museum of art fort lauderdale

Permanent Glackens and European CoBrA movement collections. Fort Lauderdale

riverwalk arts & entertainment district

Entertainment along the New River, offering shows, dining and nightlife. Fort Lauderdale

stranahan house

Tour the oldest surviving structure in Broward County. Built in 1901 by Frank Stranahan, credited as Fort Lauderdale's founding father. Fort Lauderdale

