

WHAT'S NEW in Greater Fort Lauderdale

september is restaurant & spa month From savory, signature dishes created by top chefs, to relaxing treatments at Greater Fort Lauderdale's most sublime resort & day spas, our **Crave GFL & Spatember** programs provide visitors with extraordinary culinary and pampered experiences at affordable prices

during September. **Crave GFL**, our newly designed restaurant month, celebrates the area's top dining with specially-created menus at a \$37 fixed price and a calendar of culinary events: sunny.org/cravegfl.

Spatember allows you to take some time for yourself with special \$99 spa treatments (a 50% savings) from lavish pampering to deep relaxation: sunny.org/spatember.



summer savings Explore the exotic Everglades. Discover a passion for diving. Get lost in a world of butterflies. Enjoy **2-for-1 Summer Savings** at more than 60 attractions, restaurants and spas now through Oct 15. It's all part of a vacation that goes beyond the ordinary. Visit sunny.org/summer to request a 2-for-1 summer savings card. Go luxe for less with a signature **Vacation Like a VIP** package at our finest resorts with a room upgrade, \$100 resort credit, complimentary valet parking, \$25 American Express gift card, complimentary Savings Passport coupon book at Sawgrass Mills, and 2-for-1 Summer Savings card. The VIP package is offered exclusively at our Resort Collection now through Oct 15 with two-night minimum stay: sunny.org/vip.

FLL news **Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL)** opened Concourse A in Terminal 1 with a

Customs Inspection Facility for five international gates, part of the second phase of a \$450 million expansion and modernization project. **New Service for 2017:** **JetBlue:** Aruba, Atlanta, Chicago, Long Beach and Salt Lake City (Nov); **Allegiant:** Cleveland, Allentown, Louisville, Milwaukee (Nov), and Norfolk (Nov); **Delta:** Salt Lake City (Nov); **Southwest:** Newark, Orlando and Washington Dulles, and new international service to Cancun, Montego Bay, Belize, Grand Cayman, and San Jose and Punta Cana (Nov); **Spirit:** Hartford and Pittsburgh; **British Airways:** London Gatwick; **Norwegian Air Shuttle:** Barcelona (Aug) and Martinique (French Caribbean) (Oct); and **Emirates:** Dubai.



cruise update **Port Everglades** welcomed **Carnival Cruise's** *Carnival Splendor* to the summer roster. **Silversea Cruises'** newest cruise ship *Silver Muse* will begin sailing Oct 2017. The 596-passenger Silver Muse is scheduled for five sailings in addition to voyages on *Silver Spirit*, *Silver Whisper* and *Silver Wind* also sailing from Port Everglades. Luxury cruise line **Crystal Cruises** will begin sailing from Port Everglades Oct 2017 with *Crystal Serenity* and *Crystal Symphony*. **Princess Cruises** begins year-round sailings with *Caribbean Princess* in Apr 2018 and **Celebrity Cruises'** new 2,900 passenger, *Celebrity Edge*, will homeport fall 2018.



shipwreck park In August there will be a new addition to Shipwreck Park in Pompano Beach. One mile offshore, the 103 foot KT-1970 Okinawa ship will join her sister ship, the 324 foot Lady Luck. The ship will settle in 70 feet of water making her wheelhouse clearly visible from the surface and an easy dive. Her centerpiece will be a 'dive bar' supported by many fascinating sea creature replicas surrounding her focal point including a 12 foot mermaid overseeing the bar. At least 16 other shipwrecks are in the vicinity, in one of the most easily accessible major dive sites in the nation.



center stage The **BB&T Center** in Sunrise welcomes Scorpions & Megadeth (Oct 14), Bruno Mars (Oct 15), Tim McGraw and Faith Hill (Oct 19), André Rieu (Nov 3), Janet Jackson (Dec 11) and Jim Gaffigan (Dec 29). The **Hard Rock Live** in Hollywood presents Chris Tucker (Sept 2), Santana (Oct 28), Roger Daltrey (Nov 1), and Tracy Morgan (Nov 4). The live music scene continues to heat up with **RockFest 80s** with Joan Jett, Quiet Riot, Sebastian Bach, Lynard Skynard and many of your favorite '80s bands Nov 4-5 at CB Smith Park in Pembroke Pines. **Riptide Music Festival**, a two-day alternative & classic hits music fest, returns to Fort Lauderdale beach Dec 2-3.

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new on the hotel scene

The **Plunge Beach Hotel** grand debut took place in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea in early 2017. The 157-room oceanfront hotel complex offers direct beach access and is comprised of three individual buildings (Island, Beach and Bungalow residences). Among the resort's perks is the **Backflip Beach Bar**, the only true toes-in-the-sand beach bar in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, along with Octopus Lobby Gastropub and Bean & Barnacle Coffee Shop and Marketplace. Amenities include two beachfront swimming pools with ocean views.



Conrad Fort Lauderdale Beach will open fall 2017 with 290 all suite accommodations, indoor and outdoor dining venues, a 4,000-sq ft ocean view spa and fitness center, an elevated ocean-facing Sky Deck oasis with heated pool and cabanas, as well as 10,000 sq. ft. of flexible meeting and event space.

The \$23 million **TRYP by Wyndham Maritim Hotel** will be opening its doors in the fall 2017. The eight-story, 150 room, maritime-themed hotel will cater to business and leisure travelers and offer a European-style Spanish Tapas Bar, Rooftop Bar, free



Wi-Fi, 5,000 sq. ft. of flexible event space, shuttle to the airport & cruise port, and featuring 11 aquariums.

The **Le Méridien 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 square feet of state-of-the-art flexible meeting space and two redesigned restaurants. Anticipated to open in 2018.

A new full-service dual branded hotel is coming to downtown Fort Lauderdale in late spring 2018. **The Dalmar** (209 rooms) and **The Element** (114 rooms) are part of the Tribute Portfolio, an independent portfolio of hotels by Marriott, previously Starwood. The 24-story, 323-room hotel and will offer an elevated arrival experience on the 6th floor along with a lobby bar, pool deck, and fitness room, and will include 9,000 sq. ft. of meeting and ballroom space, a ground-floor coffee shop and retail component. The hotel will also have a high-rise rooftop bar on its 25th floor, offering stunning 360 degree views and craft cocktails.

Breaking ground soon, a new 23-story **Four Seasons** will open in 2019 with 150 hotel rooms and 95 residences, two restaurants, a spa, fitness center, children's recreation room, "Beach Butlers" and ballroom and meeting facilities.

hotel refresh

After a \$100 million transformation, **The Diplomat Beach Resort** ushers in a new era of oceanfront perfection with view-inspired guestrooms and suites, luxe amenities and 10 all new culinary experiences helmed by celebrity chefs including Geoffrey Zakarian's **Point Royal** and Michael Schulson's **Monkital**.

Fresh off a \$55 million renovation, **W Fort Lauderdale** brings a high-contrast, sleek design to its 517 guestrooms & suites, Fourth Floor Living Room (lobby) & Terrace, two infinity-style WET Deck pools, chic public spaces, and new addition: **The Sushi Bar**.



B Ocean Resort recently unveiled its all-encompassing renovation, offering 484 spacious guest rooms and suites including an oceanfront presidential suite with picturesque, panoramic views. Amenities include two outdoor infinity edge swimming pools, a 24-hour state-of-the-art B Active® Fitness Center, two B Indulged® Spa Suites and more than 14,000 sq. ft. of indoor and outdoor meeting space. Chef and TV personality, Ralph Pagano leads the hotel's food and beverage concepts including **NAKED CRAB Seafood Kitchen | Cocktail Bar, Salty Siren** and the world-famous **Wreck Bar**.



The **Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort** completed a \$5.5 million renovation in January 2017, transforming the arrival and dining experience with a more inviting guest arrival experience to the Porte cochere, lobby, and a new oceanfront restaurant **Siren's Table**, a getaway for the senses serving impeccably-sourced seafood and prime, juicy steaks.

The **Bahia Mar Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort** is undergoing a \$7 million makeover this summer sporting a nautical theme inspired by the area's boating, marina and beach lifestyle. Completion is scheduled for late Oct 2017.

The **Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino** in Hollywood is adding a \$1.8 billion, guitar-shaped tower with 800 rooms adding to its already 500 guest rooms. In addition, the project will bring a number of new dining and entertainment venues, and an estimated 50,000 sq. ft. of function space to be completed by late 2019.