

WHAT'S NEW IN GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE

Happenings By Air and By Sea **Rock the Ocean's Tortuga Music Festival**, April 17-19, 2020 celebrates 8 years on Fort Lauderdale beach with a three-day music festival featuring some of the biggest names in country, rock and roots music including headliners Luke Bryan, Miranda Lambert and Tim McGraw. See the full lineup at tortugamusicfestival.com. Greater Fort Lauderdale is proud to be the host destination for the first-ever **Pride of the Americas**, April 21-26, 2020. This historic and transformational event brings two continents and 35 countries together, welcoming everyone under the sun. Learn more at sunny.org/prideamericas. The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds return to Fort Lauderdale beach to headline the **Fort Lauderdale Air Show**, May 2-3, 2020. Find more info at fortlauderdaleairshow.com.

Entertainment Experiences **Dania Pointe**, a 102-acre premier mixed-use development with almost 1 million sq. ft. of retail and restaurants, now has 22 stores opened and more coming soon. An additional 370,000 sq. ft. of retail, dining and entertainment options, along with two Marriott hotels offering 350 rooms combined, two 250,000 sq. ft. office buildings, and 600 residential apartments will be part of the second phase. The **Pompano Beach Fishing Village** redevelopment is well underway and part of a major beachfront renovation. The landmark **Oceanic Restaurant** is now open, the city's pier is reopening soon, and **Lucky Fish Beach Bar and Grill**, an open-air restaurant with a large Keys style Tiki Bar and live music, is expected to open early 2020. The **Las Olas Beach Park** project, a \$49 million initiative bringing two new waterfront parks to Fort Lauderdale beach, is underway and is set to open to the public soon. The project will include more green space, a tree-lined promenade, landscape and streetscape enhancements, pedestrian connections, and a state-of-the-art parking facility.



SeaQuest Fort Lauderdale, a hands-on global sea life education and entertainment experience for all ages is opening early 2020 at The Galleria at Fort Lauderdale. The 23,000 sq. ft. venue will be home to a variety of animal species from across the globe and designed as a "Quest of Edutainment," a journey through realistically-themed environments where visitors connect with select animals through various encounters. **Parker Playhouse** is in the midst of a \$25 million transformation to take the iconic entertainment venue into the 21st century. The venue will retain its classic elegance with many original architectural features remaining intact. Restoration includes a new elegant lobby, enhanced food and beverage options, private donor and VIP lounges, upgraded systems and equipment.

FLL Update Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL) has more than 350 average daily flights, offering non-stop service to more than 85 U.S. cities and more than 62 international destinations in 33 countries. **New service in 2019 includes:** **Spirit Airlines:** Nashville (Oct), **Frontier Airlines:** Cleveland and Cincinnati (Nov), **Southwest Airlines:** Cleveland, Louisville, Boston (Nov, all seasonal), **Swoop:** Winnipeg (Nov), **Air Transat:** Vancouver (Dec) and **Azul:** Belo Horizonte, Brazil (Dec). As part of FLL's Modernization Program, the airport continues to make enhancements to Terminals 2, 3 & 4 including maximizing passenger transition space and ticket counter area, new dining and shopping venues, new terminal security checkpoint and new U.S. Customs and Border Protection functionality, as well as connectors linking Terminals 1, 2 and 3.



Cruise Update **Carnival's** newly transformed **Carnival Sunrise** recently arrived at Port Everglades launching a schedule of four- and five-day Caribbean and Bahamas cruises. New features include casual food and beverage options, a new water park, theater and other live entertainment and updates to state rooms and two redesigned Captain's suites. Port Everglades also welcomes **Princess Cruises' Sky Princess** in December 2019 with alternating seven-day Eastern and Western Caribbean itineraries for the 2020 sailing season. Guests will enjoy a relaxed pace while being introduced to the local cultures of each destination through curated, immersive experiences ashore. In November 2020, **Royal Caribbean** will debut its newest ship, *Odyssey of the Seas*. This will mark Royal Caribbean's first Quantum Ultra Class ship to arrive in North America with capacity for more than 4,000 passengers. Also next year, **Celebrity Cruises** will introduce the *Celebrity APEX*, sister ship to *Celebrity Edge*, and luxury line **Silversea Cruises** will debut *Silver Moon*.

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New on the Hotel Scene

The Dalmar, part of the Tribute Portfolio, Marriott International's newest independent brand of hotels, opened in December 2018 featuring 209 rooms including 44 suites. The 25-story hotel offers an elevated arrival experience on the sixth floor along with a lobby lounge, pool deck and fitness room and includes 15,000 sq. ft. of indoor and outdoor meeting and ballroom space, **The Terrace Grill**, a modern American restaurant, a high-rise rooftop bar **Sparrow** and **Rose's Coffee Bar**. Accompanying The Dalmar, on floors 7 through 12, the **Element by Westin**, an extended stay experience, offers 114 rooms including 28 suites, and an exclusive third floor check-in experience.



The expansion and all-new "Guitar Hotel" at **Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood** opened October 2019 showcasing 638 new luxury guest rooms and suites and an oasis tower with 168 guest rooms and suites. The casino nearly doubled in size, plus a new poker room. Additional amenities include a newly rebuilt Hard Rock Live entertainment venue, new restaurants, bars and lounges, 120,000 sq. ft. of meeting and convention space, as well as a 41,000 sq. ft. spa.

The **Le Méridien Dania Beach at Fort Lauderdale Airport** is undergoing a \$30 million renovation and conversion featuring 245 contemporary guest rooms, 20,000 sq. ft. of state-of-the-art flexible meeting space and two redesigned restaurants. Anticipated opening December 2019.

Gale Boutique Hotel & Residences Fort Lauderdale, with 96 rooms and 129 condo residences, will feature luxury amenities, sleek furnishings, rooftop sky deck, fitness center, spa and pool. Opening early 2020.

Dual-Branded **Tru by Hilton** and **Home2 Suites by Hilton** is expected to open summer 2020 in Flagler Village in downtown Fort Lauderdale. The property will have 112 Tru guestrooms and 106 Home2 Suites guestrooms and an outdoor pool deck complemented by an outdoor bar, a fitness center, and 4,843 sq. ft. of private event and conference space. Another **Tru by Hilton** and **Hilton Home2Suites** is scheduled to open a 150 room hotel with a rooftop bar in Pompano Beach Fishing Village in April 2021.

Hotel Maren Fort Lauderdale Beach, a Curio Collection by Hilton, a new 229,000 sq. ft., 12-story hotel with 136 luxurious resort rooms, oversize balconies and breathtaking ocean views, is scheduled to open January 2020. Amenities include a VIP lounge, Ocean Club, 5th floor Pool and Pool Bar, meeting rooms, and a state-of-the-art fitness center.

The **Hyatt Centric Las Olas, Fort Lauderdale** hotel, offering 238 guestrooms boasting city skyline views, is slated to open spring 2020.

A new 22-story **Four Seasons** is expected to open on Fort Lauderdale beach in 2020 with 130 guest rooms and 90 residences, two restaurants, a spa, fitness center, children's recreation room, "Beach Butlers" and ballroom and meeting facilities.

Construction has begun on the **Cambria Hotel & Suites Fort Lauderdale Beach**, a new 104-room hotel will offer ocean views, a meeting room, coffee bar, pool deck and fitness room. Opening 2020.

An **AC Hotel by Marriott** broke ground at the Sawgrass Mills Mall in Sunrise. The 8-story hotel will have 174 rooms, a rooftop restaurant, fitness center, full-service bar and 2,500 sq. ft. of meeting space. The hotel is scheduled to be completed by spring 2021.



New on the Dining Scene

Cooper's Hawk Restaurant & Winery, a dining experience with a Napa-style tasting room and artisanal retail market, recently joined The Galleria Mall's upscale restaurant offerings. Another location is set to open at the new Dania Pointe. **Oceanic**, a casual yet sophisticated dining destination adjacent to Pompano Beach's iconic fishing pier, serves fresh, local fish and Certified Angus steaks and features panoramic ocean views. **Talento** recently opened on Las Olas Boulevard offering an Italian, sophisticated atmosphere with a wide selection of wines in a private tasting cellar. **Tommy Bahama Marlin Bar**, a casual, relaxing environment to eat, drink and shop, is scheduled to open on Las Olas Boulevard and Dania Pointe in late 2019. New to the

Las Olas Riverfront district, the upscale **Rivertail** features a large, island raw bar, indoor and outdoor dining and lounges, and an open grill kitchen. **The Wharf**, also located in the city's Riverfront district along the New River, has a nautical theme with open-air setting, communal tables, food trucks and dockage.