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COURTESY OF GREATER FT. LAUDERDALE

Greater Fort Lauderdale

In addition to 3,000 hours of annual sunshine, 23 miles of beach, 300 miles of inland waterways and world-class accommodations, Greater Fort Lauderdale offers [not-to-be-missed sights and sounds](#) for both locals and visitors to enjoy year-round.

THE LUXURIOUS SIDE

With its recent announcement that the Ritz Carlton Hotel Company has assumed the management of The St. Regis Fort Lauderdale and a \$70-million transformation of the Fort Lauderdale Grande Hotel & Yacht Club, Greater Fort Lauderdale is emerging as a five-star vacation hot spot!

Donald J. Trump has a new luxury condo hotel planned on Fort Lauderdale beach. Trump International Hotel & Tower Fort Lauderdale, a 24-story building designed by world-renowned Michael Graves & Associates, will resemble a 1925

luxury cruise liner and feature 298 fully-furnished suites, spa, pool, and fine dining. Completion in 2009.

IT'S ONLY NATURAL

Aboard airboats, tour operators provide visitors the chance to witness exotic flora, fauna and wildlife from alligators to Florida panthers. Each May through October, sea turtles begin their ancient ritual of crawling onto Fort Lauderdale's pristine moonlit beaches to nest. Visitors can witness this natural wonder on guided nighttime turtle walks, and get a

front-row view of giant endangered loggerheads, as well as leatherback and green turtles laying their eggs.

PLAY LIKE A PRO

The sheer volume of choices in select sports gives Greater Fort Lauderdale appeal across all skill levels, from scuba diving, fishing, golf and kayaking to cycling, sailing and equestrian activities, among others.

The area offers more than 60 golf courses ranging from well-maintained municipal courses to high-end semi-private Championship courses. Football fans can cheer on their celebratory team during the Super Bowl 2010.

For an off-the-beaten-path event - at least for Americans - Greater Fort Lauderdale has just the "wicket": the only international cricket stadium in the country.

SPEAKING OF "OFF THE BEATEN PATH"

No locale deemed the Venice of America would be complete without Italian Gondolas and a water taxi system. With regular stops along the canals, residents and visitors alike utilize the water taxi system for sightseeing and just getting from A to B. At the other end of the spectrum, those who wish to do their own self exploration will find canoe and kayak tours, lessons, evening paddles and rentals.

SHOP-TILL-YOU-DROP

Greater Fort Lauderdale is the home of Sawgrass Mills, the world's largest discount and entertainment mall, with more than 350 brand-name and designer outlets, discount stores, specialty shops and restaurants. Among the best known names represented: Ann Taylor, Benetton, Gap, Kenneth Cole, J. Crew, Nine West and many more. Since its open-

ing, the mall has expanded and become not only a place for shopping, but an entertainment complex offering something for everyone.

Itinerary Suggestions >>> Fort Lauderdale

>> Arrive via Water Taxi to enjoy an evening in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District. Stroll along Riverwalk to the Broward Center for the Performing Arts for an opera, Florida Philharmonic Orchestra performance or Broadway show then explore the many intimate pubs and martini bars.

>> Walk back in time in the middle of Fort Lauderdale beach and enjoy the shell and orchid collection and elegant swans and monkeys at Bonnet House. Afterwards, feast on stone crabs at 15th Street Fisheries restaurant and watch a sampling of the 44,000 resident yachts in Greater Fort Lauderdale along the Intracoastal.

>> Dive one of the many wrecks and natural reefs in Greater Fort Lauderdale - pet the stingrays and feed the moray eels.

we recommend >>> Fort Lauderdale

Enhanced by what every discriminating traveler desires is the **Sonesta Bayfront Hotel Coconut Grove**. A designated Florida "Green Lodging" property, the Sonesta Bayfront Coconut Grove features 215 contemporary-styled guest rooms, and one- and two-bedroom suites, offering a contemporary design and works of art from Sonesta's

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renowned collection. All of the luxurious guest rooms and suites feature city or bay views and most rooms provide private balconies and high-tech conveniences. Suites feature fully-equipped kitchens with all the conveniences of home and are perfect for families or extended stays. The hotel has a dramatic outdoor pool located on the eighth floor overlooking Biscayne Bay, the Marina and Peacock Park across the street. It is also the home of the award-winning Panorama Restaurant & Lounge, renowned for its Peruvian cuisine. Additional hotel amenities include a business center, lounge, plus 12,360 square feet of indoor and outdoor meeting space. The hotel is located in the village of Coconut Grove, just minutes by car from the Miami Seaquarium, Children's Museum and Fairchild Gardens.
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Laugh the night away at **Laffing Matterz** - downtown Fort Lauderdale's most hilarious entertainment hot spot! Taking the dinner show to another level, guests of the show will experience gourmet dining and extensive wine list while enjoying an intimate and luxurious 175-seat cabaret theater featuring a live, original, musical comedy revue spoofing current events - including politics, sports, celebrities and social mores. Shows are updated regularly. Call or visit their Website for information or reservations.
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Appealing to visitors of all ages, **American Horse Trails** provides a unique and popular way to explore Fort Lauderdale - via horseback. Situated on approximately 13 square miles, experienced trail guides lead their guests along tropical and scenic

paths on the finest Arabian horses. Packages are available and include one-, and two-hour walk and trot rides, or the three-hour walk, trot, canter and barbecue. Custom packages and celebratory events are welcomed. Rides include all gear and outfitted equipment.
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Casual dining on the Intracoastal, with unparalleled views of the area's largest and most luxurious yachts in Greater Fort Lauderdale!
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