



# NAVIGATING FLORIDA'S PORTS



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Whether you're arriving in Florida, stopping by for a quick visit or are utilizing the state's transportation methods regularly, the changes are astounding.

### >>CRUISE

**PORT OF MIAMI** - The world's busiest cruise port is home to a fleet of more than 14 ships, including the newest megaships. One of the country's fastest-growing container ports, Miami serves markets in the Far East and Europe, as well as Central and South America. In addition, it handles break bulk and general cargo, automobiles, and heavy equipment.

**PORT EVERGLADES** - Travelers can set sail on a variety of day and multi-day cruises to the Caribbean and South America. More than 5,300 ships call at Port Everglades in a year forming the basis of a diverse maritime operation that includes a thriving cruise industry and a reputation as the "world's best cruise port." Current cruise lines utilizing the port include: Discovery Cruise Lines; SeaEscape Cruises; Celebrity; Costa; Crystal; Cunard; Holland America; Imperial Majesty; Mediterranean; Premier; Princess; Radisson Seven Seas; Royal Caribbean; Royal Olympic; Seabourn; Silversea. In addition to existing cruises, Port Everglades is anticipat-

ing 2.14 million cruisers in 2009. Royal Caribbean's 5,400-passenger Oasis, MSC Cruises' Orchestra, Carnival's Carnival Freedom and Princess Cruises' Tahitian Princess are all making first-time sailings from the port.

**PORT CANAVERAL** - Port Canaveral has an illustrious past...as an historic participant in the space program, a strategic base for our military, a rising cargo and cruise port and home to many businesses. Cruising from Port Canaveral has become phenomenally popular. Some 4.5 million revenue cruise passengers climbed aboard in 2006, making this one of the world's busiest - but least congested - cruise ports. Cruises currently utilizing the port include: Disney; Carnival; Royal Caribbean.

**JACKSONVILLE - JAXPORT** currently hosts Carnival Cruise Lines 2,052-passenger ship Carnival Fascination, offering year-round service. The ship offers four-day cruises to Freeport and Nassau and five-day cruises to Half Moon Cay and Nassau. A new cruise terminal for Jacksonville is being

planned with an opening unknown.

**TAMPA** - The Port of Tampa is Florida's largest port and delivers to its passengers the type of service that meets and exceeds expectations. State-of-the-art in design, the terminals incorporate the far-reaching and diverse needs of all security agencies, while providing a comfortable, expedient cruise experience to customers. Tampa now homeports four vessels from three cruise lines: Carnival Cruise Lines, Holland America, and Royal Caribbean.

#### >>AIR

**JACKSONVILLE (JAX)** - For the first time, Jacksonville International Airport (JAX) has earned the top ranking for overall customer satisfaction in the Airports Council International - North America quarterly survey of 26 North American airports. The 26 airports surveyed include: Atlanta, Houston, Baltimore-Washington, Denver, Boston, San Diego and Calgary, Montreal and Toronto in Canada. [www.jaa.aero](http://www.jaa.aero)

**ORLANDO (MCO)** - Strong international traffic, up nearly 17 percent, allowed Orlando International Airport (MCO) to maintain the title of busiest passenger airport in Florida. The 2008 calendar year was the second busiest year in MCO history for international traffic with nearly 2.7 million 2,686,913 international travelers. Orlando International recently added international service to Bogota, Colombia; Sao Paulo, Brazil; Mexico City; Nassau, Bahamas and San Jose, Costa Rica bringing to 19 the total number of non-stop international destinations serviced by MCO.

[www.orlandoairports.net](http://www.orlandoairports.net)

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA (RSW)** - Servicing Southwest Florida including Fort Myers, Marco Island and Naples, the airport has served more than 7.6 million passengers in 2008 and is one of the top 50 U.S. airports for passenger traffic. RSW provides nonstop service to 37 destinations (35 domestic and two International). This service is provided by 21 different carriers.

[www.flylcpa.com](http://www.flylcpa.com)

**ST. PETERSBURG-CLEARWATER (PIE)** - During this economic turndown, PIE has managed to maintain its passenger numbers. The St. Petersburg/Clearwater International Airport, currently has five airlines flying to more than 25 nonstop destinations. PIE attributes having the lowest airport rates and charges in Florida to be a big part of their success.

The airport recently announced the return of USA3000 Airlines in December 2008. This came in addition to Allegiant Airlines announcement of an increase in flights. The airport also hosts seasonal Canadian carriers Sunwing Airlines to Toronto, Canada and Transat Holidays to Halifax, Canada. New getaway packages, include two-night accommodations at the Beau Rivage Resort & Casino in Biloxi, Mississippi, non-stop jet service and ground transportation.

[www.fly2pie.com](http://www.fly2pie.com)

**MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (MLB)** - JetAmerica, a new low-fare air carrier announced in May it would begin roundtrip flights between Melbourne International Airport and Newark, N.J.; Toledo, Ohio; and Lansing, Mich., in early July with promotional fares starting at just \$9.

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said Richard Ennis, Melbourne International's executive director. "They are operating on the Allegiant Air model, which has been very successful in multiple markets. More than 50,000 passengers are expected to use MLB as a result of the new service." [www.mlbaair.com](http://www.mlbaair.com)

>>FACT: As of Jan. 31, 2008, all adult travelers are required to present proof of citizenship, such as a birth certificate, and proof of identity, such as a driver's license, when entering the United States through land and sea ports of entry.

>>FACT: Starting May 2009, when purchasing a ticket you will be required to provide your full first, middle and last name, exactly matching the valid government-issued ID you will present at the airport (e.g. driver's license, passport, etc.).

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[FORT LAUDERDALE-PLANTATION] The Renaissance Fort Lauderdale-Plantation Hotel, a four-diamond luxury hotel located within minutes to the Greater Fort Lauderdale International Airport and nearby Port Everglades, is the perfect accommodation to relax and indulge.

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