

## Concierge

FLORIDA BECKONS TRAVELERS FROM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TO COME AND RELAX ON ITS BEACHES...PLAY IN ITS THEME PARKS...AND ENJOY ITS ATTRACTIONS.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

If the beach is your destination, **Perry's Ocean Edge**, Daytona, features more than 700 feet of oceanfront...home-made donuts...intensive kids programs...and that's just the beginning of the fabulous amenities available at this family-friendly resort! Providing visitors with more than 200 guestrooms to choose from, each member of your group will feel at home, whether they choose a South Tower Oceanfront room with resort kitchen or Kid's Beach Suites with a separate room with bunk beds for the children!

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Luxuriously gracing the beaches of Daytona Beach, the **Daytona Beach Resort & Conference Center** is a welcomed addition to the area. Recently completing a 34-million transformation and upgrade, guests of the resort can enjoy five-star surroundings, without the associated costs.

Spacious guestrooms feature upgraded amenities, full kitchen areas, and select rooms are highlighted with balconies and breathtaking Ocean views.

386-672-3770 | [www.daytonabeachresort.com](http://www.daytonabeachresort.com)

### AIRLINE NEWS

**Sarasota Bradenton International Airport** recently announced that it's been awarded a \$4.75 million dollar grant under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The grant will improve safety at the airport by overlaying Runway 4-22. SRQ President, CEO Rick Piccolo stated, "This grant enables the airport to rehabilitate the crosswind runway. Given the airport completed an overlay of the main runway in 2008, after the current enhancement, the pavement condition of both airport runways will be some of the best in the country." [www.srq-airport.com](http://www.srq-airport.com)

Almost 11,000 square feet of retail space at the **Orlando Sanford International Airport** is in the final phase of construction and is expected to be complete in April 2009. New shops in the international terminal's expanded space

will include Indulgence, Discover and Papyrus. The domestic terminal now offers Hudson News and EuroCafe. In addition, airport concessionaire Alpha Retai, recently expanded its facilities by 2,880 square feet. That project was completed in early February.

Beau Rivage Resort & Casino on the Mississippi Gulf Coast has teamed with Allegiant Air to offer new nonstop jet service between **St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport (PIE)** and Gulfport/Biloxi International Airport, effective April 1, 2009. The carrier will offer introductory two-night air inclusive hotel getaway packages starting at \$199 per person. Allegiant will operate three flights weekly using 150-seat MD-83 aircraft, with service Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. [www.fly2pie.com](http://www.fly2pie.com)

**Melbourne International Airport (MLB)**, which serves more than 300,000 passengers annually in east Central Florida, including Brevard, Indian River and St. Lucie counties, recently announced the launch of Air Azul. Beginning June 10, the new airline will provide service between Melbourne and Newark on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

"We are extremely pleased to offer the Air Azul brand of low-fare, nonstop jet service to Melbourne International customers," said Brian Burling, Air Azul vice president.

The new flights further establish MLB as the airport of choice for business and leisure travelers from the Space Coast, said Airport Executive Director Richard Ennis.

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

### MUSEUMS

**[Sarasota]** The grandiose home of circus magnate John Ringling and his wife Mable was built on 66-acres overlooking Sarasota Bay between 1924 and 1926 for a then-staggering sum of \$1.5 million. Reflecting their European taste, in addition to the couple's passion for art masterpieces, the home reflects the flamboyant lifestyle of the couple.

Today the museum features the Ringling's personal collection of artwork in addition to a continual series of tempo-

rary art exhibitions from around the world.  
 941-359-5700 | [www.ringling.org](http://www.ringling.org)

**[Vero Beach]** The summer exhibition at the **Vero Beach Museum of Art**, **ROOTED IN TRADITION: Art Quilts from the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum**, chronicles the history of the art quilt movement from 1980 through the present. Sixty-four quilts illustrate the evolution from traditional quilt-making to the contemporary art form of today. The exhibition is admission-free and on view from June 27 through October 25, 2009. Curated by Judith Trager and organized by Smith Kramer Fine Art Services.  
 772-231-0707 | [www.verobeachmuseum.org](http://www.verobeachmuseum.org)

**[Dunedin]** For over 30 years, the **Dunedin Fine Art Center (DFAC)** has been offering exciting art opportunities in a most welcoming kind of way. St. Petersburg Times writer Lennie Bennett says that DFAC is "the artistic equivalent of a village square," offering quality experiences to people of all ages. DFAC offers year-round exhibitions in four galleries featuring national, regional and local artists. Classes for students four years to 94 years fill seven studio classrooms and a changing yearly theme makes the David L. Mason Children's Art Museum a hands-on experience not to be missed.  
 727-298-DFAC | [www.dfac.org](http://www.dfac.org)

**Asolo Repertory Theatre** is proud to be Florida's premier professional theatre and one of the most important cultural forces in the United States. As a center for theatrical excellence, Asolo Rep crafts the highest quality productions of classical, contemporary, and newly commissioned work performed in true rotating repertory. This unique theatre experience features an accomplished resident acting company complemented by distinguished guest artists, performing on three stages. Under the leadership of Producing Artistic Director Michael Donald Edwards and Managing Director Linda DiGabriele, this world-class institution has gained national acclaim yet remains dedicated to its core mission-Entertain, Engage, and Inspire audiences of all kinds!  
 941-351-8000 | 800-361-8388 | [www.asolo.org](http://www.asolo.org)

**ANTIQUÉ SHOPPING**

Ellenton, popular for its Prime Outlet Mall is also the home of Ellenton Area Antiques. With stores that include **Charms of Leffingwell**, **Emilines Antiques & Collectibles** and **Magnolia Antiques** - those with an aficionado for pre-owned precious collectibles will find themselves surrounded with an abundance of treasure.  
 941-723-6563 \*

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 Lauderdale  
 954-321-1170

**Safari Isle**  
 Markham Park  
 16001 W. State Rd. 84  
 Sunrise  
 954-389-2000

**Splash Adventure**  
 Quiet Waters Park  
 401 S. Powerline Rd.  
 Deerfield Beach  
 954-360-1315

**Castaway Island**  
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 Hollywood  
 954-985-1980

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[www.broward.org/parks](http://www.broward.org/parks)

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