

# WHAT'S NEW in Greater Fort Lauderdale

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**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, **Crave GFL** & **Spatemala** programs provide visitors with extraordinary culinary and pampered experiences at affordable prices during September. **Crave GFL** celebrates the area's top dining with specially-created menus at a \$35 or \$45 fixed price: [sunny.org/cravegfl](http://sunny.org/cravegfl). And **Spatemala** allows you to take some time for yourself with special \$99 spa treatments (a 50% savings) from lavish pampering to deep relaxation: [sunny.org/SPAmnth](http://sunny.org/SPAmnth).

**good eats** Stephen Starr, the James Beard Award-winning restaurateur, opened **El Vez** Mexican restaurant at the **W Fort Lauderdale**, featuring regional Mexican fare and offering a vast tequila selection and outstanding signature cocktails. **Township**, in downtown Fort Lauderdale, features innovative urban street-fare including a beer garden with more than 55 beers on 72 taps. **Tarpon River Brewing**, an 11,000 sq. ft. tap room and restaurant with a barrel-lined tasting room serving as a space for private events and team brewing classes. **NYSW Jazz Lounge**, an upscale outdoor and indoor jazz lounge located in downtown Fort Lauderdale, recently opened featuring contemporary jazz, spoken word, Cuban jazz and Latin jazz. **Billy Jack's Shack** opened in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea serving creative comfort food, with a wide variety of drafts and crafts, a raw bar and funky desserts in an eclectic, fun and friendly atmosphere. **New on Las Olas Boulevard: The Boathouse** at the **Riverside Hotel**, a dock and dine, riverfront restaurant featuring Mediterranean-style tapas, hearty main course options and an impressive selection of refreshing libations. **El Camino**, a Mexican soul-food restaurant and tequila bar, serving tacos, margaritas and tequila offerings with more than 300 selections, and 100 different types of mezcal. **Red Door Asian Bistro**, specializing in Thai, Chinese and Japanese favorites, as well as hibachi-grill dining. **The Balcony**, an upscale two-story restaurant featuring an open-air rooftop and balcony, serving New Orleans-style cuisine with live jazz. **ETARU**, in the Icon Las Olas, features contemporary Japanese Robotayaki cuisine.



**coming soon** **SeaQuest Fort Lauderdale**, a hands-on global sea life education and entertainment experience for all ages, will open during late 2018 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.



**cruise update** **Celebrity Cruises'** new 2,918-passenger **Celebrity Edge**, the ship designed to leave the future behind, will begin sailing from **Port Everglades** December 2018. **The Edge** is the first ship in Celebrity Cruises' new class of ships in nearly a decade. Cruise Terminal 25 is being completely renovated for the arrival. **Holland America Line's** newest Pinnacle-class ship, the 2,650-passenger **ms Nieuw Statendam**, is preparing to make her debut at Port Everglades mid-December 2018. A sister ship to **ms Koningsdam**, this spectacular new vessel combines classic style with contemporary appointments.

**FLL news** **Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport** New 2018 service includes: **Allegiant:** Flint (Oct); **Azul:** Recife, Brazil; **JetBlue:** Santiago DR, Atlanta and Grand Cayman (Oct); **Norwegian Air Shuttle:** Madrid (Oct) and Rome (Oct); **Spirit:** Columbus, Richmond, Guayaquil, Seattle, Cap-Haïtien, Asheville (Sept) and Greensboro (Sept); **Southwest:** Aruba, San Antonio (July).

**greater together** The Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau (GFLCVB) continues to feature its evocative #GreaterTogether welcome initiative in domestic and international markets. The diversity movement advocates inclusion and unity in humanity. Become part of the movement...learn more at [sunny.org/greatertogether](http://sunny.org/greatertogether).



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## new on the hotel scene

**Hotel Morrison**, a 143-room select service boutique hotel in Dania Beach, offers upscale accommodations with environmentally-friendly products, and 1,500 sq. ft. of meeting space, including a pre-function area that flows into the pool deck. Amenities include 24-hour shuttle to take guests to and from the airport, cruise port, beaches, casino, shopping, and restaurants, and a full American breakfast buffet.



The new nautical-themed **TRYP by Wyndham Maritime** hotel opened its doors in May 2018. The eight-story, 150-room, maritime boutique hotel caters to business and leisure travelers as well as boaters. The hotel sports a European/Mediterranean nautical style décor and features a **Spanish Tapas Bar**. Located on Marina Mile, the hotel has access to the 168-slip Marina Bay Resort. The hotel offers complimentary Wi-Fi, 3,400 sq. ft. of event space and shuttle service to the airport & cruise port.

**Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott** opened in downtown Fort Lauderdale. The 108-room hotel offers an outdoor swimming pool, fitness center, valet, laundry service, indoor parking garage, complimentary Wi-Fi and 1,037 sq. ft. of meeting space.

The **CIRC Hotel**, a 111-room modern, boutique hotel designed with a contemporary flair and inspired by Downtown Hollywood's burgeoning arts scene, opened on Young Circle. The 12-story building features **Olivia Restaurant & Bar by Piero Filpi**, **The Muse Rooftop Bar & Lounge**, and 3,000 sq. ft. of meeting space on the 11th floor.

**The Dalmar**, part of the Tribute Portfolio, Marriott International's newest collection brand, will feature 209 rooms including 44 suites. The 25-story hotel will offer an elevated arrival experience on the sixth floor along with a lobby bar, pool deck, fitness room and modern American cuisine at **The Terrace Grill**. It will also include 9,000 sq. ft. of meeting and ballroom space, a ground-floor coffee shop and a high-rise rooftop bar **Sparrow**, offering stunning 360-degree views of downtown. Accompanying The Dalmar, floors seven through 12, will be **Element by Westin**, an extended stay offering of 114 rooms including 28 suites and a third floor check-in experience. The new luxury lifestyle hotel is coming to downtown Fort Lauderdale late summer 2018.



**Costa Hollywood Beach Resort**, a chic oceanfront hotel featuring 307 suites from studios to three-bedroom suites, is set to open late 2018. The resort features a 25,000 sq. ft. rooftop pool deck offering sweeping Atlantic Ocean and Intracoastal Waterway views, a poolside bar & bites, and a preferred location just steps from Hollywood Beach Broadwalk.



A new 23-story **Four Seasons** broke ground, opening late 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.

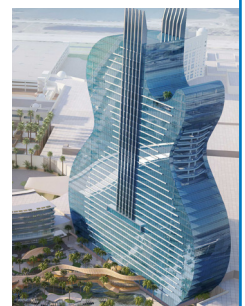
## hotel refresh

The historic Escape Hotel is being transformed into the **Gale Boutique Hotel & Residences Fort Lauderdale**, with 96 rooms and 129 condo residences, and will feature luxury amenities, sleek furnishings, rooftop sky deck, fitness center, spa and pool. Opening early 2019.

The **Bahia Mar Fort Lauderdale Beach - a DoubleTree by Hilton** underwent a \$7 million renovation in 2017 reimagining 181 guest rooms, hallways, meeting rooms and ballroom in the Tower. Currently, renovations are taking place in the Marina Building including 115 guestrooms and common areas as well as freshening up **Breezes**, their full service restaurant, and opening a brand new fitness center overlooking the ocean. The property consists of 296 total guest rooms, 25,000 sq. ft. of flexible meeting space and a 250-slip marina. Renovations will be completed by November 2018.

The **Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino - Hollywood** is undergoing a \$1.5 billion property-wide expansion. Upon completion in 2019, the property will be home to an iconic guitar-shaped hotel tower, increasing the total number of rooms to more than 1,300. The casino will nearly double in size to include more than 3,000 slot machines and 178 table games, plus a new 18,000 sq. ft. poker room. Additional amenities include a newly rebuilt **Hard Rock Event Center**, new restaurants and lounges, as well as a 41,000-sq. ft. spa.

The **Le Méridien Dania Beach at Fort Lauderdale Airport** (formerly Sheraton Fort Lauderdale Airport Hotel) is undergoing a \$30 million renovation and will feature 245 guest rooms, 20,000 sq. ft. of meeting space and two redesigned restaurants. Anticipated to open April 2019.



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