

WHAT'S NEW



SPRING • SUMMER • 2026

As winter gives way to spring, travelers heading to Greater Fort Lauderdale will find new refreshed hotels, dining experiences and seasonal events offering fresh reasons to visit in the months ahead. From laid-back beach towns to family-friendly attractions, this is the ideal spot for spring getaways.



Omni Fort Lauderdale

HOTELS AND REIMAGINED STAYS

Greater Fort Lauderdale is buzzing with new openings and freshly renovated properties, offering travelers modern design, upgraded amenities, and prime coastal locations. **Omni Fort Lauderdale**, part of the Broward County Convention Center District expansion, opened in December 2025 with 801 rooms, six dining venues, a panoramic pool deck, a full-service spa and the destination's tallest rooftop bar – all just minutes from beaches, Port Everglades, and the airport, making it a hub for both business and leisure travelers.

Fort Lauderdale Marriott Pompano Beach Resort completed a multi-phase, multimillion-dollar renovation in January 2026, unveiling 219 redesigned guestrooms. The newly reimagined resort introduces a refreshed beachfront stay, combining contemporary design, enhanced guest experiences and unobstructed ocean views of Pompano Beach.

The Garden Hotel and Resort, formally the Royal Beach Palace, reopened late 2025 following a full renovation and complete rebrand as a redesigned boutique resort. The 155-room property showcases modern coastal design, three inviting outdoor pools and a new on-site restaurant, The Greenhouse. Conveniently situated near Fort Lauderdale Beach, the retreat offers travelers a relaxed, tropical-inspired escape.



Marriott Pompano Beach Resort



The Garden Hotel and Resort

AN URBAN GREEN SPACE AT THE HEART OF FORT LAUDERDALE

Greater Fort Lauderdale offers a lively mix of seasonal events, cultural experiences, and family-friendly attractions that make it a top destination for travelers. At the heart of downtown Fort Lauderdale, **Huizenga Park** has been transformed through a \$15million transformation into a 3.6 acre urban green space along Las Olas Boulevard and the New River. The redesigned park features a children's play mound, shaded seating, landscaped gardens, public art and the city's first dedicated downtown dog run.



Mural at Huizenga Park



Fort Lauderdale

VICE VERSA

Italian aperitivo bar residency at Four Seasons (through May 2026)

← BAR BETTY

Hidden speakeasy with cocktails & live entertainment

RESTAURANTS AND CULINARY EXPERIENCES

Fort Lauderdale Beach

SENOR FROG'S

Sunday Drag Brunch on the Beach

Weston

← CAFE BASTILLE

Parisian-inspired all-day brunch



Pompano Beach

LOLA'S ON THE WATER

Dock-and-dine with Middle Eastern flavors

Deerfield Beach

← THE BREAK HOUSE

Rooftop bar overlooking the Atlantic



LUCKY LOU'S RAW BAR

Oyster-forward seafood spot

Oakland Park

← BONDI SUSHI

Elevated fine-casual sushi + standalone cocktail bar



UPCOMING EVENTS, EXPERIENCES & ATTRACTIONS

02/2026

IGNITE Broward Art Festival

February 13–22

Free, family-friendly festival of immersive light, art, technology and interactive installations across four locations.

03/2026

Fort Lauderdale St. Patrick's Parade & Festival

March 14
Decorative floats, bagpipers, marching bands, Irish dancers, sidewalk performers and live music.

Fort Lauderdale Beer, Wine & Spirits Fest

March 28

Visit Esplanade Park for a lively afternoon and evening of tastings featuring local breweries, international wines and crafted spirits, paired with food and a live band.

Florida's First Live Jellyfish Museum

Opens March XX

Families and marine-life enthusiasts can also look forward to the spring opening of near the Pompano Beach Pier, offering an engaging, captivating marine experience.

FRI & SAT

Harrah's Pompano Beach

Complimentary Shuttle Fridays & Saturdays from 12 p.m. to midnight
Hourly service near at the Pompano Beach Pier with return trips from the casino on the half-hour – making it easy to go from beach to nightlife without driving.

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