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SHOPPERTAINMENT

The Village at Gulfstream Park, opens Feb 11 with 32 tenants including home furnishing retailers Crate and Barrel, Pottery Barn, West Elm and The Container Store. A collection of 15+ restaurants and bars, which aim to turn the center into an evening destination, includes: Brio Tuscan Grille, Ola Cuba, Ill Forks steakhouse, Cantina Laredo, Texas de Brazil and The Cheese Course. Two nightclubs – Santanera and Greenhouse Nightclub – bring New York-inspired, eco-friendly nightlife to Hallandale Beach. www.thevillageatgulfstreampark.com. Head up the stairs to Gulfstream Park Racino for thoroughbred action, casino and the new MI-VI nightclub.

AHOY MATES

Port Everglades is the proud home port of Royal Caribbean's new Oasis of the Seas mega cruise ship, the first of the 5,400 passenger cruise ships (her sister ship, the Allure of the Seas, debuts in fall 2010, also from Port Everglades). The newly built, state-of-the-art Cruise Terminal 18 is the largest cruise terminal in the world. Silversea Cruises' new Silver Spirit arrived Jan. 2010 and now calls Port Everglades home. In addition, MSC Poesia, Seabourn Odyssey, and Celebrity Equinox will make their US debuts this November. To enhance the pre- and post-cruise experience, Greater Fort Lauderdale has special offers cruisers can get on board with. www.sunny.org/cruiseandplay



SUNNY SKIES

Virgin America has launched twice daily non-stop flights from Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and San Francisco International Airport (SFO). JetBlue, already serving Fort Lauderdale from Long Beach, added a daily non-stop service from San Francisco. AirTran has begun non-stop flights from Akron-Canton, OH; Columbus, OH; Flint, MI; and Harrisburg, PA to FLL. Allegiant Air added a third low-cost non-stop flight from Grand Rapids to Fort Lauderdale. Midwest Airlines will offer nonstop daily seasonal service between Milwaukee and Fort Lauderdale through Apr 19, 2010. On the international scene, Aires (Colombia) has added flights from Bogota and Condor (Germany) will resume service from Frankfurt in May 2010.

AIR LAUDERDALE & BEACH FEST

Fort Lauderdale beach is the place to be on April 24-25, 2010. One of the world's largest spectator events from 1995 to 2007, this two-day celebration features top military and civilian performances along four miles of beautiful Fort Lauderdale beach. www.airlauderdale.com



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NEW HOTELS IN GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE

VERY ACCOMMODATING

From luxury beach resorts to Superior Small Lodgings, Greater Fort Lauderdale boasts 33,000 hotel rooms throughout this vibrant destination from Hollywood to Deerfield. In addition, several new hotels conveniently located just minutes from the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, Port Everglades cruise port and the Broward County Convention Center have opened in 2009 and a few are on the horizon for 2010. Hotels include the 157-room, [Fairfield Inn & Suites Fort Lauderdale Airport & Cruise Port](#), opened November 2009; Choice Hotels' 119-room [Cambria Suites Fort Lauderdale/Dania Beach](#), opened in January 2010. [Crowne Plaza Fort Lauderdale Airport/Cruise Port](#) is scheduled to open February 2010 with 150-rooms. Hyatt has plans for two new properties, the 149-room [Hyatt Place Fort Lauderdale Airport-South](#), opened in January 2010 and [Hyatt Summerfield Suites Fort Lauderdale Airport-South](#), opening March 2010 with 143 rooms.

It just gets better with the Lauderdale Luxe collection of hotels including the new Ritz-Carlton, Fort Lauderdale; Hilton Fort Lauderdale Marina; Hilton Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort; and Atlantic Hotel, joined by:



The [Westin Beach Resort, Fort Lauderdale](#) has re-opened after completing a multi-million dollar extensive rebirth. The resort's 433 guestrooms and suites are refreshed and revitalized, the 32,000 square feet of flexible event space has been refurbished, including a 10,192-square-foot ballroom for groups of up to 1,053 people, a second ballroom slightly smaller at 8,376 square feet accommodating 842 people, and the Sunrise Terrace with more than 5,500 square feet of space and inspiring Atlantic views. Also new, an 8,100-square-foot Heavenly Spa by Westin™ and a Starbucks bistro.

On April 30, 2009 Starwood Hotels opened the \$205 million [W Fort Lauderdale](#), the first W Hotel in Florida. The 486-room hotel is located on a 4-1/2 acre site offering dramatic views of the Atlantic Ocean and Intracoastal Waterway. The 23-story two tower building offers Stephen Starr's Steak 954 restaurant, a luxurious Bliss Spa, W's signature Whiskey Blue and more than 19,000 sq. ft. of meeting space.



The [Harbor Beach Marriott Resort & Spa](#) debuted a new oceanfront ballroom in January 2010. The 10,000-sq-ft facility is large enough to accommodate nearly 1,000 people theater-style and more than 450 classroom-style. A wall made entirely of glass serves as a virtual window to the ocean and to the resort's private beach. The new ballroom is part of a \$50-million renovation including a \$25-million floor-to-ceiling rooms makeover, and ocean terrace enhancements with fire pits, cabana seating and cozy alcoves surrounded by lush tropical landscaping.

On the horizon, the [Sheraton Fort Lauderdale Beach Hotel](#), formerly the Sheraton Yankee Clipper, is in the midst of a \$30-million renovation and revival. Now open, the 1950's frame underwent an extensive renovation to the exterior, the 485-guestrooms including 15 suites, meeting space, public areas, restaurants and bar. The hotel features a new Sheraton Core Fitness Center, Sheraton Sheraton Kids Club and family-friendly restaurant complete with homemade ice cream soda fountain. Major upgrades are underway for the property's 7,000 square feet of indoor meeting space and 5,600 square feet of outdoor space.



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