

greater FORT LAUDERDALE

The Essential Guide to the Big Games
Pro Bowl and Super Bowl in
Greater Fort Lauderdale



This year marks the 10th time the Super Bowl will be held in South Florida. But, it's the first time the region will host both the Super Bowl and the Pro Bowl, and the first time in many years that the two events will be held in the same city during the same span. The Pro Bowl will be held Jan. 31; Super Bowl XLIV will be Feb. 7. For those visiting Greater Fort Lauderdale for the big games, following is the "best of the best" for football fans.

BEST SPORTS BARS

America's Backyard

100 S.W. 3rd Ave., Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954)727-0950

Web: www.jointherevolution.net/ab/home.html

America's Backyard has been called South Florida's headquarters for football, food and fun. The bar features a new kitchen offering a full menu and new large screen televisions to view the big games. With drinks specials, door-prizes and fun antics from the staff, this friendly bar is not to be missed.

Bokamper's Sports Bar and Grill

1280 S. Pine Island Rd., Plantation

Phone: (954) 533-7152

Web: www.bokampers.com

Kim Bokamper was one of the Miami Dolphins' Killer B's, and now the former linebacker turned sports-show host is making a buzz with his namesake sports bar. With over 50 plasma televisions and two of South Florida's largest HD-TVs, Bokamper's is the place to be for every sport.

Bru's Room Sports Grill

5460 W. Hillsboro Blvd.,

Coconut Creek

Phone: (954) 571-6999

Other locations including:

Pompano Beach: (954) 785-2227;

Deerfield Beach: (954) 420-5959;

Coral Springs (954) 656-8041

Web: www.brusroom.com

Rated one of the best sports bars by the Broward New Times, with numerous TVs throughout the bar. Mahi Mahi Reuben sandwich is highly recommended.

Duffy's Sports Grill

811 S. University Dr., Plantation

Phone: (954) 473-0477

Web: www.duffysmvp.com

Beyond being famous as the official sports grill of the Miami Dolphins, this sports bar is filled with entertainment, great drinks, fun people and a lively atmosphere. Duffy's is definitely a "guys bar" with servers wearing team jerseys, a super large screen for game viewing and numerous TVs located throughout the bar area.

Hooters of Beach Place

17 S Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd., Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 767-0014

Web: www.hootersflorida.com/location.html

This Hooters location trumps all others with its beachfront views and ocean-side vibe. Famous for its zesty wings, large selection of beverages, big screen TVs and a fun atmosphere, this restaurant and bar offers an environment well-suited for soaking in the big games.

Parrot Lounge

911 Sunrise Ln., Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 563-1493

Web: www.parrotlounge.com

A long lasting reputation as one of Fort Lauderdale's best places to watch football (especially Eagles fans) this neighborhood bar nestled in Fort Lauderdale Beach is home to an extensive beer selection, good burgers and 20 TVs.

Rivals Waterfront Sports Grille

3460 South Ocean Dr., Hollywood

Phone: (954) 602-8760

Web: www.rivalshollywood.com

A casual atmosphere and meeting place with dockside views of the Intracoastal Waterway, this waterfront bar and grille features an American menu with global edge complimented by a mixture of martinis, drafts and wines served at its oversized bar with a number of TVs.

Upper Deck Ale and Sports Grille

906 East Hallandale Beach Blvd.,

Hallandale Beach

Phone: (954) 454-8878

Web:

www.upperdeckhallandalebeach.com

An upscale bar with affordable prices makes this hometown favorite a great place to eat, drink and watch the game. Home to over 50 TVs, 3 over-sized projection screens and an outdoor deck with additional TVs.

Whiskey Tango

1903 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood

Phone: (954) 925-2555

Entertainment for the whole family awaits at this family-friendly sports bar and restaurant featuring a variety of food, drinks and fun for all ages. Adorned with its own Tiki bar outside, this bar goes beyond the average neighborhood pub.

BEST CLUBS/LOUNGES

Blue Jean Blues

3320 NE 33rd St.,

Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 306-6330

Web: www.bluejeanblues.net

Hot but cool, sophisticated yet casual, a welcome new addition to Fort Lauderdale's sizzling nightlife scene. Settle into this inviting spot with its exposed brick walls, atmospheric lighting and cozy seating. Order your favorite cocktail, and take in the sounds of live blues and jazz nightly!

Blue Martini

Galleria Mall, 2414 Sunrise Blvd.,

Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 653-2432

Web: www.bluemartinilounge.com

Fun, music, dancing, dining and drinks. Try one of the 25 signature martinis to elevate your spirit. Listen or dance to the best in live entertainment while enjoying a Tapas food menu - a perfect accompaniment to a fine wine and spirits selection.

The Brick Rock Bar Club

21 W. Las Olas Blvd.,

Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 525-9004

An extensive bar selection, drink specials and outdoor seating create a lively entertainment scene perfect for those looking for a great night on the town topped off by a non-stop DJ.

Briny Riverfront Pub

305 S. Andrews Ave.,

Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 376-4741

Web: www.brinyirishpub.com

Briny Riverfront Pub offers great food, fun and excitement along Florida's golden coast. This riverfront spot is full of nautical décor, and offers live nightly entertainment on stage, outdoor seating, a full bar and extensive menu for late-night munchies. A second location is just steps away in the historic Himmarshee Village.

Dacey Riley's Bar & Restaurant

217 SW. 2nd St., Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 522-1908

Web: www.daceyrileys.com

This bar sticks to its Irish roots and hometown feel with great cover bands, welcoming bartenders and fun crowd. An authentic Irish menu is available for those looking to grab a bite while jamming to the night's rock band and sipping on a Guinness.

EXIT 66 Nightclub

219 S. Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd.,
Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 357-9981

Web: www.exitsixtysix.com

Exit 66 is an entertainment multiplex that houses something for everyone. Offerings include everything from retro Polynesian pop at Chiki Tiki, a beach side retreat; to a classic American menu available at Woody's Pleasure Liner Diner; to a VIP Burlesque area for the best of Madame B.Atch's Bunny Ranch - and even has a pool for daytime fun.

Himmarshee Village

2nd Street between 1st and 5th Avenues Downtown Fort Lauderdale's riverfront area, Himmarshee Village includes entertaining bars, lounges and clubs. Some venues include: Tarpon Bend Food & Tackle: (954) 523-3233, Capone's: (954) 524-1969 and Coyote Ugly: (954) 764-UGLY.

Hot Shots Bar

3868 North University Dr., Sunrise

Phone: (954) 748-4232

Web: www.hotshotsbar.com

With 65 TVs, six giant HDTV screens, darts, billiards and games, this sports bar is famous for wings and a wide variety of football munchies.

Living Room Nightclub

300 SW 1st Ave., Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (888) 992-7555

Web: www.livingroomnightclub.com

One of Fort Lauderdale's best nightclubs, this party scene ups the ante with two dance floors, an assortment of music and ample bars located throughout. Cutting edge ambiance, a hip crowd and great location make this the place to be seen on the weekends.

Living Room at the W Fort Lauderdale

401 North Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd., Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 414-8200

Web: www.whotels.com/fortlauderdale

Not your average Living Room. Watch the action unfold down the length of the 20-foot signature bar under overhead tilted mirrors, or kick back on mattress-inspired seating under the pool and catch glimpses of swimmers through clear, see-through ceiling tiles. Guests can groove to cool live DJ mixes, sip mixed libations from the colorful Whiskey Blue cocktail list or step out onto the expansive terrace with stunning Atlantic views.

Off the Hookah

300 SW 1st Ave., Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 761-8686

Web: www.offthehookahfl.com

A comfortable lounge and meeting ground, this place is as catchy as its name. An ode to its Middle Eastern culture, within the charming walls guests will find lustrous music, gyrating belly dancers and an eclectic menu to accompany any hookah of choice.

Whiskey Blue

401 North Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd., Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 414-8302

Web: www.whotels.com/fortlauderdale

Whiskey Blue, located at the W Fort Lauderdale hotel, offers guests both an indoor and outdoor lounge, and features the brand's signature trademarks: a distinctive atmosphere created through cutting-edge design, fashionable clientele and signature cocktails - all with breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean. A great place to see-and-be-seen, Whiskey Blue is the newest and most glamorous nightlife venue in Fort Lauderdale.

Voodoo Lounge

111 SW 2nd Ave., Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 522-0733

Web: www.voodooloungeflorida.com

Voted one of the city's best, this legendary nightclub with nearly 10,000 square feet of space is one of the largest in Fort Lauderdale and home to an eclectic mix of space, decor, crowds and drinks.

BEST GAMETIME FOOD

Champps Americana

6401 N. Andrews Ave.,

Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 491-9335

Web: www.champps.com

This bar's philosophy is simple: make burgers from scratch and pile them high, serve cold beer, fill the bar with TVs, turn up the volume, bring in a DJ and have a party every night with a staff comprised of some of the friendliest people in town.

Galuppi's

1103 N Federal Hwy., Pompano Beach

Phone: (954) 785-0226

Web: www.galuppis.com

This restaurant and bar offers views of the Pompano Beach Golf Club greens. Watch the game while dining on great food at the inside bar, boasting 11 large TV's including a 17-foot definition projector. The outdoor patio also has six TV's, making sure guests don't miss a beat of the big game from the outdoors.

Timpano Chophouse & Martini Bar

450 Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 462-9119

Web: www.timpanochophouse.net

This restaurant and bar offers a menu that marries award winning cuisine with a combination of steaks, chops and pastas – and also features a daily happy hour that makes it a great choice for catching a football game.

LuLu's Bait Shack

17 S. Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd.,

Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 463-7425

Web: www.lulusbaitshack.com

A Cajun restaurant and Bayou Bar, LuLu's Bait Shack features traditional New Orleans fare and offers a full drink menu and outdoor dining overlooking Fort Lauderdale Beach. With numerous big-screens and a great location, it's a good choice for a casual meal with spirited ambiance.

Quarterdeck Seafood Bar

12370 West Sunrise Blvd., Plantation

Phone: (954) 423-4197

1541 Cordova Rd., Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 524-6163

2933 East Las Olas Blvd.,

Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 525-2010

3155 S. University Dr., Davie

Phone: (954) 452-7676

Web: www.quarterdeckrestaurant.com

Dishing out seafood specialties and American favorites, this fun group of seafood hot spots has been serving South Florida for over 40 years. Each restaurant features old marine equipment, surfboards, framed photos of customers and their families and huge saltwater fish tanks. According to founder Paul Flanigan, "Our customers don't just eat; they hang out!"

Shula's On the Beach

321 N Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd.,

Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 355-4000

Web: www.donshula.com

Located at the HQ Hotel, Shula's On the Beach offers great steaks and excellent seafood with indoor and outdoor seating and views of Fort Lauderdale Beach. The restaurant is decorated with memorabilia from Coach Don Shula's legendary football career and specializes in Angus beef.

BEST FINE DINING

Bova Prime

401 East Las Olas Blvd.,
Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 767-6555

Web: www.bovaprime.com

Bova Prime is an Italian steakhouse that is anything but conservative. Flowing white drapery and an extensive wine and cocktail list makes this fine dining Italian experience with a cosmopolitan feel one of the top dining spots in Fort Lauderdale. The menu ups the ante of classic Italian cuisine with everything from steaks and seafood to a variety of pastas.

The Capital Grille

2430 E. Sunrise Blvd.,
Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 446-2000

Web: www.thecapitalgrille.com

Located in the Galleria Mall, this fine dining staple is highly regarded for its tender steaks, superior selection of fine liquors and comfortable elegant dining. Recipient of the American Culinary Federation's "Achievement of Excellence Award," Capital Grille serves an impressive menu from renowned steaks to the freshest seafood intended to ignite the culinary imagination.

Cero Restaurant

1 North Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd.,
Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 465-2300

Web: [www.ritzcarlton.com/
FortLauderdale](http://www.ritzcarlton.com/FortLauderdale)

Located in The Ritz-Carlton, Fort Lauderdale, Cero is where opulence meets gastronomy. Savor contemporary American cuisine with dishes prepared with the freshest local and organic ingredients, along with culinary specialties such as artisan cheese and four-course dinner menus.

da Campo Osteria

3333 Northeast 32nd Ave.,
Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 226-5002

Web: www.dacampoosteria.com

Located in the il Lugano Suite Hotel, da Campo Osteria by Todd English offers guests authentic regional Italian fare amidst panoramic views of Fort Lauderdale. The menu features boldly flavorful dishes that pay homage to English's Tuscan roots. Using only the finest ingredients and emphasizing seasonality, the menu features such specialties as handcrafted pastas and grilled flatbreads.

Johnny V Restaurant & Lounge

625 E Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 761-7920

Web: www.johnnyvlasolas.com

Fort Lauderdale's own celebrity chef Johnny Vinczencz hits the spot with fine "Floribbean" fare that will leave your taste buds surprised. A fine dining take on local seafood favorites, Johnny V's lobster/ buffalo loin "Surf n Turf" is punched to the brim with tropical flavors. Vegetarians don't need to worry about feeling left out; diehard cheese fan Johnny V has created a cheese menu that features more than forty cheeses from around the world.

Morton's The Steakhouse

500 E Broward Blvd.,
Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 728-9230

Web: www.mortons.com

Serving only the finest quality of foods for over 30 years, Morton's offers the best in prime-aged beef, fresh fish and seafood and hand-picked produce from its thick double porterhouse to its whole baked main lobster. Rich sultry décor and superior service create a pleasant experience for diners.

Steak 954 at the W

401 North Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd., Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 414-8333

Web: www.steak954.com

This “luxury boutique steakhouse” in the new W Fort Lauderdale is the place to see and be seen with an extensive menu and even larger cocktail selection featuring specialties from around the world. This new venture from renowned restaurateur Stephen Starr, owner of Buddakan and Morimoto in New York and Philadelphia, promises not to disappoint.

Trina

601 North Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd., Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 567-8070

Web: www.trinarestaurantandlounge.com

This “New Mediterranean” restaurant at the Atlantic Hotel offers some of the best in beachfront dining. Its stylish and sleek décor is tastefully contrasted by its bright and flavorful cuisine alongside some of the most stunning views of Fort Lauderdale beach.

Truluck’s

2584A E Sunrise Blvd., Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 396-5656

Web: www.trulucks.com

A getaway for the senses, guests can savor the freshest Florida Stone Crab direct from the restaurant’s own fisheries, and a fresh-catch seafood menu is updated weekly by the chef. The restaurant also offers tender, juicy steaks grilled to perfection, and over 100 wines by the sampling, glass, and bottle.

BEST SHOPPING

Las Olas Boulevard

Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 937-7386

Web: www.lasolasboulevard.com

Tree-lined and inviting, Greater Fort Lauderdale’s Las Olas Boulevard is a great locale for quality shopping and a casual stroll. Many unique boutiques and galleries can be found along this chic thoroughfare from Zola Keller’s fabulous couture dresses to Herringbone and Hound’s designer fashions for men & women.

Sawgrass Mills

12801 West Sunrise Blvd., Sunrise

Phone: (954) 838-9214

Web: www.sawgrassmillsmall.com

A shopping mecca with the best deals and brands in town, the world’s largest discount and entertainment mall. Upscale stores at The Colonnade include Armani Exchange, Barney’s New York, Burberry, Coach, Ferragamo, David Yurman, Kate Spade, and Versace, as well as the newly opened Judith Ripka and Loro Piana. Shoppers will find outlets from major retailers such as Calvin Klein, Kenneth Cole, and Bebe, totaling 300+ outlets.

The Galleria

2414 East Sunrise Blvd., Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 564-1054

Web: www.galleriamall-fl.com

For “Football widows” looking to stay close to the beach but still enjoy great shopping with a luxe touch. A one-stop sophisticated experience, this world-class mall not only offers stores like Neiman Marcus, Coach, Cole Haan, Abercrombie & Fitch and Kate Spade, but also great dining options such as The Capital Grille, Blue Martini, Truluck’s Steak and Crab House, P.F. Chang’s and Seasons 52.

BEST SPAS TO DE-STRESS

Diplomat Spa

3555 South Ocean Dr., Hollywood

Phone: (954) 602-6000

Web: www.diplomatresort.com

Located at the Westin Diplomat Resort in Hollywood, this 30,000 square foot spa is a luxury oasis with 22 treatment rooms, private patio courtyards, a full-service salon and more. Guests can relax and unwind with a special selection of treatments and amenities that include signature facials and body services that combine Asian ingredients with Western techniques.

Ocean Sands Resort & Spa

1350 North Ocean Blvd.,

Pompano Beach

Phone: (800) 583-3500

Web: www.theoceansandsresortandspa.com/spaamen.html

The Spa at the Ocean Sands Resort offers spa services and packages for individuals and couples. From body treatments to massages to haircut or blow dry, the Spa at the Ocean Sands Resort is sure to provide a relaxing experience for all.

Spa at Harbor Beach Marriott

3030 Holiday Dr., Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 525-400

Web: www.marriotttharborbeach.com

This seaside oasis is nestled along the secluded private beach of the Harbor Beach Marriot & Spa. The spa features therapies from Europe and the Far East, mind-body wellness activities and individually tailored services.

Spa Atlantic

601 N Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd.,

Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 567-8020

Web: www.atlantichotelfl.com

Relax, refresh, and rejuvenate with the sea-and-citrus-enthused ambience of Spa Atlantic, which offers a signature collection of healing treatments inspired by the ancient rituals of the Mediterranean,

the Orient, Arabia, and India. Featuring eight private treatment rooms, the spa aims to transform the mind, body and soul.

The Spa at The Ritz-Carlton, Fort Lauderdale

1 North Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd., Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 465-2300

Web: www.ritzcarlton.com/fortlauderdale

Melt away cares and unwind in the luxurious lounge and treatment rooms at this spa located in The Ritz-Carlton, Fort Lauderdale. This full-service 8,500 square foot spa includes a wide variety of treatment rooms, massage areas, fitness center, boutique and Jacuzzis on the pool deck.

BEST OTHER GAMES

Florida Panthers

BankAtlantic Center,

1 Panther Pkwy., Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 835-7000

Web: www.panthers.nhl.com

Catch South Florida's national hockey team as they hit the ice at the BankAtlantic Center in Sunrise, Florida. A great option for sports fans who enjoy more than just football! Home game schedule:

1/26 Canadians vs. Panthers;

1/31 Islanders vs. Panthers;

2/1 Ducks vs. Panthers;

2/5 Flames vs. Panthers;

2/11 Canucks vs. Panthers

Lingerie Bowl VII

Hard Rock Live, Hollywood.

Web: www.lflus.com/lingeriebowlvii/

"The Ultimate Catfight" at 10pm

features the Lingerie Football

League's conference champions with celebrities and musical performances.

Tailgate Village opens 6pm.

Tickets from \$40 to \$5,000.

BEST GOLFING

Bonaventure Country Club

200 Bonaventure Blvd., Weston

Phone: (954) 389-2100

Web: www.golfbonaventure.com

A semi-private Fort Lauderdale golf facility open to all golfers, the Bonaventure Country Club features two Championship 18-hole golf courses. The East Course, designed by Joe Lee, was just re-opened after extensive renovations including new greens, bunkers and tees, and features the nationally famous #3 Waterfall Hole. The West Course is a par 70 that will test every club in your bag, but offers a great golf experience to all players.

The Club at Emerald Hills

4100 N. Hills Dr., Hollywood

Phone: (954) 894-7356

Web: www.theclubatemeraldhills.com

Recognized as one of Golf Digest's "Places to Play," this hidden gem boasts one of the best golfing layouts in South Florida. The Club at Emerald Hills has been selected as a host site for the US Open, US Amateur, US Mid-Amateur and US Public Links qualifiers. The course features undulating greens, contoured bunkers and hills guaranteed to give golfers a challenging but pleasurable golfing experience.

Heron Bay

11801 Heron Bay Blvd.,

Coral Springs

Phone: (954)796-2000

Web: www.heronbaygolfclub.net

A truly unique experience, the 240-acre golf course is set against canals and lakes with 18 championship caliber holes winding along the large waterways. An aesthetically pleasing environment and home to the PGA Tour for over 6 years, this is one of South Florida's premier facilities available to the public.

Plantation Preserve Course

7050 W. Broward Blvd.,

Plantation

Phone: (954)585-5020

Web: www.plantation.org/golf

The recently opened golf course and linear park is a 211-acre parcel that includes a 7,000-yard, par 72 championship golf course, a 6,600-square foot club house that seats 160 guests, a linear park trail with two trailheads that wind their way through the golf course and 29 acres of wetland preserve.

The Westin Diplomat Resort & Spa

3555 South Ocean Dr., Hollywood

Phone: (954) 602-6000

Web: www.diplomatresort.com/golf

Managed by internationally renowned Troon Golf and designed by Joe Lee, this 7,000-yard championship golf course is well-suited for both the seasoned player and the novice. The club features state-of-the-art GPS-equipped carts and the Bird Golf Academy for private and small group instruction.

BEST WATER SPORTS

A1A Sportfishing

801 Seabreeze Blvd.,

Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 423-8700

Web: www.a1asportfishing.com

Offering deep sea fishing charters, A1A Sportfishing features outings that range from deep sea, offshore waters to inshore inlets.

Atlantic Coast Kayak Company

1937 Wilton Dr., Wilton Manors

Phone: (954) 781-0073

Web: www.atlanticcoastkayak.com

Guided kayak tours and rentals in natural and urban settings, tidal creeks, wetlands, meandering rivers, mild surf and Intracoastal Waterway.

Charter One Yachts

4419 W. Tradewinds Avenue
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea

Phone: 954-771-0102 or 866-771-0102

Web: www.yachtchartersnow.com

For parties of two to 400, cruise along the South Florida waterways with a luxurious yacht, "The Grand Floridian" and "The Summer Wind."

Island Water Sports (IWS)

1985 NE 2nd St., Deerfield Beach

Phone: (954) 427-4929

Web: www.islandwatersports.com

Managed by professional surfer Cheyne Cottrell, this pro shop has all the goods to get you out on the waves. A knowledgeable staff of professional surfers is able to assist you with any clothing or equipment queries as well as take you on the water for some lessons, free on Saturdays!

Pro Dive International

429 Seabreeze Blvd.,
Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 776-3483

Web: www.prodiveusa.com

One of South Florida's - and the world's - most respected dive centers and operators, Pro Dive offers daily scuba diving and snorkeling charters aboard its custom 60' dive boat, the Pro Diver II; a complete retail dive shop featuring Aqua Lung, Aquatic Atomic, O.M.E.R. free diving gear; and scuba training for divers of every level, from beginner to career professional.

Ski Rixen at Quiet Waters Park

401 S. Powerline Rd.,
Deerfield Beach

Phone: (954) 429-0215

Web: www.skirixenusa.com

Want to learn to wakeboard or waterski? Head to Ski Rixen USA. Offering lessons for beginners through advanced levels, the instructors at SkiRixenUSA can teach visitors to master trick skis, wakeboarding, wakeskating, knee-boarding and waterskis. Located in Quiet Waters Park in Deerfield Beach.

South Florida Diving Headquarters

2621 N. Riverside Dr.,
Pompano Beach

Phone: (954) 783-2299

Web: www.southfloridadiving.com

South Florida Diving Headquarters offers daily snorkeling, diving and glass bottom boat trips to 23 miles of coral reefs and over 30 ship wrecks. Sports fans can try the "Dive Today" shallow water instruction program using the innovative "Mini Breather" - no experience needed.

BEST PLACES TO WAGER

Dania Jai Alai

301 East Dania Beach Blvd., Dania

Phone: (954) 920-1511

Web: www.betdania.com

A one stop betting station that includes poker, ponies, dogs and Jai Alai, the world's fastest sport. Home to tournaments and a variety of betting areas, this gambling arcade is one of the largest in the area with nightly betting events.

Gulfstream Park Racing & Casino

901 S. Federal Hwy.,
Hallandale Beach, FL

Phone: (954) 454-7000

Website: www.gulfstreampark.com

Located in Hallandale Beach, Gulfstream Park Racing & Casino offers casino gaming with Vegas-style slots and video poker, world-class thoroughbred racing, and year-round race simulcasting, fine dining and live entertainment. The new Village at Gulfstream Park is an unsurpassed shopping, dining and entertainment complex including dozens of upscale fashion and home accessory shops, signature restaurants and outdoor cafés.

Isle Casino and Racing at Pompano

1800 S.W. Third St., Pompano Beach

Phone: (954) 972-2000

Web: www.pompano-park.com

isleofcapricasinos.com

The Isle Casino offers 1,500 Vegas-style slots, a poker room, four restaurants, a multi-story feature bar, a sports bar and a wagering area overlooking the track. Other features include live harness racing and daily entertainment.

Mardi Gras Racetrack & Gaming Center

831 N. Federal Hwy.,

Hallandale Beach

Phone: (954) 924-3200

Web: www.playmardigras.com

It's always a party at Mardi Gras Racetrack with 70,000 square feet of casino excitement; Vegas-style slot machines, action packed poker tables and simulcast wagering, in addition to premier live greyhound racing. Food and live entertainment are available along with special events throughout the year.

Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino

One Seminole Way, Hollywood

Phone: (954) 327-7625

Web:

www.seminolehardrockhollywood.com

South Florida's largest casino features more than 2,300 of the most popular Vegas-style slots including the Native American casino linked Multi-Area Progressive Jackpots and Mega Jackpots. Eighty-nine tables offer Blackjack, Baccarat, Mini Baccarat, Pai Gow Poker, Three Card Poker and Texas Hold'em Bonus Poker. The casino also offers separate high-limit rooms for table games and slots, an exclusive VIP Plum Lounge, Council Oak Steak & Seafood and a non-smoking gaming room.

BEST TOURS

Fort Lauderdale Duck Tours

17 South Ft Lauderdale Beach Blvd.,
BeachPlace, Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 761-4002

Web: www.fortlauderdaleducktours.com

Fort Lauderdale's only land and sea adventure is quite the 90-minute ride as your Captain takes you on a journey through picturesque neighborhoods, famous Las Olas Blvd, Intracoastal waterways and Florida's only tunnel, among other Fort Lauderdale musts.

Jungle Queen Riverboat

801 Seabreeze Blvd.,

Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 462-5596

Web: www.junglequeen.com

A world-famous BBQ dinner cruise that doesn't disappoint offers sights that include beautiful homes and incredible yachts and a stopover at their tropical isle to see rare birds, monkeys and an alligator exhibition.

M. Cruz Rentals

3109 East Sunrise Blvd.,

Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 235-5082

Web: www.macruzrentals.com

Providing Segway tours, bike, kayak and rollerblade rentals, M. Cruz Rentals offers the best in sports equipment for the active traveler. The Segway tours run daily with various tour options and demonstrations to choose from.

Riverfront Cruises

300 S.W. 1st Ave., Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 463-3220

Web: www.anticipation.com/riverfront

Cruise down Fort Lauderdale's unforgettable waterways and discover new things to do on this scenic adventure. Modern and elegant, Riverfront Cruises offer the best in comfort and include panoramic views and air-conditioned salons. The "Venice of America" tour takes guests to visit such sites as the New River and Port Everglades.

Water Taxi

Phone: (954) 467-6677

Route Map: www.watertaxi.com/FLLMap

Web: www.watertaxi.com

Enjoy a leisurely sightseeing cruise along Fort Lauderdale's famous waterways with a helpful crew that will happily make your trip a fun excursion. Stops include shopping and dining areas, Las Olas Boulevard, hotels and Fort Lauderdale Beach.

BEST OF NATURE

Anne Kolb Nature Center

751 Sheridan St., Hollywood

Phone: (954) 926-2480

Web: www.broward.org/parks/wlp.htm

The Anne Kolb Nature Center at West Lake Park offers 1,500+ acres of coastal mangrove wetlands - one of the largest urban parks in Florida - rich in native vegetation and wildlife, including many threatened and endangered species. Situated on 20 acres along the Intra-coastal Waterway, includes a 3,500-gallon aquarium; a 68-foot observation tower; an Intracoastal fishing pier; and nature, biking, and boating trails.

Billie Swamp Safari

Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation in the Florida Everglades Off of I-75 (Alligator Alley), Clewiston
Phone: (863) 983-6101

Web: www.billieswampsafari.travel

Learn about the "Unconquered Seminole Tribe" of Florida on the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation located in the Florida Everglades at Billie Swamp Safari. Swamp Buggy Eco-Tours and Airboat Adventure Tours depart daily through 2,200 acres of untamed Everglades with abundant native and exotic wildlife. Enjoy a Snake and Alligator Show, Swamp Critter Show, dine in the Swamp Water Café, explore the boardwalk nature trail, see animal and reptile exhibits and shop for souvenirs. A rustic camping village includes native-style "chickee huts" for overnight stays.

Butterfly World

3600 W. Sample Rd.,
Coconut Creek

Phone: (954) 977-4400

Web: www.butterflyworld.com

The world's largest butterfly theme park, Butterfly World is a tropical oasis. Thousands of live, rainbow-hued butterflies dwell in acres of waterfalls, orchids, roses and tropical gardens that are also home to tropical fish, hummingbirds and lorikeets. The park also features an insectarium, butterfly farm and outdoor cafe.

Flamingo Gardens and Arboretum

3750 S Flamingo Rd., Davie

Phone: (954) 473-2955

Web: www.flamingogardens.org

Experience a touch of history on 60 acres of lush gardens, showcasing rare, exotic and native plants. Tour the citrus groves and the Wray Botanical Collection. Explore the Free-Flight Aviary, Everglades Wildlife Sanctuary and historic 1930s Wray Home, all while experiencing the free-roaming flamingos that populate the area.

Hugh Taylor Birch State Park

3109 E Sunrise Blvd.,
Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954)564-4521

Web: www.floridastateparks.org

Hugh Taylor Birch State Park offers many opportunities to get in touch with nature, including walking and hiking trails, shaded picnic areas and beach access. Sports opportunities include in-line skating, volleyball, canoeing, kayaking and fishing. Segway tours and bicycle rentals are also available.

BEST PLACES ARTS/CULTURE

Art and Culture Center of Hollywood

1650 Harrison St., Hollywood

Phone: (954) 921-3274

Web: www.artandculturecenter.org

Celebrating its 30th anniversary, the Art and Culture Center of Hollywood presents innovative, unique visual and performing arts programs. Its exhibitions, films and performances introduce fresh perspectives to the arts, and education programs for children and adults celebrate creativity and excellence.

Bonnet House Museum & Gardens

900 N. Birch Rd., Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 563-5393

Web: www.bonnethouse.org

The Bonnet House Museum & Gardens is a historic house museum built on 35 acres of a pristine barrier island on Fort Lauderdale Beach. It's one of the few complete homes and studios with original furnishings of two American artists and open to the public.

Broward Center for The Performing Arts

201 S.W. Fifth Ave., Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 522-5334

Web: www.browardcenter.org

From Broadway to ballet and concerts to opera, the Broward Center for the Performing Arts offers top-tier entertainment from national touring acts to regional groups. This January and February will feature performers including Comedian Elon Gold, Girls Night: The Musical and The Florida Grand Opera.

Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale

One East Last Olas Blvd.,

Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 262-0200

Web: www.moaflns.org

The Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale presents "American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell" running through February 7, 2010, followed by the internationally renowned exhibition "Edward Steichen: In High Fashion the Condé Nast Years, 1923-1937," February 26 - April 11.

BEST PLACES FOR KIDS

Boomers!

1700 NW 1st St., Dania Beach

Phone: (954) 921-1411

Web: www.boomersparks.com

Boomers! Theme Park features Florida's largest wooden roller coaster and offers fun for the whole family. Other attractions include the latest state-of-the-art video games, go-kart racing and speedway kart racing, a rock wall, miniature golf, batting cages, bumper boats, a wave rider, laser tag and more.

Gameworks at Sawgrass Oasis

2608 Sawgrass Mills Circle., Sunrise

Phone: (954)845-8740

Web: www.gameworks.com

Gameworks is a 20,000-square foot entertainment destination featuring an interactive arena with a focus on fun. Offering an incredible selection of interactive games and attractions, plus great food and drinks.

Museum of Discovery and Science

401 SW 2nd St., Fort Lauderdale

Phone: (954) 467-6637

Web: www.mods.org

Dynamic hands-on exhibits and a five-story IMAX 3D Theater put you in the center of the action at the Museum of Discovery and Science. The Aviation Station and historic World War II exhibits are must-sees! Tickets include admission to the Museum exhibits and one 45-minute IMAX film.

Wannado City

12801 West Sunrise Blvd., Sunrise, FL

Phone: (954) 838-7100 or

(888) WANNADO

Website: www.wannadocity.com

The only kid-sized city where children can make their wishes come true in a realistic and imaginative way, Wannado City is designed to let children experience what they "wannabe" when they grow up. From learning to be a firefighter to piloting an aircraft to working at a TV studio, Wannado City is a complete city at the size of three football fields, and is sure to bring the kid out in everyone.

CONVENTION CENTER AREA RESTAURANTS

15th Street Fisheries

1900 SE 15th St., Fort Lauderdale

(954) 763-2777

www.15streetfisheries.com

Seafood served in dining room and dockside (where you can feed tarpon).

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1555 SE 17th St., Fort Lauderdale

(954) 525-7400

www.biminiboatyard.com

Daily delivered seafood and meats infused by Caribbean wood-fired grill.

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(Hilton Fort Lauderdale Marina)

1881 SE 17th St., Fort Lauderdale

(954) 759-9950

www.chinagrillmgt.com

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E Spot Restaurant

(Embassy Suites Hotel)

1100 SE 17th St., Fort Lauderdale, FL

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<http://embassysuites1.hilton.com>

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2301 SE 17th St., Fort Lauderdale

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www.grille66andbar.com

Waterway views with inviting ambiance and exquisitely prepared cuisine.

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1804-1941 Cordova Rd., Fort Lauderdale

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www.theharborshops.com

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www.kellyslandingseafood.com

New England seafood including home-style cooking and friendly service.

Southport Raw Bar

1536 Cordova Rd., Fort Lauderdale

(954) 525-2526

www.southportrawbar.com

Famous raw bar promises fun with daily specials.

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6201 N. Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale

(954) 771-4390

www.outback.com

Steaks, chicken, ribs, seafood, and pasta dishes.

Pelican Landing

(Hyatt Regency Pier 66)

2301 Southeast 17th St., Fort Lauderdale

(954) 525-6666

www.pier66.hyatt.com

Burgers, crab cakes, salads with great Intracoastal views.

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www.iluvtokyosushi.com

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