



Ft. Lauderdale Area Attractions

WATER TAXI Fort Lauderdale's world famous waterways have earned the city the nickname "The Venice of America", and the ideal experience to explore and sightsee is our city's Water Taxi. Guests may board directly adjacent to the Hotel and enjoy a leisurely cruise along the New River and the Intracoastal Waterway, stopping for beach access, shopping at Galleria Mall, or sightseeing as the vessel passes by mega-yachts, mansions, and Port Everglades. Guests may also enjoy a full day excursion to South Beach aboard the South Beach Express Catamaran ferry, which departs the Hotel at approximately 9am and returns at 7pm. This cruise travels along the Intracoastal Waterway, passing Port Everglades, the upscale neighborhoods of Bal Harbour and Indian Creek, and Miami Beach mansions. Upon arrival, guests travel the South Beach area by trolley, and will have four hours to enjoy the Art Deco District, Ocean Drive, and Lincoln Road, or soak up the sun at one of the country's top beaches, South Beach.

WATER FRONT CRUISES

Venice of America Waterway Tour – Departing four times daily from the Las Olas Riverfront, this 90-minute narrated tour along the New River and Intracoastal Waterway showcases Fort Lauderdale's lush tropical foliage, stunning mansions of "Millionaires Row", and Port Everglades. The \$20.00 per person ticket includes one complimentary drink.

Jungle Queen Riverboat – The 550-passenger Jungle Queen Riverboat departs daily from the Bahia Mar docks for two sightseeing cruises and an evening dinner cruise, where guests enjoy "All You Can Eat" Barbecued Ribs, Chicken, and Steamed Shrimp.

Spirit of Lauderdale Catamaran – Morning and afternoon snorkel trips and an evening sunset champagne sail, all departing from the Bahia Mar docks.

AIRBOAT TOURS Experience the Everglades, one of the world's rare subtropical ecosystems, known as the River of Grass, at Sawgrass Recreation Park where guests board powerful airboats for a thrilling 30-minute airboat ride followed by an up close visit with native wildlife at the park's animal exhibits. Our Concierge can arrange for pickup and drop-off at the Hotel.

HISTORIC STRANAHAN HOUSE MUSEUM Named to the National Register of Historic Places in 1973, the historic Stranahan House is located just across the street from the Hotel. The house was built in 1901 by Fort Lauderdale pioneers Frank and Ivy Stranahan and in 1984 was restored to its original configuration of the early 1900's. Over time the house has served as a trading post, community center, post office, and bank, and home to the Stranahans.

BONNET HOUSE Built as a beach house, this historic 1921 plantation style waterfront home of two artists is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and features original furnishings and art studio.

ANTIQUÉ CAR MUSEUM Located close to the hotel, this museum contains 22 Packard automobile models from 1900 to the 1940's, plus other related memorabilia. Check with Concierge for times.

IGFA FISHING HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM The museum houses the headquarters of the International Game Fish Association, and the beautiful facility provides sport fishing and record information, interactive displays and virtual reality fishing. The Wetlands exhibit offers visitors the natural environment of marshlands including live alligators. The museum features the world's largest collection of books and references about fish and recreational fishing, and is located adjacent to the Bass Pro Shop.

MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY & SCIENCE & AUTONATION IMAX Located in walking distance, this popular museum offers over 200 dynamic hands on exhibits and a five story IMAX theater.

THE MUSEUM OF ART FORT LAUDERDALE The museum was founded in 1958 and is well known for hosting traveling exhibitions ranging from *Diana: A Celebration to Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs*, as well as for its collection of almost 6000 works, many reflecting the cultures of South Florida and the Caribbean.

INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING HALL OF FAME This unique museum recognizes over 600 of the world's greatest aquatic athletes. Exhibits include the world's largest collection of objects d'art, rare photos, posters, films, swimsuits, Olympic medals, trophies and other swimming related artifacts dating from the days of ancient Assyria to modern times.

LAS OLAS BOULEVARD Just outside our doors are many charming boutiques offering unique items from all over the world. Apparel, wedding dresses, home furnishings, art galleries, food and wine boutiques, and day spas are all just steps away. There are also over 35 restaurants within walking distance of the hotel.

GALLERIA MALL Just ten minutes from the hotel and accessible via Water Taxi, this waterfront mall features Neiman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue, Dillard's, Macy's and over 180 stores, restaurants including Blue Martini and PF Chang's, and an upscale food court.

SAWGRASS MILLS MALL This is Florida's largest value retail and entertainment center, and is consistently ranked the state's Number Two tourist attraction (behind Central Florida). Sawgrass Mills is home to more than 400 retailers, including internationally recognized brand-name stores such as Off Fifth, Last Call, Nordstrom Rack, and also the region's most sought after luxury outlets True Religion, Tommy Bahama, Tumi, and Zegna at The Colonnade. The center also offers a multiplex cinema with IMAX theatre, GameWorks, The Billiard Club, Rainforest Café, and for kids, Wannado City, an interactive indoor park allowing children to choose their own activities.

BANK ATLANTIC CENTER Located approximately 20 minutes away; this venue serves as "Home Ice" for the Florida Panthers and also hosts a variety of concerts and performances.

BROWARD CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS Located downtown, this world class performing arts center opened in 1991 and hosts concerts and national tours of plays and musicals.

FORT LAUDERDALE BEACH The location for the ultimate Spring Break movie *Where the Boys Are* is located just two miles east of the hotel and can be accessed via Water Taxi, Trolley, or taxi (check with Concierge for schedules). Several vendors offer beach chairs and umbrellas for rent, and guests can enjoy many oceanfront cafes and lounges including the world famous ElboRoom, which has welcomed guests since 1938.