

SOUTH FLORIDA - A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

Places To Go, Things To See, Where To Dine

Las Olas Blvd. & Las Olas Riverfront- Near Downtown - Close to Broward Blvd. and US 1

An area of shops, restaurants, art galleries and lounges. A great place to take a leisurely stroll or dining out. There is every kind of food available. The art galleries stay open at night. Mangos is an inexpensive open air cafe with good music. At the west end of Las Olas Blvd. is Las Olas Riverfront, a restaurant / entertainment / shopping / movie theater complex, 2nd Street restaurants and the Museum of Art & Museum Of Discovery/ Science. The Broward Center for Performing Arts is within walking distance. The IMAX theater has shows on a 60 foot screen.

Ft. Lauderdale Beach on A1A - Across the 17th Street Causeway. There are numerous restaurants and beach type shops, especially Beach Place. Lifeguards on duty. Great place to have breakfast, lunch or dinner. Pelican Beach Resort is oceanfront with a large veranda for drinks and full service restaurant. Great spot to relax.

Water Taxis & Water Buses - Available all along the Intracoastal Waterway and New River. Take from restaurant to restaurant / hotel to hotel and get a nice look at the million dollar+ homes and yachts.

Everglades National Park - Just west of Cooper City, Davie, Plantation, etc. Airboat rides, alligator wrestling, rare birds and fresh water fishing.

Flamingo Gardens - West Davie. Guided tram tour takes you through South Florida as it was before development. A small zoo, cafe, fresh juice bar, gift shop and many exotic and native plants and trees.

Hugh Taylor Birch State Park - Along A1A on Ft. Lauderdale Beach. Great for walking, canoeing, picnicking, or just watching the boats go by. Approximately \$3.50 per car. Under the road tunnel to the beach.

Hollywood/Dania Beach & Hollywood Downtown- Just South of Ft. Lauderdale with a 3 mile Boardwalk on the beach. Shops, restaurants and a great beach. Lifeguards on duty. Art Galleries & Restaurants-Downtown.

John U. Lloyd State Park - North of Dania Beach. B-B-Q grills and tables directly on the ocean. Entrance on A1A & Dania Beach Blvd. Can also get there by boat. Lifeguards on duty.

Our favorite restaurants are: *Pelican Bar at Hyatt Hotel Pier 66-great view of Intracoastal, **** The Grill Room at Riverside Hotel (Las Olas Blvd), ****Grill 66 at Hyatt Regency Pier 66(Intracoastal), *** Il Toscano (Weston), *** East City Grill (Weston), **15th Street Fisheries -downstairs area (Intracoastal), ** Las Vegas - Cuban Food(Pembroke Pines, Plantation, Ft.Laud.), *** Cafe Maxx(Pompano Beach), ***Las Olas Cafe on Las Olas Blvd., **Creolinas(authentic New Orleans - Davie), ****Capital Grille (Galleria Mall), **** Ruth Chris Steakhouse (Ft. Laud), *** J. Alexanders (Ft. Laud., Plantation), *** Brimstone Woodfire Grill (Pembroke Pines), ** Legal Seafood (Sawgrass Mall & other locations). Others not to miss: **Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza - as close to NY pizza as possible (Weston & several location in Broward County), **Houstons (Several locations), **Bonefish Grill (Plantation, Weston), **Seawatch(A1A-on the ocean), ***Casablanca Cafe (A1A-on the ocean), **Vienna Cafe & Wine Bar (Davie), *Vienna Coffee House(Cooper City), *Chee Burger Chee Burger(Ft. Lauderdale, Pembroke Pines, Weston, etc.), *The Floridian(on Las Olas), **Carlos and Pepe's-Mexican(17 St. Causeway), **Chuck's Steak House(17 St. Causeway), **Shooters + other restaurants next door (Intracoastal), **Aruba Beach Cafe(on the ocean Ft. Laud.), *Le Tub (Intracoastal - Hollywood), **Bimini Boatyard(17 St. Causeway), ***Mezza Luna(17 St. Causeway), **Rustic Inn Crab House(Ft. Laud.), **Jeremiah Bullfrogs Pompano Beach (Intracoastal), **Caps Place(Lighthouse Point), ***La Brochette Bistro(Cooper City), **La Caretta - Cuban food (Pembroke Pines), *Georgia Pig BBQ - since 1953 (Davie), **Flanigans Ribs (Several Locations), ** Grand Lux (Sawgrass Mall), ** Cheese Cake Factory (Several locations), **Seafood World (Lighthouse Point). (*inexpensive, **moderate, *** expensive, **** very expensive).

That should give you a good start! If needed, call us for directions.

If you want fresh seafood Two Bills Seafood is the place- it's a little hard to find(off 441 and Griffin Rd.-call us for directions). Capt. Mikes (on 441 and Griffin Rd.) has more variety, but is a little more expensive.

If you want really laid back, go to the Keys(Key Largo-1 hour, Islamorada-1.5 hours, Key West-3.5 hours). When you go to Key West, you should highly consider renting the scooters for the time you are there. They will be all you need to get around - you could park the car until you leave. It is just plain fun on them! In Islamorada make sure you go to the Tiki Bar at Holiday Isle and the Loreli for the sunsets. To eat, go to Islamorada Fish Company(best fish in Islamorada + fish market), Ziggy & Maddogs. In Key West, stay on or near Duval St. that has all the stores and restaurants. Don't miss Fastback Freddie's Department store, ***The Marqueas Cafe, the *Half Shell Raw Bar, ***Cafe' Des Artistes (2-3 hour dining experience), ***Louie's Backyard Restaurant(superb water view), the Saturday or Sunday brunch at the Casa Marina Resort, the sunsets from Ocean Key House Gulf side lounge or atop the Holiday Inn or from Mallory Square(don't miss the local musicians, magicians, acts, etc. every night before sunset at the docks at Mallory Square), Hemingway House, Mel Fischers Sunken Treasure Museum or sunset cruises. Use Cyberrentals.com or Homeaway.com to find a house or condo w/kitchens.

If you want to go to the West coast(Naples - Marco Island- 1.5 hours, Sanibel/Captiva Islands-2 hours) we can help with ideas there as well. The Naples Grande is a beautiful hotel on the Gulf of Mexico. Go to 5th Avenue in Naples for shopping and a wide range of dining options. South Seas Plantation is just one of the places to stay on Captiva.

A great place to go for 1 or 2 days(or more) is the Stuart/Jensen Beach/Hutchinson Island area. It's only 1 1/2 hours away and offers an array of great places to stay, eat and sightsee. The beaches are less crowded and are protected from the roads by sand dunes, the make up of the land is unlike South Florida. It has an "Old Florida" feel to it, especially on the Intracoastal and ocean. It's a place to get away from the hustle and bustle - it moves at slower pace and happily so. See the Lighthouse and Elliott Museums. Go to "Bathtub Reef" Beach(excellent for kids). Eat at: ***Flagler Grill (our favorite & Zagat & Gourmet Magazine highly rated), *** Cortines, ***11 Maple Street, **The Prawnbroker, **The Black Marlin and other restaurants in the Historic Stuart district, *Jan's in Jensen Beach(Best for breakfast), **New England Fish House. The best place to stay is the Marriott Indian River Plantation Resort - a great pool area & separate 1 & 2 bedroom condos with kitchens on the beach. You can rent wave runners, Hobie Cats and boats at several places nearby. Visit Stuart & Jensen Beach "Downtowns" for antiques, shops and restaurants.

West Palm Beach offers "City Place" at Okeechobee Blvd. & I-95 - Italian plaza type open air mall of upscale stores & restaurants. Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach is a quaint area, great for shopping & many restaurants.

The Orlando area speaks for itself with Disney World, Sea World, Universal, etc., but we can tell you about some of the things that should not be missed. At this point it would take at least one full week to see all the parks and you would still be able to go back for unseen things in the future. Visit the Grand Floridian Resort in the late afternoon in the immense and really "grand" lobby with the ragtime band playing. There is also an authentic English Tea Room off the lobby.

As for Miami, be sure to go to the Coconut Grove area and Viscaya Mansion. Eat at Monte's on the Bay, the Chart House, Coco Walk(a u-shaped center of restaurants, shops, theaters, etc.). And there's always trendy South Beach for people watching and dining options galore. Visit Bayfront Park in Downtown Miami.

The Sun Sentinel Newspaper Friday edition has a section called SHOWTIME! that we use every week. It has a complete rundown of everything that is happening in S. Florida. We suggest it to everyone.

Feel free to call us for any advice/recommendations on where or what to do just about anywhere from Orlando to the Keys. We grew up here and we have made it a point to visit and try the old and new that is offered throughout Florida. We hope you find this information helpful.

From all of us at The Lee Jenkins Real Estate Team- Have a GREAT time.