



VIEW IN TOWN >

Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six, Panorama Ballroom

Where in Fort Lauderdale can you find a breathtaking 360-degree view of the area that includes the beach, downtown, waterways, port, convention center and airport tower? The Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six Panorama Ballroom. This space boasts an outdoor deck and a 3,000-square-foot Pier Top that can be used for corporate events, weddings, galas, holiday parties and special events. Additionally, the ballroom rotates if requested, taking a little over an hour for a full revolution.

Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six,
2301 SE 17th St., Fort Lauderdale;
954.525.6666; pier66.hyatt.com

WATERFRONT RESTAURANT

5 o'Clock Somewhere Bar at Margaritaville

Waterfront dining is fairly easy to come by in our lay of the land, but it's no wonder 5 o'Clock Somewhere Bar at Margaritaville rises to the top of the list. Think bar bites, tropical drinks, live entertainment and a daily sunset ritual. The Intracoastal-facing restaurant features a Water Taxi stop that takes guests to and from Fort Lauderdale's Las Olas Boulevard, and it serves as a launching pad for paddleboarding and kayak excursions. After a day of exploring, guests can enjoy happy hour from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday with two-for-one draft beers, well drinks, wine and the Who's to Blame Margaritas.

5 o'Clock Somewhere Bar
at Margaritaville, 1111 N. Ocean
Drive, Hollywood; 954.874.4444;
margaritavillehollywoodbeachresort.com

UPSCALE LOUNGE

Blue Martini

Here's three reasons why Blue Martini takes the win for best upscale bar: it has live entertainment nightly, three distinct bar areas (one set on the casual patio, one in front of the stage and another removed for a VIP area), and happy hour seven days a week with 50 percent off food and discounted drinks. The brand has claimed its spot outside The Galleria Mall for over a decade, serving more than 40 catchy cocktails like the Fly Me To The Moon and Mango Tango. And while drinks are the focus, the food is also worth taking note, like



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the baked brie or barbeque chicken flatbread.

Blue Martini, 2432 E. Sunrise Blvd.,
Fort Lauderdale; 954.653.2583;
fortlauderdale.bluemartinilounge.com

HAPPY HOUR

Thursday's

Drink deals? Check. Live music? Check. Free food? Check. Did we just say "free food?" Totally. At Thursday's, happy hour means discounted drinks, including wine and top-shelf pours, and complimentary appetizers from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. daily. The restaurant joined Las Olas Boulevard last year, but the brand has endured more than four decades with its original restaurant still operating out of Montréal, QC. Known for its French cuisine, the restaurant also prides itself on a hardy Sunday brunch, including \$12 bottomless mimosas or bloody marys, and an early

bird prix fixe, three-course meal for \$25. See you there?
Thursday's, 1521 E. Las Olas Blvd.,
Fort Lauderdale; 954.368.4630;
thursdaysfortlauderdale.com



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SPECIALTY GROCER

Doris Italian Market & Bakery

It might be impossible to shop at Doris Italian Market & Bakery without buying a cannoli, éclair, napoleon, tiramisu or cream puff that tempts shoppers from the bakery cases. In addition to sweets, the market offers fresh meats, fruits and vegetables; seafood caught daily; baked goods; and an extensive inventory of wine. The best part? It's a family business. John Alfano, president and CEO, says the store started out as a mom-and-pop meat market and deli, and it's since been received as one