

dining guide



## Broward County

### AMERICAN

#### ⊗ Bin 595

At the northeast corner of Pine Island Road and Interstate 595 in the Renaissance Plantation, 954-472-2252. Bin 595 is set apart from other restaurants in Fort Lauderdale by an ambience that is inviting, timeless and whimsical. The eclectic cuisine, including freshly made salads, fine meats and fresh seafood, reflects Latin, Caribbean and Asian fusion influences with diverse regional specialties. The expansive bar and lounge features a variety of signature creations, along with an extensive wine list. Immerse yourself in a menu rich in local cuisine. A private room for 14 is also available.

#### ⊗ Blue Jean Blues

3320 NE 33rd St., Fort Lauderdale, 954-306-6330, bluejeanblues.net. Enjoy the soft sounds of jazz and blues and our exquisite menu of tapas and gourmet pizzas. Weekly menu specials offer unique flavors and pairings. A warm and charming atmosphere will instantly relax you, while the attentive staff spoils you. Blue Jean Blues is the perfect destination for your next night out, and is an experience you'll want to share with your friends.

#### ⊗ Brimstone Woodfire Grill

14575 SW Fifth St., Pembroke Pines, 954-430-2333. At Brimstone Woodfire Grill, we offer "top of the line" steaks and fresh seafood. Our steaks are from Black Angus cattle that are Midwestern-corn fed. The variety in our menu allows us to appeal to a broad range of guests, with eclectic offerings for both lunch and dinner. With an exceptional wine list to match, the menu caters to those looking for lighter fare, as well as those seeking the classic steakhouse experience.

#### ⊗ The Capital Grille

2430 E. Sunrise Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, 954-446-2000. The Capital Grille boasts an atmosphere of relaxed elegance and style complete with rich, dark, mahogany wood and quiet booths, and is the perfect place for an intimate evening or a power lunch. Nationally acclaimed for dry-aged steaks, The Capital Grille serves classic steakhouse fare, chops, large North Atlantic lobsters and fresh seafood. The restaurant features

an award-winning wine list recognized by *Wine Spectator*. The highly experienced service and culinary team, led by Managing Partner Angela Nowland and Executive Chef Marc Gruverman, combine to create a restaurant that is perennially recognized as the master of professional, gracious service and premier dining. Whatever the occasion, The Capital Grille will provide you and your guests with an exceptional dining experience. Monday-Saturday: Lunch 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Dinner 4-9:30 p.m. Sunday: Dinner 4-9:30 p.m. Able to accommodate large parties. Catering and takeout available. Family friendly.

#### Christine's

2671 E. Oakland Park Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, 954-566-1919. Fine ambience, contemporary cuisine, wine list and staff. Standouts include grilled Hawaiian Snapper. Moderate-Expensive. Lunch dinner. Reviewed 4/4/08. – J.S.

#### ⊗ Empire Pizza Café

2606 Sawgrass Mills Circle, Sunrise, 954-845-0000. Located in The Oasis at Sawgrass Mills Mall, next to Regal Cinema. Empire Pizza Café is a sophisticated, New York-themed, two-level restaurant that offers traditional Italian fare, as well as daily specials with a Latin flair. Try the signature Rigatoni alla Vodka or the flavorful skirt steak with a chimichurri sauce. Or for lighter fare, choose a panini, a salad or a personal pizza. Follow through with the pastry chef's specialty - crème brûlée in its very own pecan basket served with strawberries and a crème anglaise sauce. All desserts are made on premises. Also offering full-service catering with a variety of menus tailored to your palette and your budget, for all your special personal and corporate events. Private dining room seats up to 50 people. Happy hour daily from 4-7 p.m. Local delivery. Open daily for lunch and dinner.

#### ⊗ Ireland's Steakhouse

250 Racquet Club Road, Weston, 954-349-5656. A first-class dining experience might not be expected at a meeting and convention hotel, but Hyatt Regency Bonaventure is changing that perception with Ireland's Steakhouse. The restaurant features juicy bone-in beef cuts, fresh seafood, family-style sides and a premium wine list. Sophisticated interiors, impeccable service and Executive Chef Bob Axenfeld's culinary specialties make dining at Ireland's a most

memorable experience.

#### Johnny V

625 E. Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, 954-761-7920. Top-notch ingredients used in a menu executed by an adept kitchen plus outstanding wine list. Moderate-expensive. Lunch, dinner. Reviewed 5/29/09. – J.S.

#### Morton's The Steakhouse

Locations at 500 E. Broward Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, 954-467-9720; 5050 Town Center Circle, Boca Raton (in the Boca Shops at Town Center), 561-392-7724; 777 S. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach, 561-835-9664; 1200 Brickell Ave., Miami, 305-400-9990; 2333 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Coral Gables, 305-442-1662 and 17399 Biscayne Blvd., North Miami Beach, 305-945-3131; mortons.com. The choice to spend about \$100 per person on a meal is one that most people do not make regularly. When the occasion does arise, this steakhouse is an excellent choice. The portions are immense, the quality of the food top-notch, and the service is befitting of the price level. Expensive. – D.K.

#### ⊗ Smith & Jones

1313 E. Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, 954-888-8993, smithandjones.us. Opened November 2008 on vibrant Las Olas Boulevard. Smith & Jones Bar and Grille is the brainchild of acclaimed chef and restaurateur Johnny Vinczencz. At S&J, guests will delight at Vinczencz's creative American comfort food made from the freshest ingredients in the market at reasonable prices. Live entertainment Tuesday-Saturday evenings at 10 p.m. that will make your heart soar. Lunch and dinner served seven days a week.

#### Vienna Café & Wine Bar

9100 W. State Road 84, Davie, 954-423-1961. Enjoy duck confit, scallops, Danish meatballs and more. Save room for delicious desserts. Well-rounded wine list. Moderate-expensive. Reviewed 8/1/08. – J.S.

#### ⊗ Village Tavern

14555 SW Second St., Pembroke Pines, 954-874-1001. Bringing people together, Village Tavern celebrates classic American food, elevating traditional tavern standards with a wide-ranging menu, stellar service, handcrafted cocktails and an award-winning wine list. Village Tavern is your neighborhood spot for a business lunch meeting, a romantic night out, drinks with friends or a relaxing Sunday brunch with the family.



# Quick Bites

**Cut 432** in Delray Beach bills itself as a “modern” steakhouse – but an appetizer on their menu is a throwback to the supper club age when the smoke in the dining rooms wasn’t always from the grill.

Steak tartare has attracted a food-savvy new diner, though a number of its fans from the ’60s never stopped eating the raw-meat concoction – they simply couldn’t find it on many menus.

“We thought it was a really good dish and fit what we were doing,” said 432 chef Tony Pizzo, who explained the process. Each order is made as it comes in – freshness is key. He minces by hand (it’s never ground) the prime tenderloin, and combines it with whole-grain mustard, red onion bits, capers, fleur de sel, lemon zest, and a sprinkling of chopped herbs. It’s shaped into a mound, topped with a quail egg and served over microgreens and with pita chips – a modern touch.

“In the beginning, we used Kobe (beef). It was overpriced for the market, though, so we switched to all natural prime and it’s selling very well,” he says. “Everybody loves it.”

You’ll find it on the appetizer menu at Cut 432 for \$12.

— Jan Norris

432 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach, 561-272-9898, [Cut432.com](http://Cut432.com).

## ASIAN

### ⊗ Fah Asian Bistro & Sushi Bar

7461 N. Federal Highway (Hidden Valley Plaza), Boca Raton, 561-241-0400. Created by the owner of Lemongrass, this casual dining bistro offers a friendly, warm and relaxing atmosphere. Fah’s menu features traditional and contemporary Thai and award-winning Japanese cuisines. Open for lunch Monday – Friday. Dinner nightly.

### ⊗ Stir Crazy Fresh Asian Grill

14571 SW Fifth St., Pembroke Pines, 954-919-4900, also at Town Center at Boca Raton, 6000 Glades Road, Boca Raton, 561-338-7500, [stircrazy.com](http://stircrazy.com). Stir Crazy offers a diverse menu of Chinese, Thai, Vietnamese and Japanese food, with a focus on fresh quality ingredients and bold flavors. The menu features everything from traditional favorites like Pad Thai and Teriyaki Chicken to specialty dishes such as Wasabi Salmon, Japanese Steaks and Fuji Tuna Salads. Stir Crazy has a full bar and features a 35-bottle wine list.

## CONTINENTAL

### ⊗ The Pub Pembroke

237 SW 145<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Pembroke Pines, 954-430-4230. Authentic British tavern. The Pub’s menu combines the finest aspects of traditional pub fare with more complicated dishes, prepared as well as you would expect from any fine restaurant. Serving over 20 handcrafted beers on tap and the best pub fare from around the British Isles.

## ITALIAN

### ⊗ Brio Tuscan Grille

14576 SW Fifth St., Pembroke Pines, 954-431-1341. Brio (meaning “lively” or “full of life”) is a casual white-tablecloth restaurant serving premium-quality steaks, chops, fish and pasta. We believe in the Tuscan philosophy of “To Eat Well is to Live Well.” Weekend Brunch, Outdoor Dining, Carry Out, Kid’s Menu available. Reservations recommended.

### ⊗ BOVA Prime

401 E. Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, [bovaprime.com](http://bovaprime.com). BOVA Prime is now open in downtown Fort Lauderdale. Located at 401 E. Las Olas Blvd. (formerly Riley McDermott’s), this hot new South Beach-

style eatery offers only the finest seafood and steak entrées accented with the vibrant flavors of Primo Italian Cuisine. Open for lunch Monday through Friday and dinner Monday through Sunday. Happy Hour from 3:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please call 954-767-6555 for reservations.

### ⊗ Pellegrino’s Ristorante & Lounge

847 SE Eighth Ave., Deerfield Beach, 954-418-0611. The Pellegrino Family of RAO’S in East Harlem is now in South Florida. Pellegrino’s brings that New York state of mind to Deerfield Beach, offering authentic southern-style Italian dishes. Enjoy a cocktail in the full-liquor lounge, and listen to the sounds of Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin. Drinks are two for one between 4 and 6 p.m. in the Lounge area only. Previously *Zagat* Rated #1 Italian Restaurant in South Florida and rated Four Stars in the *Sun Sentinel’s Showtime*. Going on “10” years, this restaurant is South Florida’s best-kept secret by far. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays until October. [PellegrinosRestaurant.com](http://PellegrinosRestaurant.com).

## LATIN/MEXICAN/SPANISH

### Eduardo de San Angel

2822 E. Commercial Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, 954-772-4731. A jewel box of a restaurant offering a chance at sophisticated Mexican infused international cuisine. Discover grilled cactus paddle paired with achiote-marinated loin of pork and guajillo chili sauce and the wonders of epazote-infused in pasilla chili-flavored chicken broth. Homemade desserts excel. Excellent wine list. Caring service. Expensive. Dinner. – J.S.

## SEAFOOD

### ⊗ Billy’s Stone Crab Restaurant

400 N. Ocean Drive, Hollywood, located one mile north of The Westin Diplomat Resort on A-1-A, 954-923-2300 or 800-435-2722. World famous, with a view! Now in its fourth decade in business, Billy’s Stone Crab Restaurant and Market is a South Florida institution offering some of the freshest stone crabs and seafood. Specialties include stone crab claws, Key West pink shrimp, Florida lobster, fresh Florida fish, as well as steaks and chicken. Billy’s second floor dining room with floor-to-ceiling windows has a magnificent view of the Intracoastal Waterway, capturing its nightly yacht parades as well as outdoor dining on their dock. Open for dinner and

lunch daily. Nationwide shipping. Private party room available. For more information about Billy's or to order online, visit crabs.com or call 800-4FLCRAB.

### ⊗ **RA Sushi Bar Restaurant**

201 SW 145th Terrace, Pembroke Pines, 954-342-5454, rasushi.com. This stylishly edgy sushi bar and restaurant, with three locations in South Florida, is the perfect place to cut loose with friends, toss back a few, and enjoy the best sushi the ocean has to offer. RA Sushi, an unconventional dining concept, blends fresh sushi, hip music and contemporary décor all rolled up into one flavorful experience.

### **Sunfish Grill**

2761 E. Oakland Park Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, 954-564-6464. Excellent blue-marlin dip, onion-crusted salmon, sea scallops and steak. House-made desserts are a must. Moderate-expensive. Dinner. – J.S.

### ⊗ **Truluck's Seafood Steak and Crabhouse**

Galleria Mall, 2584A East Sunrise Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, 954-396-5656, also at 351 Plaza Real, Boca Raton, 561-391-0755. Florida's finest seafood restaurant is NOW OPEN in Fort Lauderdale! Truluck's is all about serving the freshest seafood available, tender juicy steaks, succulent crab from around the globe and delicious wines, all served by our attentive staff. We are so committed to bringing fresh crab to the marketplace that we operate a fleet of crabbing boats at our very own fisheries just outside of Naples, FL. Join us for cocktail hour Monday through Friday, 4:30 to 7 p.m., featuring 25 percent off all bottles of wine, half price appetizers, and live piano bar entertainment. Call to make your reservations today. Discover Truluck's!

## THAI

### ⊗ **Nakorn Thai & Sushi Bar**

1935 Harrison St., Hollywood, 954-921-1200. Nakorn Thai & Sushi provides the perfect mix of East-meets-West recipes. The famous dishes are incredibly delicious and include Seafood Basil, Shrimp Pad Thai, Basil Duck, Volcano Chicken and especially the 2 1/2 lbs. fried red snapper with sweet chili sauce. The restaurant also offers a variety of Japanese favorites, including sashimi mari, tuna tataki, dragon rolls and 10 combination plates. Desserts consist of Fried Bananas with Ice Cream, Tempura Ice Cream, Thai Donuts and Tempura Cheesecake. Look for us at our

great new location on trendy Harrison Street, just one block south of Hollywood Boulevard, next to the Ramada Hotel, parking available next door within the parking garage.

## Miami-Dade County

### MEDITERRANEAN

#### ⊗ **Eos**

In the Viceroy Miami, 485 Brickell Ave., Miami, 305-503-0373. Award-winning Chef Michael Psilakis and restaurateur Donatella Arpaia pair up to create a stylish, playful downtown dining experience with an eclectic menu showcasing Mediterranean-inspired small plates. Open seven days a week. Reservations accepted.

#### ⊗ **Smith & Wollensky**

1 Washington Ave., Miami Beach, 305-673-2800. America's famous steakhouse provides unparalleled views of Government Cut and unique waterside dining options. Smith's serves traditional classic steak dishes, outstanding seafood, and offers an award-winning wine selection. Smith & Wollensky is open for lunch and dinner. Reservations are accepted.

## Palm Beach County

### AMERICAN

#### **The Addison**

2 E. Camino Real, Boca Raton, 561-395-9335. Food and service mostly match the gorgeous setting in the former offices of Addison Mizner. Expensive. Dinner. Reviewed 6/19/09. – J.T.

#### ⊗ **CUT 432**

432 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach, 561-272-9898, Cut432.com. Cut 432 presents an avant-garde modern steakhouse dining experience with an intense focus on prime beef sourced from the country's top ranchers and artisanal producers. Cut 432's decorated chef Anthony Pizzo invents dishes such as Maine Lobster Potato Skins, Blue Cheese Tater Tots, and Moroccan Spiced Tuna that heighten and delight each one of the senses. Quality seafood and fish are also abundant fare at Cut 432. All ocean offerings are uniquely prepared in our wood burning oven. Lunch/ Dinner/Bar open late.

#### **III Forks**

200 E. Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton, 561-416-2185. This modern, elegant spot is the fourth for the Texas-based chain. Steaks are superb, but so are many of

the seafood choices. Expensive. Dinner. Reviewed 7/17/09. – J.T.

### **Six Tables**

112 NE Second St., Boca Raton, 561-347-6260. Price includes six-courses, mostly solid interpretations of such classics as Chateaubriand, osso buco and rack of lamb. Expensive. Dinner. –J.T.

### ASIAN

#### **Uncle Tai's**

5250 Town Center Circle, Boca Raton, 561-368-8806. Specialities include crispy beef beef and Chang Sha-style shrimp. Moderate-expensive. Lunch, dinner. Reviewed 9/25/09. – J.T.