

Bar and Grill, the crown jewels at the new Royal Palms

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The sleek, white-marbled ambiance of The Royal Palms' brand new boutique hotel doesn't just make for the perfect place to stay on your South Florida vacation. It's also the brilliant backdrop for superb dining and Ft Lauderdale's hottest new gay bar.



Nestled within the RP's Art Deco splendor in North Beach Village, GG's is Fort Lauderdale's new gay meeting ground, and the bar closest to the famed Sebastian Street gay beach. The eponymous bistro – with seating both inside and poolside – dishes up delectable breakfast, brunch, and lunch with flair. With the new Royal Palms the destination for a new, younger generation of sophisticated gay South Florida travelers, GG's is quickly becoming the exciting bar in metro Ft. Lauderdale. For visitors to the city's world-famous gay beach or to guests at the new Royal Palms, drinks or dining no longer means a drive to Wilton Manors or Las Olas Boulevard if you'd rather stay just where you are. GG's is the place for everything from before-dinner libations to late-night revelry.

What's on the menu? From early 7 a.m. breakfast to late 4 p.m. lunch, there are classics such as omelets, fresh-fruit salads, sandwiches, and Belgian waffles with real maple syrup. Looking for hearty fare? A luscious ribeye steak is the centerpiece of GG's Feast. Add to that seaside delights like GG's Ceviche, Hurricane Shrimp, and Beach Benedict. And in case you forgot you're in a gay restaurant, tuck into a Three Queen's salad or a Beach Bunny!

The bar and grille are part of what makes the new Royal Palms hotel the centerpiece of a complete gay vacation – with on-premises spa, a fitness center and gym, a clothing-optional pool, and room-service. Just two blocks away are the beach, and Royal Palms' original nudist-friendly guesthouse and its gay pool and lush gardens, which hotel guests can enjoy.

The new RP's luxe accommodations come appointed with king-sized rain showers spilling onto pebble floors, 42-inch flat-screen TVs, and original artworks by photographer Dennis Dean. Expect classic Royal Palms touches, like orchids everywhere and obsessive gay housekeeping! Guests enjoy complimentary WiFi throughout the property, with iPad 2's available at check-in.

But there's no reason to stay glued to a screen when you can borrow white bicycles for roaming the nearby palm-lined streets that run along the ocean. And for the ultimate luxury, inquire about the RP's 54-foot private yacht, available for guest excursions, celebrations, and commitment ceremonies.

"The reinvented Royal Palms offers something totally unique for the South Florida gay travelers," says RP Ambassador Richard Gray, who has guided RP from its origins 20 years ago as the city's premier gay bed-and-breakfast. "Now we offer all the advantages of a luxury resort – a spa, gay gym, fine dining, bar, plenty of people to meet and party, a world-class beach a short walk away. There's everything Fort Lauderdale has to offer so close-by you don't even need to rent a car."

With so many amenities, the new Royal Palms is like a resort without walls, by the sea but in the city, with all the friendly excitement of the Fort Lauderdale scene right at hand, with gay South Beach and Miami just a short drive away.

Booking a luxury vacation getaway in paradise is as easy as snapping your fingers – just click on Royalpalms.com and you're on your way.

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