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DESTINATION: FORT LAUDERDALE, FL
DATE OF TRAVEL: May
WEATHER: 23°C and sunny
TRAVELLER: Jessica Kobel
COUNTRY: USA

CHECK IN & CHECK IT OUT

Locals recommend **Bar Nine01**, built into what would have been a small bedroom in the 238-room property **Hyatt Centric Las Olas**. Against a fantastic backdrop and retro soundtrack, the reservations-only two-hour immersion showcases elevated classics and stunning originals brought to life. www.hyatt.com

MORNING "JAM" SESSION

Java & Jam, a few blocks outside Las Olas Boulevard's trendy section, truly stands alone. Specialty drinks — spiked and otherwise — are epic and prepared with great flair by energetic baristas. How can you resist Cookie Butter Chai, Butterbeer Latte, or Pistachio Dream? Traditional breakfasts are available, but there are selections worthy getting outside one's comfort zone, such as Banana Split Yogurt Parfait, Salmon Sweet Potato Bowl, and Cheddar Herb Biscuit Eggs Benedict. www.java-jam.com

SUNNESS AT SUNSET

James Beard Award-winning Chef Allen Susser works with South Florida ingredients and global ideas at **Sunness Supper Club**. Portions are generous, appetizers run the gamut from simple to playful, and main courses reconcile style and substance. L'il Kosher Hot Dogs, Mango Baby Back Ribs, and mussel bowls and lump crabcake appetizers are the perfect fusion of New York City wit and South Florida sass.

www.sunnesssupperclub.com

The American Melting Pot

Bodega Taqueria, established in Miami, features creative and unapologetically spicy tacos, tostadas, burritos and a



Las Olas Boulevard

IF YOU'VE BEEN TO FORT LAUDERDALE in the 80s or 90s, you may be surprised by Las Olas Boulevard's recent glow-up. A long stretch of it is lined with restaurants, sidewalk cafe seating and upscale boutiques. Far from the maddening crowds of Fort Lauderdale's wilder days, quality reigns supreme, delighting food-focused visitors and residents alike.

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backdrop that brings a party mood to any time of day. The local outpost of Philadelphia-based **El Vez** on Fort Lauderdale Boulevard features hot weather-friendly light bites like Hamachi Aguachile ceviche and Tostada De Mariscos Grande. **Sixty Vines**, launched in Texas, swaps the woodsy West Coast winery vibe with a backdrop influenced by Fort Lauderdale's status as a yachting and cruise hub. Tapas-style starters such as Fried Chicken & Caviar, Crispy Zucchini, and fresh burrata are perfect companions for the libations.

www.bodegataqueria.com;
www.elvezftlauderdale.com;
www.sixtyvines.com/locations/fort-lauderdale T&T