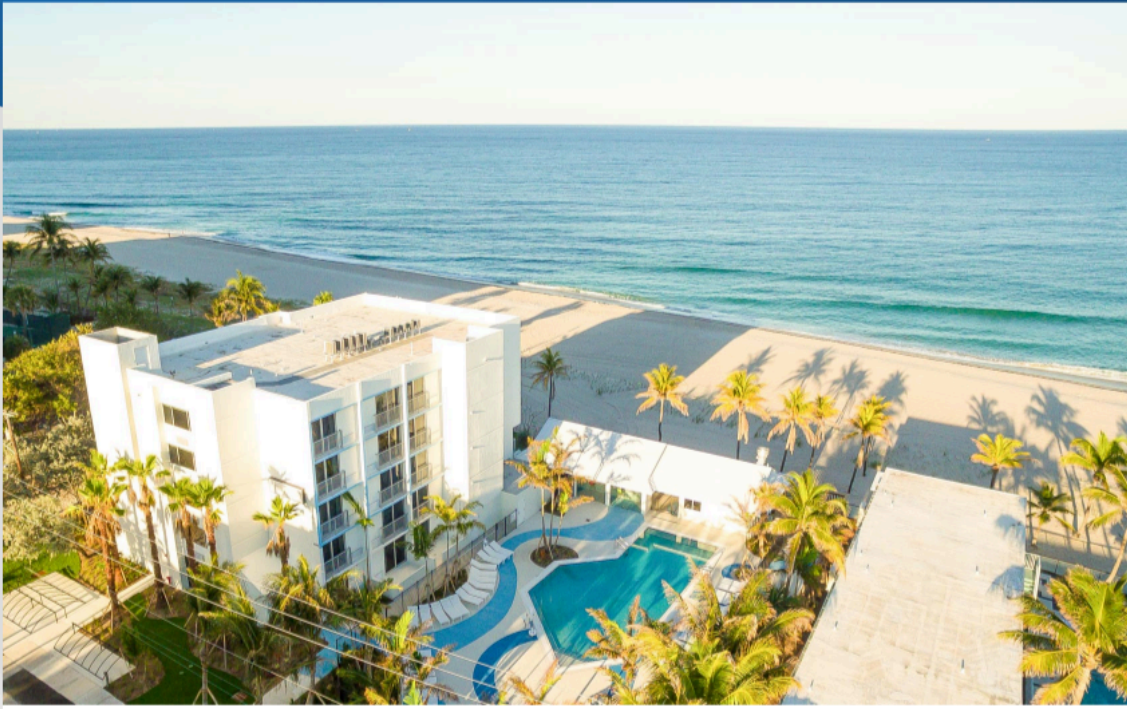


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## FT LAUDERDALE BEACH FRONT AND GOLF?

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### Plunge Beach Hotel Has It Covered

LAUDERDALE BY THE SEA, Fla. – There are not too many places remaining in South Florida where someone can find a hideaway beach resort. One of those places, however, is Plunge Beach Hotel in Lauderdale by the Sea.

Located on Highway A1A a few miles north of the high-rise hotels of Fort Lauderdale Beach, Plunge Beach Resort is a 163-room hidden gem set along one the better stretches of sand in South Florida.

<https://www.plungebeachhotel.com/>



"We give our guests a chance to disconnect in a casual atmosphere," said hotel General Manager Tom Mulroy. "We have really re-energized the entire town."

That atmosphere and energy includes the terrific Backflip beachfront bar/restaurant; Octopus restaurant; and lobby Bean & Barnacle coffee shop and market. Backflip, open from daily 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., is a favorite of guests and locals.

"It's really the anchor of our food and beverage operation because it's on the beach," Mulroy said.



Plunge Beach Hotel, which opened in April 2017, is the result of merging previously closed hotels. Each of the buildings and guestrooms were gutted and completely refurbished with ocean colors and themes. The Bungalow Building, for example, features a variety of room options including ocean views and kitchenettes, making Plunge an ideal destination for longer stays.

Whether the stay is one night or multiple nights, there is plenty to do in Lauderdale by the Sea, including wreck diving, fishing, parasailing and golf and fabulous nightlife. Four golf courses – Jacaranda, Inverrary, Palm-Aire and Crystal Lake are available to guests of Plunge.

“Golfers like our hotel and beach experiences,” Mulroy said, “We provide whatever packages they need, from tee times to transportation.”



Jacaranda, in Plantation, has pair of outstanding golf courses (East and West) is particularly popular for tournaments and corporate outings. Want a challenge? Try the East’s par 3, eighth hole from the tips – 257 yards with a green that slopes back to front.

In nearby Lauderhill, Inverrary is one of the more storied facilities in South Florida, featuring two courses (East and West) designed by Robert Trent Jones, Sr. For eight years, Inverrary hosted the Jackie Gleason Classic, whose winners include Jack Nicklaus (twice), Johnny Miller, Lee Trevino and Tom Weiskopf.

Inverrary also hosted the 1976 Tournament Players Championship won by Nicklaus.

Now when visiting Ft Lauderdale, known as the Venice of America for its many canals, you can have both laid back beach front accommodations and easy access to golf at the Plunge Beach Hotel.