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PRETTY IN PINK

BY MEIKE MAI

For Florida fans, Fort Lauderdale is the “Venice of America”. Below that they not do it. And why should they? The coastal town stands up to comparison - in its own way

This is the “Venice of America”? Admittedly, when we first heard what Fort Lauderdale is called by Florida connoisseurs, we had to smile a little. A US metropolis with 200,000 inhabitants is supposed to resemble Italy's famous lagoon city? After a week we know why. After all, 480 kilometers of navigable waterways traverse the inland of the Greater Fort Lauderdale region alone. This gives the city a light, even maritime feel. And this flair carries us through the day.

Our hotel “The Dalmar” does the rest. It is both a hotel and a bar, a café with great croissants and an in-restaurant with an adjoining pool. From the pool deck, you have a fantastic view of downtown Fort Lauderdale - with a cocktail in your hand which bartender Robert mixes with lots of ice cubes and R&B sounds from the jukeboxes. If you're on vacation in Florida, you have to love the sun and that very special pretty-in-pink vibe. No wonder the rich and famous are drawn here from Miami, just 30 minutes away by car. On a boat tour, we not only get a perfect tour of the city, but also the best view of the gardens of the glittering residences along Millionaires Row (watertaxi.com). Fort Lauderdale is also known as the yachting capital of the USA. “Dock & Dine” is extremely popular, so anchor your boat directly in front of the waterfront restaurant. Tip: If you like seafood, you should have lunch at “GG's Waterfront” (ggswaterfront.com). After lunch, we are drawn to the beach. 39 seemingly endless kilometers of Atlantic coastline make Fort Lauderdale a bathing paradise - and even the city beaches with pretty names like Olas Beach are very clean. We could spend our entire vacation here. But we have booked a kayak tour through the mangrove forests. We drive to West Lake Park, where we are given canary yellow kayaks and a briefing on Florida's flora and fauna. We actually paddle away from the vibrations of the Sunshine State on the water for a short time. Immerse ourselves for a day in what is probably Florida's most famous ecosystem: the Everglades. While our captain switches off the airboat's engine and we glide silently over the water, we see them: the alligators, turtles and pelicans. What a natural wonder. Fort Lauderdale is not Venice. But it's great in a different way!

The Dalmar: Double room from 305 €, thedalmar.com.

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