

How to “Boca on a Budget”

No doubt – Boca Raton is expensive! However, we have researched the area and will share with you the budget way to attend the IBNS annual meeting in this beautiful five-star resort – without paying 5* prices!

With the current room rates averaging over \$400, be sure to **reserve your room early** at the IBNS price of \$159-\$179 (plus taxes and resort fee) per night. We have a limited number of rooms at this rate – so book now! Don’t be drawn in by third party websites or hotel room piracy (yes, it’s a thing). [Click here to access detailed information about the hotel, discounted IBNS rates, and the reservation form.](#)

If you find the discounted room rate still pricey...**find a roommate** using [our online room sharing link](#) to share the expenses.

Bringing family or friends? Did you know we have One Bedroom **King Suites with full kitchen** for \$199 (plus taxes and resort fee)? You can even add on a connecting room with two double beds for \$418.10 per night (this price includes taxes and resort fees) and can sleep up to six ((\$199.00 + \$159.00 + \$12.00 (resort charge) + 13% (taxes) = \$418.10 per night)). When you click on the reservation link, all the various room options will appear with pricing. If you have any problems, you can reach out to our amazing room reservationist, Sean, at Sean.Gallatin@waldorfastoria.com.

Airfare (destination matters) – there are three airports with easy access to the Boca Raton Resort. Depending on your carrier and the airport you arrive to in Florida, the rates can vary greatly. For example: flying from San Juan, Puerto Rico (SJU), to the Miami (MIA) airport, I found rates on American Airlines at \$260 USD; \$500 to fly into the Palm Beach airport (PBI) and \$769 to fly into the Ft. Lauderdale airport (FLL).

Once you land, you’ll need **transportation to the resort**. The Ft. Lauderdale airport is 24 miles and approximately 45 minutes (drive) from the resort; Palm Beach airport is 29 miles and 35 minutes and the Miami airport is 45 miles and 70 minutes. The resort has transportation available and if you are traveling as a group, the **shared transportation options** might be the most convenient option. See www.bocatrans.com or contact their reservations desk at 1-561-750-7800 (open seven days a week), hours of operation 7:00 am – 11:00 pm EST.

Still looking for a less expensive option? **Use the train** – especially if you’re saving on airfare by flying into Miami. [Tri-Rail](#) shows schedules and fares, and the website is easy to navigate. With frequent departures, Miami to Boca Raton takes about 78 minutes and costs \$5.65 on a weekday. Once you get to Boca Raton, you will need to Uber/Lyft or Taxi to the resort. When I visited recently, I used the Uber app and was pleased with the price and service. Train is not as convenient as the door-to-door transportation, but certainly a price-saver!

The resort has several fine dining restaurants and a deli/ice-cream shop. Food onsite was wonderful, but pricey if you have a small food budget. Suggestions:

- At the onsite restaurant *501 East*, the fish taco plate comes with 3 for \$26. They were big and wonderful, you can easily split with a friend as I could only eat one!
- Smaller budget? Take a 15-minute walk (.7 mile) or Uber to the **Publix Super Market** and stock up on your non-refrigerated favorites (Note: If you empty the mini bar to put your own food in, there is a \$50 fee).
- Enjoy Happy Hour on the 26th floor at *The Blue*: I really liked the vibe and friendly staff! It’s a great place to watch the sunset.
- See menus for the various dining options at the resort at <http://www.bocaresort.com/dine/>.