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Oltremare Becomes First 'Fresh From Florida' Restaurant in the Keys

The Florida Department of Agriculture recently added Islamorada's Oltremare Ristorante at Amara Cay Resort to its exclusive Fresh From Florida program. Known for its tropical twists on classic Italian cuisine, Oltremare Ristorante has strived to maintain a level of sustainability that promotes local farmers and fishermen, making it one of less than 100 restaurants participating in the statewide initiative. Restaurants are chosen for this elite program through an approval process that certifies the sourcing of local products from Florida. The program supports thousands

of small local farmers and vendors.

Steering away from the typical seafood-centric Florida Keys menu, Chef Dario Olivera's menu features produce, fish and other ingredients fresh from Florida as well as a daily selection of homemade pastas. "The use of local ingredients enhances the flavors and freshness of the delectable entrees, pastas and colorful selection of salads and vegetables served against the backdrop of Islamorada's picturesque views," says Olivera. "We offer a full sensory experience for guests with our unique flavors, sights and aromas."

Oltremare Ristorante at Amara Cay Resort is located at 80001 Overseas Highway, Islamorada. For reservations, call 305.664.0073 or visit oltremareristorante.com.

The Villagers' 25th Annual Garden Tour

On March 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., The Villagers will host their 25th-annual Garden Tour featuring some of the most beautiful gardens in the north Coral Gables area. This highly anticipated event is for anyone interested in residential landscaping as well as those who simply want to enjoy a beautiful day in the gardens of Miami.

Members of The Villagers, landscape architects and professional garden designers will be on-site to answer questions regarding design concepts, materials and methods. Complimentary light refreshments featuring The Villagers' signature homemade treats will be offered at one of the locations. There will also be a boutique with a variety of unique garden-related gifts to purchase if you get inspired along the tour.

Visitors drive their own vehicles between the properties. Unfortunately, because the venues are private residences, they can not accommodate wheelchairs, walkers or strollers. Flat shoes are recommended and there is no photography or smoking on the tour. Tickets purchased in advance are available for \$30; if not sold out, they can be purchased on the day of the tour for \$35 through a Villager member or at thevillagersinc.org. All proceeds support the preservation and protection of local historic sites.



Je Suis Pinecrest

On March 5, Je Suis Spa will open its doors to Pinecrest. Owners Christina Degreas and Carlos Oliveira promise a spa experience unlike anywhere else, offering a full range of services for health and wellness, including haircuts and colors; manicures and pedicures; facial treatments; foot spas with fruit and oil baths; massages and body shaping with lipolaser, radiofrequency and cavitation; pressure therapies; and more. Je Suis Spa is also the only spa in South Florida to feature the cutting-edge Opera LED/Galvanic Regeneration Facial Mask and multiple skin care system. "We are going to have a VIP lounge with food and drink services, exclusive transport for the elderly and other special treats," says Degreas.

Je Suis Spa is located at 9300 South Dixie Highway, Suite 110. For more information, call 305.670.5999.