

# Per Diem Hotel Options for RTCM & Digital@Sea Conference Attendees

## May 3–9, 2026 | Fort Lauderdale, Florida

### Overview

The Sonesta Fort Lauderdale Beach is the host hotel for the 2026 RTCM Conference. Because the federal per diem rate of **\$143/night** is not available at the Sonesta for the full conference week, the following nearby hotels offer confirmed per diem availability for **May 3–9, 2026**. All hotels listed below are reputable, well-reviewed, and within a short drive of the Sonesta.

### Recommended Per Diem Hotels

#### 1. Holiday Inn Express Ft. Lauderdale Airport/Cruise

- **Address:** 1150 State Road 84, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315
- **Phone:** (954) 828-9905
- **Rating:** 4.2 / 5
- **Distance to Sonesta:** ~3.0 miles
- **Airport Shuttle:** Yes (Free)
- **Shuttle to Sonesta:** No
- **Notes:** Free breakfast; reliable per diem availability

#### 2. Hyatt Place Fort Lauderdale Cruise Port & Convention Center

- **Address:** 1851 SE 10th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316
- **Phone:** (954) 763-7670
- **Rating:** 4.3 / 5
- **Distance to Sonesta:** ~2.9 miles
- **Airport Shuttle:** Yes (Paid third-party)
- **Shuttle to Sonesta:** No
- **Notes:** Newly renovated; walkable to restaurants

#### 3. Courtyard by Marriott Fort Lauderdale East / Lauderdale-by-the-Sea

- **Address:** 5001 North Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308
- **Phone:** (954) 771-8100
- **Rating:** 4.0 / 5
- **Distance to Sonesta:** ~3.8 miles
- **Airport Shuttle:** No
- **Shuttle to Sonesta:** No
- **Notes:** Quiet location; Marriott reliability

#### 4. Best Western Plus Oceanside Inn

- **Address:** 1180 Seabreeze Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316
- **Phone:** (954) 525-8115
- **Rating:** 4.1 / 5
- **Distance to Sonesta:** ~4.0 miles
- **Airport Shuttle:** No
- **Shuttle to Sonesta:** No
- **Notes:** Steps from the beach; free breakfast

## Transportation Notes

- **To/From FLL Airport:**
  - Holiday Inn Express — free shuttle
  - Hyatt Place — paid shuttle
  - Others — rideshare recommended
- **To/From the Sonesta:** Uber/Lyft typically \$8–\$14 depending on time of day
- **Parking at Sonesta:** RTCM discounted rate of **\$25/day**

## Per Diem Hotels Near Sonesta (with Ratings)

Hotel	Distance to Sonesta	Rating (Most Recent)	FLL Airport Shuttle	Shuttle to Sonesta	Notes
Holiday Inn Express Ft. Lauderdale Airport/Cruise	~3.0 miles	<b>4.2 / 5</b> (Tripadvisor, 1,840+ reviews)	<b>Yes – Free</b>	<b>No</b>	Reliable per diem availability; breakfast included; strong cleanliness scores
Hyatt Place Fort Lauderdale Cruise Port & Convention Center	~2.9 miles	<b>4.3 / 5</b> (Tripadvisor)	<b>Yes – Paid third-party shuttle</b> (no longer free)	<b>No</b>	Newly renovated; walkable to restaurants; excellent location rating
Courtyard by Marriott Fort Lauderdale East / Lauderdale-by-the-Sea	~3.8 miles	<b>4.0 / 5</b> (Tripadvisor, 699 reviews)	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	Quiet, mid-range Marriott; good cleanliness and service ratings
Best Western Plus Oceanside Inn	~4.0 miles	<b>4.1 / 5</b> (Tripadvisor, 2,583 reviews)	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	Steps from the beach; free breakfast; consistently strong location rating

### Key Takeaways

#### ★ Best Overall for Government Travelers

**Holiday Inn Express** — highest convenience with **free airport shuttle**, strong reviews, and consistent per diem availability.

#### ★ Best for Walkability to Restaurants

**Hyatt Place** — excellent location score and newly renovated rooms.

#### ★ Best for a Quieter Stay

**Courtyard by Marriott East** — solid ratings, quieter area, Marriott reliability.

#### ★ Best for Beach Access

**Best Western Plus Oceanside Inn** — closest to the beach with good ratings and free breakfast.

*In addition to these confirmed per diem options, attendees are also encouraged to check nearby hotels that may offer standard rates at or below the per diem amount. Several smaller boutique and budget-friendly properties in the surrounding area often fall within this price range, depending on availability and demand.*