

94 Benny's on the Beach

A meal above the Atlantic

Situated on the William O. Lockhart Municipal Pier is Benny's on the Beach, a Lake Worth landmark serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily. Since 1986, diners have literally looked down on the Atlantic from above the sands of Lake Worth Beach, while enjoying American fare and seafood – from pancakes to paella. The only full-service restaurant on a pier from Dania Beach up to Cocoa Beach, Benny's proudly serves “Beach Cuisine,” using fresh ingredients to create food meant to be enjoyed from a perch atop the ocean.

The name “Benny's” is a mystery, even to its current owners. It is rumored that the name was chosen as a nod to the nickname for Eggs Benedict, as the restaurant was originally a breakfast joint. In 2013, the Lipton father and son team purchased the restaurant in partnership with world-class celebrity chef Jeremy Hanlon. Together, their team worked to elevate the menu and expanded to three meals a day. Guests can now dive into shrimp and grits for breakfast, Crowd Favorite Tacos for lunch, or their famous Seafood Bake for dinner. The unbeatable views, combined with coconut-bound cocktails and eclectic menu, have lured celebrities like Jon Bon Jovi, Serena Williams, Adam Richman, and Daniel Tosh. Daily live entertainment and beach-clad people watching add to the atmosphere.

Benny's is located at the entrance of the city's public pier, renamed in 2003 in honor of the late pier master Lockhart, who was also heavily involved in the community and a local activist. You are invited to explore the surrounding beach or stroll the pier (for a small fee). Pier fishing is also available for a few dollars more. Diners can be seen sipping daiquiris from hollowed pineapples, while playing trivia or awaiting their turn at karaoke, depending on the day. Benny's has found a philosophy that resonates with locals and tourists alike: “Live like every day is a vacation.”



Address 10 S Ocean Boulevard, Lake Worth, FL 33460, +1 (561) 582-9001, www.bennysonthebeach.com, info@bennysonthebeach.com | **Getting there** From I-95: Take exit 64 and drive east on 10th Avenue N. Turn right on US Highway 1, then left on Lake Avenue, and continue straight over the bridge. Turn right on A1A. Lake Worth Beach Park and parking are on the left. | **Hours** Daily 7am–9pm | **Tip** Visit the nearby Lake Worth Casino. The name pays homage to its 1920s past, but the beachside complex for dining, shopping, and entertainment does not feature a casino (10 S Ocean Boulevard, Lake Worth Beach, www.lakeworthbeachfl.gov/casino-and-beach-complex).