

Pro Tournament

The Delray Beach Open men's pro tennis tournament will take place from February 9-18, 2024 (<https://yellowtennisball.com/schedule/>). The first three days will be a "Legends" (old guys) tournament. The actual tournament will take place on Monday, February 12 to Sunday, February 18. In the area there are several tennis centers where we can probably get courts and play tennis ourselves if we choose to. Recommended flights are listed below; airfare is subject to change weekly. We would coordinate the sharing of rental cars.

Preliminary Schedule

Saturday, February 10: Depart MSP on Delta flight 1017 at 10:25 a.m., arrive PBI (West Palm Beach) at 3:07 p.m. Check into our hotel or house. Dinner at the Rusty Hook Tavern on the water in Pompano Beach.

Sunday, February 11: 8:00 a.m. tennis for early risers. Attend Delray Open session 4 (Legends Finals) which starts at 11:30 a.m. (Seats start at \$49). After tennis, visit Wakodahatchee Wetlands (birds and gators; free admission). Dinner at Spanky's Cheesesteak and Wings Factory, a dive not far from the hotel and house.

Monday, February 12: 8:00 a.m. tennis for early risers. Attend Delray Open day session 5 (tournament first round) which starts at 11:00 a.m. (Seats start at \$44). Tennis die-hards might like to also attend the night session which starts at 6:00 p.m. (Seats start at \$44). Others might want to go to the beach or play tennis themselves. Dinner would be on your own.

Tuesday, February 13: 8:00 a.m. tennis for early risers. Attend Delray Open day session 7 (tournament second round) which starts at 11:00 a.m. (Seats start at \$47.) People who want to watch more tennis may also attend the night session which starts at 6:00 p.m. (Seats start at \$52). Others might get together for a farewell dinner at Casmir French Bistro in Boca Raton.

Wednesday, February 14: 8:00 a.m. tennis for early risers. Others might visit the Morikami Japanese Gardens (admission \$15), which is on the way to the airport. Depart PBI on Delta flight 1017 at 3:55 p.m.; arrive MSP at 6:54 p.m.

We suggest one of the two following possibilities for housing, but people can also make their own arrangements if they prefer.

1) Marriott Residence Inn Fort Lauderdale Pompano Beach Central: \$222 per night with the senior discount; 16 miles from the tennis venue. Reservations at Marriott hotels can be made without a deposit and cancelled up until a few days before arrival with no penalty (<https://www.marriott.com/reservation/rateListMenu.mi?showFullPrice=true>).

2) An Airbnb house in Deerfield Beach with four bedrooms and three bathrooms; \$126 per night sharing with three other couples or individuals; 14 miles from the tennis venue (https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/641911352662130127?adults=8&check_in=2024-02-10&check_out=2024-02-14&federated_search_id=504e1a04-e3a3-4113-9daf-8ceaaf85e3d&source_impression_id=p3_1683981996_IO%2BWmBTEKQ9RRACa).

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