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Shark tagging in Fort Lauderdale.

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## NEWPORT, R.I., HOTEL ADDS BEACH-THEMED ROOMS

Yearn for a bit of the beach in the city? This summer, Newport, R.I.'s design-driven boutique hotel the Attwater has expanded, offering three new suites at the adjacent Urban Beach House. Designed by Rachel Reider Interiors, the new in-town accommodations offer a casual seaside ambience with "outdoor style" showers in the rooms, beachy fabrics and decor, and a sandy shell lounge in the yard. Amenities include free wireless Internet, waffle kimono robes,

Keurig coffeemakers, free parking, and use of the fitness room. Open through October (the main hotel is open year-round). Rates from \$169 to \$469. 401-846-7444, [www.theattwater.com/rooms/urban-beach-house/](http://www.theattwater.com/rooms/urban-beach-house/)

## **THERE**

### **SHARK TAGGING IN FORT LAUDERDALE**

Experience a day in the life of a marine researcher and participate in a conservation mission with the Westin Beach Resort & Spa's shark tagging package. Offered during select weekends throughout the summer — in collaboration with Nova Southeastern University's Oceanographic Center, the Guy Harvey Foundation and the Guy Harvey Research Institute — guests aboard the research vessel will help put fishing equipment together, bait hooks, and measure and tag sharks before releasing them safely back into the water. Participants may encounter a variety of shark species, including nurse sharks, blacknose, lemon, sandbar, Atlantic sharp nose, great hammerhead, tiger, and bull sharks. Rates from \$249 per night (2-night minimum) include five-hour shark tagging experience (pictured at left) for one guest (additional attendees from \$200 per person) with lunch, accommodations, behind-the-scenes tour of NSU's Oceanographic Center, and more. Mention rate plan SHKTAG. 954-467-1111, [www.westinftlauderdalebeach.com](http://www.westinftlauderdalebeach.com)

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## **everywhere**

### **GROUP PHOTO SHARING APP**

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