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With so much to do in Boca Raton, I had my work cut out for me when I had friends in town visiting for the weekend. Upon arrival from the airport, I could tell they were hungry right away and knew I needed to get them some lunch. We hopped in the car and headed straight to Mizner Park where I knew there would be plenty of options for lunch. Getting there is always easy, but I used the GPS on my phone to find the best route since I have plenty of data from Sprint. Luckily, I also saw on my alerts that there was heavy traffic around the whole park. I wondered why that would be in the middle of a Saturday and with a quick search on Google with fast Sprint service, I saw that there was a concert scheduled to play later in the Amphitheater.

I was definitely glad I had checked and we opted to park a few blocks away. Everyone was so hungry but no one could decide what to eat, so I went on my Yelp app on my Sprint phone and began reading off different options to the group. I was really in the mood for noodles at Kapow! Noodle Bar, and could definitely go for one of their cocktails, but some of my friends are a bit more picky, so I quickly switched my search to a more crowd-pleasing variety. I changed the filter to "New American" knowing that even the pickiest of eaters could find something at a place with that description.

Pulling up the menu for Yard House on my phone was quick with Sprint service, so I could let my friends look over their options. Once salads and chicken strips were spotted, I received the seal of approval with only a block more to walk. My friends were really impressed with the area, checking out the many shops and places to eat as we walked through the park. It was full of people on the grass, eating outside and walking with their friends and families. I was again grateful for my phone alert when I saw the line of cars waiting to park and the ones circling the parking garages on the hunt for spaces. I would much rather walk a few blocks on a beautiful day than be stuck with a car-full of hungry passengers!

We went inside and were able to get a seat at an outdoor table. Looking at our menus, everyone noticed the extensive beer list that was available and my friends were excited to try drafts they had never heard of before. As they read them off, I Googled each of them with fast Sprint service on my phone and read their descriptions out loud. Everyone had made their careful selections by the time our waiter came over and we all ordered. I could not believe that none of my friends noticed that our waiter looked just like Johnny Galecki. Of course when I told them, no one knew who I was talking about! Even when I reminded them of *Roseanne* and *The Big Bang Theory*, they still didn't know which one I meant so I brought him up on the IMDB app on my Sprint phone. They finally remembered him and when he returned to our table to drop off our drinks, we saw his nametag read "John" and all laughed hysterically.

While we were waiting for our food to arrive, I looked up with my Sprint phone where we could go at night and saw there was live music playing at the Biergarten in Royal Palm Plaza. Everyone agreed that sounded fun and when I told them about their giant pretzels, they were totally sold. Thank goodness our food came soon after because I am pretty certain everyone was just thinking with their stomachs and that could mean our evening plans may change after the meal.

As soon as everyone got food in their stomachs, we began thinking about what to do during the day. I used the great service on my Sprint phone to bring up a map of the area. We were right next to the iPic theater, which is a very unique place to see a movie. The first floor houses Tanzy, an amazing restaurant with great food, a cool atmosphere and fun vibe, and the theater itself is a total experience. You are seated in recliners with your own pillow and soft, heavenly blanket. A waiter or waitress brings you free popcorn and there is full service for the rest of the movie if you want to order food or drinks from their kitchen and full bar.

We were also very close to the Museum of Art, which has a great collection of contemporary pieces and frequently has travelling exhibits throughout the year. We could always stay to shop around Mizner Park, as stores like Francesca's and Kendra Scott aren't around where my friends live and I know they could find some fun and colorful fashion to bring home. I told them that the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center is also not a long ride away, and showed them pictures on the TripAdvisor app on my phone. I explained that they have a turtle hospital for rescued turtles,

tanks with all kinds of fish like tarpon and barracuda and that Florida Atlantic University has a research lab there as well.

However, I know my friends well and they had come to South Florida for one reason and one reason alone: the beach. I looked up the afternoon weather on my Sprint phone, knowing the weather would be great, but I have so much data, it doesn't hurt. The weather back home is nothing like South Florida and they wanted to get some color on their skin to make everyone envious when they returned. I completely understood and we headed back to my place to get changed, grab some towels and load up on the sunscreen. To take them to a truly gorgeous beach, I drove to Spanish River Park. This place feels like it could be a stretch of land on the Bahamas. There are different tunnels between tropical foliage and seagrass trees in the park area that lead to the amazing sand and ocean that makes up this serene spot. One of the few beaches in South Florida without any development, you can sit and have a picnic on the shady benches or lay out in the sun on the sand. We wanted a relaxing afternoon and already had full bellies, so we laid our towels out my friends all took a nap. Luckily, I had great cell service from Sprint in this secluded spot and simply checked up on Facebook and Instagram while my friends snoozed.

After enjoying the sun for a bit longer, we headed home to think about nighttime activities. We decided on dinner first, and with an TripAdvisor search on my Sprint phone with ample data, I convinced everyone we needed to try Ichiyami Buffet and Sushi. Not everyone was enthusiastic about a buffet, but once we got inside, they quickly changed their tunes. Rows and rows of fresh sushi and sashimi are the first thing you see, followed by salads, shellfish fruit and sweets. They hadn't even noticed the back wall, with classic Chinese dishes like pork lo mein and sweet and sour chicken, a variety of soups, spring rolls and a hibachi station. Even the fussiest of eaters could find something in this heavenly selection. They thanked me for pushing them to try it and by the end of the meal, most of us hadn't even gotten through a quarter of what they had to offer before we had to throw in the towel.

For the rest of the night, we went to Blue Martini toward west Boca to dance the night away. I got an Uber on my phone and with my fast Sprint service, a car was there to pick us up in no time. Once we arrived, we saw there was a great crowd

and the DJ was playing our favorite songs. The cocktails were delicious and before we knew it, night had turned into morning and it was time to head to bed.

The next day, we headed to Rebel House for brunch and it did not disappoint. Their menu is ever-changing and their brunch selections are inventive, delicious and decadent. They always have a daily popcorn and this morning it was cinnamon and sugar flavored – a perfect way to start the day. We decided to do a quick group Snapchat on my Sprint phone because it worked the most quickly out of the rest of the providers.

It was the last Sunday in April, which didn't mean much to my friends. However as a Boca Raton resident, I knew it was a very special day in town. I tried to explain Boca Bash to them, but words couldn't do it justice. I pulled up some pictures on my phone to show them since I have a huge data plan with Sprint, and they immediately wanted to head that way to check it out. We headed toward Lake Boca, and they all asked me about the big pink tower in the sky. I explained to them it was part of The Boca Raton Resort and Club, and that there was a restaurant at the top of the tower with great views for members and hotel guests of the resort.

Looking over Lake Boca, we could see hundreds of boats with thousands of people having a big party in the middle of the water. We quickly got in our bathing suits to join in the fun. I Instagrammed a few pictures with my huge data plan from Sprint to make sure we remembered this day forever. One weekend in Boca had been a lifetime of fun for everyone and I was thrilled to have given my friends a successful visit to always remember, or at least until next time.