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Welcome to Greater Miami & Miami Beach — tropical, cosmopolitan and one of the great destinations of the world!

With endless sunshine and miles of pristine beaches, our stunning coastline seamlessly blends resort, urban and agricultural communities. Travelers and meeting delegates are rewarded with fascinating neighborhoods beckoning to be explored. When combined with iconic events, venues and celebrations year-round, a visit here provides our guests with an experience tailored just for them.

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Best-in-class accommodations, fine dining, great shopping, sports, arts and culture are signature Miami features. New and legacy attractions abound, including Everglades and Biscayne National Parks, two of our nation's most cherished treasures.



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While our year-round glorious weather and palm-fringed beaches are brands known all over the world, our community also offers a variety of unique experiences for all ages and audiences. For everyone from adventure travelers and sports lovers to connoisseurs of great dining, the options are endless.

Miami's arts scene now counts among the finest. Spectacular live music, dance and theater performances abound at singularly beautiful venues, both indoors and out. Art is everywhere, from breathtaking street scenes to best-in-class galleries and events that reflect the international essence of our community.

We hope this guide inspires you — the list of things to see and do in Greater Miami & Miami Beach is virtually endless. For additional information, including our value-added Miami Deals programs and year-round calendar of events, visit **MiamiandMiamiBeach.com**.

Warm regards,

David Whitaker

David Whitaker
President & CEO





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MAJOR ANNUAL EVENTS

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Art Wynwood
ArtWynwood.com

Beaux Arts Festival
BeauxArtsMiami.org

Capital One Orange Bowl Football Game
OrangeBowl.org

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade
MLKParadeandFestivities.org

The Homestead Championship Rodeo
HomesteadRodeo.com

Miami Design Preservation League's Art Deco Weekend
ArtDecoWeekend.com

South Beach Jazz Festival
SoBeJazzFestival.com

FEBRUARY



Coconut Grove Arts Festival
CGAF.com

Discover Boating Miami International Boat Show
MiamiBoatShow.com

Food Network South Beach Wine & Food Festival
SoBeWFF.org

Life Time Miami Marathon and Half Marathon
TheMiamiMarathon.com

Winter Party Festival
WinterParty.com

MARCH



Calle Ocho Music Festival
CarnavalMiami.com

GroundUp Family Dinner Weekend
GroundUpMusicFestival.com

Jazz in the Gardens Music Festival
JazzInTheGardens.com

Miami-Dade County Youth Fair & Exposition
FairExpo.com

Miami Open Tennis Tournament
MiamiOpen.com

Montreux Jazz Festival Miami
MontreuxJazzFestivalMiami.com

NASCAR Cup Series
HomesteadMiamiSpeedway.com

The Original Miami Beach Antique Show
OriginalMiamiBeachAntiqueShow.com

Ultra Music Festival
UltraMusicFestival.com

We Belong Here Miami
WeBelongHere.world/miami

Winter Music Conference
WinterMusicConference.com

APRIL



Miami Attraction & Museum Months
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Deering Seafood Festival
DeeringEstate.org

Global Champions Arabians Tour
GCArabiansTour.com

Miami Beach Pride
MiamiBeachPride.com

Miami Film Festival
MiamiFilmFestival.com

Miami Riverday Festival
MiamiRiverCommission.org

Miami-Dade CountryFest
MDCountryFest.com

Out (Loud) in the Tropics Festival
FundArte.us

OUTshine Film Festival
OUTshineFilm.com

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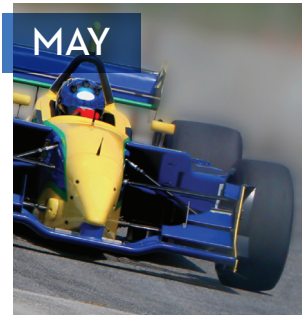

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Formula 1™ Crypto.com Miami Grand Prix
F1MiamiGP.com

Hyundai Air & Sea Show and National Salute to America's Heroes
USASalute.com

Paraiso Miami Swim Week
ParaisoMiamiBeach.com

SweetHeat Miami
SweetHeatMiami.com

JUNE



American Black
Film Festival
ABFF.com/miami

Wynwood Pride
Instagram.com/WynwoodPride

JULY



Miami Spa Months
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Fire on the Fourth
MiamiBeachFL.gov

Florida SuperCon
FloridaSuperCon.com

International Ballet
Festival of Miami
InternationalBalletFestival.org

Mango Festival
FairchildGarden.org

AUGUST



Miami Spa Months
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Miami Spice
Restaurant Months
MiamiandMiamiBeach.com/
Deals

IFE-ILE Afro-Cuban
Dance Festival
IFE-ILE.org

Orange Blossom Classic
OrangeBlossomClassic.com

SEPTEMBER



Miami Spice
Restaurant Months
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Deals

International Hispanic
Theatre Festival of Miami
TeatroAvante.org

Miami International
Auto Show
MiamiAutoShows.com

OCTOBER



Celebrate ORGULLO
CelebrateOrgullo.com

III Points Festival
IIIPoints.com

Miami Carnival Parade and Concert
MiamiCarnival.org

Redland International Orchid Festival
RedlandOrchidFestival.com

South Beach Seafood Festival
SoBeSeafoodFest.com

South Florida Craft Beer Run
SouthFloridaCraftBeerRun.com

NOVEMBER



Miami-Dade Farmers Month
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Miami Book Fair
MiamiBookFair.com

Miami Fashion Week
MiamiFashionWeek.com

No Vacancy Miami Beach
MBArtsandCulture.org

DECEMBER



Miami Arts, Culture & Heritage Months
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Art Basel Miami Beach
ArtBasel.com/miami-beach

Art Miami
ArtMiami.com

Art of Black Miami
ArtofBlackMiami.com

Design Miami
DesignMiami.com

Miami Art Week
MiamiandMiamiBeach.com

Miccosukee Indian Arts & Crafts Festival
Miccosukee.com

ONGOING



Miami Beach Culture Crawl
MBArtsandCulture.org

Miami Beach OnStage!
MBArtsandCulture.org

SoundScape Cinema Series
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Viernes Culturales Arts & Culture Festival
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EXPLORE OUR NEIGHBORHOODS



Greater Miami & Miami Beach is a vibrant mosaic of captivating neighborhoods. Each is a unique destination unto itself, thanks to the cultures, landscapes and people that call these places home. There's something new to experience each time you visit.



MIAMI BEACH



Miami Beach is a world-renowned hub for arts and culture, with a vibrant history spanning from its iconic 1950s entertainment scene to the allure of today's South Beach. The Atlantic Ocean stretches along the beach for miles, bordered by stunning Art Deco and mid-century modern hotels.

Explore the Art Deco Historic District, discover captivating museums, browse trendy shops, enjoy family-friendly attractions and experience unforgettable performances at one-of-a-kind venues.

This slender, nine-mile-long barrier island is divided into three distinct neighborhoods: South Beach, Mid Beach and North Beach.

SOUTH BEACH: ART DECO CHARM AND MORE

Stretching from South Pointe Park north to 23rd Street, South Beach is the most famous of the trio. It's home to sandy beaches, swaying palms and the pastel-colored Art Deco buildings that have become synonymous with this iconic destination and render it so undeniably photogenic.

The **Art Deco Historic District**, which has the nation's largest concentration of Art Deco architecture and features more than 800 historic buildings, is the heart of South Beach. Guided walking tours led by the **Miami Design Preservation League (MDPL)** take you through this area, between 5th and 23rd streets and along Ocean Drive, Collins Avenue and Washington Avenue, providing interesting architectural insight along the way.



Lummus Park

Designated a National Register of Historic Places district since 1979, most of the historic buildings are in the Art Deco style, but there are examples of Mediterranean Revival and MiMo (Miami Modern) as well. Another great way to explore the Art Deco District (and beyond) is on a guided tour with **Bike and Roll Miami**.

Visit the **Art Deco Museum** inside the **Art Deco Welcome Center** at Ocean Drive and 10th Street, which is the starting point for many of the tours, to better understand the architectural and cultural heritage of Miami Beach. The Art Deco Welcome Center is right next to **Lummus Park**, a slice of green space between iconic Ocean Drive and the beach from 5th Street to 14th Place. It's where South Beach truly comes alive in the mornings with runners and joggers, locals playing volleyball or working out at the outdoor gym, and kids running free on the park's playgrounds.

This stretch of Ocean Drive is home to a number of classic Art Deco boutique hotels, such as the **Beacon Hotel South Beach**, the **Cardozo Hotel** (owned by Gloria and Emilio Estefan), the **Colony Hotel**, the **Avalon Hotel**, the **Pelican Hotel**, **Casa Ocean**, **Hotel Victor South Beach** and the **Leslie Hotel**. The beautiful **Z Ocean Hotel** is an architectural gem that opens out onto both Ocean Drive and Collins Avenue. Two of the most interesting properties are unique because they are not in the Art Deco style. **The Villa Casa Casuarina**, the former home of Gianni Versace, is a luxurious Mediterranean Revival-style property that's home to a fine Italian restaurant, **Gianni's at the Former Versace Mansion**. The colonial-style architecture of **The Betsy - South Beach** stands out amid Ocean Drive's Art Deco District. With an eye toward art and culture, this sophisticated retreat also offers impressive culinary delights at **LT Steak & Seafood**.



Also on Ocean Drive, **Mango's Tropical Cafe** is a world-famous destination restaurant/nightclub offering non-stop entertainment. Mango's captivates audiences with live music, dancing, talented entertainers and excellent cuisine.

The **South of Fifth** neighborhood (south of 5th Street) is home to **Carbone Miami**, which pays homage to Italian-American restaurants of the mid-20th century while taking culinary cues from the great talents and techniques of the present. The timeless **Joe's Stone Crab** serves succulent stone crabs, which are in season from mid-October to mid-May. A few blocks away, you can explore more than 250 years of Jewish history at the **Jewish Museum of Florida-FIU** as well as its permanent exhibit, MOSAIC: Jewish Life in Florida.



At the island's tip, **South Pointe Park** delivers the best of both worlds – land and sea – and the opportunity to enjoy a quintessential Miami Beach scene. This beautiful green space offers stunning panoramic views of the South Beach shoreline and **PortMiami's** cruise ships. The park has direct access to the beach as well as walking trails, picnic and barbecue areas, benches, an off-leash bark park and a mini water playground. The 450-foot **South Pointe Pier** is a popular gathering spot for visitors and locals to fish and watch kayakers, surfers and Jet Skiers. On the sand, you'll find a relaxed beach atmosphere with families enjoying an afternoon by the water. If conditions are right, you'll see surfers riding waves near the jetty.

The upscale **Smith & Wollensky** steakhouse, with ample outdoor waterfront seating and a popular alfresco bar offering amazing views, is located in the park.

For a laid-back beach vibe, head to the **Marriott Stanton South Beach**. A sushi den – **Azabu Miami Beach** – is hidden inside the hotel in a stylish, Zen-like dining room.

The **Hilton Bentley Miami/South Beach** is a beachfront paradise that's home to **Santorini by Georgios**, which serves authentic Mediterranean dishes. **Estiatorio Milos** is renowned for excellent fish and seafood and its refined approach to Greek cuisine. **Stubborn Seed**, from "Top Chef" winner Jeremy Ford, features elaborate tasting menus. Vegan foodies will find their new favorite spot at **PLANTA South Beach**, a plant-based restaurant serving up dishes bursting with flavor. For meat lovers, **RED South Beach** offers only the finest Certified Angus Beef Prime on and off the bone.


The Wolfsonian–FIU

Heading back north along Washington Avenue and Collins Avenue, you can check out cafes, restaurants, boutique hotels and fashionable stores. Situated in a historic Mediterranean Revival building, **The Wolfsonian–FIU** is a museum, library and research center with an intriguingly specific scope and mission. Its collection of 200,000 artifacts, photographs, design objects and artworks dating from 1850 to 1950 sheds light on "the persuasive power of art and design and explores what it means to be modern."

Distinctive hotels along Washington and Collins avenues include the **Thompson Miami Beach** (opening in 2025), which blends stunning European design and the essence of Miami, the charming Mediterranean Revival-style **Kimpton Angler's Hotel South Beach** and **The Tony Hotel South Beach**, owned by Goldman Properties, the family company of pioneering developer Tony Goldman, who was instrumental in revitalizing South Beach in the 1980s.

The **Moxy Miami South Beach** is known for its playful rooftop pool deck and Mexican food and drinks at **Serena**.

North of 15th Street, Collins Avenue is home to a string of beautiful beachfront hotels, many of which feature destination restaurants. The **Royal Palm South Beach** houses **Byblos Miami**, a restaurant offering Eastern Mediterranean fare in an opulent dining room. At the **Loews Miami Beach Hotel**, you can enjoy Italian classics at **Rao's Miami Beach**.

If you're looking for a happy hour hot spot, head to **The Social Club** at the **Kimpton Surfcomber Miami, South Beach**. Nearby, **The Setai** is a luxurious resort that draws inspiration from Asian cultures for its minimalist approach. Its modern-Asian restaurant, **Jaya**, is set in a stunning courtyard surrounded by stone-filled pools. The **1 Hotel South Beach** is an eco-chic luxury resort with a vegan restaurant, **Plnthouse**, and Japanese-influenced cuisine 18 stories above South Beach at **Watr** rooftop restaurant.

Just west of Washington Avenue, charming **Española Way** is a pedestrian-only street with Mediterranean Revival architecture evoking quaint villages in Spain and France. Cozy restaurants, bars and sidewalk cafes, including **Hosteria Romana** and **Mercato Della Pescheria**, line the street. Boutique properties like **Kasa El Paseo** and **Esme Hotel** offer a European–style experience.

A few blocks north, **Lincoln Road** is a mile-long pedestrian thoroughfare that boasts brand-name stores and independent boutiques, an array of restaurants and superb people-watching opportunities. A highlight is the **1111 Lincoln Road** building, a one-of-a-kind parking structure designed by Herzog & de Meuron that houses boutique shops and restaurants. A block over, **Rooftop Cinema Club South Beach** shows popular movies under the stars every night of the week.

Miami New Drama is the resident performing group at Lincoln Road's historic **Colony Theatre**, staging groundbreaking works. Two luxurious restaurants – **ORO** and **MILA** – overlook Lincoln Road. Other great dining options on Lincoln Road include **Oh! Mexico**, which serves authentic Mexican cuisine with flair, and **Isabella's**, which offers Mediterranean dishes.



Española Way

Set against Biscayne Bay, just northwest of Lincoln Road, **Sunset Harbour** is a charming area with beautiful water views, trendy shops and intimate restaurants. Popular choices include **Pubbelly Sushi** from James Beard Award-nominated Chef Jose Mendin; **Sardinia Enoteca Ristorante**, offering Sardinian dishes direct from a wood-burning oven; the family-owned **Tequiztlan Mexican Kitchen**; and the seafood-centric **Stiltsville Fish Bar**. Perched at the edge of Sunset Harbour, **Kimpton Hotel Palomar South Beach** has a nautical design and a fabulous rooftop pool.

North of Lincoln Road, the **Miami Beach Convention Center** anchors the Miami Beach City Center Campus, home to several renowned cultural venues in the heart of South Beach as well as **Rum Room & Venu**, a beautiful space offering modern Latin flavors.

The **New World Symphony** was established in 1987 to prepare gifted musicians for leadership roles in orchestras around the world. Students perform at the **New World Center**, a stunning and futuristic space designed by Frank Gehry. The surrounding area, **Soundscape Park**, is as important as the inside. A 7,000-square-foot projection wall broadcasts live feeds of select indoor performances for the public to view for free. Bring a blanket and a picnic dinner and enjoy the weather and beach breeze at **WALLCAST** events. The City of Miami Beach also presents the **SoundScape Cinema Series** here every Wednesday night during the fall and winter.

Pride Park, which is named in support of the LGBTQ community as well as to promote civic pride in the City of Miami Beach, offers a shaded respite with a veterans memorial, walkways, a sculpture by celebrated artists Elmgreen & Dragset and a central lawn. It's right next to the **Miami Beach Botanical Garden**, a lush three-acre landscape filled with 100 palm species, orchids and native plants. The adjacent **Holocaust Memorial Miami Beach** is a stunning tribute to the six million Jewish victims of Nazi terrorism before and during World War II. The memorial's gardens and sculpture were designed by acclaimed architect Kenneth Treister.

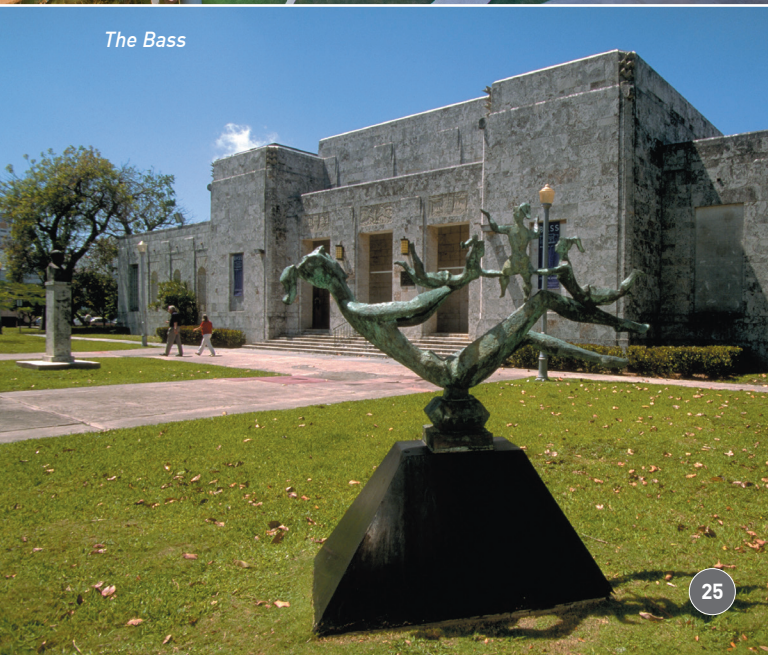
Set in a landmark Art Deco building from the 1930s that is on the National Register of Historic Places, **The Bass** sits amid the public green space of **Collins Park**. This museum is dedicated to international contemporary art and is known for Ugo Rondinone's massive, neon-painted "Miami Mountain" limestone boulders in the park.



New World Center



Soundscape Park



The Bass


Miami Beach Golf Club


Beachwalk


Mid Beach

MID BEACH: IN THE HEART OF MIAMI BEACH

Enjoy a combination of South Beach cool and North Beach calm in Mid Beach, a central area of Miami Beach that offers the best of both its beachfront neighbors.

Consider Mid Beach a charming combination of everything there is to love about Miami Beach. This neighborhood between 24th and 60th streets has stylish restaurants and lounges, its own arts district and, of course, that famous swath of sand that beckons both visitors and locals. Mid Beach hotels run the gamut from hip hostels to glamorous mid-century resorts.

Miami Beach's year-round gorgeous weather means it's always a good time to be outside, and Mid Beach offers plenty of options. Beyond the beach and its scenic **Beachwalk**, you can get in the swing of things at the **Miami Beach Golf Club**, stroll along the Indian Creek boardwalk as you ogle multimillion-dollar yachts, or charter a boat to see the palatial homes that line North Bay Road, also known as Millionaire's Row.

A bohemian vibe reigns at the **Freehand Miami**, a hip hostel along the Indian Creek Waterway. Its courtyard hums with a mix of travelers and locals sipping handcrafted cocktails at **Broken Shaker**. Also set on Indian Creek, **Hotel Trouvail Miami Beach** is a restored historic Art Deco gem with a clubhouse-like lobby. **Generator Miami** is a cool hostel with plenty of places to hang out and design details meant for Instagrammable moments.

The Miami Beach EDITION hotel attracts a stylish clientele. Jean-Georges Vongerichten developed the dining scene with his signature restaurant, **Matador Room**, for a modern take on Latin cuisine and **Market at EDITION** for inventive and delicious pizzas. The hotel's most unique space is **Basement**, which combines a nightclub, a hip bowling alley and an indoor ice-skating rink.

The Palms Hotel & Spa is an oasis of calm and wellness offerings, known for its **Palms Aveda Spa**. Its sister property, **Circa39**, feels like a secret enclave tucked away from the masses despite its central location on busy Collins Avenue.

A highlight of Mid Beach is the **Faena District**, a corridor of arts and culture that stretches from 32nd to 36th streets and is anchored by the **Faena Hotel Miami Beach**.

Decorated in glamorous cinematic style, the resort features an over-the-top gilded skeleton of a wooly mammoth encased in a climate-controlled glass box that sits steps from the beach. The hotel's signature restaurant, **Los Fuegos By Francis Mallman**, spotlights the live-fire-style cooking of Argentina's legendary grillmaster Francis Mallmann. The Faena fantasy continues in its performance venue, the **Faena Theater**, and its multidisciplinary arts space, the **Faena Forum**. At the more relaxed **Casa Faena** hotel, **Campo at Casa Faena** features healthy Latin-inspired cuisine using local ingredients.

The **Cadillac Hotel & Beach Club** offers mid-century architecture and sea-inspired design for a true coastal getaway. It's home to **Donna Mare Italian Chop House**, specializing in Italian dishes that celebrate the land and the sea. The **Andaz Miami Beach** is a beachside retreat that honors its retro-glam roots with colorful mid-century modern decor.

The **Fontainebleau Miami Beach** hotel is a bastion of mid-century glamour that features stunning architecture by Morris Lapidus and a picture-perfect poolscape. A longtime symbol of Miami Beach's glamorous golden era, where cool characters like the Rat Pack used to hang, the hotel still bustles with activity day and night.

Foodies can embark on a culinary tour inside the sprawling resort. Three of the hotel's signature crown jewels are the haute Cantonese eatery **Hakkasan**; **Prime 54** for an innovative take on the classic steakhouse; and **Mirabella** for coastal Italian fare. End the night at **Chez Bon Bon** for indulgent desserts and pastries.

Another mid-century architectural treasure designed by Morris Lapidus, the **Eden Roc Miami Beach & Nobu Hotel Miami Beach**, is right next door. This iconic property epitomizes the cosmopolitan Miami Beach lifestyle. Head to **Ocean Social** for soulful yet elevated coastal cuisine in an unparalleled oceanfront setting

NORTH BEACH: A RELAXING RETREAT

Life moves at a leisurely pace in North Beach, the relaxed Miami Beach neighborhood that runs from 60th Street up to the Town of Surfside. In this area, the predominant architectural style is Miami Modernism (MiMo). The broad beach is alluring, and there's plenty of space to find a prime spot on the sand.

Faena Forum



Mid Beach



The perfect place to relax in North Beach is the **Carillon Miami Wellness Resort**. You can easily plan your entire day around its 70,000-square-foot **Spa at Carillon Miami**, with a full thermal experience that includes a crystal steam room, experiential rain showers, Finnish sauna, herbal laconium, igloo and Jacuzzi. Stay for dinner at **The Strand Bar & Grill at Carillon**. It's one of the prettiest oceanfront restaurants around. MICHELIN-starred **Tambourine Room by Tristan Brandt** is an 18-seat fine dining experience offering a modern twist on classic French cuisine with Asian influences.

A highlight of this family-friendly district is **North Beach Oceanside Park**. This nine-block green space is a great place to begin your neighborhood exploration. Little ones can play games under a canopy of shade trees near grassy dunes or wade in warm waves mere steps away.

The park is also a convenient place to pick up the oceanfront **Beachwalk**, the flat, paved path that connects North Beach with Mid Beach and South Beach, eight miles away.



Tee off at **Normandy Shores Golf Club** (you'll be in good company; Arnold Palmer played here) or enjoy a few sets at the tennis center opposite the landmark **Miami Beach Bandshell**, an amphitheater that's been a hub of this community for more than half a century.

North Beach Public Skate Park is a good place to perfect your moves, but less-nimble visitors will be happy simply strolling North Beach's streets, admiring the swooping curves and striking lines of its iconic MiMo buildings.

In North Beach, your palate can embark on a culinary trip around the world in just a few blocks. A loyal crowd of locals frequents the romantically lit dining room of nearby **Café Prima Pasta**, which has offered some of the best Italian food in the area since 1993.

Sumak Restaurant serves authentic Turkish cuisine coupled with renowned Turkish hospitality, while **Muchaaachos** features live-fire Argentinian cooking in a setting that celebrates fútbol. **New Campo Argentino Steakhouse** serves up the classics in the heart of Little Buenos Aires. Many other restaurants are centered around the historic **Normandy Fountain**.



Normandy Isle and Normandy Shores Golf Club



Flyboarding



Fisher Island

NORTH BAY VILLAGE

Situated on Biscayne Bay between mainland Miami and Miami Beach, North Bay Village is a three-island paradise consisting of North Bay Island, Treasure Island and Pelican Harbor Marina. Lined with high-rise condos and MiMo-style garden apartments and bungalows, North Bay Village boasts sprawling waterfront views from nearly every angle.

Pelican Harbor Marina is a popular embarkation point for boaters, with easy access to the open ocean for deep-sea fishing and charters. You'll also find Jet Ski, kayak and stand-up paddleboard rentals here.

Just a few hundred yards offshore, **Pelican Island** is a bird sanctuary and nature preserve where you can spy brown pelicans, cormorants and other marine life, like dolphins and manatees. The island is home to a sand volleyball court, picnic tables and barbecues, making it perfect for an afternoon spent lounging on the shore, swimming or paddleboarding through the shallow, gentle waters of Biscayne Bay.

Petralunga offers gourmet pizzas and coastal Italian favorites in a beautiful setting with an expansive view of Biscayne Bay and North Bay Village's marina.

FISHER ISLAND

Situated just off the southern tip of Miami Beach, Fisher Island is an exclusive residential community accessible only by ferry, private boat or helicopter. Once the winter estate of William K. Vanderbilt II, it now offers unmatched luxury and privacy.

Fisher Island Club offers many first-class amenities, including a hotel and resort, a deep-water marina, pristine beaches and swimming pools, a championship seaside golf course, tennis courts (with all three Grand Slam surfaces), a world-class spa, and several restaurants and lounges. These are luxury accommodations of the finest variety; expect nothing but the best of service at this secluded and quiet club.



DOWNTOWN MIAMI/BRICKELL



Pérez Art Museum Miami

Greater Miami & Miami Beach is famous for its stunning beaches and lush greenery – but in its urban center, the glittering skyscrapers overlooking Biscayne Bay steal the spotlight.

Dynamic and densely populated, Downtown Miami and the adjoining Brickell area is a hub of international finance, dining, arts and entertainment no visitor should miss. You can get around Downtown Miami (north of the Miami River) and Brickell (south of the Miami River) on the **Metromover**, a free, air-conditioned elevated train, or **Freebee's** all-electric, fixed-route shuttle service. If you're planning a longer trip, **Brightline's** high-speed rail service departs from **MiamiCentral Station** to various destinations in Florida. The station itself is an attraction, with a range of dining options. **Tri-Rail** also provides train service to and from Broward and Palm Beach counties.

Despite its modern facade, this neighborhood has its roots planted in the past, when it sprung up along the banks of the Miami River. Miami's first development boom started here in the early 1900s, and iconic buildings were erected in the following years.

The **Freedom Tower** is a striking Mediterranean-style structure built in 1925 as the home of the Miami Times newspaper. From 1962 to 1974, the building served as a center to assist hundreds of thousands of Cuban exiles entering the United States. That's when it was named the Freedom Tower. The building, which is also home to collections including the Cuban Legacy and the Exile Experience, is undergoing renovations. It is expected to reopen to the public soon.



The Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science

Completed in 1939, **The Historic Alfred I. duPont Building** was built as a symbol of the end of the Great Depression. It is Miami's only Art Deco skyscraper.

Downtown Miami's 21st-century architectural icons, which do double duty as popular entertainment venues, stretch along Biscayne Boulevard.

The **Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County** plays home to Broadway shows, ballet, concerts, dance, opera and more. With three performance spaces, the stunning venue, designed by César Pelli, straddles Biscayne Boulevard and anchors Downtown Miami's cultural corridor.

The **Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM)** presents contemporary art in a stunning setting beside Biscayne Bay. The building, designed by Swiss architectural firm Herzog & de Meuron, houses an impressive collection of 20th- and 21st-century art with an emphasis on works that relate to Miami's ethnically rich community as well as Latin America, the Caribbean and the African diaspora.

The **Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science** is right next door. Along with PAMM, it's a centerpiece of the waterfront **Maurice A. Ferré Park** green space.
One of the only institutions in the world boasting both a state-of-the-art planetarium and cutting-edge aquarium, the 250,000-square-foot facility sits on four acres overlooking Biscayne Bay, surrounded by Downtown Miami's dazzling skyline.

The **Kaseya Center** is a glistening 20,000-seat, multipurpose sports and entertainment arena on Biscayne Boulevard. This waterfront jewel is home to the 2006, 2012 and 2013 NBA champion **Miami HEAT**, concerts, family shows and special events.



Kaseya Center

If you want to learn about local history (going back 10,000 years), head to **HistoryMiami Museum**. This Smithsonian Affiliate institution celebrates Miami's unique position at the crossroads of the Americas. Exhibitions rotate on a regular basis, and the "Tropical Dreams: A People's History of South Florida" exhibit is on permanent display.

An eco-adventure park nestled between Downtown Miami and Miami Beach on Watson Island, **Jungle Island** is home to special events, a lush garden and the luxurious **Joia Beach** restaurant and beach club. Visitors can also explore a high-flying aerial adventure park, **Treetop Trekking Miami**.

Little ones will love exploring **Miami Children's Museum**, also located on Watson Island. They can play, learn, imagine and create with the museum's 14 interactive and bilingual exhibit galleries.

The whole family will enjoy **Lucky Strike Miami**, which combines the excitement of bowling with high-end amenities and entertainment options. Everyone can connect with their inner child through the joy of endless play and unlimited ice cream at the **Museum of Ice Cream**.

The area is home to several shopping, dining and entertainment centers. Set right on Biscayne Bay in the heart of Downtown Miami, **Bayside Marketplace** is a two-level, open-air festival center featuring local and national retailers as well as restaurants like **Hard Rock Cafe** and **Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville**, all in a beautiful waterfront setting. Bayside is also a hub for sightseeing bus tours and boat tours, which take passengers through the bay islands for a glimpse of palatial waterfront homes.

Towering 176 feet above Bayside Marketplace, the **Skyviews Miami** observation wheel features 42 climate-controlled gondolas that provide breathtaking panoramic views. Just to the south, **Bayfront Park** spans 32 acres with a baywalk, winding walkways, a stunning fountain, an amphitheater, a tropical rock garden and a waterfall that dates back to 1926.

Spread across four floors and three city blocks, **Brickell City Centre** is a luxury multiuse development offering some of the best shopping, dining and entertainment in town.



Miami Children's Museum



Bayside Marketplace / Skyviews Miami


Brickell City Centre

Anchored by a 107,000-square-foot **Saks Fifth Avenue**, Brickell City Centre is home to a range of retailers and designer shops, a market and food hall, a luxury movie theater, **Puttshack's** reimagined version of mini-golf, and **The Escape Game Miami**, which features six unique and challenging adventures for families and groups.

The Underline is a linear park, urban trail and public art installation designed to transform the land below the **Metrorail** tracks into a place for residents and visitors to enjoy. It is opening in phases and will run from Downtown Miami south to Kendall. The northernmost part, the **River Room**, is open.

Of course, a day of exploration requires fuel, and this neighborhood brims with appetizing options for lunch, happy hour and dinner. Many are located inside hotels.

Sugar, perched atop the **EAST Miami** hotel, is a prime happy hour spot with amazing views. Dine at **Area 31** on the 16th floor of the **Kimpton EPIC Hotel** to enjoy more spectacular views.



Edge Brasserie at the **Four Seasons Hotel Miami** offers timelessly elegant cuisine in a beautiful setting. **ADRIFT Mare** at **Hotel AKA Brickell** is inspired by Chef David Myers' travels along the Mediterranean coastline. Located on the hotel's 25th floor, it offers stunning views. **Boulud Sud** at the **JW Marriott Marquis Miami** is Chef Daniel Boulud's vibrant celebration of the sun and the Mediterranean sea.

Other top dining destinations include **Casadonna**, a coastal Italian-inspired waterfront restaurant housed in the same Mediterranean Revival building as the historic Miami Women's Club; **Giselle Miami**, a rooftop restaurant serving Asian, Mediterranean and French-inspired cuisine; **Dirty French Steakhouse**, which breathes new life into the storied steakhouse genre; **Salty Flame**, a premier steakhouse with Asian influences; **Marabú**, which pays homage to Cuban culture; **Paperfish Sushi**, a contemporary Tokyo-inspired izakaya; and **Chateau ZZ's**, a glamorous Mexican restaurant, bar and lounge housed in a historic 1931 estate.



Miami River

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MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AREA



While Miami International Airport (MIA) is the gateway to and from Latin America and the Caribbean, it's also the gateway to Greater Miami & Miami Beach, with plenty of attractions and activities to explore nearby.

Located seven miles west of Downtown Miami and 12 miles west of South Beach, MIA is right in the center of the destination. The airport is just minutes away from several popular neighborhoods, including Coral Gables, Doral and Miami Springs.

You'll get a feel for the flavor of Miami before you even leave the airport. Recent upgrades have made MIA not just a top international airport but a true welcoming gate for visitors. **MIA Shops** offers a range of local goods and restaurants with a Miami twist. Visitors can try everything from browsing at an outpost of the beloved independent bookstore **Books & Books** to sampling delectable Cuban specialties at **Café Versailles**.

Many visitors are surprised to discover the airport's museum-quality public art, site-specific installations and galleries. Since 1973, MIA has been a trailblazer of airport art through **Miami-Dade County's Art in Public Places** program. The works are curated to entertain and educate travelers while enhancing their air travel experience. With miles of terminals, catwalks and bridges, the airport makes for a unique venue for installations. Much of the work is integrative and interactive, so visitors may not even realize that they're walking through a work of art.



Baggage claim area

A great example is Christopher Janney's "Harmonic Convergence," which transforms the MIA Mover Station Skyride Connector into a prismatic rainbow with the sun shining through diamond-shaped, tinted glass windows. Like any major international airport, MIA is surrounded by a range of convenient hotel options. Highlights include the **Hilton Miami Airport Blue Lagoon**, **Element Miami International Airport**, **Courtyard Miami Airport**, **DoubleTree by Hilton Miami Airport & Convention Center** and **Sheraton Miami Airport Hotel & Executive Meeting Center**.

Soccer fans will be excited to hear that **Miami Freedom Park** – a grand new home for **Inter Miami CF** just southeast of Miami International Airport – will open in 2026. It will include a 25,000-seat soccer stadium, a 58-acre park and a commercial complex with shops and restaurants.

Grapeland Water Park is a one-of-a-kind splash park designed by famed Miami pop artist Romero Britto. Open on select days during the summer, it makes for a fun-filled adventure for families with young children.

For those whose favorite form of recreation is shopping, the airport area is home to two malls: **Midway Crossings** and the **Miami International Merchandise Mart**, which features hundreds of showrooms that offer wholesale jewelry, apparel, cosmetics and other goods.

For a unique experience, enjoy lunch at **94th Aero Squadron Restaurant**, overlooking the airport's runway. Guests at this historic restaurant can listen to air traffic control on headphones while dining. It's the ultimate experience for aviation geeks.



Miami Freedom Park rendering



ALLAPATTAH



Considered a hidden gem, Allapattah is one of Greater Miami & Miami Beach's oldest communities. Named for the Seminole word for alligator, Allapattah has a strong Latin heritage. Due to its large Dominican population, Allapattah has been nicknamed "Little Santo Domingo."

Allapattah offers visitors a rich array of experiences that can't be found anywhere else. The neighborhood boasts an interesting mix of delicious restaurants, contemporary art venues and cool nightlife.

Allapattah's contemporary art scene has taken off in recent years. The neighborhood is the proud home of the **Rubell Collection** – the Rubell family's world-renowned private collection. One of the largest collections in North America, it boasts more than 7,000 works by more than 1,000 artists. In addition to expansive exhibit galleries, the museum has a garden beautifully landscaped with native Florida plants and offers multiple event spaces, including an extensive art research library.

Directly across the street from the Rubell Museum, **Superblue** is an experiential art center that presents stunning, transformative installations. This incredible space gives the world's leading artists the perfect venue to dream big. Audiences are invited to participate in the artists' extraordinary work and share in the experience.

El Espacio 23 is a contemporary art space founded by collector and philanthropist Jorge M. Pérez. Located within a repurposed 28,000-square-foot warehouse, it serves artists, curators and the general public with regular exhibitions, residencies and a variety of special projects drawn from the Pérez Collection.

The **Museum of Sex** opened in Allapattah in 2024. Its unique 32,000-square-foot space was designed in collaboration with renowned multidisciplinary design studio Snøhetta. It features three exhibition galleries, a retail boutique and a cocktail bar.

The Break Room Miami is a unique wellness center designed to give visitors a chance to unwind and relieve stress by stepping into its "rage room" to break all sorts of objects using tools like baseball bats and sledgehammers. It also has a paint splatter room as well as games, yoga classes and more.

For those who like BBQ, **Hometown Barbecue** is an absolute must. It's not just a locals' favorite but also one of the country's best. It's even been recognized by MICHELIN as a Bib Gourmand winner. Enjoy a classic barbeque menu for lunch and wood-fired items for dinner. Pair both mouthwatering menus with craft beers, seasonal cocktails and a selection of wines.



Rubell Family Collection
"Lightness of Being" installation



Hometown Barbecue





Aventura Mall



AVENTURA



Aventura is one of the most sought-after neighborhoods in Greater Miami & Miami Beach. With its impressive residential towers, lush parks and golf courses lining the Intracoastal Waterway, Aventura offers a blend of relaxation and sophistication.

Aventura is synonymous with shopping. **Aventura Mall**, with more than 300 stores, a tempting food hall, varied entertainment options and captivating public art installations, is one of Greater Miami & Miami Beach's top destinations for shopping and family fun. Anchored by **Bloomingdale's**, **Nordstrom**, **JCPenney** and **Macy's**, it's the largest mall in Florida. Shop for everything from luxury items to bargains. **Eataly** is opening a two-story Italian food hall at Aventura Mall in 2025. For a more formal dining experience, grab a table at **Pubbelly Sushi**, **Toku Modern Asian** or **Divieto**.

Adjacent to Aventura Mall, **Esplanade at Aventura** is a hot new dining, entertainment and retail destination. With its modern, sophisticated design, this indoor-outdoor space offers a relaxed yet elegant atmosphere featuring spacious outdoor areas, lush landscaping and an artistic water fountain. Visitors can enjoy a meal at **The Amalfi Llama**, **North Italia**, **JOEY** or Gastón Acurio's **Jarana** or work up an appetite with bowling and bocce at **Pinstripes Aventura** before replenishing with cocktails on the rooftop deck.

JW Marriott Miami Turnberry Resort & Spa



The **JW Marriott Miami Turnberry Resort & Spa** is another major draw. You'll find **Tidal Cove** water park here, with seven waterslides, a lazy river and a FlowRider® surf simulator. It's the perfect place for family fun and adventure. If it's an afternoon on the links you're looking for, the resort is home to two 18-hole golf courses. The Soffer and Miller courses were originally designed by Robert Trent Jones Sr. and have been reimagined by Raymond Floyd to include contoured fairways, clever doglegs, challenging bunkers and strategically placed water features. To wind down after spending time at the water park or playing golf, head to **âme Spa & Wellness Collective**. Spanning three floors and 25,000 square feet, the hotel's spa takes a holistic approach to wellness with 65 unique spa treatments, ranging from massage to exfoliation and facials.

For a memorable meal, dine at the resort's **Bourbon Steak Miami** by celebrity chef Michael Mina for favorites like duck fat fries paired with choice cuts of beef in an elegant yet playful setting. It's one of Miami's finest steakhouses and a must-visit on any outing in Aventura. Or try **Corsair Kitchen & Bar**, the hotel's other signature restaurant, serving up modern American fare and light comfort food. It's a popular spot for lunch and brunch in a casual and breezy yet sophisticated setting.

Those looking to enjoy the performing arts should head to the **Aventura Arts & Cultural Center**. The elegant, high-tech, 330-seat facility provides a variety of performing arts and relevant cultural programming for audiences of all ages.





BAL HARBOUR & BAY HARBOR ISLANDS



BAL HARBOUR

Chic and effortlessly elegant, Bal Harbour is a serene and luxurious beachside retreat located just north of Miami Beach. This pedestrian-friendly haven offers a peaceful escape, complete with lavish resorts and high-end shops.

For many, **Bal Harbour Shops** serves as an introduction to the area. The upscale, alfresco mall opened in 1965, and its mid-century modern cool is retained today through landscaped breezeways with lush palm trees, tropical flowers, koi ponds and limestone fountains. This exquisite collection of designer boutiques and restaurants in a tropical garden setting is a playground for socialites, fashionistas and celebrities. Anchored by **Neiman Marcus** and **Saks Fifth Avenue**, the mall boasts luxury flagship boutiques, such as Chanel, Prada and Gucci, drawing both power shoppers and those who love to browse.

Bal Harbour Shops is also a fabulous destination for a lunchtime shopping break or a sophisticated dinner out. Onsite restaurant options include **Makoto** for inventive Japanese fare and **Carpaccio** for elegant Italian and Mediterranean dishes in a classic setting. These dining spots are popular among Miami's fashion set.

When it comes to resorts, take your pick from well-known luxury brands, like **The Ritz-Carlton Bal Harbour, Miami** or **The St. Regis Bal Harbour Resort**, with high design and opulent amenities. Each boasts luxurious, over-the-top oceanfront pools. The hotels are also home to some



Atlantikós

amazing restaurants. **Atlantikós** is located inside the St. Regis, but a visit here is like taking a quick getaway to the Greek isles. With its crisp blue-and-white decor and indoor-outdoor seating, this breakfast-and-lunch destination shines a spotlight on Greek cuisine. The restaurant's fish is sourced from local waters as well as the Greek market near Athens, so you'll want to enjoy one of the specialty seafood dishes. The stunning views are as memorable as the delicious seafood at **Artisan Beach House** at The Ritz-Carlton. Try to get a seat on the expansive patio for unobstructed views of the glittering Atlantic Ocean and Haulover Cut.

Another great place to stay in Bal Harbour is the **Sea View Hotel**. This property with newly renovated rooms is renowned for its personalized service. Whether you're relaxing on a lounge chair at one of these resorts or simply taking a stroll along the beach path and jetty, the beauty and serenity of Bal Harbour is all around for everyone to enjoy.

BAY HARBOR ISLANDS

Bay Harbor Islands is a charming community nestled between Bal Harbour and the Miami mainland.

In the heart of Bay Harbor Islands, a beautifully landscaped promenade offers a variety of excellent shopping and dining options as well as two public art sculptures – Romero Britto's "Heart" and Robert Indiana's "Love." **The Palm – Miami** is a welcoming steakhouse where guests are treated like family. **The Altair Hotel** offers stylish boutique accommodations and upscale amenities, including a rooftop pool and exceptional kosher dining options.



Robert Indiana's "Love" sculpture

Vizcaya Museum and Gardens



COCONUT GROVE



With its blend of Bohemian charm and Bahamian influence, "The Grove" is a bayfront village where visitors can wander along picturesque, tree-lined streets. As Miami's most historic neighborhood, Coconut Grove is considered the area's original gem. It's also one of its most picturesque, known for its tropical vibe.

Spend a leisurely day strolling the Renaissance-inspired gardens and grounds of **Vizcaya Museum and Gardens**, the elaborate Gilded Age winter retreat of industrialist James Deering. The opulent main house is filled with original furnishings and art, and the lush gardens and bay views are perfect for Instagram-worthy pictures.

Step back in time at another bayfront gem, the five-acre **Barnacle Historic State Park**, which offers tree-lined paths for bird watching and scenic strolls. As the historic property of yacht designer, sailor and Coconut Grove pioneer Ralph Munroe, the park houses replicas of two of his sailboats along with his 1891 home, the oldest in Miami-Dade County. Check out The Barnacle's events calendar, which includes numerous activities throughout the year, such as moonlight concerts and outdoor films.

If you're looking for more space to stretch your legs, head to **Peacock Park**. This nine-acre park is filled with recreational spaces, including softball and soccer fields, a playground and a wooden boardwalk that winds along the edge of Biscayne Bay. To fully experience the energy of The Grove, take a seat on the massive patio at **Glass & Vine**, a casual garden oasis overlooking Peacock Park with glimpses of Biscayne Bay in the distance. With lush greenery and kiddie play areas within walking distance, the 200-seat eatery features simple, ingredient-driven dishes.



You can't talk about Coconut Grove without mentioning boating on Biscayne Bay. Book sailing lessons or rent a vessel at **Shake-A-Leg Miami**. The **Coconut Grove Sailing Club** is a great place to learn to sail or simply enjoy the spectacle of a weekend regatta just offshore from **David T. Kennedy Park** and **Regatta Park**.

The iconic shopping and dining hub of **CocoWalk** features a roster of well-known retailers and cute boutiques. Refuel at one of its hot restaurants, such as **PLANTA Queen** for plant-based comfort food, **Eva** for a taste of the Mediterranean or **Narbona** for Latin American cuisine crafted from locally sourced ingredients. Other notable restaurants in the neighborhood include **Amal Miami** for modern Lebanese cuisine, **RedFarm Miami** for finely crafted dim sum, **KOKO** for authentic Mexican cuisine, **Sadelle's** for fabulous brunch spreads, **Sereia** for MICHELIN-recognized Portuguese cuisine and **Bayshore Club** for seafood in an open-air setting right on the bay. For more breathtaking views, escape to **Bellini**, the rooftop restaurant at the **Mr. C Miami Coconut Grove** hotel, where the namesake cocktails flow freely.

The **Coconut Grove Arts Festival** has taken over The Grove on Presidents Day Weekend for more than half a century. It's one of the premier cultural events of Greater Miami & Miami Beach's very busy winter cultural calendar. The bohemian Coconut Grove neighborhood comes alive with stands and stalls from hundreds of juried artists as well as culinary demonstrations and delicious local eats, live music, family-friendly activities and more.

LITTLE BAHAMAS

To become acquainted with Coconut Grove's abundant heritage and the pioneers who first settled here, history buffs should explore **Little Bahamas**, a historically Black neighborhood in the West Grove where you'll find farmers markets, art galleries and historic Black churches. Beginning in the 1870s, immigrants from the Bahamas arrived to seek new lives and bright futures.



Many of them found work at the Peacock Inn, which functioned as a major hub for the growing community that surrounded it.

The community's rich Bahamian culture is still alive today. Many historic buildings remain, including shotgun houses (humble wood-frame homes) sprinkled throughout the neighborhood. These simple but sturdy homes, made from a combination of coral rock and Dade County pine, are a defining characteristic of the neighborhood.

Historic sites and notable places in the Little Bahamas area include the **Colored Library (Odd Fellows Hall)**, built in 1896 as the area's first library for Black people and a communal meeting place for members of fraternal organizations; the **Mariah Brown House**, originally owned by one of the first Bahamians to arrive in Coconut Grove; the **E.W.F. Stirrup House**, the home of a Bahamian carpenter who went on to become a millionaire; and the **Coconut Grove Cemetery**, which dates back to the early 1900s and is best known as the home of the anthropomorphic "head and shoulder stones," which aren't found anywhere else in the area. Several local churches are rich in history, including the **Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church**, the oldest Black church in the community, and the **Christ Episcopal Church**, founded by a group of West Indian settlers.



Nassau Daddy Peacock

If you're searching for more to explore, snag a selfie with the **Nassau Daddy Peacock**. Created by sculptor Rosie Brown, this unique peacock statue serves as a welcoming committee of sorts for everyone arriving to the Little Bahamas area. Its vibrant colors depict elements of the community's Bahamian roots and provide a perfect photo op for locals and visitors alike.



E.W.F. Stirrup House



CocoWalk




Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden

CORAL GABLES

With its stunning architecture and vibrant cultural scene, Coral Gables lives up to its nickname, the "City Beautiful". This charming city just a few miles southwest of Downtown Miami was developed in the 1920s. It boasts broad, tree-lined streets named after Spanish and Italian towns, along with breathtaking Mediterranean Revival buildings, picturesque plazas, parks and fountains.

The City Beautiful's most notable landmark is **The Biltmore Hotel Miami – Coral Gables**, which opened its doors in 1926. Covering more than 23,000 square feet, the resort's gorgeous pool is one of the largest in the country. Towering palms and blooming hibiscus surround the area, creating the ultimate tropical paradise. **Fontana** is the hotel's esteemed Italian restaurant, and **Cascade** is an outdoor restaurant that makes the most of the subtropical setting. At **The Biltmore Hotel Spa**, you can retreat to a peaceful sanctuary on the seventh floor of the resort, surrounded by sweeping views of Coral Gables. Inside the hotel, you'll find **GableStage**, which is a must for culture enthusiasts. It produces everything from Off-Broadway hits to indie classics.

Not many golf courses can boast the fascinating history that **The Biltmore Golf Course** does, dating back to the late 1920s. **Fairways**, overlooking the iconic banyan



The Biltmore Golf Course

tree on the first tee of the Donald Ross championship course, offers upscale contemporary American cuisine. Coral Gables is also home to another historic public course – the **Granada Golf Course**, a nine-hole par 36 located just outside the downtown area.

Miracle Mile, in downtown Coral Gables, is a popular shopping destination. It features top-quality shops, art galleries and boutiques along tree-lined streets. You can't miss the historic **Actors' Playhouse at the Miracle Theatre**, located on Miracle Mile. It puts on Broadway showstoppers as well as local productions. Popular eateries along Miracle Mile include **Maiz y Agave**, **Pisco Y Nazca**, **Vinya Table**, **John Martin's Irish Pub & Restaurant** and **Motek Coral Gables**. Other gems near Miracle Mile include **Bulla Gastrobar**, offering a modern take on Spanish cuisine, and **Levant**, offering elevated Middle Eastern cuisine.

The pedestrian-only **Giralda Plaza**, a couple blocks north of Miracle Mile, is an inviting area for a leisurely stroll. Here you'll find a variety of local restaurants and boutiques. Popular spots along this stretch include **Eating House** from local chef Giorgio Rapicavoli, **MesaMar Seafood Table** and **Talavera Cocina Mexicana**.

The Plaza Coral Gables, a mixed-use development several blocks south of Miracle Mile, is home to **Loews Coral Gables Hotel**, numerous restaurants and **Pinstripes Coral Gables**, an upscale bowling and bocce venue.



Actors' Playhouse at the Miracle Theatre

One of the most impressive attractions in Coral Gables is the glorious **Venetian Pool**. This 820,000-gallon swimming hole was created in 1924 out of a coral rock quarry. The atmosphere is rather magical, with Italian-style loggias and porticos, caves, waterfalls and a romantic bridge. The clear, cool water is fed by a natural spring. A separate shallow pool is ideal for young swimmers. The Venetian Pool is typically open during the spring and summer.

On Biscayne Bay in the southern section of Coral Gables, you'll discover another family attraction, **Matheson Hammock Park**. "Hammock" in this case does not refer to the mesh sling you hook up between two trees but to tropical hardwood forests, which have been preserved within the boundaries of this special park. The protected, calm waters of its manmade atoll make it ideal for taking a dip with babies and toddlers. You can rent kayaks or paddleboards at the **Adventure Sports Miami** concession.

The park is home to **NOMA Beach**, a waterfront restaurant with spectacular views of Biscayne Bay. Adjacent to Matheson Hammock Park, the 83-acre **Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden** showcases a lush landscape with various exhibits: Wings of the Tropics



butterfly conservatory, a palmetum, a rainforest, an arboretum, a succulent section and a Keys coastal habitat. The narrated tram tour is a must.

The **Coral Gables Museum** is housed in the city's original police and fire station buildings. The museum celebrates the civic arts of architecture, urban design and planning, sustainable development and preservation – architectural, cultural and environmental.

Another place to learn about local history is the **Coral Gables Merrick House**. It was the boyhood home of George E. Merrick, founder and developer of Coral Gables. This historic landmark has been restored to the 1920s period and filled with the Merrick family's art, furniture and personal treasures.

The **Lowe Art Museum** is located on the campus of the **University of Miami**. Permanent exhibits include Italian Renaissance and Baroque works, Greco-Roman antiquities, 17th-21st century art of the Americas and Europe, and Asian, African and Native American art. For those looking to stay near the university, **THesis Hotel Miami** is located right across the street from campus. It's home to two fine restaurants – **Mamey** and **The Collab**.



Venetian Pool


Jackson West
Jose Milton
Memorial Hospital
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Jackson West
Jose Milton
Memorial Hospital

DORAL



With free trolley service throughout the city, it's easy to get around Doral and explore everything it has to offer. From Downtown Doral Park, which anchors the city center, to Doral Central Park, which features 82 acres of green space and recreational facilities, there are plenty of outdoor activities to enjoy.

Doral is a popular golfing destination. The luxurious **Trump National Doral Miami** hotel and golf resort boasts four challenging courses, including the intimidating Blue Monster. Tucked into a residential community, **Costa Del Sol Golf Club** was designed in 1974 by Robert E. Cupp, who later went on to join the team at Jack Nicklaus Design.

CityPlace Doral is loaded with trendy shops, restaurants and entertainment spots. You'll be greeted by dancing fountains, and once you park, you can unwind around the lush walkways while browsing the boutiques. There are numerous restaurants to choose from, including **Novecento**, **Suviche** and **Kuba Cabana**. When it comes to entertainment, you can go bowling, watch a live comedy show, see a movie or enjoy activities ranging from group workouts to nights centered around the arts.

Downtown Doral is another live/work/play destination with locally owned stores, enticing eateries and welcoming



Downtown Doral

green spaces. Its dining options include **Pisco Y Nazca** and **Bulla Gastrobar**.

Doral's culinary scene showcases a rich blend of cultural influences, offering a variety of international flavors. **Mordisco** brings together Colombian, Venezuelan and Andean influences, creating a fusion of vibrant, flavorful dishes. **Crudos Fusion Art** blends Asian and Latin cuisines for a unique dining experience, while **La Tremenda Spanish Cuisine** serves traditional Spanish classics with a Latin American twist. **Marfil Bistro** offers contemporary Mediterranean cuisine, highlighting fresh, seasonal ingredients. **Casa Mariano** presents a Mediterranean-inspired menu paired with a globally sourced wine selection. **Keik Bakeshop** puts a Venezuelan spin on cakes, breakfast, brunch, lunch and dinner, offering a comforting yet creative take on everyday meals.

With its ample warehouse space, Doral is a center of Greater Miami & Miami Beach's vibrant craft beer scene. It's anchored by **The Tank Brewing Co**., which boasts a large brewery, tap room and cigar lounge. The space's decor stays true to its home in an industrial building. During the day, you'll find board and card games. At night, there might be DJs or live music.

Doral has become a cultural center in recent years. In addition to a range of works throughout the city as part of the Art in Public Places program, it is home to the **Doral Contemporary Art Museum**, with exhibitions ranging from pop art to fashion and photography, and the state-of-the-art, multipurpose **Doral Cultural Arts Center**.



Doral Cultural Arts Center / "Butterflies" by Manolo Valdés



HIALEAH & MIAMI LAKES



HIALEAH

For an authentic taste of Hispanic culture, visit Hialeah. Home to the highest percentage of Cuban and Cuban American residents in the U.S., the city's attractions reflect its international roots.

A network of local artists, musicians and art enthusiasts has joined forces to share their stories, creating the burgeoning **Leah Arts District**, Hialeah's living/work space for artists. The area is designed to promote arts and culture in Hialeah and give local artists a place to meet, exchange ideas and display their latest art. The district was a hub of production and manufacturing in the 1980s. Eventually falling into abandonment, this once-neglected neighborhood is now a haven of thrift stores, antique shops, artsy soirees, block parties, workshops, live music and performances, and dozens of murals.

A place designed to foster inspiration and creativity, **Garden of the Arts** is Hialeah's own open-air museum. This cultural park is a collection of paved walking trails, green spaces, historic murals, monuments, benches and an amphitheater. The park was created as a place to enjoy quiet contemplation.

Cuban Culture in Exile Heritage Park honors the Cuban experience that is such a big part of Hialeah's story. It's dotted with artsy, historic monuments honoring high-profile names in Cuban history, like singers Olga Guillot and Celia Cruz.

The 34,500-square-foot **Milander Center for Arts and Entertainment** accommodates events of all sizes. It has both an amphitheater and an exhibit space. Located on Miami Dade College's Hialeah Campus, the **Hialeah Cultural Center** was created to celebrate Hialeah's arts and culture scene. It's home to curated exhibitions, art lectures, film studies, oral history projects, and juried music and arts competitions.

Hialeah offers plenty of public parks. The largest is **Amelia Earhart Park**. It has everything from a petting zoo and dog park to mountain biking trails and a fishing pier. The **Miami Watersports Complex** is located on the park's 91-acre lake. Visitors can do anything from cable and boat wakeboarding to wakesurfing, waterskiing, kneeboarding and paddleboarding. Coaches ride along with beginners and advanced riders alike to help improve their skills and techniques.

Head to **Hialeah Park Casino** for fun and gaming. Set on 200 acres of landscaped gardens, it has been a mainstay for nearly a century with a National Register of Historic Places distinction. It's also an Audubon Bird Sanctuary where flamingos roam wild. The casino boasts a 33-table poker room and nearly 900 slot machines. You can catch simulcasting of horse racing events from around the globe as well.

Hialeah is the place to eat when you're craving Latin American cuisine. The area is famous for its Cuban restaurants, but many different cuisines are represented. The **Hialeah Food & Wine Festival** in February celebrates the city's cultural heritage, with local vendors showcasing the flavors that define Hialeah's dining landscape.



Amelia Earhart Park

MIAMI LAKES

The meticulously planned city of Miami Lakes is a charming suburban neighborhood worth exploring. True to its name, the area is home to 23 lakes.

A traditional Main Street anchors curvy residential streets and green spaces. Enjoy fine dining and shopping in the quaint ambiance created by old-fashioned lamps, colorful, striped awnings and brick sidewalks. **Main Street Playhouse** is set right in the city center.

The centerpiece of the neighborhood is **Miami Lakes Hotel on Main**. This upscale hotel has a full-service health spa and athletic club and gives guests access to **Miami Lakes Golf Club**. **ML Steaks + Sports**, overlooking the hotel's tropical lagoon and courtyard, is the ultimate sports bar.

Main Street features several top-notch restaurants, including **Korner67**, which offers modern tapas-style dishes, and **Amazonia Nikkei**, which combines Japanese elegance with the bold flavors of Peru.

The Historic Lyric Theater





HISTORIC OVERTOWN

Just northwest of Downtown Miami, Historic Overtown is steeped in Miami's Black heritage. Starting in the 1930s, it became a thriving entertainment district known as Little Broadway because of its similarities to Harlem during the Harlem Renaissance. Icons like Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald and Billie Holiday played on its stages and patronized its clubs.

Because of segregation during the Jim Crow era, Black artists and celebrities often spent the night in Overtown while visiting Miami, as they were not allowed to stay in other areas.

Today, Historic Overtown's spirit continues through its art, music and soul food. The neighborhood is experiencing a modern-day renaissance, one in which Miami's Black history is honored and celebrated at museums such as the **Black Police Precinct & Courthouse Museum**. This historically significant site was home to the city's first Black police officers, who patrolled the area starting in the 1940s. Packed with artifacts, documents, videos and oral history, the museum provides insight into Miami's rich Black heritage and this unique time in its history.

The **Lyric Theater** was built in 1913. Through the years, countless legendary performers graced the stage, from Cab Calloway and Count Basie to Nat King Cole, Sammy Davis Jr. and Josephine Baker. After a period of dormancy, a newly restored Lyric reopened during Black History Month in February 2014, reclaiming its title as the oldest operating theater in Miami. Under the stewardship of the **Black Archives History & Research Foundation**,



The Historic Lyric Theater

the theater is once again a top performing arts destination. Another historic jewel in Historic Overtown is the **Overtown Performing Arts Center (OPAC)**. The building is the former Ebenezer Methodist Church.

In 1925, the **Ward Rooming House** opened its doors to both Blacks and Seminole Indians, who were typically unable to find welcoming accommodations elsewhere in Miami. Now listed on the National Register of Historic Places, it stands as a symbol of the long-held values of the Historic Overtown community. It has been transformed into a gallery hosting exhibitions by Black artists.

Historic Overtown also nurtured Miami's original street artist, **Purvis Young**, whose evocative murals span from the 1970s to 2010 and can still be seen today throughout the neighborhood. Young painted scenes inspired by life on the streets in Overtown and his daily observations. While his work is often classified as folk art, his style of mixing bold, saturated colors resonates with contemporary art movements.

You can get a taste of Miami's Black heritage through the food in Historic Overtown. **Lil Greenhouse Grill** is a locally owned gem. Its Neo-Soul menu has a delicious brunch with items like collard greens with ham hock, creamy baked mac and cheese, and fried shrimp with biscuits.

Celebrity chef Marcus Samuelsson has added to the neighborhood's appeal with an outpost of **Red Rooster**, his revered Harlem restaurant. It's a place for people to gather over a delicious meal of globally inspired soul food. Samuelsson's signature playful gourmet twist is on display in popular dishes like the hot honey fried yardbird and shrimp & grits.





KEY BISCAYNE & VIRGINIA KEY



As you drive across the picturesque Rickenbacker Causeway to Key Biscayne and Virginia Key, you'll leave the mainland behind and enter a subtropical paradise just off the coast.

Rusty Pelican is an iconic restaurant located along the causeway. With its elegant waterfront setting and floor-to-ceiling windows perched above a marina, a meal here is accompanied by dazzling views of Biscayne Bay and Downtown Miami's skyline.

One of Miami's most popular dog-friendly beaches, **Hobie Beach/Windsurfer Beach**, is located on the causeway. It's a great place to rent windsurfing equipment, kayaks or stand-up paddleboards and head straight into Biscayne Bay.

As you continue along the causeway toward Key Biscayne, you'll pass through the barrier island of Virginia Key. During segregation, Virginia Key was one of the only places where Black people could access the beach. It has a rich cultural history and played a significant role in Miami's Civil Rights movement. Now, **Historic Virginia Key Beach Park** is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and offers a host of facilities for all to enjoy.

After crossing through Virginia Key, you'll arrive in Key Biscayne. **Crandon Park Beach** stretches two miles in length at the northern end of the island. In addition to its



white sand and calm waters, there are picnic tables and grills. Stand-up paddleboards, kayaks and kiteboards are available to rent. Nature lovers will enjoy Crandon Park's vast ecosystems, including a mangrove boardwalk and fossilized reef overlooking dunes, a coastal hammock, seagrass beds and more. The **Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center** is the place to begin your explorations. You can also play a match at the **Crandon Park Tennis Center** or go for a scenic round of golf at **Crandon Golf at Key Biscayne's** championship 18-hole course, set among the mangroves near the water.

The Village of Key Biscayne is situated along the island's center, where **The Ritz-Carlton, Key Biscayne** is a destination unto itself with a beautiful stretch of beach, water sports and several swimming pools. (The hotel will close for renovations for much of 2025.) It is home to **Cantina Beach**, offering coastal Mexican cuisine, as well as **Lightkeepers**, a casually elegant restaurant featuring coastal fare. **RUMBAR at The Ritz-Carlton** is a lounge offering the feel of Old Havana.

Ponce de León named the southernmost tip of Key Biscayne the Cape of Florida when he led the first Spanish expedition in 1513. Now, **Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park** is home to the oldest standing structure in Miami-Dade County: a historic lighthouse built in 1825. Equal parts quiet and quaint, the park's natural beach stretches 1.25 miles and has repeatedly been listed as one of the best beaches in the country.



Crandon Park Beach


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LIBERTY CITY & OPA-LOCKA

LIBERTY CITY & BROWNSVILLE

Greater Miami & Miami Beach's rich multicultural heritage has strong roots in Liberty City. The first wave of Black migration to the area began in 1937, when many families settled in the Liberty Square Housing Project.

From there, the neighborhood grew and prospered. A second major migration occurred in the late 1950s and early 1960s, as expressway construction displaced Black residents from Overtown.

The annual **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade** has been a highlight of Liberty City's cultural calendar since 1977, when Miami was the first city in the country to organize such a parade.

A mural by the late artist Oscar Thomas at Northwest 62nd Street and 7th Avenue honors Dr. King. Painted in black and white, the **62nd Street MLK Mural** depicts several images of Dr. King in oration. There's a dove flying with an olive branch – the symbol for peace – and a quote from Dr. King's "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech. Titled "Prince of Peace," the mural is a powerful symbol of the Civil Rights movement.

Dr. King visited Miami regularly and often stayed at the **Hampton House** in **Brownsville**, a couple of miles west of Liberty City. The hotel was the place to be for the Black community in Miami during segregation. The two-story, Miami Modern-style inn had a jazz club, restaurant and swimming pool. Dr. King delivered an early version of his "I Have A Dream" speech there in 1960. The Hampton House's heyday is memorialized in the film "One Night in Miami," a dramatization of the evening in 1964 when Muhammad Ali, Malcolm X, Sam Cooke and Jim Brown gathered to celebrate Ali's title victory at the Miami Beach Convention Center.

The Hampton House closed in 1976. In 2015, the Historic Hampton House restoration project began under the leadership of preservationist Dr. Enid Pinkney. The space is now called the **Historic Hampton House Museum of Culture & Art** and serves as a neighborhood hub for culture, education and history, hosting a range of events, including art competitions, film screenings, live music performances and more.

Liberty City is home to several other entertainment venues. The **Marshall L. Davis, Sr. African Heritage Cultural Arts Center** is devoted to nurturing the artistic talents and ambitions of the Liberty City community. With various dance and art studios, an exhibition space and an auditorium, the center is a hub for locals to create and experience art. The **Joseph Caleb Auditorium** hosts a rich array of events, ranging from community forums to local performances. **Fantasy Theatre Factory** operates the **Sandrell Rivers Theater**, a state-of-the-art facility that offers programming for kids and adults.



Opa-locka Plaza

OPA-LOCKA

The city of Opa-locka was founded in 1926 by aviation pioneer Glenn H. Curtiss. He enlisted architect Bernhardt Muller to design the city's buildings in Moorish Revival style, drawing inspiration from the tales of "1001 Arabian Nights."

Although many of Opa-locka's original buildings have been altered or have fallen into disrepair, several outstanding structures have been recently restored. Opa-locka holds the distinction of having the largest collection of Moorish Revival architecture in the Western Hemisphere, including a city hall complete with minarets and elaborately painted domes.
The city is home to 20 buildings that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.


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LITTLE HAITI



The Little Haiti community reflects its Caribbean roots through unique architecture, traditional churches, and a vibrant mix of authentic food, spices and music. Its streets are filled with family-owned businesses, trendy furniture stores, music shops, bookstores and clothing boutiques.

Located about five miles north of Downtown Miami, Little Haiti's main attractions are centered around the Northeast 2nd Avenue corridor.

Characterized by the Victorian architecture found in parts of the Caribbean, Little Haiti is the heart and soul of Miami's Haitian community. Local businesses stand out with their high-pitched roofs and bright, pastel colors. One such business is **Libreri Mapou**, a bookstore founded in 1986 by Jan Mapou, a Haitian playwright and activist. The shop offers a selection of rare books in French, Creole and English.

A thriving arts scene has taken root, with contemporary galleries joining longtime institutions such as the **Little Haiti Cultural Complex**, an arts center and museum showcasing Haitian painting, sculpture and crafts. It also offers classes ranging from ceramics to Afro-Caribbean folk dancing. The center's 300-seat theater is a popular location for live music and dance performances.

Next door, local artisans sell goods at the **Caribbean Marketplace**, a contemporary rendition of Haiti's lively Iron Market. On weekends, visitors can participate in Konpa dance lessons and yoga sessions. Special programming features a variety of events, such as readings by Haitian authors, African drumming classes and cooking classes.

Serious music lovers know **Sweat Records** has long held court as a community gathering place where patrons sift through vintage and hard-to-find records and enjoy in-store workshops and live performances.

Of course, Little Haiti is a fabulous place to sample authentic Haitian and other Caribbean cuisine. Start at **Chef Creole**, with its signature recipes that focus on seafood. If you're in the mood for something different, **La Wagyeria** is a specialty butcher shop that's open for dinner on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. Guests can meet the butcher and select their own cut of Wagyu beef.







Sweat Records





LITTLE HAVANA

Little Havana, an enclave established by Cuban exiles in the 1960s, is a key part of what makes Greater Miami & Miami Beach a dynamic cultural destination. The neighborhood revolves around Calle Ocho (Southwest Eighth Street), a lively thoroughfare filled with restaurants, fruit stands, cigar shops, galleries and music venues.

It's also where you'll find the famed **Máximo Gómez Park (Domino Park)**, where locals gather to talk politics over heated games of dominoes. The street is lined with murals and other artwork, from the mosaic tiles near Domino Park depicting classic symbols of Cuban heritage to walls covered with portraits of Cuban legends.

One of the best ways to dig into Cuban culture is through its food. Whether you make a pilgrimage to the classic, family-owned **Versailles Restaurant** or pay a visit to one of Little Havana's other top Cuban spots, such as **Sala'o Cuban Restaurant & Bar**, you're going to want to sample everything from strong, sweet Cuban coffee to a savory Cuban sandwich. **Calle Dragones** melds Cuban and Asian influences along with spectacular live shows and music.

Little Havana is also home to chef-driven restaurants like **Cafe La Trova** by Miami's beloved Chef Michelle Bernstein, which presents creative dishes and a killer cocktail program. For a sweet treat, head to **Azucar Ice Cream Company** for artisanal ice cream and sorbet with tropical flavors or **Los Pinareños**, a classic open-air market offering tropical fruits, juices and shakes.

For a comprehensive taste of the area, book a walking tour with **Miami Culinary Tours** or **Bobby's Bike Hike**. In-the-know guides will lead you through the neighborhood.

Discover Little Havana's nightlife at **Ball & Chain**, a restored jazz-era nightclub where stars like Billie Holiday, Chet Baker and Count Basie performed during the 1950s. In its latest revival, the storied bar combines the charm of a classic Cuban nightclub with a tropical-themed ambiance highlighted by its lush, open courtyard and Pineapple Stage. **Taquerias El Mexicano** and **Los Altos** are Ball & Chain's sister establishments. The former serves authentic Mexican food, while the latter is a hidden speakeasy with great music and cocktails.


Azucar
ice cream company
cuban
homemade ice cream



Little Havana's arts and cultural scene is equally vibrant. The neighborhood plays host to the **Calle Ocho Music Festival** every March to celebrate **Carnaval Miami**, with big-name entertainers headlining the festivities. On the third Friday of every month, **Viernes Culturales (Cultural Fridays)** celebrates the arts and cultural offerings of restaurants, bars, shops and galleries along Calle Ocho. There's a stage set up on the street for dance and music performances, and galleries keep their doors open late.



loanDepot park

No matter when you visit, you can always soak up the local art and culture at galleries and studios such as the **Futurama 1637 Art Building**. The **Miami Hispanic Cultural Arts Center** offers art exhibits, films and performances in a beautiful historic building. **The Tower Theater**, built in 1926, features films, live performances, and cultural and educational programs.

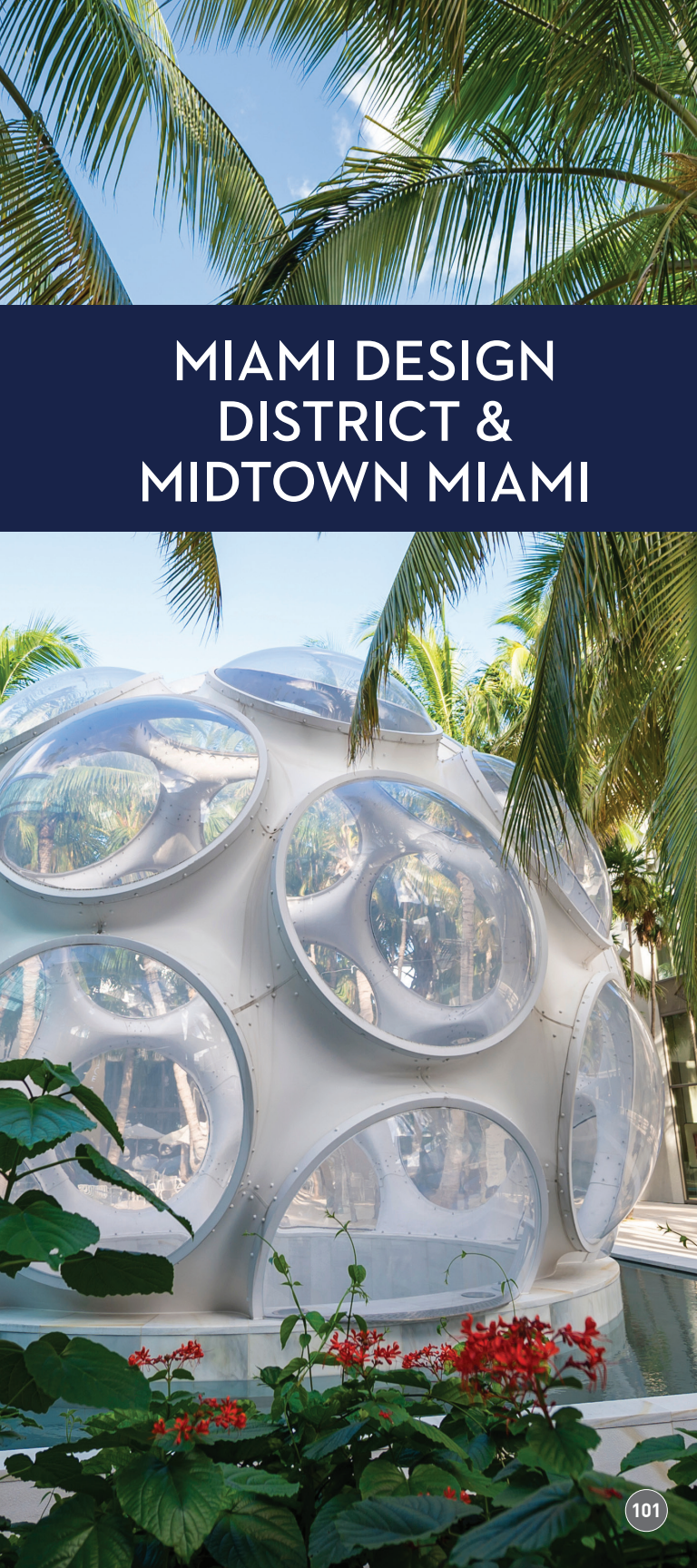
Located near Little Havana, the **American Museum of the Cuban Diaspora** showcases Cuban Americans' contributions to the arts and humanities. Another fascinating place to learn about Cuban history is the **Bay of Pigs Museum & Library**, which includes artifacts and memorabilia from the ill-fated attempt by Cuban exiles to overthrow Fidel Castro's revolution in 1961.

Little Havana is also home to the **Miami Marlins**. Catch a Major League Baseball game at the team's state-of-the-art **loanDepot park**. The retractable roof ballpark features unobstructed views of Downtown Miami's skyline.

In 2026, the west plaza of loanDepot park will transform into **Miami Live!** – a new year-round entertainment and dining hot spot.



Buckminster Fuller's "Fly's Eye"



MIAMI DESIGN DISTRICT & MIDTOWN MIAMI

Creativity thrives in the Miami Design District. Covering 18 square blocks, this vibrant shopping and arts area is home to luxury fashion boutiques, cutting-edge art galleries, beautiful public art and trendy restaurants.

While window shopping at luxury flagship boutiques such as Dior, Versace, Tom Ford, Givenchy, Burberry, Harry Winston, Louis Vuitton, Cartier, Prada, Celine and Balenciaga may be what initially draws many visitors here, the experience is elevated by captivating public art found throughout the district. Some parking garages even double as public art.

From a prototype of Buckminster Fuller's "Fly's Eye" geodesic dome surrounded by palm trees and French artist Xavier Veilhan's larger-than-life sculpture of architect Le Corbusier, both in **Palm Court**, to Sol LeWitt's sculpture garden and a web of hanging chairs by German designer Konstantin Grcic, the Miami Design District is a feast for the senses. **Elastika**, created by the late architect Zaha Hadid, is a site-specific installation in the historic **Moore Building**. A series of connectors were installed between the four-story building's layered mezzanines, making this installation look like stretched chewing gum suspended in midair.



Elastika, Moore Building

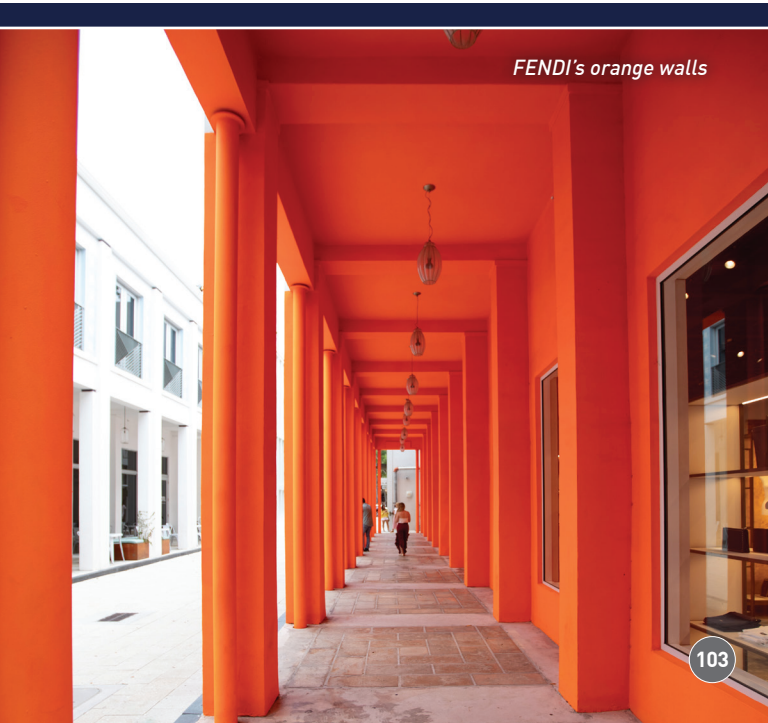
The **Institute of Contemporary Art, Miami (ICA)**, where admission is always free, showcases contemporary art by local, emerging and under-recognized artists. Step into the sculpture garden to encounter contemporary works in a variety of mediums, including stainless steel, aluminum and found objects.

Set aside some time to visit the **Haitian Heritage Museum**, which highlights and preserves Haiti's rich cultural heritage through art, historical artifacts, music, film and literary works. Designed as a mecca for those both inside and outside the Haitian diaspora, the museum is a hub for educational and community programming.

Michael's Genuine® Food & Drink put the Miami Design District on the map as a prime dining destination nearly two decades ago. It was recently recognized by the MICHELIN Guide.

More MICHELIN-recognized eateries have opened in recent years, including **COTE Miami**, **L'Atelier de Joël Robuchon** and **Le Jardinier Miami**. Other top restaurants include **Contessa**, **CHICA** and **Sofia**.

The **Midtown Miami** area is nestled between the Miami Design District and Wynwood. It's home to a large shopping and dining complex with restaurants like **Salumeria 104**. Those looking to stay in this centrally located spot can choose from **Hyde Midtown Miami** or **Hampton Inn & Suites Miami Wynwood Design District**.



FENDI's orange walls



Hard Rock Stadium





MIAMI GARDENS & NORTH MIAMI

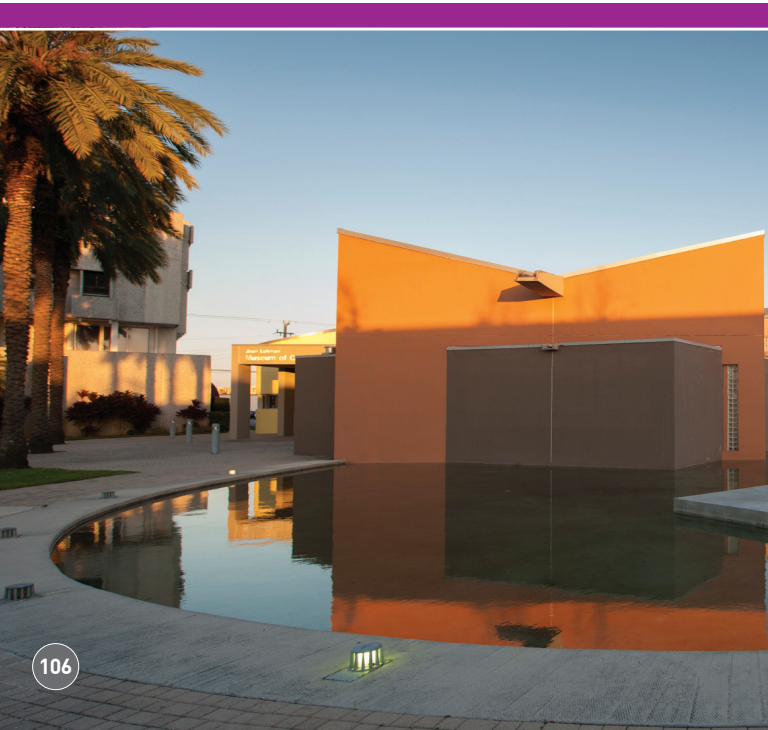


MIAMI GARDENS

Miami Gardens is a vibrant neighborhood that hosts some of the world's premier sports and entertainment events. It's also an enclave of international cuisine and tranquil parks.

It is home to **Hard Rock Stadium**, which hosts the **Miami Open** tennis tournament, the NFL's **Miami Dolphins** (and multiple Super Bowls), the **University of Miami Hurricanes** football team, the **Capital One Orange Bowl** college football game and the **Orange Blossom Classic** college football game, traditionally between two Historically Black Colleges & Universities.
The **Formula 1™ Crypto.com Miami Grand Prix** takes place every May at the **Miami International Autodrome**, built around Hard Rock Stadium. For hands-on sporting fun, enjoy a game at nearby **Topgolf**, an immersive golf experience with climate-controlled hitting bays.

Jazz in the Gardens, held every March at Hard Rock Stadium, celebrates culture and art through various genres of music. It is Miami Gardens' premier entertainment event. The festival highlights both local and international musicians. Past performers have included the likes of Chaka Khan, Erykah Badu and Smokey Robinson. The festival also boasts a marketplace dedicated to artwork, jewelry and fashion as well as delicious Caribbean food.



NORTH MIAMI

The city of North Miami is adjacent to Biscayne Bay and is home to the Biscayne Bay campus of Florida International University.

Visit the acclaimed **Museum of Contemporary Art North Miami**, designed by world-famous architect Charles Gwathmey, in the heart of downtown North Miami. Known for its provocative and innovative exhibitions, MOCA has eight to 10 installations on display each year. It's the permanent home of more than 400 works of art from contemporary artists, such as Keith Haring. MOCA offers a variety of programs, including the **Jazz at MOCA** concert series that takes place the last Friday of every month.

The annual **NoMi Music Festival** is a standout event on North Miami's cultural calendar. Locals and visitors come together under the stars for an R&B-filled evening. In addition to live performances, a DJ plays classic hits and food vendors ensure there's something for everyone at this family-friendly festival.

North Miami is also home to some unique dining options. **Makana Kava Gastrobar** embraces Polynesian cuisine, cocktails and culture, while **Edan Bistro** combines traditional Basque dishes with modern culinary techniques.



Museum of Contemporary Art North Miami

The Parker Vertical Truss Bridge





MIAMI SPRINGS

Miami Springs was founded in 1926 by aviation pioneer, inventor and land developer Glenn H. Curtiss. Located in the heart of it all, Miami Springs is adjacent to Miami International Airport. It provides visitors with a peaceful escape, offering a charming small-town atmosphere.

Miami Springs was built as one of the first planned communities in Florida. Homes and buildings were built in a style of architecture called Pueblo Revival. The restored **Curtiss Mansion**, which belonged to Glenn Curtiss, is one of the city's most revered representations of this architectural style. The mansion is an important landmark as well as a popular event venue.

Make your way down the city's main thoroughfare, Curtiss Parkway, and you will discover more historical sights. To learn about the area's aviation history, visit the **Miami Springs Historical Society and Museum** at Circle Park.

Continue along Curtiss Parkway to **Miami Springs Golf & Country Club**, a historic 18-hole course that opened in 1923. The 18-hole, par-71 golf course has four sets of tees ranging from 5,300 to 6,700 yards. It provides an enjoyable yet challenging experience for golfers of all skill levels. Pueblo Revival-style architecture rings the course. The course offers very reasonable rates and is centrally located, with easy access from Miami Springs hotels and Miami International Airport.



The Curtiss Mansion & Gardens

Miami Springs has been certified as a "Tree City USA" since 1993 and was recently named a "Preserve America City" in recognition of its commitment to caring for its exceptional environment, history and quality of life.

The **Miami Springs Aquatic Center** is an ideal spot to unwind, have fun and take a swim. Open to residents and visitors, it boasts a spacious lap pool, a zero-entry kiddie pool and an exciting 35-foot waterslide.

The **Art in City Hall** program showcases a new local artist each month in the City Hall lobby, displaying everything from paintings and photography to sculptures. Locals look forward to the **River Cities Festival** every April, when attendees can enjoy live music, browse arts and crafts, and savor a variety of cuisines.

The **Miami Springs Farmer's Market** takes place on Saturdays from October through March. It offers fresh produce, artisanal goods and a vibrant atmosphere, including fun activities for children.

Miami Springs is a popular choice for travelers looking for a hotel with easy access to Miami International Airport. Top options include the **Wyndham Garden Miami International Airport** (home to **The Pilot House Bar & Restaurant**), **Embassy Suites by Hilton Miami International Airport**, **Hampton Inn Miami Airport East**, **Holiday Inn Miami-International Airport**, **Hyatt Place Miami Airport-East** and **EB Hotel Miami**, which is home to **Miranda Cuisine & Bar**.



Miami Springs Aquatic Center



NORTH MIAMI BEACH



North Miami Beach is a must-visit for those who enjoy immersing themselves in nature and history. Although it sits in the heart of Greater Miami & Miami Beach, it feels a world apart.

North Miami Beach is home to the oldest building in the Western Hemisphere: a 12th-century Spanish monastery originally built in Segovia, Spain, and brought here by publishing magnate William Randolph Hearst. It was then reassembled stone by stone, renamed **The Ancient Spanish Monastery** and opened to the public. In the 21st century, the space serves as both a peek into history and a tourist attraction. At the entrance to the property, there's a museum with historic Spanish artifacts. The monastery is surrounded by beautiful gardens. Right in the middle, a whimsical courtyard is often filled with families having a picnic or taking photos in front of its ivy-clad walls.

Nature lovers can venture to **Oleta River State Park**, where Miami's glittering high-rises give way to a peaceful world of tidal mangroves and wading birds in this protected river estuary. Considered Florida's largest urban park, Oleta invites you to spend the day kayaking and canoeing along the shoreline or biking on 15 miles of trails. You'll also find a nature path, tranquil beach, fishing pier and picnic area. It's one of the best ways to savor Miami's unique ecosystem and natural beauty.

Greynolds Park is located on a site that was once a rock quarry. Today, its 249 acres include extensive hiking trails, hardwood hammocks, mangrove forests and the **Greynolds Golf Course**, bordered to the east by the Oleta River. The park hosts a popular free bluegrass music festival on the first Sunday of every month. It's also home to the annual **Love-In Music Festival**, celebrating the sounds and spirit of the 1960s.

Arch Creek Park & Nature Center captures a fascinating aspect of Miami's Native American history. Named for the natural limestone bridge that once spanned a small creek flowing from the Everglades into Biscayne Bay, the area was the native habitat of Tequesta Indians. The bridge collapsed in the 1970s, but a replica gives visitors a window into the past.

Business and pleasure intertwine with impeccable service, a phenomenal atmosphere and irresistible cuisine at **Morton's The Steakhouse, North Miami Beach**.



Oleta River State Park

Greynolds Park wood bridge




Patch of Heaven Sanctuary

SOUTH DADE/HOMESTEAD/ MAIN EVERGLADES ENTRANCE

Cushioned by the Everglades to the west and Biscayne Bay to the east, South Dade is where Miami unfurls into sprawling farmland, exotic fruit stands and the unique ecosystems of two national parks. Here's an outline of the area's attractions, roughly heading from north to south.

The northernmost part of the South Dade region begins in the suburban village of **Pinecrest**. In the 1930s, the area's growth began to evolve around one of Miami's first tourist attractions, Parrot Jungle and Gardens. Today, the former wildlife attraction has been turned into a community park, **Pinecrest Gardens**, where concerts, art shows and other special events are held year-round.

Originally conceived as a community for African American veterans returning home from World War II and facing the difficulty of finding quality affordable housing, **Richmond Heights** has grown into a thriving community. Just west of Richmond Heights, you'll find **Zoo Miami**. Consistently ranked among the country's top 10 zoos, this 750-acre gem showcases more than 3,000 animals, including koalas, tigers and elephants, in large, open-air exhibits. At the entrance to the zoo, **Gold Coast Railroad Museum** houses a collection of historic railroad cars and memorabilia plus Thomas the Tank Engine tables for kids.

Palmetto Bay is home to the 18-hole **Palmetto Golf Course** and the adjacent **Palmetto Mini Golf**, both set along US 1. **Golden Rule Seafood** is a classic seafood market and full-service restaurant specializing in locally inspired comfort foods served alfresco under a tiki hut.



The Moss Center

The historic **Deering Estate** is a preserved example of Miami in the 1920s. This former home of Charles Deering – an industrialist, environmentalist, art collector, philanthropist and brother of James Deering, who built the Vizcaya estate in Coconut Grove – is both a museum and an ecological gem. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the grounds are spread across 444 acres along Biscayne Bay and offer everything from canoe tours and bird walks to moonlit kayaking, boat tours, hiking, nature trails, eco-tours and more.

ArtSouth is a multicultural art center that provides rental work studios for juried artists, art classes for students and adults, open houses and seasonal community art events.

The Moss Center in **Cutler Bay** has transformed South Dade into a premier destination for the performing arts. The state-of-the-art venue stages everything from opera to film, musicals, bands, dance and stand-up comedy while also acting as a community gathering place.

Goulds and **Perrine** flourished during the early days of Henry Flagler's Florida East Coast Railway at the turn of the 20th century. Today, these areas are ripe for exploration. To get a glimpse into South Dade's pioneering history, visit **Cauley Square Historic Village**. This 10-acre parcel of land once housed a warehouse, packing house and office for shipping produce from local farms as well as housing for railroad employees. Today, the quaint pine cottages offer an eclectic collection of antique shops, galleries and New Age emporiums.

Homestead is the heart and soul of South Dade. Once you're here, you may feel like you've stepped back in time or discovered a hidden oasis. As Miami-Dade County's second-oldest city (it was incorporated in 1913), it has the perfect blend of historic sites, natural beauty, attractions and entertainment.



Zoo Miami



Homestead-Miami Speedway



Built between 1923 and 1951, **Coral Castle Museum** in Homestead is one of Greater Miami & Miami Beach's more intriguing sites. Ed Leedskalnin built Coral Castle as a monument to lost love after his fiancée left him the day before their wedding in their native Latvia. He worked secretly at night, excavating, carving and moving 1,100 tons of coral rock. Nobody knows how he managed this feat.

Local farms like **The Berry Farm** and **Tinez Farms** grow their own fruits and vegetables in the **Redland** area in and around Homestead, a sprawling farmland named for the color of the agricultural region's rich soil. You can sample a variety of unique fruits at the **Fruit & Spice Park**. Bursting with more than 500 varieties of exotic fruits, herbs, spices and nuts, this park has winding pathways and offers a popular tram tour. Spanning 20 acres, **Patch of Heaven Sanctuary** is a nonprofit nature preserve that's home to historic structures, old-growth tropical hammocks and peaceful paths winding through a lush native habitat.

Homestead-Miami Speedway keeps your adrenaline pumping turn after turn with high-octane motorsports events. The 650-acre facility hosts major NASCAR races. A popular community event is **Fast Lane Friday**, when car enthusiasts 18 years and older can enter their street-legal cars to compete on the speedway's drag strip on select Friday evenings.

History buffs can take a walking tour of the **Homestead Historic Downtown District**. The charming streets are known for historic architecture and mouthwatering Mexican restaurants. The **Seminole Theatre** in downtown Homestead has become a go-to place for entertainment.

The **Homestead Cybrarium** is a unique public library that takes a high-tech spin on literacy, education and enrichment. Explore nearly 35,000 physical items and a robust digital collection spanning multilingual books, audiobooks, DVDs and more.

Just to the south, in **Florida City**, the **Tropical Everglades Visitor Association** is a great place to stop by to learn about things to do in South Dade, particularly **Everglades National Park** and **Biscayne National Park**. Homestead is the gateway to these amazing parks. The free **Homestead Trolley** takes visitors from downtown Homestead to both parks on weekends during the winter and early spring.

Biscayne National Park is the largest marine park in the national system, with 95% of its 172,000 acres underwater. It's a boating, fishing and diving paradise that's home to dozens of threatened or endangered species, including manatees, crocodiles and sea turtles. It includes the Florida Reef, the only living coral barrier reef in the United States and one of the largest in the world. The best way to explore this marine wonderland is by boat. You can plan your journey at the **Dante Fascell Visitor Center** by talking to park rangers and watching presentations about the ecosystems that make Biscayne National Park so fascinating. After that, your toughest decision will be which adventure to choose. Right next door to the park entrance, **Homestead Bayfront Park** has a beach with a shallow swimming area in an atoll pool.

Everglades National Park spreads 1.5 million acres across the tip of South Florida, supporting a habitat of alligators, crocodiles, white-tailed deer, Florida panthers and bald eagles. The **Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center** is located at the main entrance, just southwest of Homestead. It's a good starting point to learn about the park, which is the largest subtropical wilderness in the country and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The park is a mosaic of ecosystems, from slow-flowing freshwater sloughs and salt-tolerant mangrove forests to tropical hardwood hammocks, pine rocklands, moss-draped cypress domes and the sparkling marine waters of Florida Bay.

About 10 miles past the visitor center, you'll reach the popular **Anhinga Trail**, a loop trail (part boardwalk, part paved) that's just under a mile long and winds through sawgrass prairies. It's accessible to walkers of all fitness levels and is wheelchair accessible, making it a great trail for families. Nearby, the **Gumbo Limbo Trail** is an easily accessible nature trail located by the **Royal Palm Information Center and Bookstore**. The trail is less than a half-mile long, making it great for families traveling with younger children. The trail's paved loop meets a boardwalk where you'll journey through a dense tropical hardwood hammock.

If you want to explore further, and possibly stay overnight, drive about 35 miles more to the southernmost tip of the Florida Peninsula and you'll reach the **Guy Bradley Visitor Center**. It offers unique boat tours, great fishing and opportunities to view a variety of birds and wildlife. **Flamingo Adventures at Everglades National Park** features beautiful campgrounds, an abundance of recreational activities and phenomenal views. Visitors will be delighted by the exotic wildlife and bird watching as well as a variety of concession services, such as boat slips and launch ramps, houseboat rentals, boat tours,

MIAMI-DADE FARMERS MONTH

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Miami-Dade Farmers Month places a spotlight on farming, allowing our community to learn about the many contributions of South Dade farmers through engaging experiences at farms and related businesses in the Redland area. Throughout November, visitors can enjoy special offers, educational tours, fruit-picking experiences and more.

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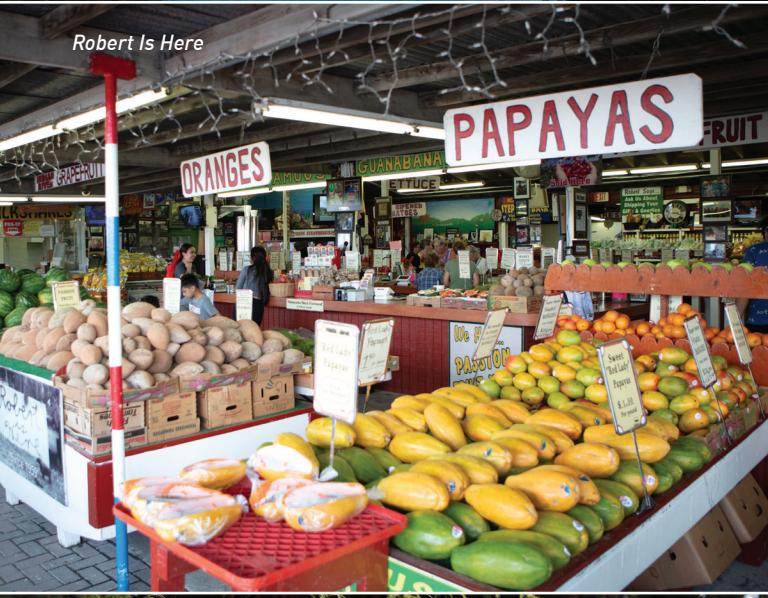
Everglades National Park



Robert Is Here



Everglades Alligator Farm

canoeing and kayaking. Cottages, eco-tents, houseboats and other overnight visitor accommodations are also available at the **Flamingo Lodge and Restaurant**.

There are three must-visit stops between Homestead and the entrance to Everglades National Park. **Schnebly Redland's Winery & Brewery** is the southernmost winery in the Continental U.S., handcrafting tropical wines without using grapes. This winery offers tours and wine tastings around natural coral waterfalls surrounded by lush tropical foliage. Visitors can compare the tastes of lychee, passion fruit, carambola, guava and mango wines, just to name a few. The onsite **Miami Brewing Co.** works similar magic, incorporating tropical fruit flavors into its beers.



Schnebly Redland's Winery & Brewery

Family-owned-and-operated **Robert Is Here Fruit Stand and Farm** specializes in rare and exotic fruits and vegetables, mostly grown right on the family farm. Although the location started off as a literal fruit stand on the side of the road, it has grown into a complete tourist destination with an animal farm, a play area, picnic tables and live music on weekends and holidays.

Everglades Alligator Farm is the last stop before the entrance to Everglades National Park. This Old Florida-style attraction is a working alligator farm with more than 2,000 gators. You can watch an alligator show, a snake show, witness an alligator feeding and take an airboat ride.

Greater Miami & Miami Beach is filled with beautiful wedding venues, with options perfect for every couple. If want to celebrate your union in a rural locale, check out the stunning venues in charming South Dade. In addition to some of the places listed earlier in this section, South Dade's lovely wedding venues include **Thalatta Estate**, a blush-pink Mediterranean Revival home built in the early 19th century; **Longan's Place**, offering a jungle-like setting with lush greenery and a waterfall; **Spur of the Moment Ranch**, which hosts weddings in a rustic barn in the midst of cascading waterfalls, native Florida palms and an idyllic pond; and **Casa Tranquila** for Italian-style weddings surrounded by flowering fruit trees, medieval fountains and stables filled with farm animals.



The Cooper Estate

Other picture-perfect venues include **Sofia's Garden**, a peaceful respite in the heart of Redland; **Mon Petit Garden**, surrounded by modern gardens and a scenic 10-acre avocado and mango farm; **Hacienda Los Robles**, where couples can get married under a pergola shaded by towering lychee trees or in front of the barn; **The Cooper Estate**, with an oolite limestone house and barn, a live oak canopy, waterfalls, fish ponds and a sunken grotto; **Historic Walton House**, a rainforest-like paradise filled with macaws, parrots, flamingos and giant tortoises; and **Redland Koi Gardens**, where couples can get married surrounded by exotic fruit trees, waterfalls and grass-fringed ponds filled with colorful koi fish.



Thalatta Estate



Redland Koi Gardens


DADELAND

SOUTH MIAMI & KENDALL



SOUTH MIAMI

South Miami is known for its lush neighborhoods, charming parks and vibrant downtown. This pedestrian-friendly area is centered around Sunset Drive (Southwest 72nd Street).

Known as "The City of Pleasant Living," South Miami offers a lively mix of cultural, recreational and visitor-friendly events. It hosts a range of activities that draw crowds, including the annual **South Miami Art Festival**, where local artists showcase their work in an outdoor setting, complemented by live music and gourmet food. With its proximity to iconic attractions and frequent events at nearby **University of Miami**, South Miami provides a wealth of memorable experiences.



Stop by **Old Lisbon Restaurant** on Sunset Drive for delicious Portuguese cuisine. "Top Chef" winner Jeremy Ford's **Beauty & the Butcher** focuses on rotating seasonal small plates and a selection of different meats. Nearby, **Two Chefs Restaurant** is a cozy spot offering delicious and innovative American cuisine.

KENDALL

Extending south and west of South Miami, Kendall is a vibrant area offering a mix of hotels, shopping, dining and entertainment to satisfy every preference.

One of Kendall's landmarks is **Dadeland Mall**, Miami's original and iconic shopping center. One of the nation's busiest shopping malls, it's anchored by Florida's largest **Macy's** as well as **Saks Fifth Avenue** and **JCPenney**.

This mecca of fabulous fashion spans more than 1.4 million square feet and features nearly 200 retail stores and restaurants. A chic Fashion Wing with 102,000 square feet of revamped retail space houses an enviable group of stores. It's also a bustling dining destination that's home to restaurants such as **Earls Kitchen + Bar** and **North Italia**.

Several hotels have popped up around Dadeland Mall for travelers who want a central location with easy access to shopping. Popular options include the **AC Hotel Miami Dadeland**, **Courtyard Miami Dadeland**, **Hilton Miami Dadeland**, **Aloft Dadeland** and **Miami Marriott Dadeland**.

The Kendall area is home to **Killian Greens Golf Club**, **Briar Bay Golf Course** and the **Miccosukee Golf & Country Club**. For more outdoor recreation options, take the family to **Kendall Indian Hammocks Park**, where you'll find a disc golf course, a skate park and trails that wind through a tropical hardwood hammock.

Kendall boasts a variety of unique dining experiences. **Café Catula Fine Restaurant and Art Gallery** offers exquisite cuisine in a stunning dining room adorned with beautiful bronze sculptures. At **KOW**, **Kitchen of the World**, guests can savor a global culinary journey across five continents. **Table 55** offers farm-to-table dishes in a location that was once 55 acres of fertile land. **Smoke & Dough** delivers Miami-style barbecue with a Latin flair. **Amelia's 1931** is a charming spot serving Latin-Asian fusion dishes and expertly crafted cocktails, accompanied by the sounds of jazz and blues.







SUNNY ISLES BEACH



Whether you're relaxing poolside in a cabana, feeling the sand between your toes or dining by the water, Sunny Isles Beach offers serene, uncrowded beaches ideal for family vacations or romantic retreats.

Situated just north of Bal Harbour and Haulover Park, Sunny Isles Beach is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the east and the Intracoastal Waterway to the west. The community is home to lovely oceanfront parks, like the beautifully landscaped **Samson Oceanfront Park**, which hosts concerts and family activities throughout the year. **Gateway Park** is a gathering space with a performing arts stage, a butterfly garden and a play area with an interactive water feature.

Take the family for a stroll to watch the anglers and the pelicans that flock to the expansive **Newport Fishing Pier**. Spanning more than 700 feet, it offers amazing views of the ocean.

Sunny Isles Beach is known for lavish hotels, like **Acqualina Resort & Residences on the Beach**. With a Mediterranean Revival facade and plush, red lounge chairs lining the pool and beach, this Forbes Five-Star resort is a fabulous destination. Set aside a day to relax at the two-story **Acqualina Spa**, plus enjoy a beachfront Japanese fusion lunch at **Ke-uH** restaurant,



an indulgent Italian feast at **Il Mulino New York** or fine Greek cuisine at **Avra Miami**.

Towering 32 stories high, **Trump International Beach Resort** feels more like an exclusive beach club than a hotel. Book a room and spend your days lounging by oceanfront pools, getting pampered in the onsite beauty salon and extravagant spa, ordering room service or dining in one of four restaurants.

Just steps away, **Solé Miami, A Noble House Resort** is a boutique hotel with bespoke amenities, like beachside concerts, an oceanfront pool, water sports, a daily fireside happy hour on the beach and even complimentary build-your-own s'mores. If you can't stay for a weekend, stop by for dinner at the globally inspired **BALEENkitchen**.

Marenas Beach Resort is a modern and chic all-suite property. It's a sun-soaked sanctuary that features access to powder-soft sand beaches, luxurious accommodations, amenities and gracious hospitality.

The Sunny is a family-run oceanfront hotel just a short walk from the **Newport Fishing Pier**. Featuring a spacious pool deck, multiple dining choices, a luxurious spa and a kids' entertainment program, it provides a perfect blend of resort-style relaxation and community-focused fun.

Start your perfect day in Sunny Isles Beach with breakfast or brunch at **Family Fresh** or **Rose Cafe**. Both spots have become favorites among locals.

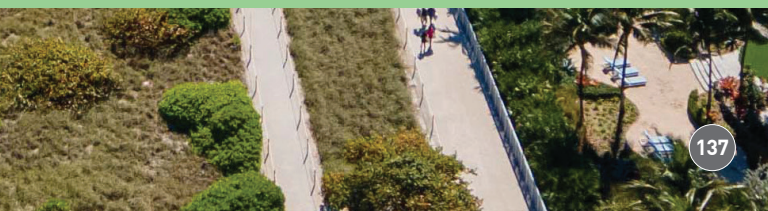


Newport Fishing Pier





SURFSIDE



Surfside is a cozy town spanning just one square mile, nestled between Miami Beach and Bal Harbour. This quaint oasis exudes a nostalgic, small-town charm. Harding Avenue is Surfside's main street. It's lined with vintage facades, Jewish delis and synagogues.

A day on the sands of Surfside feels like being on a private beach. This pristine stretch attracts those looking for a tranquil day under the sun. You can use the elevated path through the sand dunes for an oceanfront stroll, run or bike ride. It's a great way to enjoy the peaceful sounds and views of nature coupled with a great fitness experience.

With its white, sandy beaches offering plenty of space to spread out, Surfside is a favorite destination for families. It's anchored by the beachfront **Surfside Community Center**, which provides access for local hotel guests. The facility boasts a swimming pool and waterslide, locker rooms, fitness classes and a walk-up cafe counter.



To draw awareness to sea turtle nesting season (May through October) in Surfside and the surrounding beaches, the eco-conscious town has installed 13 colorful turtle sculptures by local artists as a public art display. Take a self-guided walking tour through the historic district, or just keep your eyes peeled when you're out and about.

Surfside is also home to one of the area's most lavish resorts. The **Four Seasons Hotel at the Surf Club**, housed inside a 1930s-era club, once hosted the likes of Elizabeth Taylor, Frank Sinatra and Winston Churchill. Today, the historic clubhouse has been transformed into **Lido Restaurant and Terrace**, while legendary chef Thomas Keller presides over **The Surf Club Restaurant**. Head to **Winston's on the Beach** for casual alfresco dining.

Residence Inn Miami Beach – Surfside features a rooftop pool deck, a poolside bar and cabanas that are perfect for relaxing and basking in the sun.

At the **Surfside Farmers Market**, you can shop for fresh produce, handmade goods, clothing and jewelry on weekends during the fall, winter and spring. There are also vendors offering food options. There's usually live music the last Sunday of each month.







TAMIAMI TRAIL/ SHARK VALLEY EVERGLADES ENTRANCE

Head west from Downtown Miami along Tamiami Trail (Southwest 8th Street) for about an hour and you'll enter an enchanting region where the bustle of the city gives way to the vast, open Everglades. Enjoy an airboat ride, immerse yourself in Native American culture and embark on exciting outdoor adventures.

Airboat tours are hands-down one of the most popular ways to experience the Everglades. Set on parks and farms throughout the area, these aquatic excursions often include on-land educational wildlife shows, alligator demonstrations and exhibitions to round out your day. There are several operators to choose from, including **Coopertown Airboats** and **Everglades Swamp Tours**. At **Miccosukee Indian Village and Airboat Rides**, you can learn about the culture, lifestyle and history of the Tribe, which calls this area home. The Tribe also operates the **Miccosukee Casino & Resort** on the edge of the Everglades, offering easy access to the area.

While the main entrance to **Everglades National Park** is located farther south, in Homestead, the **Shark Valley Visitor Center** off of Tamiami Trail is a great way to explore the park. The name is a bit confusing – you won't find any sharks here. Shark Valley is named for two of its estuaries, the Shark River and Little Shark River. You are likely to encounter alligators, turtles and a wide



Airboat ride

variety of majestic birds, including roseate spoonbills, great egrets and double-crested cormorants. Shark Valley is surrounded by ridges that reach as high as 20 feet above sea level, hence the "valley" part of its name.

Scenic Shark Valley can be explored in a variety of ways. **Shark Valley Tram Tours** take visitors on a guided two-hour tour led by local naturalists who describe the wildlife, plant species and ecological features that make the Everglades so special. The trams make a stop to allow explorers to climb up the spiral ramp to the 65-foot-tall **Shark Valley Observation Deck** to enjoy panoramic views of the Everglades that extend for 20 miles. These trams are open-air vehicles, perfect for taking photos of the varied wildlife within the sawgrass prairies of Shark Valley. If you're up for more-strenuous activity, you can walk or rent a bike to explore the same 15-mile loop that the tram follows.

Drive another half hour west along Tamiami Trail and you'll arrive at **Big Cypress National Preserve**, which protects 729,000 acres that border Everglades National Park. From the rare ghost orchid to the Florida panther and white-tailed deer, you may have an opportunity to see plants and animals you won't see anywhere else. You'll find towering cypress forests, miles of serene waterways and abundant wildlife in this extraordinary subtropical wilderness. The preserve connects five different ecosystems, from mangrove-lined shores to oak and maple woodlands. Guided tours let you explore Big Cypress by foot, on the water or on a swamp buggy.



Miccosukee Indian Village


VAGABOND HOTEL

UPPER EAST SIDE



Stretching along Biscayne Boulevard and hugging Biscayne Bay, north of Downtown Miami, the Upper East Side is home to several architecturally distinctive areas.

The quiet neighborhood of **Morningside** exudes charm. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this residential neighborhood is a virtual Who's Who of early architects who designed the beautiful homes in mostly Mediterranean Revival style. **Morningside Park** is a quiet refuge along beautiful Biscayne Bay.

Short for "Miami Modern," the MiMo style of architecture thrived after World War II and became part of Miami's architectural boom. A departure from 1920s Mediterranean Revival and 1930s Art Deco, MiMo articulated a general sense of national optimism and captured the era's love affair with futurism. A 27-block district between 50th and 77th streets on Biscayne Boulevard is experiencing its own revival as forgotten architectural gems have been restored to their former glory, forging a new identity as the **MiMo Biscayne Boulevard Historic District**. The rejuvenated strip is populated with charming boutiques, consignment stores and trendy eateries, all housed inside restored retro-style structures.

The crown jewel of Upper East Side MiMo is the **Vagabond Hotel**. This boutique hotel is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It attracts travel connoisseurs, style seekers, culture vultures and art lovers. Guest rooms have sleek, custom-made, 1950s-inspired furniture and vibrant bursts of color. Live music, DJ parties and movie screenings have turned the pool area into a hip hangout for locals and visitors.



The district is home to a number of unique restaurants. One highlight is **Phuc Yea**. Fueled by old-school hip-hop, graffiti and a love for life, this spot offers a Cajun-inspired twist on Vietnamese cuisine. Another neighborhood staple is **Blue Collar**. This small, casual restaurant serves what it calls "food that people like to eat," including a daily rotation of braised dishes, parmesans, ribs and vegetable dishes.

Osteria and **Ferraro's Kitchen** serve Italian classics with a unique twist, while MICHELIN-recognized **Grand Central** takes American culinary traditions to a new level. Nestled within coral-rock walls in a charming building constructed in 1923, **ZOI Restaurant & Lounge** celebrates both old and new with vibrant Mediterranean cuisine.

Miami Ironside is a creative area featuring showrooms, studios, furniture shops and independent retailers within the Upper East Side area. Outdoor paths link glass storefronts accented by public plazas.

Just to the north, the **Little River** area has become a hip neighborhood full of innovative bars and restaurants. **Oolite Arts**, an organization that has supported local artists for four decades, is opening a new campus in the Little River area. In adjacent **El Portal**, skateboarding meets food, music and entertainment at the **SkateBird Miami** complex.

A bit farther north still, the residential village of **Miami Shores** was developed in the 1920s. Bayfront vistas, quaint churches and wide, tree-lined streets are all part of its small-town charm.



SkateBird Miami

Florida International University campus



WESTCHESTER & SWEETWATER



SWEETWATER

Sweetwater got its start in a rather unique and unlikely manner – by a small troupe of Russian-born circus performers who left Russia to perform around the world.

The Russian revolution of 1917 and the ensuing political unrest prevented them from returning to their mother country. The troupe arrived in the U.S. in 1931 and traveled with different circuses. In 1933, and for the rest of the decade, they performed all across the U.S. In 1939, after a performance in Miami, they drove past a strip of land they liked. Enticed by the Florida weather and wide-open land, they decided to buy the mile-long strip advertised as "Sweetwater Groves" and, in anticipation of retirement, make it their new home. They had plans of creating a tourist attraction on the 100-acre plot, but these never materialized as World War II approached.

Fast forward to the 1970s, when the population of Sweetwater grew to about 6,000 residents as **Florida International University** was built just to the south. Sweetwater has evolved into a small city where about 95% of the population is Hispanic, with a large Nicaraguan community. As one would expect, it is home to several excellent Nicaraguan restaurants and steakhouses.

Florida International University is home to the **Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum**. Set in a state-of-the-art building, admission is always free at this Smithsonian affiliate that it accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. You can also catch an **FIU Panthers** game or see a performance at the **Wertheim Performing Arts Center**.

Shopaholics who want to score big without breaking the bank can find plenty of deals and steals at **Dolphin Mall**, an outlet mecca with more than 240 designer-name stores offering affordable prices. Fashionistas who like the finer things can pop into **Saks OFF Fifth** or **Bloomingdale's - The Outlet Store**.

WESTCHESTER

The suburban community of Westchester has a wide range of offerings, including diverse dining options, arts and culture, and plenty of recreational and outdoor activities.

You'll find an array of restaurants offering Latin American cuisines, including Cuban, Colombian, Chilean and more. **Graziano's**, a traditional Argentinean steakhouse, is a longtime favorite.

Tropical Park is a 275-acre oasis with paved pathways for cycling, walking or running, basketball courts, baseball and softball fields, batting cages, tennis and racquetball courts, and the **Muhammad Ali Boxing Center**. Runners can hit the track at **Tropical Park Stadium**. Visitors can boat or fish on four lakes, and there's a two-acre dog park.

The **Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center** offers two grass courses, a promenade and three covered show arenas. A full-service equestrian facility, the park has 267 stalls with recreational vehicle hookups. The **Westchester Cultural Arts Center**, located at the entrance to Tropical Park, is a gleaming new venue that hosts a range of events.



Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center

Tamiami Park is also a great place for sports lovers. Play a pickup game at the baseball fields, basketball courts, football field, soccer field or tennis courts, or take some swings in the batting cage. Visitors can also enjoy the park's outdoor, heated, Olympic-size swimming pool. Tamiami Park is also home to the **Fair Expo Center**, which hosts events, festivals and shows. The most popular is the **Miami-Dade County Youth Fair & Exposition**, which attracts 600,000 guests every spring to enjoy attractions, entertainment and delicious eats. Everyone who grew up in Miami has fond memories of going to the Youth Fair as a kid.


Tropical Park




BE
THE
CHANGE

WYNWOOD



A walk along Northwest 2nd Avenue showcases everything that makes Wynwood so iconic. With its eclectic mix of restaurants, bars and shops, Wynwood also provides endless chances to experience top-tier international contemporary art – whether in galleries or right on the streets, where vibrant murals make it a hot spot for art lovers.

The late Tony Goldman, visionary developer and founder of Goldman Properties, set sights on this neighborhood in 2004. He saw an opportunity for the formerly dilapidated warehouse district to become a canvas for engaging street art. His magnum opus, the **Wynwood Walls**, opened in 2009 as an outdoor exhibition dedicated to street art. The centerpiece of the neighborhood, Wynwood Walls features dozens of murals by world-renowned artists as well as new and emerging talents. As popular with locals as with visitors, the Walls offer a unique and memorable experience.

With Wynwood's ever-evolving murals, it's no surprise that the **Museum of Graffiti**, which is a first-of-its-kind museum presenting the colorful history of the global graffiti art movement, calls the artsy neighborhood home. The creation of Alan Ket, a well-known graffiti artist, art collector and historian whose work is sprinkled throughout Wynwood, and Miami native and attorney Allison Freidin, the museum celebrates the thousands of graffiti artists who have transformed walls in our public spaces into vibrant masterpieces.

Wynwood is also home to impressive private art collections. **The Margulies Collection at the Warehouse** houses contemporary art in all mediums, including photography, video, sculpture and installation, from Martin Z. Margulies' extensive private collection. The non-profit space features works by some of the most prominent artists of the 20th and 21st centuries in a 50,000-square-foot space. It's open to the public from late October through April.

The Wynwood neighborhood nurtures up-and-coming artists at the **Bakehouse Art Complex**, a community art space that was founded in 1985 and housed in an Art Deco building that was once a bakery. Visitors can see the work of more than 100 artists who create in the on-site studios.



Wynwood Walls



Wynwood is a center of arts-related entertainment and events. **Mana Wynwood** is a six-acre property that's both a convention center and an event space, hosting events ranging from the innovative **III Points** music festival to **Art Basel Miami Beach** satellite fairs like **Spectrum** and **Red Dot Miami**. You can explore the sights throughout Wynwood on a tour with **Wynwood Segway Tours**.

If you want to take a break from the arts scene, Wynwood is home to several fun attractions. Dive into laser tag, bumper cars, bowling, a state-of-the-art arcade and more, spanning both indoor and outdoor settings, at **FunDimension**. With more than 70 amazing paradox-based exhibits, **Paradox Museum Miami** offers mind-twisting, eye-tricking experiences. **Puttery** puts a modern spin on mini-golf, combining putting, food and nightlife in a 21+ venue.

You wouldn't think the two go hand in hand – a shooting range and Miami's preeminent arts neighborhood. But believe it or not, there's a place in Wynwood where you can go to fire automatic weapons. The **Lock & Load Miami Machine Gun Experience & Range** is a 14,000-square-foot facility where you can get one-on-one professional guidance as you fire away in a safe and controlled environment. Open to the public and free of charge, visitors can experience the **Lock & Load Museum**, featuring an educational look at the firearms and wartime items of the past, present and future.

Wynwood's living museum of funky, colorful murals attracts crowds, but the area's unique breweries keep them coming back for more. **Cerveceria La Tropical** offers a taste of classic Cuban beers in a beautiful setting. The space features a taproom, a restaurant, a live music stage and a 10,000-square-foot tropical botanical garden. **Mad Club** and **Mad Live** are hot spots for late-night events, parties, concerts and live entertainment of all kinds.



Cervecería La Tropical

Wynwood is one of Miami's hottest dining destinations. **Zuri** is a Mediterranean-Moroccan restaurant with a hidden outdoor patio. **Fabel Miami** offers time-tested cuisine found in Cyprus, Jordan, Lebanon, Israel, Turkey and Greece in a high-energy atmosphere. **Lira Beirut Eatery** focuses on the flavors of Lebanon, with recipes that have been passed down for generations.

Doya is gaining attention for its menu that offers a modern take on Grecian and Turkish meze culture. That means everything is shareable. The menu is divided into hot and cold mezes made with seasonal ingredients. For an Italian restaurant that provides authentic Italian food and delicious wine all in one place, head to **dōma**. With flavors as colorful and complex as the murals that adorn the nearby Wynwood Walls, **Rishtedar** has a menu inspired by the coastal cuisine of India with touches of Portuguese, English and Persian elements.

Pastis transports guests to the avenues of Paris, while **Sparrow Italia** offers a modern take on Italian dining. **Pasta** specializes in its namesake dish. Wood-grilled Asian dishes have made **KYU** one of Miami's most coveted dining spots. Head to **Mayami** or **Bar Tulio's** for unique Mexican dishes and cocktails.

Dukunoo Jamaican Kitchen serves traditional Jamaican dishes prepared with a twist of elegance and presented with flair. It features indoor and outdoor dining, a full bar, fine art and an authentic jerk stand outside on the terrace.

Until recently, art lovers who wanted to stay in the heart of Wynwood were out of luck. That has now changed with the opening of **Sentral Wynwood**, **Arlo Wynwood**, **AC Hotel Miami Wynwood** and **Moxy Miami Wynwood Hotel**.



Paradox Museum Miami



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ACCESSIBLE TRAVEL

Throughout Greater Miami & Miami Beach, there are ongoing efforts to make vacations here not just accessible but truly comfortable and enjoyable.

Greater Miami & Miami Beach is a perfect vacation destination for visitors of all abilities. Accessibility advocates have made huge strides in improving the lives – and travel experiences – of people with mobility and other challenges. Leaders and organizers in the community work hard to create an inclusive environment for all travelers.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) professional and compliance attorney **Heidi Johnson-Wright** uses her personal experience and knowledge to create a better path for those facing physical challenges. Serving as the ADA coordinator of Miami-Dade County, Johnson-Wright works to ensure that every county facility, program, service and activity is accessible to and usable by those with disabilities.



Another powerful force is **Sabrina Cohen**, who was paralyzed in a car accident as a teenager. She created the **Sabrina Cohen Foundation** to champion quality-of-life initiatives for the disabled community. Since 2012, Cohen has worked with the City of Miami Beach to develop more inclusive outdoor spaces. She was instrumental in establishing **Sabrina's Playground** in **Allison Park**. Located at 64th Street and Collins Avenue in North Beach, it's a park and playground where kids of all abilities can play together. The **Beachwalk** passes right by Sabrina's Playground. Traveling the length of Miami Beach, this nine-mile oceanfront promenade is wide, on-grade and ADA-accessible.

It's a treat to spend time on sparkling Biscayne Bay, and **Shake-A-Leg-Miami** in Coconut Grove helps make local waters and outdoor environments accessible to everyone. It offers sailing and water sports for children and adults with physical, developmental and economic challenges, as well as their families.

With more than 250 parks and 12,000 acres of land, the **Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces** system has something for everyone. Visitors and guests with disabilities have a range of opportunities to enjoy their leisure and recreation pastimes at convenient locations. The **Therapeutic Recreation and Inclusion Division** provides specialized programs for children and adults with disabilities, from archery and wheelchair basketball to adapted aquatics and handcycling.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESS TO MIAMI'S BEACHES

Sandy beaches and warm waters are an iconic part of any vacation in Greater Miami & Miami Beach, and visitors with mobility challenges can access Miami's beautiful beaches via beach mats (heavy mats that provide a smooth surface over the sand) at select entrances along Miami Beach. These Miami Beach access points (as of March 2025) are listed with the length and material of the pathways to the sand. The list starts from the south end of Miami Beach. Pathways made of IPE, a Brazilian hardwood, are noted, as are the paths near ADA-compliant bathrooms.

- South Pointe Park Driveover – 110 feet (bathrooms)
- South Pointe Drive (S) – 83 feet (IPE boardwalk)
- South Pointe Drive (N) – 100 feet (IPE boardwalk)
- 3rd Street – 126 feet (bathrooms)
- 4th Street – 90 feet
- 4th/5th Street – 130 feet
- 6th Street – 295 feet (bathrooms)
- 8th Street – 316 feet
- 10th Street – 130 feet (IPE boardwalk & bathrooms)
- 12th Street – 350 feet
- 14th Street – 233 feet (bathrooms)
- 14th Place – 65 feet (IPE boardwalk)
- 15th Street – 50 feet (IPE boardwalk)
- Lincoln Road – 80 feet (IPE boardwalk)
- 17th Street – 70 feet (IPE boardwalk)
- 21st Street – 75 feet (IPE boardwalk & bathrooms)
- 64th Street (solid surface path & bathrooms)
- 69th Street – 83 feet
- 71st Street – 99 feet
- 74th Street – 133 feet
- 75th Street – 200 feet (bathrooms)
- 78th Street – 60 feet (IPE boardwalk)

More locations will be added soon within **North Beach Oceanside Park**. In addition to the public beach access points listed on the previous page, several Miami Beach hotels and condominiums offer accessible beach paths, including:

- Loews Miami Beach Hotel (1601 Collins Ave.)
- Richmond Hotel (1757 Collins Ave.)
- Blue-Green Diamonds Condominium (4775 Collins Ave.)
- MEi Condominium (5875 Collins Ave.)
- The Bath Club (5937 and 5959 Collins Ave.)

The City of Miami Beach offers manual and motorized beach wheelchairs for free on a first-come, first-served basis at two locations – the Beach Patrol headquarters at 1001 Ocean Drive and the Beach Patrol location at **South Pointe Park**. Call **305-673-7714** to check on availability.

Surfside is a small town just north of Miami Beach with a mile of beautiful Atlantic Ocean coastline. It is primarily a residential area, with resorts and condominiums lining the oceanfront. Wheelchair access is available at the 88th Street and 96th Street entrances to the beach.

Sunny Isles Beach has 11 public parks, a fishing pier and 20 paver or paved access points to its beaches. The city also offers accessible parking, showers and restrooms at some locations. The access point at **Samson Oceanfront Park** features a Mobi-mat. Beach wheelchairs are available at the 10 lifeguard towers.

Haulover Park is just south of Sunny Isles Beach. The 177-acre park features 1.4 miles of beachfront as well as handicap parking and mat pathways to the beach near the main Ocean Rescue Lifeguard Station and at a bathroom near the south end of the park. You can borrow beach wheelchairs at the lifeguard station. Note that the north section of the beach is clothing optional.

Crandon Park Beach, on the north end of tranquil **Key Biscayne**, has a wheelchair-accessible path to the sand and offers manual beach wheelchairs at the lifeguard stations. **Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park**, on the southern tip of Key Biscayne, has two manual beach wheelchairs available at no charge on a first-come, first-served basis from the bicycle rental office inside the park.

The beach at **Matheson Hammock Park** in **Coral Gables** faces a 400-foot diameter atoll saltwater pool that is constantly refreshed by surrounding Biscayne Bay.

An accessible path goes around the pool, and a beach wheelchair is available from lifeguards.

RENT A BEACH WHEELCHAIR

The **Special Needs Group**, a company that specializes in travel arrangements for people with disabilities, rents **Joy on the Beach Wheelchairs**, which can be rolled on the sand and go in the water. The wheelchairs can be delivered to hotels, resorts and residential units. Call **800-513-4515** to reserve one.

Wheel the World, the international organization that helps travelers with disabilities get around and find lodging, has partners that deliver beach wheelchairs to hotels. Call **628-900-7778** to reserve one. Be ready to supply specific dates, the height and weight of the person who will use the chair and the address where the equipment is to be delivered and picked up.

ACCESSIBILITY AT MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Passengers who have special needs will find a friendly welcome at **Miami International Airport (MIA)**.

The airport follows the requirements of the ADA and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, and it conducts ongoing ADA awareness and sensitivity training for employees. The training focuses on how to assist all guests, including those who have disabilities that are not readily apparent, and how to interact with children and adults who have special needs.

Plan your trip to Greater Miami & Miami Beach at MIA's **myMIAccess page (Miami-Airport.com/myMIAccess.asp)**, where you'll find resources and links that will speed you on your way. Check out the Passenger Info tab for useful links about parking, accessible ground transportation, restrooms, wheelchair assistance and security screening.

Passengers who have such invisible disabilities as autism, sensory disorders or hearing loss can request a Sunflower Lanyard to wear in the airport that will subtly identify them to airport staff.

Passengers who are blind or have low vision can use the **Aira** visual interpreting service to contact a live remote guide to help them navigate the terminal via the **Aira mobile app** (iOS and Android). MIA is part of the Aira network, and use of the service is free while you're in the airport.

Wheelchair accessibility is strategic and clearly marked at the airport, from the parking lot through the concourse and terminals, to include every eatery, store and restroom area. Wheelchair charging stations are available in multiple locations. Contact your airline for wheelchair assistance. The myMIAccess page also provides detailed maps to help travelers with disabilities find adaptive facilities and other accommodations:

- **Companion and adaptive restrooms** – More than 35 unisex or disability-adapted restrooms are available throughout the airport.
- **Multi-Sensory Rooms** in Concourse D and the South Terminal provide a calm environment for passengers who have cognitive or developmental disabilities.
- **Service Animal Relief Areas** offer artificial turf, waste bags and even a fire hydrant.

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Miami Beach

ACCESSIBLE TRAVEL RESOURCES

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AMAZING ATTRACTIONS



Whether you're seeking outdoor adventures, educational museums or historic landmarks, you can craft your own experience by exploring the top attractions in Greater Miami & Miami Beach.

Visitors to Greater Miami & Miami Beach will discover a whole world of exciting attractions, from the natural wonders of **Everglades National Park** and **Biscayne National Park** to postcard-perfect architecture in South Beach's **Art Deco Historic District**. When you visit Miami, you'll be able to choose from a nearly endless variety of enticing attractions.

Going for a ride on the **Skyviews Miami** observation wheel, towering 176 feet above **Bayside Marketplace** on Biscayne Bay in Downtown Miami, is the perfect way to take in the whole destination.

History and architecture buffs will want to explore **Vizcaya Museum and Gardens**, an Italianate villa that overlooks Biscayne Bay in Coconut Grove. It was the winter home of wealthy industrialist James Deering. His half-brother, Charles, also built an impressive home in South Dade. Be sure to check out his **Deering Estate**, set on 444 acres of stunning parkland on the shores of Biscayne Bay.



Treetop Trekking Miami

In Coral Gables, the **Venetian Pool** is a unique natural swimming pool set in a coral rock quarry. You probably wouldn't expect to find a meticulously preserved medieval church during your visit, but that's exactly what you'll find at the **Ancient Spanish Monastery** in North Miami Beach. If you like a side of mystery with your history, you'll be



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intrigued by **Coral Castle Museum** in Homestead as you try to figure out how one man built it all by himself.

In a stunning building overlooking Biscayne Bay in Downtown Miami, you can see amazing sights at the **Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science**, which houses both an aquarium and a planetarium. On nearby Watson Island, between Downtown Miami and Miami Beach, kids can play, learn, imagine and create at **Miami Children's Museum**. Kids will also love the **Museum of Ice Cream** in Downtown Miami and **Tidal Cove**, a water park at the **JW Marriott Miami Turnberry Resort & Spa** in Aventura with daring drops, turns and twisting spirals.

Animal lovers must make time to visit **Zoo Miami**, home to more than 3,000 creatures. Other attractions where you can learn about animals include **Everglades Alligator Farm** and **Jungle Island**. Indulge your adventurous side at **Treetop Trekking Miami** while you're at Jungle Island.

South Dade, the agricultural heartland of Greater Miami & Miami Beach, is home to several attractions that highlight the bounty of its fertile soil: **The Berry Farm**, **Fruit & Spice Park**, **Tinez Farms**, **Patch of Heaven Sanctuary**, **Schnebly Redland's Winery & Brewery** and **Robert Is Here Fruit Stand and Farm**.

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden is a captivating attraction for the whole family. View orchids and other native plants in these extensive gardens, and be sure to check out the butterfly garden. For a lush, tropical escape in the heart of South Beach, head to the **Miami Beach Botanical Garden**.



Coral Castle

Get out on the water to experience Miami from a different perspective aboard an Everglades airboat tour with **Coopertown Airboats**, **Everglades Swamp Tours** or **Miccosukee Indian Village and Airboat Rides**. Take a Millionaire's Row cruise through Biscayne Bay aboard **Island Queen Cruises and Tours**, or speed through the waters around Miami Beach and Downtown Miami with **Thriller Miami Speedboat Adventures**. Or you can simply rent a paddleboard or kayak and experience the unique aquatic ecosystems up close.

APRIL + MAY

MIAMI ATTRACTION & MUSEUM MONTHS

Explore top attractions and museums in April and May during **Miami Attraction & Museum Months**. Culture seekers and families in search of adventure can visit Greater Miami & Miami Beach to discover special offers at various attractions and museums, including incredible admission savings, BOGO deals and more. From animal encounters to exclusive museum exhibitions and outdoor adventures, there is something for everyone and fun for all ages.

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Pérez Art Museum Miami

ARTS & CULTURE

Greater Miami & Miami Beach is a sophisticated arts and culture hub that captivates and inspires visitors with its vibrant energy and modern outlook.

Every year in early December, the international **Art Basel Miami Beach** art fair draws thousands of artists and collectors to our shores. The week surrounding it – **Miami Art Week** – is filled with satellite fairs, art shows and other events that showcase local artists. All year long, the destination's dynamic gallery scene encompasses thought-provoking mainstream and emerging artists.

In the **Wynwood Arts District**, a kaleidoscope of works by groundbreaking artists can be seen throughout the neighborhood and at the **Wynwood Walls**, an outdoor museum dedicated to street art. To learn more about the history of this art form, head next door to the **Museum of Graffiti**. The neighboring Allapattah area is fast becoming a cultural center, anchored by the **Rubell Museum's** impressive contemporary art collection and **Superblue's** stunning experiential art installations.



The Bass museum

Greater Miami & Miami Beach's museums open up new worlds for exploration. In Downtown Miami, the **Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM)** is a must-visit for its impressive collection of contemporary art of the Americas as well as for its breathtaking architecture by Herzog & de Meuron, with Biscayne Bay as its backdrop. For a comprehensive overview of local history, head to **HistoryMiami Museum**.



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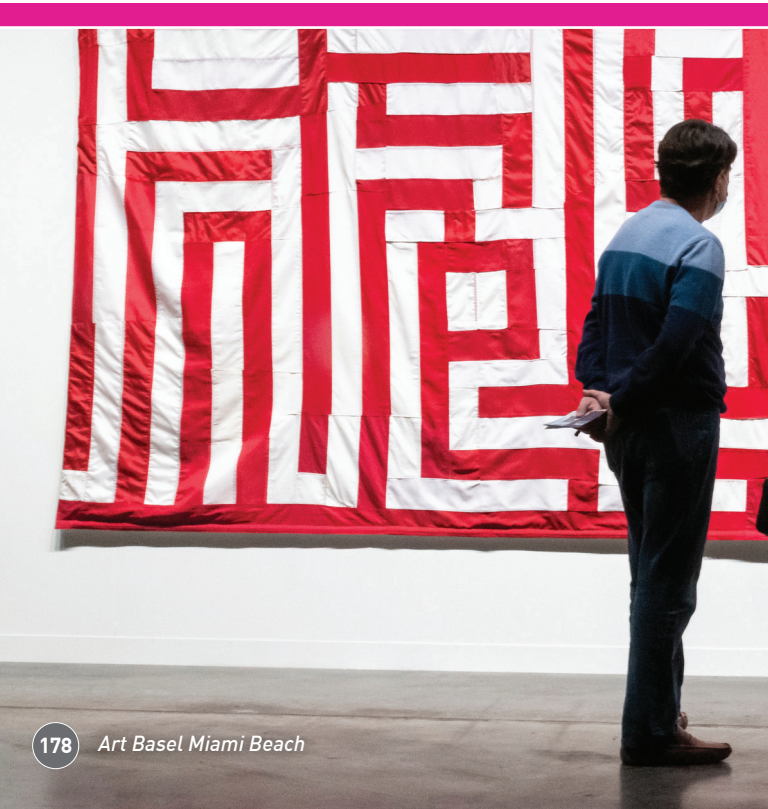
Miami Beach is a cultural hub with several intriguing museums. Anchoring Collins Park, **The Bass** museum focuses on international contemporary art. A pair of unique history museums are affiliated with Florida International University: **The Wolfsonian–FIU** and the **Jewish Museum of Florida-FIU**.

Greater Miami & Miami Beach is a dynamic destination for the performing arts. The **Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts** in Downtown Miami hosts touring Broadway shows as well as performances by its resident companies: **Miami City Ballet**, **Florida Grand Opera** and the **New World Symphony**. The New World Symphony also performs at the **New World Center**, its cutting-edge space in South Beach designed by Frank Gehry.

The **Miami Beach Bandshell** puts on an eclectic lineup of concerts under the stars, including many international acts presented by the **Rhythm Foundation**. In South Dade, **The Moss Center** is a state-of-the-art facility for chamber music, dance, theater and community programming.

From touring Broadway shows to regional theater and grassroots productions, Miami's theater scene is a rising star. Top venues and production companies include **Actors' Playhouse at the Miracle Theatre**, **GableStage**



at The Biltmore and **The Jerry Herman Ring Theatre, University of Miami** in Coral Gables, and **Colony Theatre/ Miami New Drama** in Miami Beach.

Throughout Greater Miami & Miami Beach, you will find a variety of local independent cinemas, like the **Bill Cosford Cinema** at the University of Miami and the **Coral Gables Art Cinema** in downtown Coral Gables. Miami is also home to renowned cinematic celebrations, such as the **American Black Film Festival (ABFF)**, the **Miami Film Festival** and the **OUTshine Film Festival**.

Respected local companies **Dance Now! Miami** and **Momentum Dance Company** present contemporary and modern dance. Fresh international styles can be found in performances by **Ballet Flamenco La Rosa**, **IFE-ILE Dance Company** and the **Cuban Classical Ballet of Miami**. With its dynamic ensemble, **Peter London Global Dance Company** brings Caribbean flair to the stage.

No matter which activities you include in your itinerary, you'll find that Miami's arts and culture scene is filled with an international flavor and vibrant energy that shines brighter than ever. With all this culture set in our subtropical natural beauty, it's easy to think of the destination itself as an art gallery and performance space.





Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts

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MIAMI'S LIVE MUSIC SCENE



Welcome to the dynamic music scene of Greater Miami & Miami Beach, where a blend of genres and cultures creates an electric vibe. Whether you prefer classical symphonies or electronic beats, Miami provides a wide array of musical experiences for every taste.

From exploring cultural venues to dancing under palm trees at outdoor festivals, the local music scene promises unforgettable moments for all who seek them. Miami truly lives up to its reputation as a hub for creativity and innovation in sound.

SPECTACULAR VENUES

The **Adrienne Arsht Center the Performing Arts** is renowned for the perfect acoustics in its grand Ziff Ballet Opera House and the more casual Knight Concert Hall. It is a premier venue for classical, jazz and more. Its stages are alive year-round with artists from around the world as well as innovative programming from its resident companies and local arts partners.

Best known as the home of the NBA's Miami HEAT, the **Kaseya Center** also hosts music's largest touring acts when they come to town. Everyone from Lady Gaga to Elton John has taken the stage here. Set right on Biscayne Bay in Bayfront Park, just south of the Kaseya Center, you'll find **FPL Solar Amphitheater**, one of the most picturesque outdoor music venues in the country.

For lovers of classical music, the **New World Center** is a must-visit. Located in the heart of South Beach, this stunning concert hall showcases the talents of young musicians from around the world who play with the **New World Symphony**. The orchestra is a leader in innovative ways to introduce audiences to classical music, including late-night performances with DJs and frequent parties.



Miami Beach Bandshell

The Fillmore Miami Beach at the Jackie Gleason Theater got its name from its role as the filming locale for "The Jackie Gleason Show," which broadcast from the Art Deco gem during its run in the 1960s. It offers a seamless blend of Miami Beach Art Deco and rock 'n' roll ambiance.

During the 1930s and '40s, **Ball & Chain** was an after-hours spot where jazz legends, including Tommy Dorsey and Count Basie, played late-night sets. It has been restored to its former glory, and the pine rafters are once again filled with live music. Head out back to sip a Cuba libre in the lush courtyard as you listen to a live band play in the Pineapple bandshell here in the heart of Little Havana.

South Dade residents and visitors don't have to travel far to enjoy musical performances at a best-in-class performing arts venue. **The Moss Center** hosts a wide range of performers – everything from blues to classical to bluegrass.

LOCAL MUSIC ORGANIZATIONS

The **Rhythm Foundation** has contributed to the area's cultural growth via eclectic programming of international music and community-based presentations. Its concerts are held at the **Miami Beach Bandshell**, a picturesque oceanfront amphitheater in North Beach.

Looking to discover the next generation of great musical talent? Performances by students from the University of Miami's **Frost School of Music** are typically held at the **Maurice Gusman Concert Hall** on the Coral Gables campus, and the school recently opened a gleaming new concert hall at the **Knight Center for Music Innovation**. The **Community Arts Program** presents a range of top jazz and classical artists at the beautiful **Coral Gables Congregational Church**.

Best known for its rousing Christmas performances, **Seraphic Fire** has been Miami's preeminent vocal performance group since its founding in 2002. Its awe-inspiring shows range far beyond the holidays, with themed concerts surrounding different composers



and styles. No musical organization intertwines itself with Miami and its residents quite like **Orchestra Miami**. Its signature event is **Beethoven on the Beach**. Orchestra Miami's goal of accessibility to everyone leads it all over Miami, offering family-friendly presentations everywhere from **Zoo Miami** in South Dade to Downtown Miami's **First United Methodist Church**.

The **Miami Symphony Orchestra** has performed classical and chamber music for more than 35 seasons. Most performances are in the acoustically spectacular Knight Concert Hall at the Adrienne Arsht Center, but you can also find the 90-piece orchestra at **Peacock Park** in Coconut Grove and **Downtown Doral Park** and enjoy chamber music shows at its Miami Design District home base.

The **Chopin Foundation of the United States** supports promising young musical talent through scholarships and public performance opportunities. Every five years, it holds the **National Chopin Piano Competition**. The foundation also produces an annual **Chopin for All** concert series. Miami's **Dranoff 2 Piano Foundation** is one of the world's largest promoters of the 2 piano format, offering a series of live concerts.

FESTIVAL FUN

For those who crave an immersive festival experience, Miami boasts some renowned events. The **III Points Festival** brings together cutting-edge music, art installations and technology for an immersive multisensory experience. **Rolling Loud Miami** features an incredible lineup of hip-hop heavyweights every year.



III Points Festival

The **Ultra Music Festival** is one of the largest electronic dance music festivals in the world, attracting top DJs and enthusiasts from across the globe. Along with the **Winter Music Conference**, which welcomes electronic music fans and industry professionals, Ultra is part of **Miami Music Week**. **We Belong Here Miami** features dozens of top electronic music acts at **Historic Virginia Key Beach Park**.

Jazz and R&B enthusiasts can revel in several major annual events. **Jazz in the Gardens** celebrates music, art and Black culture and is jam-packed with an exciting, star-studded lineup. Held at **Hard Rock Stadium** in Miami Gardens, it's regarded as one of the most important annual live jazz and R&B events in the world. The **South Beach Jazz Festival** showcases both local talents and jazz luminaries against stunning backdrops throughout Miami Beach. The **Montreux Jazz Festival Miami** features intimate sessions in a beautiful waterfront setting in Coconut Grove.

The **GroundUp Family Dinner Weekend** is a uniquely personal festival where fans might find themselves on a hammock in a palm grove next to a beloved musician or dancing on the beach at an impromptu jam session by a favorite band. GroundUp is the brainchild of Snarky Puppy bassist Michael League, whose band headlines each night of the festival at the intimate Miami Beach Bandshell.

At the **Calle Ocho Music Festival** in Little Havana, join the party in the streets, where you can dance and sing along to everything from merengue to reggaeton, bachata, salsa, hip-hop, rap, jazz, blues and more.



Calle Ocho Music Festival



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A FOODIE'S PARADISE

Greater Miami & Miami Beach offers dining options to satisfy every taste. From vibrant Latin and Caribbean flavors to trendy restaurants by celebrity chefs and exciting food festivals, there's plenty to enjoy on a culinary adventure through Miami.

Greater Miami & Miami Beach has long been a sensory delight, from its playful Art Deco architecture to its vibrant Latin rhythms. But its thriving culinary scene truly takes center stage. From Little Havana to Little Haiti and beyond, experience the authentic flavors of Latin and Caribbean cultures. With nearly 10,000 dining options, ranging from casual outdoor cafes ideal for people-watching to upscale restaurants serving gourmet cuisine, Miami is a top culinary destination where both food and atmosphere shine.

MICHELIN-STARRED RESTAURANTS IN MIAMI

MICHELIN has partnered with Visit Florida to bring The MICHELIN Guide to Miami and put the destination's first-rate culinary landscape on full display. One restaurant – **L'Atelier de Joël Robuchon**, located in the Miami Design District – has received the only two-star rating in Florida.

An impressive number of restaurants throughout Greater Miami & Miami Beach have received one MICHELIN star, including **Tambourine Room by Tristan Brandt**, an intimate space tucked inside the Carillon Miami Wellness Resort in North Beach that seats only 18 people, and **COTE Miami** in the Miami Design District, which combines the bold flavors of Korean barbecue with the classic vibe of an American steakhouse. **Ariete** in Coconut Grove serves innovative cuisine in a New-American-meets-New-World way, while right down the street, **Los Félix** supports traditional farming techniques with its



L'Atelier de Joël Robuchon

Meso-American cuisine. There's also "Top Chef" winner Jeremy Ford's **Stubborn Seed** in Miami Beach's vibrant South of Fifth neighborhood and Surfside's **The Surf Club Restaurant** by Chef Thomas Keller.

Additional restaurants throughout Greater Miami & Miami Beach were honored with the Bib Gourmand award, which recognizes restaurants offering great food at a great value. Recipients include **Chug's Diner**, the morning-noon-or-night eatery by Chef Michael Beltran that brings the Miami Cuban American experience to life in Coconut Grove; **Doya** meze-bar, which brings flavors from the greater Mediterranean region and the Middle East to the heart of Wynwood; **Michael's Genuine® Food & Drink**, James Beard Award-winning chef and restaurateur Michael Schwartz's flagship Miami Design District bistro; and **Phuc Yea**, offering a unique take on Vietnamese flavors and ingredients in Miami's Upper East Side.

FORBES AWARD-WINNING RESTAURANTS IN MIAMI

Greater Miami & Miami Beach is a mecca of outstanding dining with restaurants helmed by renowned chefs and fresh new faces making names for themselves with inventive cuisine. Forbes Travel Guide has once again taken notice of Miami's food scene and honored several local restaurants.

The small but mighty **NAOE** won over Forbes, which bestowed the Japanese eatery with a 5-Star award for its standout food and flawless experience. Nestled on secluded Brickell Key near Downtown Miami, this jewel-box restaurant offers an intimate experience with a limit of eight people at each seating. Diners are greeted by name by the friendly staff and given a personalized menu. Chef Kevin Cory crafts a new menu daily with fresh fish from Japan as well as local waters.



Two restaurants at Faena Hotel Miami Beach won 4-Star honors from Forbes. **Los Fuegos By Francis Mallman** offers the chance to enjoy the live-fire cooking of heralded South American chef Francis Mallmann. **Pao by Paul Qui** impresses with its stunning interiors and modern Asian cuisine that harnesses Filipino, Spanish, Japanese and French styles. Two other hotel restaurants have also received 4-Star recognition. **Il Mulino New York** at the Acqualina Resort & Residences on the Beach in Sunny Isles Beach is renowned for its bustling atmosphere and extensive selection of fine Italian wines, while **Lido Restaurant** at the Four Seasons Hotel at The Surf Club in Surfside evokes a leisurely Italian summer in an oceanfront setting.

Several other restaurants – **Bourbon Steak Miami**, a shiny steakhouse inside the luxe JW Marriott Miami Turnberry Resort & Spa in Aventura; **Hakkasan**, offering high-end Cantonese cuisine inside the iconic Fontainebleau Miami Beach hotel; and acclaimed chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten's **Matador Room** at The Miami Beach EDITION hotel – are recommended by Forbes.

FABULOUS FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

Miami plays host to a year-round slate of prestigious wine and food events. The **Food Network South Beach Wine & Food Festival®** (February) is a must-attend forum for serious foodies. The celebrity meter is always dialed on high as the most prominent figures in the culinary, wine

Food Network South Beach Wine & Food Festival®



and spirits industries descend on the destination for a jam-packed long weekend of tastings, star-studded dinners and culinary seminars.

Other not-to-be-missed events with a strong culinary component include **Carnaval Miami** (March), showcasing Miami's Latin flavor; the **Deering Seafood Festival** (April), featuring the freshest fish and seafood; and the **Mango Festival** (July), featuring a series of delightful events celebrating everyone's favorite summertime fruit at **Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden**. The **South Beach Seafood Festival** takes over **Lummus Park** every October, kicking off stone crab season. (October is also when South Beach's iconic **Joe's Stone Crab** restaurant opens for the season.)

Now that your appetite is piqued, dive in and discover the world of exciting culinary experiences that await throughout Greater Miami & Miami Beach.

AUGUST + SEPTEMBER

MIAMI SPICE MONTHS

Savor a mouthful of diverse flavors by the best chefs in Greater Miami & Miami Beach during **Miami Spice Restaurant Months** in August and September. Enjoy prix-fixe, three-course meals at top eateries for lunch/brunch and dinner. Great food is a highlight of a great getaway, so don't miss the chance to savor Miami's collection of the tastiest cuisines from around the world.

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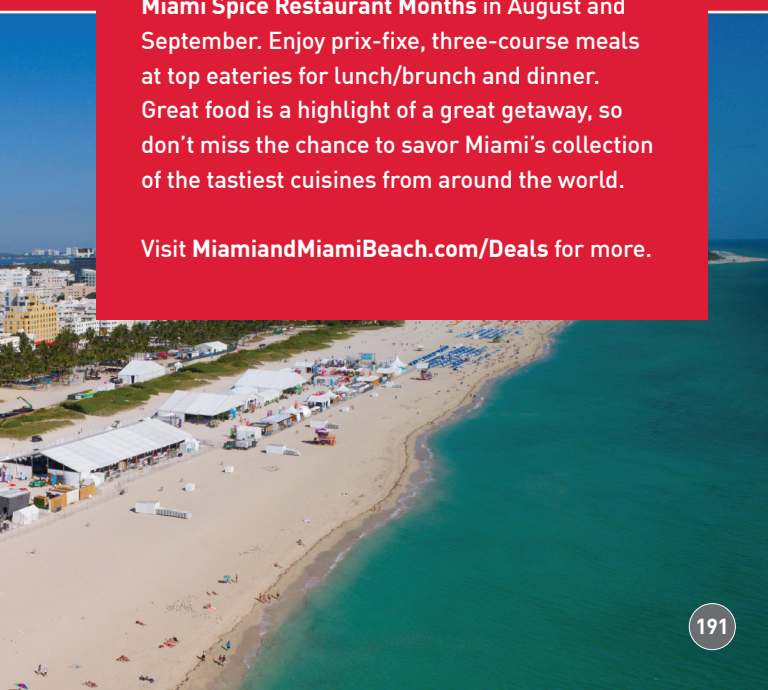



Brickell City Centre

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SHOPPING IN STYLE



If shopping is on your agenda, Miami is the perfect destination. Whether you're exploring high-end flagship stores at lavish outdoor malls, browsing chic boutiques, hunting for deals at budget-friendly shops, or visiting Florida's largest mall, this destination has something to satisfy every shopper.

ICONIC MALLS FOR ALL BUDGETS

Greater Miami & Miami Beach is home to a wealth of shopping malls and shopping districts, ranging from luxury shops to discount outlets. With more than 200 stores and restaurants to choose from, including **Macy's** and **Saks Fifth Avenue**, **Dadeland Mall** in Kendall is a fun place to shop, eat and play. **Midway Crossings**, near Miami International Airport, has more than 100 stores and restaurants.

Follow the lead of smart shoppers who scour **Dolphin Mall**, a massive outlet mall five miles from Miami International Airport, to score major shopping deals. Wear your comfy shoes to wander the maze of more than 240 restaurants and stores. **Vivo! Dolphin Mall** features 62,000 square feet of dining and entertainment space, including an expansive 30,000-square-foot open-air plaza.

For a true shopping extravaganza, check out **Aventura Mall**, the largest mall in Florida, where more than 300 retailers, a 93-foot tall sculptural slide tower and dining options that rival the hippest food halls await eager shoppers.

Miami International Merchandise Mart near Miami International Airport offers more than 400 showrooms featuring wholesale merchandise.

OPEN-AIR SHOPPING

With warm, sunny weather all year and blue skies decorated with swaying palm trees, it's no wonder Miami has so many open-air malls and shopping districts.

Bal Harbour Shops, which opened in 1965, is Miami's original indoor/outdoor luxury shopping destination. Anchored by **Saks Fifth Avenue** and **Neiman Marcus**, it's home to beloved designer shops, such as Chanel, Prada and Tiffany & Co.

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Doral is home to two outdoor shopping, entertainment and dining centers: **Downtown Doral** and **CityPlace Doral**.

In South Beach, **Lincoln Road** is a classic destination for shopping, people-watching and enjoying lunch at an outdoor cafe. Nearby **Española Way**, **Washington Avenue** and **Collins Avenue** are also prime streets with an abundance of interesting finds.

In Downtown Miami, **Bayside Marketplace** overlooks Biscayne Bay. It's a prime spot for souvenirs and fun things to do, including boat tours and the **Skyviews Miami** observation wheel.

CocoWalk, a 150,000-square-foot outdoor retail and lifestyle center in the center of Coconut Grove, is home to many new retailers and restaurants. In posh Coral Gables, you'll find a range of fine shops, boutiques, galleries and restaurants in the **Miracle Mile** shopping district.



In South Dade, **The Falls** is an open-air mall surrounded by a million-gallon waterscape and tropical foliage. **Cauley Square Historic Village** is a unique gem with boutiques and galleries, and **Historic Downtown Homestead** is known for its art galleries and antique shops.

HAPPENING SHOPPING SPOTS

In Miami's Upper East Side, **Miami Ironside** is an eclectic, creative district composed of showrooms and studios, including architecture, interiors, material and furniture design, boutique retail and the visual arts.

The **Miami Design District** has taken shape over the last decade with upscale boutiques ranging from Gucci to Louis Vuitton, all surrounded by cutting-edge architecture and interactive public art that transforms your shopping trip into an all-encompassing artistic experience.

Brickell City Centre is a high-design outdoor shopping center in the heart of the financial district. A high-tech "climate ribbon" naturally cools the catwalks that lead to a mixture of high-end and approachable shops.



Bayside Marketplace

Calle Ocho, Little Havana

Scan to find out more about multicultural Miami.



MULTICULTURAL MIAMI



Greater Miami & Miami Beach's vibrant communities showcase a rich blend of cultures through art, music and cuisine. Explore stories of people from around the globe and dive into a wide range of enriching and fulfilling experiences.

In addition to its endless sunshine and pristine beaches, Miami is one of the great cultural capitals of the world. While there are distinct heritage neighborhoods showcasing unique cultural groups, many multicultural influences overlap throughout the landscape of Greater Miami & Miami Beach. A year-round calendar of international festivals and events represents a variety of cultures.

The energy of **Little Havana's** main street, Calle Ocho (Southwest 8th Street), is infectious, from storefronts blaring rumba music to elderly gentlemen wearing straw fedoras expertly playing dominoes at **Máximo Gómez Park (Domino Park)** to the aroma of croquetas and Cuban coffee wafting from open-air windows, or *ventanitas*. While Little Havana is the center of Miami's Cuban culture, the contributions of other Latin American groups are also felt throughout the destination. Miami benefits from the presence of Argentinians, Brazilians, Colombians, Nicaraguans, Peruvians, Venezuelans and other nationalities.

Little Haiti is a flourishing Caribbean-style neighborhood filled with striking public art, popular restaurants and renowned galleries. The **Little Haiti Cultural Complex** promotes art, crafts, dance and theater, while the


Historic Virginia Key Beach Park

renovated **Caribbean Marketplace** has become a major shopping hub for one-of-a-kind gifts.

Bahamians and African Americans established **Little Bahamas** in west Coconut Grove in the 1870s. Today, you can take Charles Avenue to Miami's first Black church and visit fascinating sites, such as the **E.W.F. Stirrup House**, which was home to a Bahamian immigrant who became a millionaire and built more than 100 houses in the area at the turn of the 20th century.

Miami's Black heritage can also be traced to **Historic Overtown**, once known as the Harlem of the South. The neighborhood is anchored by **The Black Archives Historic Lyric Theater**, a testament to Black entertainment, culture, pride and preservation. Head to **Red Rooster** for unique twists on classic soul food dishes.

Wynwood's Puerto Rican roots are present in this neighborhood that has been transformed into the world's coolest 50-block work of street art, highlighting stunning imagery by artists from around the globe. A walk through its urban landscape will reveal unique art galleries and artisanal eateries.

Head east to learn about **Miami Beach's** historic Jewish heritage. The **Jewish Museum of Florida-FIU** and the moving **Holocaust Memorial Miami Beach**, both in South Beach, pay tribute to Jewish history and culture.

Toward the west, take a day trip to **Miccosukee Indian Village** near **Everglades National Park** and learn about this Native American tribe. Discover their culture at the Village Museum, watch alligator wrestling or go to the annual **Miccosukee Indian Arts & Crafts Festival**.



Miccosukee Indian Village

ART OF BLACK MIAMI

Miami's art scene offers a culturally focused lens. The **Art of Black Miami** program highlights the cultural landscape and art found in heritage neighborhoods and communities year-round throughout Greater Miami & Miami Beach.

During Art Basel season in December, events are activated and rolled out through curated art initiatives organized by art organizations, galleries and spaces in neighborhoods including Historic Overtown, Little Haiti, Little Havana, Opa-locka, Miami Beach, Downtown Miami and beyond. These shows and events offer a unique appeal and cultural aesthetic, represented in artist-run exhibitions, fairs, performances and pop-up events.

Art of Black Miami was created by the Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau to showcase all genres of the visual arts of the Black Diaspora, representing works from Africa, the Caribbean, Latin America and around the globe. Its Art of Black Miami podcast series highlights and gives voice to the area's established and emerging artists from the Black diaspora.

For up-to-date art events, promotions, podcasts and more information, visit **ArtofBlackMiami.com**.


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DECEMBER + JANUARY

MIAMI ARTS, CULTURE & HERITAGE MONTHS

Many cultures have left their mark on Greater Miami & Miami Beach's arts, history and cuisine. Discover living history, art in open spaces and a rich heritage that's alive in all our neighborhoods with incredible special offers and events throughout December and January during **Miami Arts, Culture & Heritage Months**.

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Top artwork: "Glass House" by Marcus Blake

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MIAMI FOR LGBTQ VISITORS



From major annual events to a lively, family-friendly queer community, Greater Miami & Miami Beach proudly embraces LGBTQ travelers.

The Art Deco district in South Beach is the heart of the LGBTQ universe. Start your trip at the **LGBT Visitor Center**. Operated by the **Greater Miami LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce (MDGLCC)**, it's a one-stop destination for information, publications and weekly community events. The MDGLCC also offers a unique Pink Flamingo Certification for businesses that offer a welcoming space for LGBTQ travelers.

Gain a unique overview of Miami Beach's famous pastel-colored Art Deco architecture, the gay and lesbian history of Miami Beach, and the LGBTQ community's contributions to life in Miami on a private tour with **Tours 'R' Us**.

Hôtel Gaythering is a gay-owned, adults-only hotel located on Miami Beach's famous Lincoln Road. Featuring uniquely designed "handsome industrial" spaces, it's a hub for gay vacationers and locals alike.

No visit to Miami Beach is complete without a stop at the beachfront **Palace Bar & Restaurant**, best known for its lively drag brunches. They say every queen deserves a palace, and this landmark is it, with a history of hosting the best performers in Miami Beach and beyond.

While you're in Miami Beach, check out the gay scene at **12th Street Beach**, marked by two large pride flags.



Gramps

About a 20-minute drive north, between Bal Harbour and Sunny Isles Beach, the clothing-optional **Haulover Beach** has a popular gay section at its northern end.

Miami is home to neighborhoods that will make LGBTQ visitors of all ages feel comfortable. The **Villain Theater** in Little Haiti is known for its queer comedy shows. Wynwood is home to art galleries and eclectic street art as well as the gay-owned **R House**, which is famous for its fabulous drag brunch, and **Gramps**, a welcoming space for all.

The destination is also home to equality-seeking institutions, such as **Save LGBTQ**, the **National LGBTQ Task Force** and **Pridelines** youth services. For more than 30 years, **Care Resource** has provided HIV/AIDS research, prevention, care and treatment services to individuals in Miami. The Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau works with the **YES Institute** to offer outreach to local businesses and community members.

From iconic festivals to cultural happenings taking place in neighborhoods throughout Greater Miami & Miami Beach, there's something for everyone to experience and enjoy year-round.

Top annual LGBTQ events include **Gay8 Festival** (February), **Winter Party** (February-March), **Miami Beach Pride** (March-April), **Rainbow Spring** (March-June), **OUTshine Film Festival** (April and October), **Out (Loud) in the Tropics** (April-May), **SweetHeat Miami** (May), **Wynwood Pride**, the **No Fear, We're Queer Comedy Festival** and the Adrienne Arsht Center's **CommuniTea Dance** (June), **Celebrate ORGULLO** (October), **Urge Miami Festival** (November) and **Art Gaysel** (December).



Wynwood

Scan to find out more about active pursuits in Greater Miami & Miami Beach.



OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES & THE SPORTING LIFE



With its scenic parks, challenging golf courses, full range of spectator sports and top-tier sporting events, Greater Miami & Miami Beach offers outdoor and sporting activities all year round.

Greater Miami & Miami Beach's urban energy and gleaming cityscape are obvious attractions. But if you slow down and look more closely, you'll find a quieter side to this exciting destination.

PARKS & OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Does your perfect getaway include hours spent exploring green, open spaces? Look no further than Greater Miami & Miami Beach, where pristine natural escapes are a surprising part of this urban landscape. Here, you can explore more than 280 parks in the **Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces** system, nearly 150 parks in the **City of Miami Parks and Recreation Department**, and more than 40 parks and facilities operated by the **City of Miami Beach Parks and Recreation Department**. In addition, several beloved state and national parks beckon visitors all year long.

Each park offers its own experience. Enjoy the sun and sand as you learn the story behind **Historic Virginia Key Beach Park**, which was a segregated swimming spot during the Jim Crow era and is now an urban oasis with plenty of space on the beach and cabanas for rent.

At **Crandon Park** on Key Biscayne, staff at the **Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center** lead walking tours of the former coconut plantation's diverse ecosystems, which include dunes, maritime hammocks, a mangrove forest and seagrass beds – home to a host of wildlife, including sea turtles, manatees and more than 200 species of birds. **Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park**, at the tip of Key Biscayne, is a treasure. With rugged sand dunes leading to a comfy beach and unlimited ocean views as far as the eye can see, it's a piece of unspoiled Old Florida. You can visit the historic lighthouse built in the 1820s and follow nature trails that wind through the park.

Visitors to **Oleta River State Park** in North Miami Beach can commune with nature by running or mountain biking along 15 miles of trails or kayaking through verdant mangrove wetlands so tranquil, they feel far removed from bustling Downtown Miami, just a 30-minute drive away.


Oleta River State Park

Experience a marine wonderland at **Biscayne National Park**, which is 95% under water. It is home to various endangered or threatened species and the only living coral barrier reef in the United States. Don't miss nearby **Everglades National Park**, an incomparable destination with a seemingly endless expanse of wetlands that invites you to explore by foot, kayak and boat.

At the 729,000-acre **Big Cypress National Preserve**, dreamy cypress strands, labyrinthine mangrove tunnels and expanses of wet prairies are part of the lovely scenery you'll encounter.

PLAY MIAMI'S BEST GOLF COURSES

Greater Miami & Miami Beach is home to more than 20 golf courses. Here's a look at some of the best places to schedule a tee time during your visit.

PUBLIC GOLF COURSES

In the heart of Miami Beach, the **Miami Beach Golf Club** is a cornerstone of the community. The Arthur Hills/Steve Forrest-designed course is home to the **Jim McLean Golf School**, offering lessons and clinics throughout the year. The club's restaurant overlooks the greens and is a popular spot for lunch in a relaxing setting.

Designed by Arthur Hills, the **Normandy Shores Golf Club** is a sister club to the Miami Beach Golf Club. It's known for its abundant water hazards and rolling fairways set against Biscayne Bay in a lovely residential neighborhood in North Beach. The course's restaurant, the **Normandy Shores Grill**, is a popular dining spot for golfers and non-golfers alike.



Located on beautiful Key Biscayne inside sprawling Crandon Park, **Crandon Golf's** championship course offers unique hazards, such as seven saltwater lakes, challenging sand traps and mangrove thickets, with holes overlooking dazzling Biscayne Bay.

LUXURIOUS GOLF RESORTS

Set in beautiful Coral Gables, the **Biltmore Golf Course** was designed in 1925 by Donald Ross and updated in 2018. Amenities include **Fairways** restaurant and bar, lessons through the renowned **Jim McLean Golf School** and access to the full-service golf pro shop.

Aventura's **JW Marriott Miami Turnberry Resort & Spa** is home to two 18-hole Raymond Floyd redesigned golf courses. The Soffer and Miller courses include contoured fairways, clever doglegs, challenging bunkers and strategically placed water features. From lessons to clinics, these rolling greens have something for golfers of all ability levels.

Designed by Bill Watts in 1962, The Senator Course at **Miami Lakes Golf Club** at the Miami Lakes Hotel on Main is a classic and tropically lush championship golf course. With 500 acres of greens, the premier golf resort is also home to **ML Steaks + Sports**.

Trump National Doral Miami is known for its four uniquely designed courses. The most iconic is the challenging Blue Monster, featuring deep bunkers, long fairways and challenging water hazards. Its 18th hole was ranked among the Top 100 holes in the world by Golf Magazine. The resort offers a driving range and club fittings.

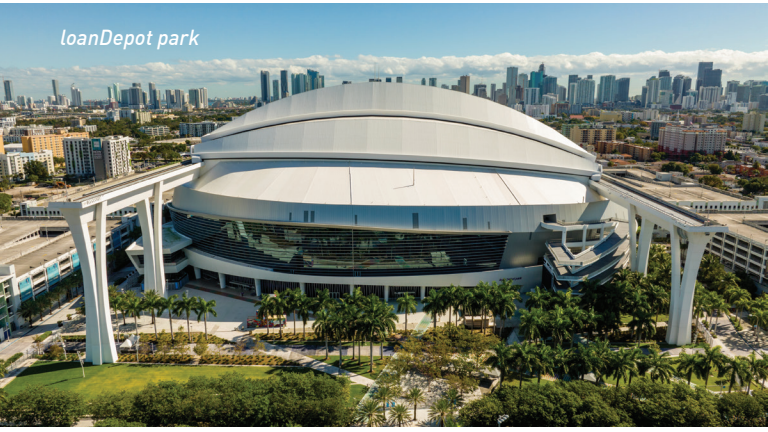


Crandon Golf at Key Biscayne

MIAMI SPORTS

The National Football League has chosen Miami to host the Super Bowl 11 times, more than any other destination, and for good reason. From year-round sunshine to top-of-the-line sporting facilities and championship-winning teams, Greater Miami & Miami Beach is a paradise for sports fans. Miami also hosts the **Capital One Orange Bowl** football game every year and will host the college football national championship game in 2026. Between the **University of Miami Hurricanes** and the **Florida International University Panthers**, locals love cheering for the home team when it comes to college sports.

Attending a professional sporting event in Miami is an experience unto itself. In Miami Gardens, **Hard Rock Stadium** is home to the NFL's **Miami Dolphins** in the fall. The stadium shifts gears in the spring for the **Miami Open** tennis tournament and the **Formula 1™ Crypto.com Miami Grand Prix**. Hard Rock Stadium will welcome an even bigger audience when it hosts **FIFA World Cup 2026™** matches. Miami became the talk of the sporting world when Major League Soccer's **Inter Miami CF** signed Lionel Messi in 2023. The club will begin playing at a new stadium at **Freedom Park** in the heart of Miami in 2026.



loanDepot park

Major League Baseball's **Miami Marlins** play at Little Havana's ultra-modern **loanDepot park**, which boasts a retractable roof and intriguing art installations. In January 2026, the stadium will transform into an outdoor hockey arena when the Florida Panthers host the **Discover NHL Winter Classic**. In March 2026, loanDepot park will host pool play, quarterfinals, semifinals and the final of the **World Baseball Classic**.

Basketball fans cheer on the NBA's **Miami HEAT** to victory at the **Kaseya Center** in the heart of Downtown Miami. For NASCAR fans, **Homestead-Miami Speedway** hosts adrenaline-pumping races.

Greater Miami & Miami Beach is also an ideal destination to participate in sports. Love putting your endurance to the test? Sign up for the **Life Time Miami Marathon and Half Marathon**, held every winter, or one of many other races throughout the year, from 5Ks to triathlons.

BEACHES

The destination's beaches – spanning more than 20 miles of Atlantic coastline – top many visitors' to-do lists. With sandy stretches from Homestead to Sunny Isles Beach, Greater Miami & Miami Beach offers the perfect beach for every traveler, whether you're in search of solitude or lively strips where people-watching is the main attraction. Warm, turquoise waters, soft sand and gentle breezes swiftly seduce visitors, who come to the happy realization that when you're in Miami, every day can be beach day.

South Beach sits at the southern tip of the barrier island of Miami Beach and has been immortalized in film and on television. Stretching just over two miles north from **South Pointe Park**, it's a broad swath of white sands punctuated by colorful lifeguard stands and bordered by an iconic cityscape of Art Deco architecture, sidewalk restaurants and boutique hotels.

The quieter strands of the **Mid Beach** and **North Beach** neighborhoods have a distinctly low-key vibe, with plenty of space to spread your towel on sands bordered by seagrape-covered dunes. The recently completed **Beachwalk** is a nine-mile, oceanfront, pedestrian promenade that runs the entire length of Miami Beach. It's designed for joggers, cyclists and anyone who loves to enjoy beach breezes. Best of all, it's on-grade and made of pavers, so it's fully ADA-accessible.

Farther north, you'll find the pristine, mile-long **Surfside** beach and swanky **Bal Harbour**. Opportunities to swim and sunbathe continue at **Haulover Beach**, Florida's oldest officially recognized nude beach, where nothing needs to come between you and the sun. **Sunny Isles Beach** is famous for its **Newport Fishing Pier**.

The Rickenbacker Causeway spans a beautiful expanse of Biscayne Bay connecting Downtown Miami and Brickell to Key Biscayne. Along the causeway, breezy **Hobie Island Beach Park** is a welcoming spot for beachgoers and their dogs. A bit farther along, **Historic Virginia Key Beach Park** offers sandy shores, coastal hammock trails and an

antique carousel. Once you arrive in Key Biscayne, you'll find that **Crandon Park** and **Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park** have calm, shallow waters that make them popular with families.

Matheson Hammock Park Beach in Coral Gables is a favorite for parents with young children because its man-made atoll pool is safe for swimmers of all ages. In South Dade, **Homestead Bayfront Park Beach** offers a similar experience.

BOATING & SAILING

If seeing the water from shore isn't enough, hop aboard a charter cruise or boat tour. For a classic view of Downtown Miami's dazzling skyline and multimillion-dollar homes on Star Island, book a tour with **Island Queen Cruises & Tours**.

For a thrilling ride, **Ocean Force Adventures** sets out from the Miami Beach Marina on six-passenger, high-speed Zodiacs to explore sites like the historic **Stiltsville** homes in Biscayne Bay. Or hop aboard **Thriller Miami Speedboat Adventures** to zoom around at high speeds.

If you'd like to charter a boat, you'll find many companies to choose from, including **Prime Experiences**, **Tropicalboat Luxury Yacht Charters & Rentals**, **EP Yachting** and **Water Fantaseas**. You can also access thousands of boat experience listings with the **GetMyBoat** online service.



KAYAKING & CANOEING

Miami's waterways are tranquil all year long, making them perfect for kayaking, canoeing or stand-up paddleboarding. Top places to explore by kayak or canoe are **Everglades National Park** (with **Flamingo Adventures**), **Biscayne National Park** and **Oleta River State Park**.

For water lovers with disabilities, **Shake-A-Leg Miami** in Coconut Grove offers kayaks and boats that accommodate special needs. **Miami EcoAdventures** offers a variety of exciting naturalist-guided excursions. One of its most popular activities is a guided canoe tour of the Coral Gables Waterway.

SNORKELING & DIVING

Why settle for just being on the water when you can go under it? Miami's waters are connected to the third-largest barrier reef in the world, the Florida Straits, presenting spectacular opportunities to snorkel and dive both natural and artificial reef sites just offshore. The **Miami-Dade Reef Guard Association** is a valuable resource for all things related to diving.

Neptune Memorial Reef is a manmade reef just off Key Biscayne built to resemble the Lost City of Atlantis, with an average depth of 35 feet, while the **Jose Cuervo** is an artificial reef accessible by shore off South Beach, roughly 150 yards southeast of the Second Street lifeguard station. Opening in phases beginning in 2025, **The ReefLine** will offer an underwater sculpture garden and artificial reef within swimming distance of the shores of South Beach.



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When planning your trip, make sure to schedule at least a few days to explore Greater Miami & Miami Beach before or after your cruise. Bask on the beaches to get into the mood for a relaxing cruise or to extend the afterglow of a wonderful experience at sea.





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ROOM WITH A VIEW



There's no shortage of hotel options in Greater Miami & Miami Beach, whether you're looking for a family-friendly beachfront resort packed with amenities, a cozy boutique hotel for a romantic escape, or a sleek high-rise that feels like a home away from home.

From the expansive sands of South Beach to the lively atmosphere of Downtown Miami and Brickell, and from the tree-lined streets of Coral Gables to the charming waterfront village of Coconut Grove, you'll find the perfect hotel waiting for you. With luxurious oceanfront resorts and intimate boutique hotels, Greater Miami & Miami Beach has plenty of places where you can make yourself at home.

GEMS NEAR THE BEACH

In South Beach, famous Ocean Drive is lined with many boutique gems. **The Betsy - South Beach** presents daily programming with offerings ranging from jazz to poetry readings as well as a standout art collection. Down the street, you'll discover the iconic **Cardozo Hotel**, owned by Miami's musical duo Gloria and Emilio Estefan. Fashionable hotels built in the Art Deco style, such as **The Shelborne by Proper**, the **Kimpton Surfcomber**, the **National Hotel Miami Beach** and the **Hotel Greystone**, line Collins Avenue.

South Beach is also home to many boutique hotels just blocks from the beach, including the **Cadet Hotel**, **Upsun Hotel & Social Club**, **Sonder The Deco**, **Casa Boutique Hotel**, **Uma House by Yurbban** and **1818 Meridian House**. Located on Belle Isle, just steps west of South Beach, **The Standard Spa, Miami Beach** is a truly unique hotel set amid peaceful tropical gardens. **Mondrian South Beach**, also located on the west side of South Beach on Biscayne Bay, is an iconic waterfront hotel.

In Mid Beach, you'll find iconic luxury beachfront resorts, such as the **Eden Roc Miami Beach & Nobu Hotel Miami Beach** and the **Fontainebleau Miami Beach**, which have been welcoming guests since the 1950s (and continue to attract visitors with celebrity chef-helmed restaurants and sprawling poolscapes). Other top choices in Mid Beach include the **AC Hotel Miami Beach**, **Hilton Garden Inn Miami South Beach**, **Hotel Croydon**, **Holiday Inn Miami Beach**, **Grand Beach Hotel Miami Beach** and **Radisson Resort Miami Beach**.

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The **Carillon Miami Wellness Resort** is an idyllic retreat with a magnificent spa. It's situated along the white sand beaches of North Beach. **Hilton Cabana Miami Beach Resort** and **The Broadmore Miami Beach** are other great North Beach options.

Tucked away in peaceful Surfside, north of Miami Beach, you'll find glamour and storied history at the **Four Seasons Hotel at The Surf Club**, where Hollywood stars once held court. In ritzy Bal Harbour, **The St. Regis Bal Harbour Resort** treats guests to butler service and a nightly champagne ritual to celebrate the sunset. Farther north, in the enclave of Sunny Isles Beach, **Acqualina Resort & Residences on the Beach** impresses with grounds that mimic a Mediterranean escape and accommodations that feel like they were made for royalty.

ON THE MAINLAND

Beyond the beach, other neighborhoods have equally appealing accommodations. In town for business? In the gleaming towers of Brickell and Downtown Miami, hotels such as the **InterContinental Miami**, the **Kimpton EPIC Hotel**, the **Gale Miami Hotel & Residences**, **Hyatt Centric Brickell**, **Aloft Miami Brickell** and **Dua Miami, an Autograph Collection Hotel** are perfectly placed for work and pleasure, surrounded by restaurants and shops – and boasting sweeping views. A bit farther north, in Downtown Miami, the **Miami Marriott Biscayne Bay** and the **DoubleTree by Hilton Grand Hotel Biscayne Bay Miami** offer stunning views of the water.

In Coral Gables, **The Biltmore** is a timeless classic dating to the 1920s. The national landmark hotel has an 18-hole championship golf course and 10 tennis courts and serves an elegant afternoon tea even locals stop in for.



The **Loews Coral Gables Hotel** is part of The Plaza Coral Gables, a mixed-use development. In addition to its waterfront location and village-like ambiance, Coconut Grove has a clutch of hotels suitable for both leisure and business stays. **The Ritz-Carlton, Coconut Grove** offers the high-end amenities and superb service you'd expect, while **Mr. C Miami Coconut Grove** is a luxurious oasis with amazing views of Biscayne Bay. The iconic **Mayfair House Hotel & Garden** has held court in Coconut Grove since the 1980s, embracing luxury and the free-spirited vibes of Coconut Grove.

There are plentiful options near Miami International Airport, including the **EVEN Hotel Miami Airport**, **Pullman Miami Airport,** the **Holiday Inn Miami International Airport** and the **Fairfield Inn by Marriott Miami Airport South**. A few miles west of the airport, the bustling Doral area is home to **Trump National Doral Miami**, a premier golf resort with a storied legacy and a well-appointed spa.

AN APARTMENT-STYLE STAY

Those looking for apartment-style accommodations have many options to choose from, including **Global Luxury Suites at The Variety** in South Beach, **Habitat Brickell by Roami** in Brickell and **Grove 27 by Roami** in Coconut Grove. The Eskape Collection operates the **6080 Design Hotel Mid Beach** and the **Abae Hotel** on West Avenue in South Beach.

JULY + AUGUST

MIAMI SPA MONTHS



Treat your mind, body and soul to some well-deserved pampering during **Miami Spa Months** in July and August. Greater Miami & Miami Beach is renowned for spas that rank among the best in the country. Enjoy great savings on relaxing therapies at top hotel, day and med spas.

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MIAMI BEACH CONVENTION CENTER



Miami Beach is a vibrant blend of culture, art, historic architecture, tourism, entertainment and one-of-a-kind experiences, making it one of the world's most popular destinations for conventions, meetings and events.

MEET IN THE CENTER OF IT ALL

The **Miami Beach Convention Center (MBCC)** sits in the heart of South Beach, just 12 miles from **Miami International Airport**. The MBCC is a state-of-the-art convention center surrounded by best-in-class hotels, delectable fine dining and spectacular beaches. Anchoring Miami Beach's City Center Campus, the MBCC is within easy access of inspiring cultural venues, vibrant green spaces, a championship golf course and fashionable shops.

The MBCC plays host to a wide variety of conventions, trade shows, consumer shows, meetings, gala events and banquets. With the support of the hospitality industry, the City of Miami Beach invested $640 million to renovate and expand the MBCC, which now features nearly 500,000 square feet of exhibit space, a new 60,000-square-foot grand ballroom, 84 breakout rooms, a 20,000-square-foot specialty space and the **Rum Room & Venu** restaurant and private meeting space in the historic Miami Beach Clubhouse buildings on the MBCC campus.

SILVER LEED® CERTIFICATION & GREEN SPACES

As a result of eco-conscious features incorporated as part of the renovation process, the MBCC received Silver LEED® certification in 2020. The redesign added approximately nine acres of green spaces to the MBCC campus, including the six-acre **Pride Park** to the west of the facility and the three-acre **Collins Park** to the north. Right next to the MBCC, **Miami Beach Botanical Garden** adds even more beautiful green space to the area. These spots, while beneficial for the environment, are also an amazing amenity for meeting attendees and residents, who now have more places to take a moment to recharge in nature.

PUBLIC ART

As part of the redesign process, six artists from all over the world were invited to contribute their unique cultures, perspectives and styles to Miami Beach's public art collection. The following pieces were installed in and around the MBCC (see page 232).



Headquarter hotel

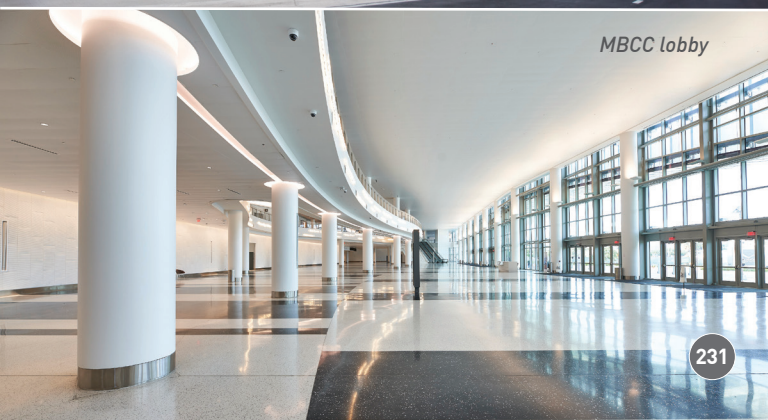
HEADQUARTER HOTEL

A new headquarter hotel connecting to the MBCC is scheduled to open soon and is the final piece of the Miami Beach Convention Center district.

The hotel will be located at 17th Street and Convention Center Drive in Miami Beach – close to the **New World Center** and **The Bass** contemporary art museum. It will be just blocks from the soft sands of Miami Beach as well as the popular restaurants and shops of **Lincoln Road** – enhancing the destination's appeal for meeting attendees.



MBCC exterior



MBCC lobby

"About Sand" by German artist Franz Ackermann, on the building's southeast exterior corner, features bright colors and various abstracted forms to represent the artist's interpretations of daily life, tourism and commerce in Miami Beach.

"Atlantis" by English artist Ellen Harvey is located in the grand lobby ballroom and combines mouth-blown glass, ceramic and paint in a representation of the bodies of water that join Miami Beach with the larger ecosystems of Florida.

"Bent Pool" by Michael Elmgreen and Ingar Dragset is a study in contemporary sculpture art, located in Pride Park.

"Humanoids" by Joep van Lieshout is a series of sculptural, abstract figures placed throughout Collins Canal Park.

"Located World, Miami Beach" is in the west lobby, and it's part of a larger series by artist Joseph Kosuth.

"Morris Lapidus" by Sarah Morris is on the northeast and grand staircase exterior walls, where it explores a variety of visual concepts through unique mediums and forms.

The City of Miami Beach has added the following pieces to the MBCC's public art collection:

"Minna" by Jaume Plensa, set in Pride Park, is a 16-foot-tall steel mesh portrait that examines the theme of the invisible in everyday life.

"...as the garden secrets a swarm of monarchs feast..." by Ebony G. Patterson continues the Jamaican artist's explorations of youth culture.

"Plant Market/Stray Flowers in Swimming Pool/Still Life with Sample Text and Piña Coladas" by Farah Al Qasimi, in the east lobby, examines the earthly fabrication of paradise.

"Colored Bone China Rags (2017-2022)" by Juana Valdés, also in the east lobby, explores Afro-Cuban migration.

"Allegory of Florida" by Nina Surel, also in the east lobby, tells the story of a journey through time while envisioning Florida as a goddess of feminine fertility.

"It's Alright" by Anneke Eussen, also in the east lobby, evokes map-like shapes and fictional territories that, when layered and reused, question the idea of borders by creating a new, composite form.

"Cobalt Blue Earring" by Amoako Boafo is an oil painting in the east lobby that continues the Ghana-born artist's search for new ways to approach Blackness.

"Somethin' Close to Nothin'" by Sanford Biggers is a painting on an antique quilt in the east lobby.



Humanoids



Minna



Bent Pool

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Free trolleys operate in Coconut Grove, Coral Gables, Homestead, Doral, Wynwood, the City of Miami and Miami Beach. A free trolley also shuttles visitors back and forth from downtown Homestead to Everglades and Biscayne national parks every weekend in winter and early spring.

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Freebee offers free rides on a fleet of electric vehicles in various neighborhoods throughout Greater Miami & Miami Beach. Visit **ridefreebee.com** and download the app.

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Florida's Turnpike and portions of some highways in Miami are toll roads. Tolls are automated and there is no need to stop at a toll booth. If you are renting a car, ask your car rental agency about options for paying tolls. Some rental cars are equipped with a SunPass, PlatePass® or Pass24® to pay tolls electronically. If your car does not have one of these devices, you can use Toll-By-Plate. Just drive through and the tolls will be added to your bill. An administrative fee will be added.

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AREA & POPULATION

Greater Miami & Miami Beach is spread over 2,431 square miles (6,296 square kilometers) of land and water at the southeastern tip of the Florida peninsula. The Intracoastal Waterway separates the Miami mainland and Miami Beach, located on the Atlantic Ocean. More than 2.7 million people reside here.

WEATHER

Annual average temperature (high/low):
83/69 (Fahrenheit), 28/21 (Celsius)

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE

Dial **911** to get help quickly in an emergency situation.
Dial **311** for Miami-Dade County information.
Dial ***347** for roadside assistance.

GRATUITIES

Customarily, gratuities of 18-20% are paid to hospitality industry personnel who render personal services. You may find a restaurant has already added the gratuity to the bill.

TAXES

Sales tax in Miami-Dade County is 7%. Hotel taxes (including sales tax) range from 11-14%, depending on the location of the property.

DRIVING & TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

Texting while driving is prohibited. U.S. law stipulates driving on the right side of the road and passing on the left. Right turns after a full stop are permitted at red lights unless otherwise indicated. Everyone riding in an automobile is required to wear a seat belt. Children under five must be fastened securely in government-approved car seats.

Division of Driver Licenses: **305-229-6333**. The state of Florida recognizes valid U.S. driver licenses, international driver licenses and valid licenses issued in other countries.

PARKING

Parking in Greater Miami & Miami Beach is simple and affordable. Hourly parking options in the City of Miami, the City of Miami Beach, Bal Harbour, Bay Harbor Islands, Coral Gables, North Bay Village, Sunny Isles Beach and Surfside, as well as Miami-Dade County Parks, Dadeland and Florida International University, can be found and paid for using the **PayByPhone app (paybyphone.com)**.

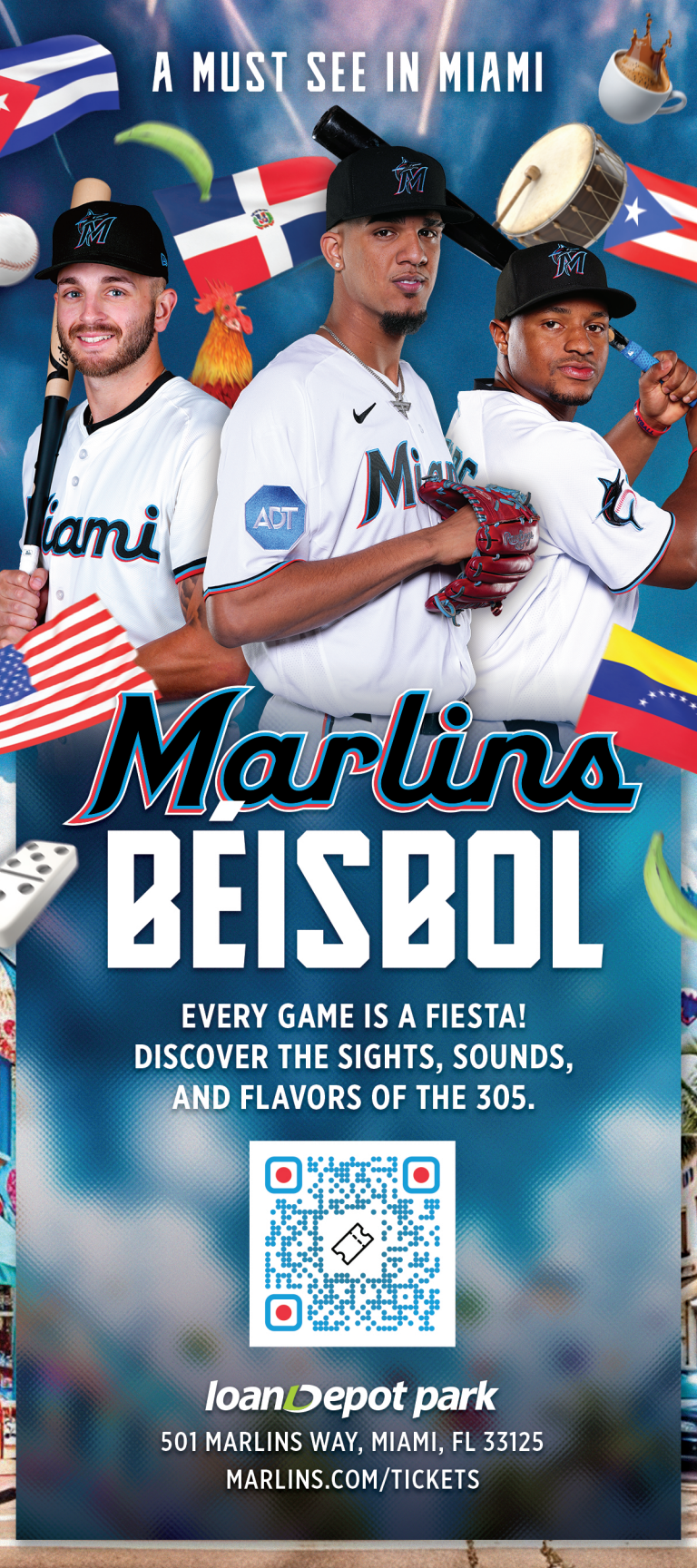
In addition to the PayByPhone app, parking in City of Miami and City of Miami Beach garages and parking lots can be reserved and paid for using the **ParkMobile app (parkmobile.io)**. For day-to-day needs, you can pay for on-street parking or reserve a space in a garage ahead of time. For concerts or sporting events, you can easily book your spot before heading out.

Special event, overnight, long-term and cruise parking can be reserved and paid for on the Miami Parking Authority website: **miamiparking.com/vacation-parking/**

There are also a variety of privately operated garages and parking lots in the area with varying rates and options.

LIQUOR LAWS & SMOKING

The legal drinking age is 21. Smoking and vaping are prohibited inside restaurants. Cigarette smoking and other tobacco products are banned at all Miami Beach municipal parks and beaches.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