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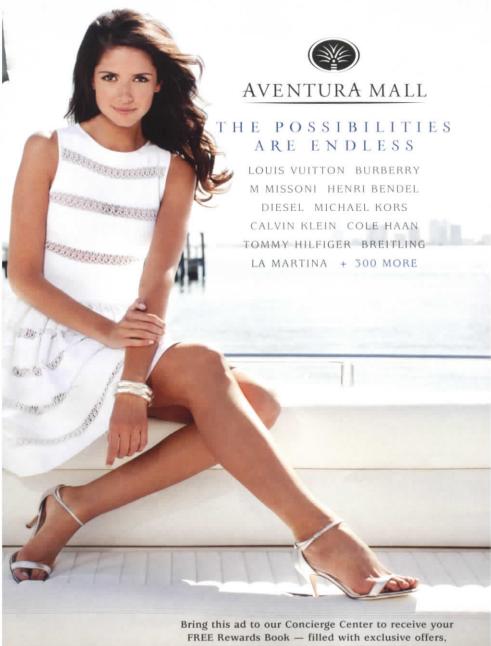
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The Jungle is also home to a 900-pound liger, twin orangutans, leopards, and so much more!

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# Things To Do



# Something for Everyone!

# Special Events SUNNY ISLES BEACH JAZZ FEST

Oct. 12-14, times vary. Set amid the backdrop of 2.5-miles of the Atlantic Ocean, the 5th Annual Sunny Isles Beach lazz Fest will celebrate the extraordinary sounds of jazz music! The festival features contemporary jazz pianist/ composer David Benoit, and will showcase local jazz artists at events throughout the weekend. The Sunny Isles Beach Jazz Fest has showcased local and national talent since 2008. including jazz greats Spyro Gyra and The Neville Brothers, Proceeds from the event benefit the Ioshua's Heart Foundation and the Miami Children's Hospital Foundation. The Main Event concert takes place Saturday, Oct. 13, from 7pm-10pm; admission is \$25. At Heritage Park, 19200 Collins Ave., Sunny Isles Beach, 305-792-1952. www.sunnyislesbeachjazz.com

#### ► ALL ABOUT MIAMI TOURS



Tours depart daily, times vary. Step into a luxurious Mercedes touring vehicle for an approximately 3.5-hour driving tour to Miami's

premier neighborhoods and iconic sights. Tours begin in the famous South Beach Art Deco District and make their way through glamorous Coral Gables, bustling Brickell, charming Coconut Grove, vibrant Little Havana and more! See movie locations, celebrity homes, Miami landmarks including Vizcaya Museum & Gardens, Venetian Pool, the Versace Mansion, Freedom Tower, and enjoy three scenic stops. Maximum seating of eight guests per tour makes this the most personalized and intimate way to see Miami. Private tours can be customized to your specific interest. Info and bookings at 305-576-2888, www.allaboutmiamitours.com

#### MIAMI ATTRACTIONS MONTH

Oct. I-31. October is Miami Attractions Month! Take advantage of "BOGO" (buy one get one free) offers at participating attractions. Attractions that offer countless choices – from historic to adventuresome, natural to manmade. Attractions so exotic they becken to be

explored: Old World-style villas, animal and botanical sanctuaries, glass-bottom boats, a River of Grass, and places that capture the imagination and stir the soul! Just imagine swimming with dolphins, penguins in the sun and hand-feeding giraffes; these are just a few of many jaw dropping sights and experiences that make up Miami's kaleidoscope of attractions. For more information and special offers at participating attractions, please check the event website.

See special offer on page 2. www.miamiattractionsmonth.com

#### MIAMI FOOD TOURS

Join a Miami local for a walk through South Beach and into five of the best restaurants and cafés on Miami Food Tours' signature tour, the



three-hour "SoBe Tour des Forks." Learn about the history of South Beach, see the Art Deco District and taste the melting pot that is Miami. Finish the tour with an insider view into South Beach, a satisfied stomach and confidence to continue exploring the area. Take the tour in lieu of lunch; all food tastings, enough for lunch, are included in the ticket price. Adults, \$53; ages 8-12, \$35; ages 7 and younger (if eating), \$17.50. Tours depart daily at 11am from Lincoln Road in South Beach; exact location disclosed upon ticket purchase. Advance purchase required, as tours sell out quickly. For more information, to check availability and buy tickets, call Zerve at 1-800-979-3370. www.miamifoodtours.com

#### ► HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION AT BAYSIDE MARKETPLACE

Oct. 31, 5pm-7pm. Enjoy live music and entertainment from Bayside's colorful street performers, as well as trick-or-treating for the kids. Free to the public. At Bayside Marketplace, 401 Biscayne Blvd., downtown Miami, 305-577-3344. www.baysidemarketplace.com

#### ► DEERING ESTATE SPOOKOVER

Oct. 26, 11 pm-4am. Experience the Deering Estate overnight... when the lights go out! The League of Paranormal Investigators will take guests on a paranormal investigation of the historic houses and main grounds. Equipment used to detect spectral presences – pendulums, dowsing rods, EMF meters, voice recorders and cameras – are welcome! This is not your average sleepover; guests will be investigating all night and should bring a flashlight, mosquito repellant and any equipment you wish to use. Please dress comfortably in closed toes shoes, long pants and a T-shirt. A light breakfast will be served. Cost is \$65 per person. Note: Tour may contain mature subject matter. At the Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668.

#### ► HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR AT JUNGLE ISLAND

Oct. 27-28, 10am-6pm. Calling all princesses, goblins, superheroes and angels: There is only one place to be during Halloween weekend and that's Jungle Island's annual Halloween Spooktacular! From trick-or-treating through the Jungle to the themed animal shows, kids of all ages will enjoy a family friendly, fun-filled day on Jungle Island. Don't forget to enter the entire family in the annual Costume Contest! At Jungle Island. 1111 Parrot Jungle Tr., Miami. 305-400-7000. www.jungleisland.com

#### ► ZOO BOO AT ZOO MIAMI

Oct. 27-28, I I am-4pm. Included with the price of zoo admission, families and kids ages 12 and younger are invited to trick-or-treat in costumes, participate in costume contests, watch special performances, make Halloween crafts, see the zoo's wild animals get their Halloween goodies, and more! At Zoo Miami, 12400 SW 152 St., Miami, 305-251-0400. www.zoomiami.org

#### MICHIMU'S HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION

Oct. 28, noon-5pm. Come out to the Miami Children's Museum (MiChiMu) to celebrate Halloween in style! Diress in costume and enjoy the Halloween atmosphere. The activities include trick-or-treating, Halloween crafts, "Mad Science," games and more! At the Miami Children's Museum, 980 MacArthur Cswy., Miami, 305-373-5437. www.miamichildrensmuseum.org

#### ► HALLOWEEN AT COCOWALK

Oct. 31, Kids Party, 2pm-6pm; Adult Party, 6pm-3am. The annual Halloween Party has become the most well-attended event on CocoWalk's calendar! The Kids Party provides a safe and controlled environment for kids to parade their costumes and collect candy from welcoming merchants. The Adult Halloween Party has seen as many as 25,000 revelers visiting the Courtyard throughout the day and evening to enjoy the DJs

playing popular radio tunes and heart-pumping Latin beats. The outrageous late night DJ party begins at 11pm and is a surefire hit with the over-18 costumed crowd. At CocoWalk, 3015 Grand Ave., Coconut Grove, 305-444-0777. www.cocowalk.net

## MIAMI BEACH ANTIQUE JEWELRY & WATCH SHOW

Oct. 5-6, I I am-7pm; Oct. 7, I I am-6pm. The Miami Beach Antique Jewelry & Watch Show kicks off the fall antiquing season with nearly 150 of the top dealers showcasing their most fashionable and rare pieces from all eras of jewelry history! This event is well known for the celebrities and socialites who attend to find the perfect piece from famous names including Cartier, Tiffany & Co., David Webb, Rolex, Patek Philippe, Van Cleef & Arpels and many others. Admission is only \$20, and valid all three days. At the Miami Beach Convention Center, 1901 Convention Center Dr., Miami Beach, 239-732-6642. www.antiquejewelrymiami.com

#### ► VIEWING VIZCAYA FILM SCREENING: PHANTOM OF THE OPERA (1925)

Oct. 24, 7pm-9pm. Mingle, relax and savor live music and refreshments by Biscayne Bay before watching a historic silent film. Then follow in the footsteps of Vizcaya's original owner, James Deering, and his guests, by enjoying a historic silent film in the Courtyard of the Main House, complete with live music accompaniment on Vizcaya's custom-made pipe organ! The film being shown is *Phantom of the Opera* (1925). Tickets \$15; available onsite the evening of the screening at 6pm. Seating is limited. At Vizcaya Museum & Gardens, 3251 S. Miami Ave., Miami, 305-250-9133. www.vizcaya.org

#### ▶ GROVETOBERFEST

Oct. 13, 4pm-7pm. There's a craft beer revolution, and it's finally reached South Florida! Grovetoberfest brings a world-class beer festival to Miami. Beer enthusiasts will descend to Peacock Park in Coconut Grove, a fashionable neighborhood in the heart of Miami, where nightlife and shopping are synonymous with good taste. Guests will sample unlimited beer from around the world, and take an active role by voting for their favorite beers in different categories. Nate: Ages 21 and older only. At Peacock Park, 2820 McFarlane Rd., Coconut Grove, 305-461-2700. www.grovetoberfest.com

#### ► GAY & LESBIAN WALKING TOUR OF SOUTH BEACH

Oct. 27, 5pm-6:30pm. Learn about the contributions of gays and lesbians to the history



of Miami Beach, including helping to preserve many of the city's architectural gems. Tour stops include the Gianni Versace mansion, the Congress Hotel, Essex House, Hotel Victor, and other hot spots of gay life in South Beach. Tickets are \$20, and can be purchased at the Art Deco Welcome Center, also the tour's departure location, 1001 Ocean Dr., Miami Beach, 305-672-2014, www.mdpl.org

#### FABULOUS FIRST FRIDAY

Nov. 2, 7:30pm-10pm. A night of fun under the stars, held the first Friday of each month! A free star show, free access to the Weintraub Observatory (weather permitting), which houses two powerful Meade telescopes, an ever-changing lineup of cool laser shows and informative, scientific lectures for the entire family! At the Miami Science Museum, 3280 S. Miami Ave., Miami, 305-646-4200. www.miamisci.org

#### ► HISTORIC HOUSE TOURS OF THE DEERING ESTATE AT CUTLER

Daily, 10:30am and 3pm. After Charles Deering's death in 1927, the mysterious Deering Estate sat for nearly six decades, frozen in time. Join an Estate staff member on a guided tour to hear the amazing history of the Richmond Cottage, the first hotel between Coconut Grove and

Key West, and the Stone House, an homage to Deering's beloved Barcelona located right on Biscayne Bay. Free with the price of admission. At the Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668. www.deeringestate.org

## PLAYWORLD PLAYGROUND AT ZOO MIAMI

Open daily, 9:30am-5:30pm. Zoo Miami's new Playworld Playground features two play areas, Jungle Journey and Ocean Voyage. With more than 1.5 acres of play and picnic space, kids ages 12 and younger have plenty of room to explore the splashing water features and jungle gym, while parents supervise in comfortable shaded seating. In the Jungle Journey playground, children have 11 play features to help them create their own adventures! After their jungle adventure, kids can cool down by splashing through spouting blow holes and overflowing buckets of water in the Ocean Voyage playground. At Zoo Miami, 12400 SW 152 St., Miami, 305-251-0400.

# Concerts & Shows GODSPELL

Oct. 10-Nov. 4, times vary. This timeless story of friendship, loyalty, and love, with musical parables based on *The Gospel According to St. Matthew*, features a sparkling score by Stephen Schwartz,





the Grammy and Academy Award-winning composer of *Wicked* and *Pippin*. One of the most enduring shows of all time, *Godspell* has touched the hearts of countless theatergoers all over the world and is currently running on Broadway, Full of energy and excitement and filled with popular hits such as "Day by Day," "Learn Your Lesson's Well" and "Turn Back, O Man," *Godspell* will be a musical experience for the entire family. At the Actors' Playhouse at the Miracle Theatre, 280 Miracle Mile, Coral Gables, 305-444-9293, www.actorsplayhouse.org

#### FILLMORE MIAMI BEACH

Oct. 6, 9pm, CircX. Oct. 8, 8:30pm, Andrew Bird. Oct. 10, 8pm, Jovanotti. Oct. 11, 8pm, The Australian Pink Floyd Show. Oct. 12, 8pm, Olga Tañon. Oct. 14, 8pm, Matt & Kim. Oct. 16, 8:30pm, Band of Horses. Oct. 17, 9pm, The Weeknd. Oct. 21, 7pm, Unashamed Tour 2012: Come Alive with LeCrae, Trip Lee and more. At the Fillmore Miami Beach at the Jackie Gleason Theatre, 1700 Washington Ave., Miami Beach, 305-673-7300. www.fillmoremb.com

#### ► JAZZ AT MOCA

Oct. 26, 8pm. The popular Jazz at MoCA (Museum of Contemporary Art) series presents a free outdoor concert on the last Friday of every month. The museum is open from 7pm-10pm by donation only. At the Museum of Contemporary Art, 770 NE 125 St., North Miami, 305-893-6211. www.mocanomi.org

#### ► AMERICAN AIRLINES ARENA

Oct. 7, 7pm, Vicente Fernandez. Oct. 13, 8pm, Kevin Hart. At 601 Biscayne Blvd., downtown Miami, 786-777-1000. www.aaarena.com

#### HARD ROCK LIVE

Oct. 17, 8pm, John Legend with Stacy Barthe. Oct. 25, 7:30pm, Lynyrd Skynyrd. Oct. 26, 8pm, Bill O'Reilly. At 1 Seminole Way, Hollywood, 954-797-5531. www.hardrocklivehollywoodfl.com

#### ► KLIPSCH AMPHITHEATRE & BAYFRONT PARK

Oct. 7, 7pm, Gotye. Oct. 18-31, times vary, The Vampire Circus. At 301 N. Biscayne Blvd., downtown Miami, 305-358-7550. www.bayfrontparkmiami.com

#### ► ADRIENNE ARSHT CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

South Florida's premier venue, the Adrienne Arsht Center is the jewel of downtown Miami. The center includes the Ziff Ballet Opera House and the Knight Concert Hall, as well as several more intimate performance spaces. The

Arsht Center is located at 1300 Biscayne Blvd., downtown Miami, 305-949-6722. www.arshtcenter.org

#### · Broadway In Miami presents Rock Of Ages

Oct. 9-14, times vary. In 1987 on the Sunset Strip, a small town girl met a big city rocker and in LA's most famous rock club, they fell in love to the greatest songs of the 1980s. The worldwide party musical *Rock Of Ages* features a mix of 28 rockin' 80s tunes including "Don't Stop Believin'," "We Built This City," "The Final Countdown," "Wanted Dead or Alive," and "I Want To Know What Love Is."

#### · Idle Warship: Talib Kweli and Res

Oct. 19, 8:30pm. Talib Kweli's buzzworthy duo act. Idle Warship with singer/songwriter Res, will make its Florida debut at the Arsht Center's Knight Concert Hall. In 2009, Kweli, one of the most admired and respected rappers of his time, and one-half of the duo Black Star with Mos Def, joined longtime collaborator Res to form Idle Warship.

#### ► NEW WORLD CENTER

The New World Center is a source and a destination for creativity and inspiration. The building, re-designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architect Frank Gehry, features numerous spaces for various artistic performances. At 500 17 St., Miami Beach, 305-673-3330.

www.newworldcenter.com

#### \$2.50 Mini Concerts

Nov. 2-3, 7:30pm, 8:30pm and 9:30pm. Head to the New World Center for a musical adventure that fits any schedule and budget! These half-hour mini-concerts are only \$2.50 each and include program introductions from the stage — perfect for newcomers to classical music or those on the go! Joshua Gersen, Conductor; Rimsky-Korsakov: Capriccio espagnol, and Beethoven/Mahler: String Quartet in F minor, Serioso.

#### ► MIAMI/BROWARD ONE CARNIVAL

Oct. 7, 11 am-11 pm. With about 25 masquerade bands and seven steel bands parading and competing for Band of the Year bragging rights, the parade route will be adorned with beautiful, colorful, intricate costumes, along with the infectious sounds of soca music. Enjoy live concerts throughout the day, Caribbean food and drinks, parades and much more! The International Caribbean Village will showcase goods and services from the Caribbean. At Sun Life Stadium, 347 Don Shula Dr., Miami Gardens, 305-653-1877, www.miamibrowardcarnival.com



#### Arts & Exhibitions MEL FINKELSTEIN: PICTURING THE MAN BEHIND THE CAMERA

Through Oct. 14. This exhibition examines a lifetime of work by acclaimed photojournalist Mel Finkelstein. When readers rifled through the Daily News to see the headlines in the late-1960s through the late-1980s, more often than not, their view of the news came through the lens of Mel Finkelstein. This collection of photos from the 1950s-1980s focuses on iconic symbols from our cultural past, giving a sense of this larger-thanlife man. At the Jewish Museum of Florida, 301 Washington Ave., Miami Beach, 305-672-5044. www.jewishmuseum.com

#### ► LINCOLN ROAD ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLE MARKET

Oct. 14 and 28, 8am-5:30pm. Vendors display antiques including jewelry, china, vintage clothing, furniture, and more at the outdoor Lincoln Road Pedestrian Mall. On the 800, 900 and 1000 blocks of Lincoln Road, Miami Beach, 305-673-4991. www.antiquecollectiblemarket.com

#### ► COCONUT GROVE ANTIQUE MARKET

Fridays-Sundays, I Iam-6pm. Browse and shop some of the best antique and vintage dealers in South Florida in 6,000 sq. ft. of air conditioned space. Various sellers offer 19th and mid-20th century fashions, purses, and costume and Victorian jewelry items. Free to the public, and plenty of parking. At the Mayfair In The Grove, 2900 Grand Ave., Coconut Grove, 305-673-4991. www.antiquecollectiblemarket.com

#### ► ARTISTS' SQUARE AT BAYSIDE MARKETPLACE

Saturdays and Sundays, I I am-dusk. See local artists at work creating paintings, sculptures, jewelry and more at the Artists' Square. Located in the grassy area next to the Hard Rock Cafe at Bayside Marketplace, 401 Biscayne Blvd., downtown Miami, 305-577-3344. www.baysidemarketplace.com

#### ► ART DECO DISTRICT WALKING TOUR



Daily, 10:30am-Ipm, additional tour Thursdays. 6:30pm-8pm. This tour provides an introduction to the Art Deco. Mediterranean

Revival and Miami Modern styles found within the Miami Beach Architectural Historic District. Explore hotels, restaurants and other commercial structures, with a visit to a number of interiors.

Tours depart from the Art Deco Welcome Center, 1001 Ocean Dr., Miami Beach, 305-672-2014. www.mdpl.org

#### FREE THIRD FRIDAYS AT THE MIAMI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Oct. 19, 3pm-9pm. Explore hundreds of bilingual, interactive exhibits related to art, culture, community and communication on the third Friday of each month. At the Miami Children's Museum, 980 MacArthur Cswy., Miami, 305-373-5437.

www.miamichildrensmuseum.org

#### ► TROPICAL DREAMS: A PEOPLE'S HISTORY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Tuesdays-Fridays, 10am-5pm; Saturdays-Sundays, noon-5pm; Closed Mondays. Tropical Dreams explores South Florida history, from prehistoric times to the present day. Exhibit topics include First Arrivals, International Rivalry, Southward Expansion, New People-New Technology, and Gateway of the Americas. The history of South Florida is the story of humans in a unique environment. It began more than 10,000 years ago with the arrival of prehistoric Indians and continues to the multi-cultural metropolis of today. At HistoryMiami, 101 W. Flagler St., Miami, 305-375-1492. www.historymiami.org

#### ► WOLFSONIAN-FIU FREE FRIDAYS

Fridays, 6pm-9pm. Free gallery admission to the Wolfsonian-FIU with exhibition tours at 6pm. Enjoy refreshments and light food at the Lyon Frères & Compagnie-Café and Wine Bar. At the Wolfsonian-FIU, 1001 Washington Ave., Miami Beach, 305-531-1001. www.wolfsonian.org

#### ▶ GROVE GALLERY WALK

Oct. 6, 7pm-10pm. The Grove Gallery Walk will present a variety of exhibitions, sure to please every art lover. Walkers can stroll through galleries including the Coconut Grove Arts Festival Gallery, RodezArt Gallery, GroveHouse Artists, and more at this free event. Hors d'oeuvres, refreshments and live music at some galleries. At various galleries in Coconut Grove, 305-461-5506. www.coconutgrove.com

#### **EGYPTIAN GALLERY AT THE BASS MUSEUM OF ART**

Wednesdays-Sundays, noon-5pm. Visit Florida's only Egyptian Gallery! The gallery offers a unique opportunity to learn about one of the world's oldest and most mysterious civilizations through its surviving objects, including an Egyptian sarcophagus and mummy. At the Bass Museum of Art, 2100 Collins Ave., Miami Beach, 305-673-7530. www.bassmuseum.org

#### FREE SECOND SATURDAYS AT MAM

Oct. 13, noon-5pm. Drop in on the second Saturday of every month to enjoy fun, interactive programs at the Miami Art Museum. Families and children of all ages can explore the museum together, find inspiration to create works of art and participate in hands-on activities led by the museum's educational staff. At 101 W. Flagler St., Miami, 305-375-3000. www.miamiartmuseum.org

#### ► HISTORYMIAMI FAMILY FUN DAYS

Oct. 13, noon-5pm. HistoryMiami offers fun-filled, educational, hands-on activities for families and kids on the second Saturday of every month. Free admission. At 101 W. Flagler St., Miami, 305-375-1492, www.historymiami.org

## Sporting Events MIAMI DOLPHINS

National Football League. Oct. 14, 1pm vs St. Louis Rams. At Sun Life Stadium, 347 Don Shula Dr., Miami Gardens, 305-943-8000. www.miamidolphins.com

#### ► FLORIDA PANTHERS

National Hockey League. Oct. 13, 7:30pm vs Tampa Bay Lightning. Oct. 18, 7:30pm vs New York Islanders. Oct. 29, 7:30pm vs Columbus Blue Jackets. At the BB&T Center, I Panther Pkwy., Sunrise, 954-835-7000. http://panthers.nhl.com

#### ► MIAMI HEAT

National Basketball Association. See the 2012 NBA Championshipwinning Miami Heat during their preseason



games; the regular season begins in November: Oct. 18, 7:30pm vs Detroit Pistons. Oct. 20, 7:30pm vs San Antiono Spurs. Oct. 26, 8pm vs New Orleans Hornets. Oct. 30, 8pm vs Boston Celtics. At the American Airlines Arena, 601 Biscayne Blvd., downtown Miami, 786-777-1000. www.nba.com/heat

#### YOGA IN THE PARK

Mondays and Wednesdays, 6pm-7:15pm; Saturdays, 9am-10:15am. De-stress three times a week, with free yoga classes. Held outdoors by Biscayne Bay, these classes offer a unique atmosphere to relax and invigorate at the same time. All participants must be at least 18 and sign a waiver. Bring a yoga mat, water and towel; all levels welcome. Classes take place at the south end of the Bayfront Park in the Tina Hills Pavilion, 301 Biscayne Blvd., downtown Miami, 305-358-7550. www.bayfrontparkmiami.com



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See special offer on page 15. At 7800 NW 29 St., Miami, 305-688-1000. Map H-4. www.aaaauniverse.com

#### ► AMERICAN RIDER MOTORCYCLES

Offering Harley-Davidson rentals and guided tour packages, as well as Harley and motorcycle merchandise, apparel, collectibles, parts and accessories for all kinds of motorcycles. Motorcycle sales and export, including worldwide shipping, available for a wide range of brands including new and used Harley-Davidson motorcycles, as well as custom bikes and choppers. **See special offer on page 65.** At 2644 SW 28 Ln., Miami, 305-392-9940. Map J-9. www.americanrider.net

#### ► ARTCONNECTION JEWELRY FOR HIM AND HER

This "candy store" of jewelry offers styles for men and women, jewelry repair, custom jewelry work and jewelry consulting. A full-service jewelry store for all your jewelry needs! Open Mon.-Sat., I I am-8pm; Sun., noon-6pm. At 100 16th St., Suite 6, Miami Beach, 305-604-0603. Map I-13. www.artconnectionjewelry.com

#### **AVENTURA MALL**

South Florida's premier shopping, dining and entertainment destination is conveniently located between Miami and Fort Lauderdale, north of Miami Beach. Anchored by Macy's, Nordstrom, Bloomingdale's, JCPenney and Sears, in addition to 300 specialty stores. Besides 10 dining establishments, including The Grill on the Alley, The Cheesecake Factory and Grand Lux Café, Aventura Mall boasts a comprehensive retailer mix, a 24-screen movie theatre, Rainbow Valley interactive playground, and a multi-million dollar art program, Turnberry for the Arts. See special offer on page 3. At 19501 Biscayne Blvd., Aventura, 305-935-1110. Map B-13. www.aventuramall.com

#### BAYSIDE MARKETPLACE

Outdoor/indoor waterfront mall with about 150 shops and more than 30 restaurants and bars. National retailers such as The Gap and Victoria's Secret mix with unique boutiques and stores. Shop, have a drink, eat, listen to live music, take a sightseeing cruise, or just relax along the waterfront! **See special offer on page 49.** Situated on Biscayne Bay, 401 Biscayne Blvd., downtown Miami, 305-577-3344. Map I-10. www.baysidemarketplace.com

#### ▶ BODYMINDTRAVEL

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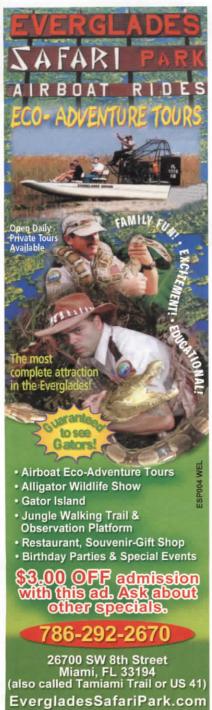
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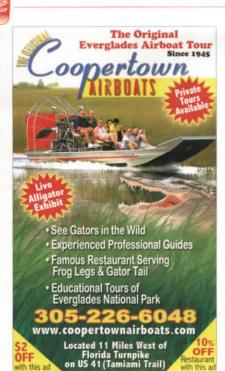
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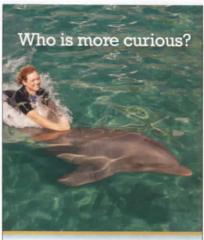
Observe Miccosukee Indians as they engage in woodwork, beadwork, patchwork, basket weaving and doll making. View historical artifacts, paintings by tribal artists and historical photographs at the Miccosukee Indian Museum. Open daily, 9am-4pm. Just 30 minutes west of the Florida Tumpike, in the heart of the beautiful Florida Everglades. At Mile Marker 70, US 41 (Tamiami Trail), Miami, 305-552-8365. Map J-1. www.miccosukee.com

#### MONKEY JUNGLE

Escape on a jungle safari at this home to nearly 400 primates, most running free on a 30-acre reserve. See the Java monkey, a skilled diver in the wild, collect crabs and shellfish along the riverbanks and mangrove swamps at this unique zoological park. Thirty species of primates, including orangutans, apes, gibbons and spider monkeys, call Monkey Jungle home. Continuous shows throughout the day. Open daily, 9:30am-5pm. Adults, \$29.95; children 3-9, \$23.95; children under 3, free. See special offer on page 24. At 14805 SW 216 St. Miami, 305-235-1611. Map P-1. www.monkeyjungle.com

#### MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART

The Museum of Contemporary Art (MoCA) is known for its provocative and innovative exhibitions, and for seeking a fresh approach in examining the art of our time. Open Tues, and Thurs.-Sat., I Iam-5pm; Wed., I pm-9pm; Sun., noon-5pm; closed Mondays. Adults \$5; seniors and students w/ ID, \$3; children under 12, free. The last Friday of the month is "Jazz at MoCA," featuring a free jazz concert at 8pm, with the museum open from 7pm-10pm by donation. At 770 NE 125 St., North Miami, 305-893-621 I. Map D-11. www.mocanomi.org



# Dolphin Harbor

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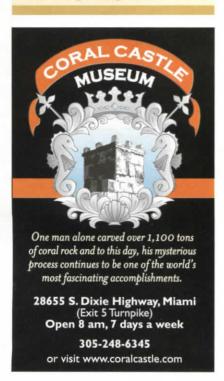


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#### ► SAWGRASS RECREATION PARK

Feel the excitement and learn the history of Florida's most remarkable treasure, the Everglades. Glide across miles of the "River of Grass" on an airboat at speeds up to 35mph, and see native and endangered wildlife. Don't miss the Reptile Exhibit, featuring dozens of species, and hold a baby alligator! Airboat rides daily, 9am-5pm. The Red Eye Tour and Gator Nights Tour take visitors into the Florida Everglades at night; reservations required. **See special offer on page 24.** At 1006 N. US Highway 27, Weston, 954-389-0202. Map A-3, then north, www.evergladestours.com

#### ► SEA TREK REEF ENCOUNTER AT MIAMI SEAQUARIUM

The Sea Trek Reef Encounter is an underwater walking journey through a 300,000 gallon tropical reef. While wearing a state-of-theart dive helmet, guests breathe freely and feel right at home under the seal Encounter tropical fish, stingrays and a variety of unique sea creatures during the 20-minute journey. Ages 10 and older welcome. No scuba or snorkeling experience necessary. At the Miami Seaquarium, 4400 Rickenbacker Cswy., Key Biscayne, 305-365-2501. Map K-11. www.miamiseaquarium.com

#### **▶ VENETIAN POOL**



The Venetian Pool is an aquatic facility unlike any other in the country, and is one of the main tourist attractions in Coral Gables. Formed from a coral rock quarry in 1923,

the Venetian Pool is the only swimming pool on the National Register of Historic Places. This 820,000-gallon pool features cool spring water, two waterfalls, coral caves and grottos. Children must be a minimum of 3-years-old (with proof of age provided) and 38-inches tall to enter the facility. Note: Venetian Pool is closed in December and January. Please call for hours of operation and admission rates. At 2701 DeSoto Blvd., Coral Gables, 305-460-5306 Map K-7. www.gablesrecreation.com

#### ► VIZCAYA MUSEUM & GARDENS

Vizcaya Museum & Gardens was built in 1916 as the winter home of agricultural industrialist James Deering. With its unique architecture, gardens and interiors, this National Historic Landmark and European-inspired estate offers the perfect place to spend an hour or an afternoon. Guided tours available. Programs for families and adults take place throughout the year. Open daily, 9:30am-4:30pm; closed on Tuesdays, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Adults, \$15; children 6-12, \$6; under 5, free; seniors 62+ and students with ID, \$10. At 3251 S. Miami Ave., Miami, 305-250-9133. Map J-9. www.vizcaya.org

#### ► ZOO MIAMI



Amazon & Beyond exhibit and Wings of Asia aviary. Zoo Miami is open daily, including holidays, 9:30am-5:30pm. Entrance gates and ticket booths close at 4pm. Adults, \$15.95; children 3-12, \$11.95; children under 3, free; seniors 65+ and military personnel receive 25% off. Wheelchair and stroller rentals available. Free parking. At 12400 SW 152 St., Miami, 305-251-0400. Map O-1. www.zoomiami.org



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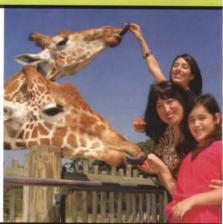
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# Tours



Please note: Many of our tours list prices. We do our best to keep that information updated; however, there may be price changes after printing. Prices given by the tour company should be honored before those in print, in the event of a discrepancy.

#### BAHAMAS EXPRESS

Bahamas Express offers a fast ferry service between Fort Lauderdale and Grand Bahama Island. The 76-mile trip takes from 2.5 to 3 hours, depending on weather conditions, and runs daily, except Wednesdays. With such a convenient operating schedule, passengers will depart and return on the same day, and still spend several hours of fun and sun in the Bahamas! The ferry departs from Port Everglades in Fort Lauderdale (Map A-14, then north) at 10am, and arrives back in Fort Lauderdale at 10pm Office hours daily, 10am-7pm. For more information please call 1-866-329-5350 or 954-563-3500.

#### **▶BIKE & ROLL RENTALS AND TOURS**

Explore Miami by bike, Segway and kayak! Bikes available by the hour, half-day, day or week. Bike rental rates start at \$10 per day. Cruisers. mountain, hybrids, electric and road bikes available. Rentals come with a lock, helmet, bag and map with suggested places to ride. The Art Deco Bike Tour departs from South Beach at 10:30am and 2:30pm. Three Segway tours available: the Art Deco Segway Tour departs daily at 10am and 2pm, the Segways@Sunset Tour departs daily at 5:30pm, both from South Beach location, and the Miami River Segway Tour departs from Bayside Marketplace by reservation only; please call to schedule. Don't miss out on the Bike & Kayak Adventure, or the Glide & Ride package with the best of both worlds, a Segway tour and a full day bike rental! See special offer on page 37. At 210 10th St., Miami Beach, Map I-13, and Bayside Marketplace, 401 Biscayne Blvd., downtown

Miami, Map I-11, 305-604-0001. www.bikemiami.com

#### **► COOPERTOWN AIRBOATS**

Professional guides offer a personalized tour covering approximately nine miles, stopping at alligator holes and areas abundant with wildlife. After the tour, enjoy a taste of down-home cooking at the Coopertown Restaurant. Don't miss the alligator exhibit and gift shop! Private tours available; call for info. See special offer on page 28. Located 11 miles west of the Florida Turnpike at 22700 SW 8 St., Miami, 305-226-6048, Map I-1, www.coopertownairboats.com

#### DUCK TOURS MIAMI & DUCK TOURS FORT LAUDERDALE

The amphibious "Duck" vehicles provide a once in a lifetime journey to famous Miami and Fort Lauderdale landmarks before a dramatic "Splashdown" into the beautiful Florida waterways. Tours are 90-minutes long, Miami tour includes South Beach, Art Deco District and "Millionaire's Row." Fort Lauderdale tour includes Las Olas Boulevard, mega-yachts, homes of the rich and famous, and much more! See special offer on page 35. At 1661 James Ave., Miami Beach, 305-673-2217, Map 1-13; and 17 S. Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd., Suite 220, Fort Lauderdale, 954-761-4002, Map A-14, then north on AIA. www.ducktourssouthbeach.com www.fortlauderdaleducktours.com

#### ► EVERGLADES SAFARI PARK

Take an airboat ride through nature's wildlife! See alligators, crocodiles and other exotic wildlife. Admission to the park includes an Eco-Adventure Airboat Ride, Alligator Wildlife Nature Show, and access to the observation platform, jungle trail and nature exhibits. Sunset Tour and Private Eco-Adventure Tours available; please call for info. Don't forget to stop by the Safari Restaurant and gift shop! Open daily, 9am-5pm. Airboat Tours depart every 20-30 minutes; no reservations required. Adults, \$23; children 5-11, \$10; children under 5, free. See special offer on page 26. At 26700 SW 8 St. (also called Tamiami Trail or US 41), Miami, 786-292-2670. Map I-I. www.evergladessafaripark.com

#### ► FUNRIDE MIAMI

Cruise through South Beach on an Electric Trikke or bike from FunRide Miami. The three-wheeled Trikkes allow the frame to lean into turns while keeping all wheels firmly on the ground. The unmatched stability of this patented platform provides superior solutions for electric mobility, no-impact fitness and recreation! Bike rentals by the day at \$15, half-day at \$10, or at \$5 per hour; Electric Trikke rentals start at \$25 per hour. Baby seats and trailers for kids available, and locks and helmets provided. Open daily, 10am-7pm. See special







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offer on page 41. At 1206 Washington Ave., Miami Beach, 305-538-0114. Map 1-13. www.sobe-funride.com

#### ► GOCAR TOURS MIAMI

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See special offer on page 34. At 1655 James Ave., Miami Beach, 305-428-2767. Map I-13. www.gocartours.com

#### ► GRAY LINE MIAMI

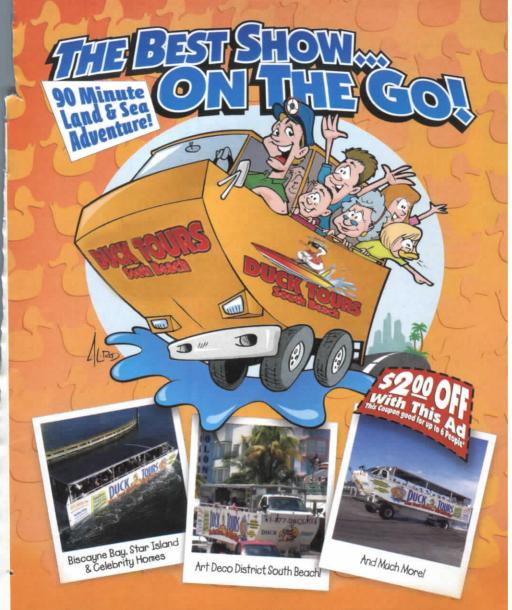
Gray Line Miami offers visitors the opportunity to experience it all. There are tours and airport transfers for every budget, and attractions for every age. For those seeking thrills, there are Adventure Tours with Everglades airboat rides, sport fishing expeditions and helicopter rides, and for those looking to relax, there are Sightseeing Tours and day trips to Key West. The Gray Line brand, available in more than 750 destinations on six continents, is widely recognized as the world's leader in sightseeing tours. **See special offer on page 38.** Book by calling 1-877-643-1258 or online.

#### ► ISLAND QUEEN CRUISES

Enjoy a 90-minute, bilingual, narrated sightseeing cruise along scenic Biscayne Bay in downtown Miami. Each vessel has two decks, the bottom deck is completely enclosed and air conditioned while the upper deck is open with a protective awning. See the downtown Miami skyline, Port of Miami, Fisher Island, Miami Beach and "Millionaire's Row." Please arrive at the ticket booth 30 minutes prior to departure; call for departure times. See special offer on page 39. At Bayside Marketplace, 401 Biscayne Blvd., downtown Miami, 305-379-5119. Map 1-10. www.islandqueencruises.com

#### **▶ JUNGLE QUEEN RIVERBOAT**

World Famous BBQ Chicken, Ribs & Shrimp Dinner Cruise departs at 6pm nightly. Cruise up the New River to Jungle Queen's private tropical isle for an All-You-Wish-To-Eat dinner



# **Ticket Purchase & Tour Departures**

#### **MIAMI BEACH**

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and variety show! Fully narrated three-hour Sightseeing Cruises sail up the historic New River past "Millionaire's Row" with a stop-off at a tropical isle to see rare birds, monkeys and an alligator exhibition. Cruises depart daily at 9:30am and 1:30pm. See special offer on page 36. Cruises require reservations and depart from Bahia Mar Beach Resort Yachting Center, 80 I Seabreeze Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, 954-462-5596. Map A-14, then north on ATA. www.junglequeen.com

#### ► SPEEDBOAT TOURS

The most exciting sightseeing experience in Miami! Feel the excitement of being the captain of your own private mini speedboat throughout Biscayne Bay on a 90-minute, narrated tour. See landmarks including Millionaire's Row, Star Island, Fisher Island, the Miami skyline and Bayside Marketplace. **See special offer on page 34.** At Sea Isle Marina, 1635 N. Bayshore Dr., Pier 3, Miami, 305-904-7750. Map H-10. www.speedboattours.com

#### ► THRILLER MIAMI SPEEDBOAT

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#### ► WHEELS 2 GO MIAMI

Daily, 9am-6pm. Ride at speeds of up to 20mph (32.2km/h), and go 40 miles (64.3km) without even pedaling! Electric bikes are a fun, easy and sweat-free way to get around and see the Miami sights. Self-guided tours and guided audio tours available for areas including South Beach and Key Biscayne. Wheels 2 Go Miami will deliver the bikes to the meeting point, and pick them up at the end of your day! Free delivery and pick up to your hotel. Group discounts and multi-day rental packages available. See special offer on page 38. Info and bookings at 305-757-4647. www.wheels2gomiami.com

#### ► ZAINOJET

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#### Walking & Art Gallery Tours

#### COCONUT GROVE GALLERY WALK

First Saturday of the month, 7pm-10pm, Coconut Grove is Miami's original art district! Visit several renowned art galleries and check out exhibitions by local, professional and emerging artists! Hors d'oeuvres, drinks and live music at some galleries. Map K-8. Info at 305-461-5506. www.coconutgrove.com

#### WYNWOOD ART WALK

Second Saturday of the month, 7pm-11pm. Tour galleries in the Wynwood Arts District, a trendy, artistic neighborhood, home to more than 70 art galleries and spaces. The main area of the Art Walk is between NE 20 St. and NE 36 St., and from NW 2nd Avenue to NE 2nd Avenue. Parking is best before 7pm. Map H-10. www.wynwoodartwalk.com

#### ART DECO DISTRICT WALKING TOURS

This 90-minute tour provides an introduction to the Art Deco, Mediterranean Revival and Miami Modern building styles found within the Miami Beach Architectural Historic District. Adults, \$20; seniors and students with ID, \$15; under 12, free. Tours depart from the Art Deco Welcome Center, 1001 Ocean Dr., Miami Beach, 305-672-2014. Map I-13. www.mdpl.org

#### LINCOLN ROAD ART WALK

First Saturday of the month, 7pm-10pm. View works by local artists in ArtCenter/ South Florida's Lincoln Road buildings. See photography, painting, video and mixed media works. At 924 Lincoln Rd., Miami Beach, 305-674-8278. Map 1-13. www.artcentersf.org

#### CORAL GABLES ART GALLERY STROLL

First Friday of the month, 6pm-10pm. This open house showcases local galleries. Enjoy outstanding exhibitions, free refreshments at some galleries and complimentary trolly service. Begin the walk at ArtSpace/Virginia Miller Galleries, 169 Madeira Ave., 305-444-4493. Map J-7. www.coralgables.com



## Finding your way

ake a moment to look at our map on **pages 44-45** and get familiar with the major Miami roadways. Streets and Terraces generally run east-west. Avenues, Places, Roads and Courts are aligned north-south. But look carefully in other areas that have their own street systems: Hialeah, Coral Gables, Coconut Grove, Opa Locka, Key Biscayne and Miami Beach. Miami is divided into four sections, with Flagler Street marking the north and south sectors, and Miami Avenue dividing the city into east and west.

#### North-South

- I-95 is the major north-south expressway that provides access all to of South Florida, and continues all the way to north to Maine!
- U.S.1 is a main thoroughfare throughout South Florida. From downtown Miami to NE 213 St. in northern Miami-Dade County, it is called Biscayne Blvd. In parts of Broward County, it is called Federal Hwy. Going south, U.S.1 continues to the Florida Keys.
- Florida's Tumpike extends north to Orlando and Central Florida from State Road 836 in the southwest part of Miami. The Homestead Extension of the Tumpike is located in the western part of the county and continues south until it merges with U.S.I in Homestead. This is a toll road.
- From Kendall to the northern part of Miami, State Road 826 (Palmetto Expressway) runs north-south, then runs east-west, connecting with I-95 at the Golden Glades Interchange in North Miami.
- ATA (Collins Avenue in Miami Beach) runs northsouth for 52 miles, paralleling Florida's beaches along the east coast.

#### East-West

- State Road 836 (Dolphin Expressway) is the major east-west expressway connecting Florida's Tumpike (Homestead Extension) to State Road 826, I-95 and Miami Beach via I-395. Toll: \$1.25 eastbound; \$1 with SunPass.
- State Road 112 leads to/from Miami Int'l Airport, to/from I-95, and to Miami Beach via I-195. Toll: \$1.25 eastbound;
   \$1 with SunPass.
- State Road 826 (Palmetto Expressway) runs east-west, connects with I-95 and continues east to the beaches.
- Gratigny Parkway runs east-west between the Palmetto Expressway and NW 32 Ave. Toll: \$1.25; \$1 with SunPass.
  Eight causeways link the mainland and the beaches:
  - · Rickenbacker to/from Key Biscayne; Toll: \$1.50
  - · I-395 (MacArthur Causeway) to/from 5 Street
  - Venetian Causeway to Dade Blvd.; Toll: \$1.50
  - · I-195 (Julia Tuttle Causeway) to/from 41 Street
  - Kennedy Causeway to/from 79 Street
  - Broad Causeway to/from Bay Harbor and Bal Harbour; Toll: \$1
  - Sunny Isles Causeway to/from 163 Street
  - William Lehman Causeway to/from 192 Street

#### **TAXI FARES**

#### Flat rate fares:

Miami-Dade County has created flat rate fares for trips between Miami International Airport and certain areas. Prices include tolls and \$2 surcharge by the airport and seaport authorities, but not gratuity. Taxis are available only on the Arrivals Level at the airport.

Port of Miami/Cruise Ships	\$24
Miami Beach	

- Government Cut to 63rd Street (this includes all locations, with the exception of Watson Island, Biscayne Island, Hibiscus Island, Star Island, Palm Island, San Marco Island, San Marino Island, Di Lido Island and Rivo Alto Island)
- Mid-Beach area (63rd Street-87th Terrace) \$37
   North Beach area (includes Surfside,
- Indian Creek Village, Bal Harbour) \$43 • Sunny Isles to Golden Beach \$52 • Key Biscayne \$41
- Coral Gables \$14-\$19

#### Taxi (Wheelchair accessible):

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Super Yellow Cab	305-888-7777
Yellow Cab	305-777-7777
Central Cab	305-532-5555
Flamingo Taxi	305-759-8100

Complaints/compliments about Miami-Dade taxi service, call 311. www.miamidade.gov/transit

#### Non-flat rate fares from the Airport (estimates):

#### South

Coconut Grove	\$21.70
Gables by the Sea/South Gables	\$33.70
Downtown Coral Gables/Miracle Mile	\$19
Dadeland	\$31.30
University of Miami	\$21.70
Key Biscayne	\$41
Homestead	
North	\$74.50
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Central	

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North (not Miami Beach)	
79th Street	\$26.50
Select airport area hotels (Zones A & B)	\$10-\$14

- Estimated cost per trip with 1 to 5 passengers.
   One fare pays for all passengers.
- The meter starts at \$2.50 with a \$2.40 per mile charge. Passengers pay \$0.40 for each additional 1/6 mile. Trips from the airport or seaport start \$2 higher with a surcharge imposed by the airport and seaport authorities.
- \$0.40/minute (\$24/hour) waiting charge. Meter fares do not include wait time, which vary according to time of day, weather and traffic.
- Drivers can add tolls to the meter fares. Those additions will be at the discounted SunPass rate.

Metrobus provides daily bus service throughout Miami-Dade County. Service is available from Miami Beach and Key Biscayne on the east side of the county, to Kendall and Westchester on the west end, and from as far north as the city of Hallandale Beach in Broward County, to as far south as Homestead, Florida City, and the middle Florida Keys. Metrobus operates seven days a week Several routes run 24 hours a day. The system, designed to intersect with Metrorail and Metromover, serves all major businesses, shopping, entertainment and cultural centers, major hospitals and schools. All buses are wheelchair-accessible. Metrobus fare: \$2 each way. Bus to bus transfers are free with the EASY Card or EASY Ticket. Metrobus fareboxes accept cash.

For express bus service from the Miami International Airport to Miami Beach at a bargain price, check out the **Airport Flyer, Bus Route 150**, which departs from the bus bay area of the Miami International Airport Metrorail station, and runs daily from 6am-11:30pm. For only \$2.35 each way, this express service offers free Wi-Fi for the ride and plenty of space for luggage.

On Miami Beach, try the **South Beach Local, Bus Route 123**, for an easy way to get around for only
25¢. It runs every 13-20 minutes daily. **See page 46 for routes and schedule.** 

Metrorail, Miami-Dade County's 24.4-mile, elevated rapid-transit system, runs from the Kendall area in the southern end of the county north to the city of Medley. Its 23 stations provide a connection to major businesses, as well as cultural and shopping centers. Transit riders also can transfer to Tri-Rail at the Tri-Rail Metrorail station to travel north to Broward and Palm Beach Counties. Metrorail riders must use an EASY Card or EASY Ticket, as the faregates do not accept cash. All Metrorail trains have free Wi-Fi.

Metrorail operates daily, 5am-midnight. On weekdays, trains arrive approximately every 10 minutes during rush hours, every 15 minutes at midday, and every 30 minutes from about 7pm-midnight. On weekends, trains run approximately every 30 minutes. Parking is available at 16 stations for \$4 daily, including weekends and holidays. Metrorail fare: \$2 per trip. An EASY Card or EASY Ticket is required to ride the Metrorail.

The Metrorail Orange Line refers to those Metrorail trains that travel to the new Miami International Airport Metrorail station. It provides direct access from the airport to downtown Miami as well as greater connectivity between various modes of transit throughout Miami-Dade County, including the airport's Rental Car Center. Trains arrive approximately every 10 minutes during rush hours, every 15 minutes at midday, and every 30 minutes from about 7pm-midnight. With the opening of this line in July 2012, Miami joined the ranks of other major metropolitan areas around the world with rapid transit connections to their airports!

Metromover is an automated people-mover system that serves downtown Miami from Omni to Brickell, and connects with Metrorail at Government Center and Brickell stations. It connects with Metrobus at the

## Transportation

Omni, Government Center and Brickell stations. In addition, several bus routes operate close to most of the 20 Metromover stations, one about every two blocks. Metromover's inner and outer (Omni and Brickell) loops run from 5am to midnight, seven days a week. Trains arrive frequently. Service may be extended during special events. Metromover fare: free.

The EASY Card is a durable, plastic, reloadable card that allows for the purchae of one-day, seven-day or monthly fare amounts, or just a fixed amount of cash. It is good for three years, and balance protection is available in case of loss or theft. The card has an initial \$2 charge. Purchase by calling the EASY Card Center at 786-469-5151 (TTY: 305-468-5402). The EASY Ticket is also reloadable, but expires after 60 days from the date of purchase. The EASY Ticket cannot be purchased or reloaded online or by phone. The 7 Day Pass, which can be added to an EASY Card or an EASY Ticket, offers unlimited access to all Miami-Dade County public transportation for seven consecutive days for \$26.

#### For detailed information and schedules, call 305-891-3131 or 311 (TTY: 305-499-8971) or visit www.miamidade.gov/transit

Tri-Rall is the commuter rail system that links Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties, providing free connecting shuttles to/from all three airports. Passengers must have an EASY Card loaded with the appropriate fare or a valid paper ticket prior to boarding the train. Shuttles depart from:

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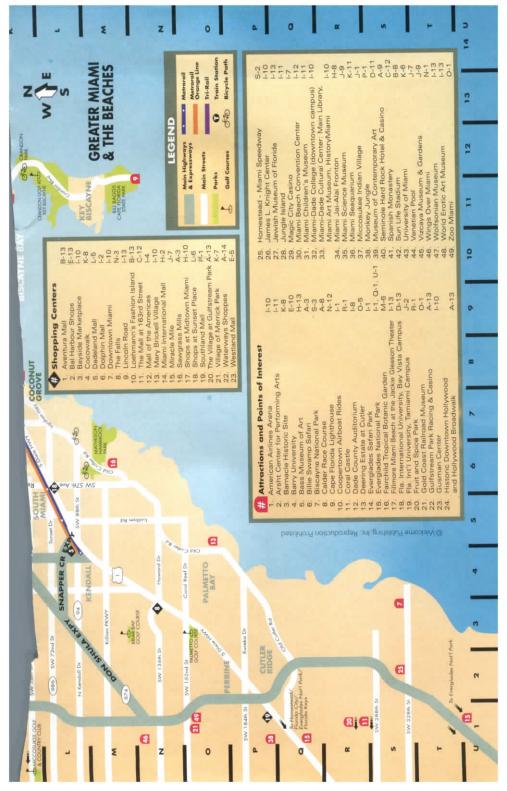
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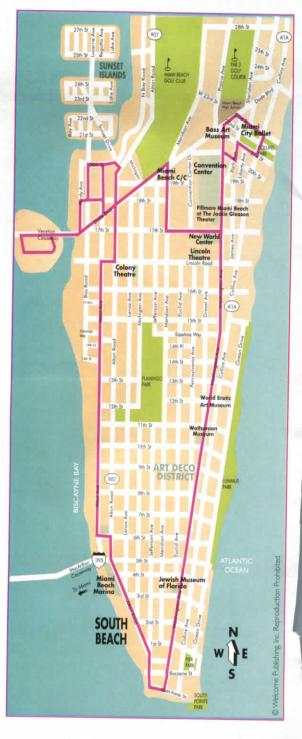
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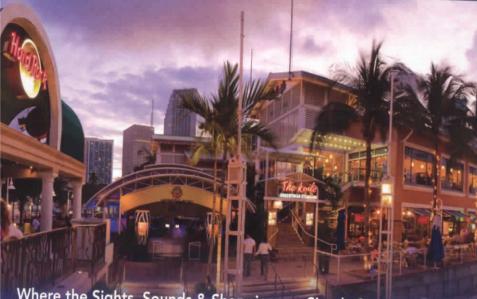
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Historic sites include Miami City Hall (3500 Pan American Dr., Map K-8), which began as an aviation training base for the U.S. Navy during WWI. Later, it became the operations base for Pan American Airlines. In 1954, it became Miami's City Hall. The Barnacle Historic State Park (3485 Main Hwy., 305-442-6866, Map K-8, Open Fri.-Mon., 9am-5pm) is the 121-yearold home of Commodore Ralph Munroe, a Coconut. Grove pioneer. A stroll along Main Highway and the side streets offers great boutiques and restaurants. CocoWalk (3015 Grand Ave., 305-444-0777, Map K-8), is a bustling open-air shopping and entertainment center with a Mediterranean ambiance and live entertainment. Shoppes at Mayfair In The Grove (2900) Grand Ave., 305-448-1700, Map K-8), offers shopping and an indoor antique market on the weekends in a splendid environment. The Grove's lively and romantic sidewalk cafés invite visitors to be part of Miami's hottest people-watching scenes. Sip a mojito and enjoy the view in this see-and-be-seen scene! The Grove hosts many festivals, including the Coconut Grove Arts Festival (February), Women's International Film Festival (March), Great Taste of the Grove (April), Miami/ Bahamas Goombay Festival (June), The Great Grove Bed Race (September), Grovetoberfest (October). Mad Hatter Art Festival (November) and King Mango Strut (December). For outdoor fun and beautiful views, the Grove's lovely walking waterfront parks, marinas and sailing and yacht clubs, which host yearly sailboat races and international regattas, are unmatched. For more information, please call the Coconut Grove Business Improvement District at 305-461-5506. www.coconutgrove.com

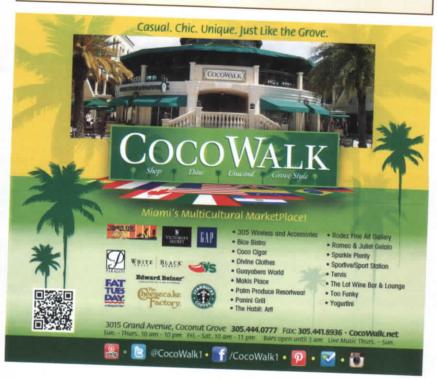


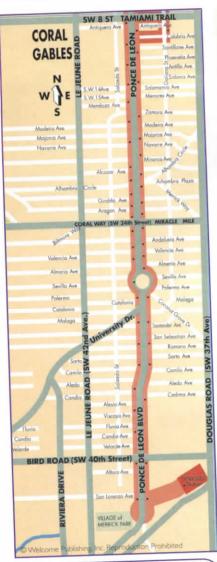
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- Miami is the first and only major city in the U.S. conceived by a woman, Julia Tuttle, who is regarded as the "mother of Miami."
- The first photo-finish capability for deciding the winner of a horse race was installed at Hialeah Racetrack in 1936.
- Miami's Virginia Miller Art Gallery made international history in 1991 when it became the first art gallery to photograph visitors using a Canon digital camera, which was developed for use in the Persian Gulf War. Those pictures were manipulated and then printed using a Canon color bubble jet printer, making it the first gallery ever to use digital art!
- The University of Miami Hurricanes are the first ever NCAA team to win more than 50 home games in a row. Their 58 game winning streak is a record that still stands in the NCAA.



- The Miami Dolphins are the first, and so far the only, National Football League team to have a perfect season. In 1972, the Dolphins went 16-0 . . . and won the Super Bowl!
- Miami-based Pan American Airlines was the first international airline in the U.S. Pan Am
  was also the first airline to provide economy class service at a reduced rate to make mass
  air travel a reality. The globe from Pan Am's headquarters can still be seen in the lobby of
  the Miami Science Museum.
- In 1920, Miami resident Arthur Wynne, formerly from New Jersey, invented the crossword puzzle to entertain his children.





The **Coral Gables Trolley** is a convenient, free mode of transportation that runs through the downtown area and surrounding areas. The north/south route runs along Ponce de Leon Blvd., from the Douglas Rd. Metrorail Station to SW 8 St. This service runs every 10-15 minutes from 6:30am-8pm, Monday through Friday, and until 10pm on the last Friday of the month during the Coral Gables Art Gallery Stroll. Additional information at 305-460-5070.

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In between is a chain of islands populated by equally colorful people, flora and fauna. To live in the Keys is to be a character – in the best way possible. Artists, musicians, fishermen and writers, from the famous to the infamous, have made their homes in the Florida Keys.

Key Largo, the largest of the Keys, is famous for the 1948 movie of the same name, starring Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall. Key Largo has beautiful resorts and is close to both John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park and the Everglades, making it an ideal spot for those who want to kayak and scuba dive.

Moving south, Islamorada, known as the "Sport Fishing Capital of the World," is the perfect place to launch a sport fishing trip and take advantage of the plentiful game fish off its shores. The less energetic may choose just to loaf at the World Famous Tiki Bar at Postcard Inn Beach Resort

and Marina at Holiday Isle (Mile Marker 84), selfproclaimed home to the Rum Runner cocktail.

No visit to the Keys is complete without venturing ALL the way down US 1 to Key West. With Ernest Hemingway's six-toed cats, the Mel Fisher Maritime Heritage Museum (complete with treasure from sunken ships!), the Southernmost Point in the U.S., the adventures of Duval Street nightlife and more, Key West is not to be missed! Key West offers plentiful opportunities to dive, snorkel, sail and laze around too. Key West is also home to both the southernmost winery and the southernmost brewery in the United States. Watch the sun rise on one side of Key West and watch the sun set on the other—and there's a lot to do in between.

Throughout the Keys, great food, often featuring fresh local seafood, abounds. Don't miss the state parks, campgrounds and these points of interest as well: Theater of the Sea (Mile Marker 84.5), Crane Point Museum & Nature Center (Mile Marker 50) or Bahia Honda State Park (Mile Marker 37).



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#### Dance

Miami City Ballet (305-929-7000) is known for blending classical ballet with avant-garde. During the holidays, MCB presents George Balanchine's "The Nutcracker." Tigertail Productions (305-324-4337) presents dance and music performances as well as the literary and visual arts. Miami Light Project (305-576-4350) offers innovative global dance, music and theatre artists. The Miami Hispanic Ballet (305-549-7711) presents the annual International Ballet Festival of Miami during August and September. Other dance companies such as Momentum Dance Company (305-858-7002), Ballet Flamenco La Rosa (305-899-7729), and Ballet Etudes of South Florida (305-557-1142, and 305-558-3439) all reflect our cultural diversity with innovative choreography.

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#### Galleries & Museums

For a list of gallery walks and tours in Miami. please see Walking & Art Gallery Tours on page 39.

#### BASS MUSEUM OF ART

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#### DEERING ESTATE AT CUTLER

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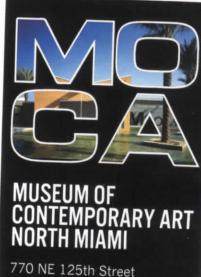
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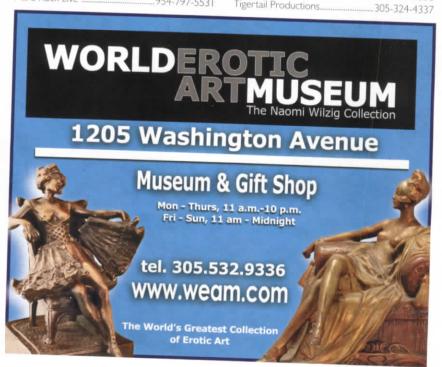
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#### ENTRANCES AND VISITOR CENTERS:

• Ernest Coe Visitor Center is open daily, from approximately 9am-5pm; main entrance to the park is open 24 hours a day. Features educational displays, informational brochures and an adjoining bookstore. Popular walking trails begin a short drive from the center. At 4000 I State Rd. 9336, Homestead, 305-242-7700. There is a \$10/ car (\$5/walkers or cyclists) entrance fee, good for seven consecutive days at any Everglades park.

 Flamingo Visitor Center is open daily, from approximately 9am-4:30pm. It is the only visitor center not accessible from an outside entrance, and located 38 miles (about one hour's drive) into the park from the Ernest Coe Visitor Center. Features backcountry permits, campground facilities, a public boat ramp, hiking trails and canoeing. Houseboat, canoe, kayak, bicycle rentals and boat tours available at the marina store. Information at 239-695-2945.

 Shark Valley is open daily, from approximately 9am-5pm. Features a guided tram tour, paved roads for bicycling, bicycle rentals and two short walking trails (one disabled accessible). Shark Valley is located at 36000 SW 8 St., Miami, 305-221-8776. There is a \$10/car (\$5/walkers or cyclists) entrance fee, which is good for seven consecutive days at any Everglades park.

 Gulf Coast Visitor Center is open mid-November to mid-April, 8am-4:30pm, and mid-April to mid-November, 9am-4:30pm. Gulf Coast Visitor Center serves as the gateway for exploring Ten Thousand Islands, a maze of mangrove islands and waterways. The Visitor Center offers informational brochures and backcountry permits. Boat tours and canoe rentals available. At 815 Oyster Bar Ln., Everglades City, 239-695-3311. Free entry.

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Crandon Golf Course offer on page 64. Open daily, sunrise-sunset. Parking: Mon.-Fri., \$5/car; weekends and holidays, \$6/car. At 6747 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, 305-361-5421. Map L-12. www.miamidade.gov/parks

#### **▶OLETA RIVER STATE PARK**

Oleta River's mangrove forests, tropical hammocks and surrounding waters offer an urban oasis with outdoor activities including picnicking, playgrounds, camping, swimming at the 1,200-foot sandy beach and kayaking. The park is best known for its miles of off-road bicycling trails, ranging from novice to expert levels of difficulty. Open daily, 8am-sunset. Admission: \$6/car of 2-8 people; \$4/car with 1 person; \$2 for walk/bike-ins. At 3400 NE 163 St., North Miami Beach, 305-919-1844. Map C-13. www.floridastateparks.org

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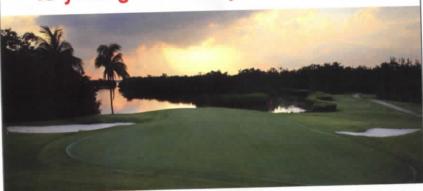
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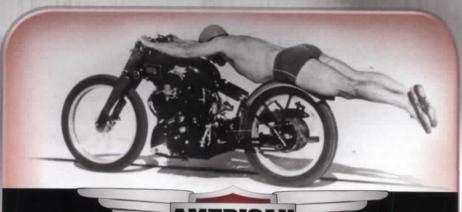
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#### Popular Miami Beaches

- Lummus Park (Ocean Drive from 5th-15th Streets), with lots of palm trees, chickees for shade and snack stands.
- North Shore (46th-87th Streets, along Collins Avenue), featuring a walking trail, wooden boardwalks and barbecue facilities. Also visit Surfside (88th-96th Streets, 305-864-0722), and Bal Harbour (95th St.-Haulover Bridge).
- Haulover Beach (96th St. to Haulover Inlet, 305-947-3525) has lifeguards and picnic facilities. There is a designated clothingoptional section at the northern 1/3-mile of beach, in the signed area only. Gawkers strongly discouraged.
- North of Haulover Beach (about 157th Street) to south of Golden Beach is Sunny Isles Beach (305-947-0606), which has several beach access points from Collins

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#### Public Access to the Beaches

South Pointe Park, 1st Street, 3rd Street, Lummus Park (5th-15th Streets), 21st Street, 46th Street, 53rd Street, 64th Street, 72nd Street, North Beach Park (79th-87th Streets). In other areas, there may be hotels, condominiums or businesses that may have restricted access to the beach. Please park in designated public parking areas only.

#### City of Miami Beach Parking Garages

- · 5th Street: 5th Street and Alton Road
- 7th Street: Between Washington Avenue and Collins Avenue on 7th Street
- 12th Street: Half a block west of Washington Avenue on Drexel Avenue and 12th Street
- 13th Street: Half a block east of Collins Avenue on 13th Street
- · 16th Street: 16th Street and Collins Avenue
- 17th Street: 17th Street, between Meridian and Pennsylvania Avenues
- 42nd Street: One block north of 41st St., between Royal Palm Ave. & Sheridan Ave.

Ocean Rescue Headquarters: Located at 1001 Ocean Dr., Miami, 305-673-7714. A sub-headquarters is maintained at the north end of Miami Beach at 72nd Street. The sub-headquarters site was originally established in 1876 as the "House of Refuge," intended to help shipwreck victims.

#### **Guarded Beaches**

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#### **Key Biscayne**

Key Biscayne's beaches rank among the nation's finest, and their relatively calm waters make them a good choice for the family. Take the Rickenbacker Causeway exit from I-95 (\$1.50 toll). Hobie Beach, located along the causeway, offers windsurfing, sailboard and sailboat rentals, but actual beach space is limited. Virginia Key Beach is also located at Rickenbacker Causeway, on Virginia Key between the mainland and Key Biscayne, Concessions, lifeguards, restrooms, picnic tables and showers are available.

#### Crandon Park Beach

Continue past the Bear Cut Bridge, and follow the signs on the left leading to popular Crandon Park Beach (305-361-5421). It has two miles of beach, a Visitor and Nature Center, kayak and kite board rentals, bike rentals and trails, cabanas, tennis, golf, multiple picnic areas with tables and grills and the Crandon Park Marina.

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Also family-friendly, Hollywood's miles of beautiful beaches are fringed by boutique shopping, dining, nightlife and the charming historic district. Wide beaches stretch six miles and include two miles of 1920s-era Hollywood Beach Broadwalk. More information is available at 954-924-2980 and www.visithollywoodfl.org

#### Dania Beach

Located at Dania Beach Boulevard and Beach Road in Dania, located just north of Hollywood. Concessions, lifeguards, restrooms, picnic tables and showers available. For more information, contact the City of Dania Beach's Parks and Recreation Department at 954-924-6800, www.ci.dania-beach.fl.us

#### John U. Lloyd Beach State Park

Located at the north end of North Ocean Drive, a quarter mile north of Dania Beach Boulevard in Dania. Swimming, snorkeling, canoeing, kayaking, a nature trail and more at the park. Open daily, 8am-sunset. Admission: \$6 per car of 2-8 people; \$4 for 1 person in car; \$2 per person for walk-ins or bike-ins. At 6503 N. Ocean Dr., Dania Beach, 954-924-3859. www.floridastateparks.org

#### **Safe Sunning Tips**

South Florida's sun is inviting, but it's easy to get too much of a good thing. Here are some tips to help you enjoy the sun without getting burned. These guidelines are based on a scale that assigns a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) to measure the degree to which a substance will block the ultraviolet rays that cause sunburn. It is important to use a sunscreen that blocks UVA and UVB rays.

- If fair-skinned or prone to burning, use a sunscreen with a high SPF rating (at least 30).
   Even if you are tan, protection is still necessary.
   The SPF rating should vary according to skin type.
- The sun is strongest between I I am and 3pm, but burning can occur even in the early morning or late afternoon hours, especially during the summer. Extra protection is needed for peak hours.

- Even on overcast days or in the shade, the sun's rays can still burn. Protection is advised.
- The sun's rays reflect off water, increasing sun exposure. When swimming choose a waterproof sunscreen that retains its SPF level even after 90-minutes in the water.
- Children are more vulnerable to damage from the sun, so they need a waterproof sunscreen with a higher SPF.
- Stay hydrated while at the beach; saltwater leeches moisture from skin. Drink plenty of water to replenish fluids, even if you're not sweating, thirsty or hot.

#### **Swimming Safety**

The Miami Beach Patrol offers these tips:

- Always swim in a guarded area. Stay within the swim area boundaries. Don't swim where surfers are active.
- Pay attention to posted flags. (Please refer to "Florida's Statewide Beach Warning Flags.")
- Rip currents or riptides are strong currents that can carry even the most experienced swimmer out to sea. If you get caught in a

rip current, don't panic. Swim parallel to the shoreline (along the shore) until you're out of the rip current's influence. Then swim in toward shore.

#### Florida's Statewide Beach Warning Flags

The following information is posted on flags at all lifeguard towers.

#### Red with a line crossing out a swimmer:

The water is closed to the public.

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reliow: Medium Hazard = Moderate

surf and/or currents

Green: Low Hazard = Calm conditions,

but still exercise caution

Purple: Dangerous Marine Life (likely

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## Watersports Guide

Swim. Snorkel, Dive. Float. Fish. Fly! Soar above the water suspended by a parachute. Plunge below the surface and explore natural and artificial reefs, or catch your own dinner!

While Miami and Miami Beach are recognized for their nightlife and international cuisine, there is partying and feasting of a different sort taking place on and below the surface of our tropical waters! A dramatic yet peaceful underwater world patiently awaits its visitors: a world thriving with colorful marine life that frequently contrasts with the stillness of artificial reefs in and around which they so often congregate.

In 1981, Miami-Dade County initiated an artificial reef program, and in 1998, established the South Beach Underwater Park, located 200 yards east of the beach between 1st and 5th Streets. The purpose was to expand the fish habitat while providing near-shore snorkeling and diving opportunities. One such opportunity, a 22-ton concrete margarita bar rests in 20-feet of water, 100 yards east of Nikki Beach Club.

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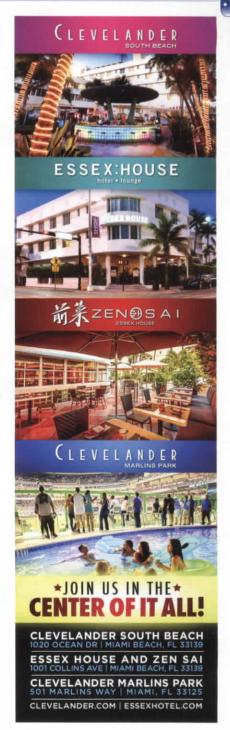
The adjoining Seminole Paradise entertainment complex features numerous restaurants, nightclubs, shopping, and national touring acts at the 5,500-seat Hard Rock Live venue. There's something for everyone at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino! At 1 Seminole Way, Hollywood, 954-327-7625. Map A-9, then north.

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Jai-alai is a version of a Basque pelota sport, which is played in a fronton. The ball used in jai-alai frequently moves at speeds upward of 160mph causing it to sometimes be billed as the fastest game in the world. Located near the Miami International Airport, Casino Miami Jai-Alai is the largest and busiest fronton in the U.S. Besides live jai-alai action, there is the Crystal Card Poker Room, slot machines, and simulcasting of other racing events. At 3500 NW 37 Ave., Miami, 305-633-6400. Map H-8. www.fla-gaming.com/miami

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Bayside Marketplace ad on page 49 for a special offer. At Bayside Marketplace, 401 Biscayne Blvd., downtown Miami, 305-377-3110. Map 1-10. www.hardrock.com

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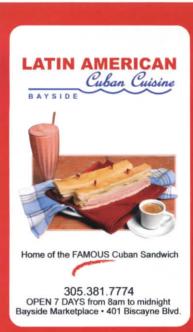
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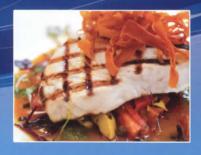
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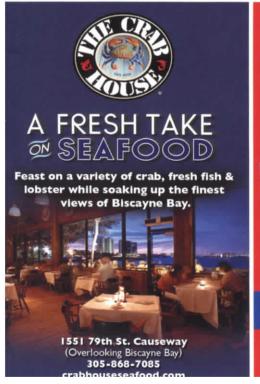
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Indoor/outdoor café overlooking Biscayne Bay. Traditional Cuban fare, specializing in Cuban sandwiches. Featuring a full bar and offering the traditional Cuban mojito. Open daily, 8am-midnight for breakfast, lunch and dinner. At Bayside Marketplace, 401 Biscayne Blvd., downtown Miami, 305-381-7774. Map I-10.

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### LA ROSA

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See special offer on page 81. Located near the Miami International Airport, 4041 NW 7 St., Miami, 305-541-1715. Map 1-7. www.larosarestaurantmiami.com

## Mediterranean

There is nothing that compares to the true and authentic taste of a Mediterranean grilled meal!

This family owned and operated business offers food made from recipes handed down through generations that capture the allure of the Mediterranean at an affordable price! Enjoy salads, Mediterranean grilled entrees, kababs, wrap sandwiches and numerous vegetarian options, cooked over a wood fire grill. Open Mon.-Thurs., Ham-Hpm; Fri.-Sun., Ham-Ham. At 17100 Collins Ave., Sunny Isles Beach, 305-944-4644. Map C-14. www.kababkinggrill.com

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Indoor/outdoor dining with a menu that features shrimp just about any way you want it, mahi mahi, steak, Dixie-style baby back ribs, salads, burgers, sandwiches and

more. Kids menu available. See Bayside Marketplace ad on page 49 for a special offer at the Miami location.

Open daily for lunch and dinner. At Bayside Marketplace, 401 Biscayne Blvd., downtown Miami, 305-379-8866, Map I-10; 429 S. Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, 954-463-0777, Map A-14, then north. www.bubbagump.com

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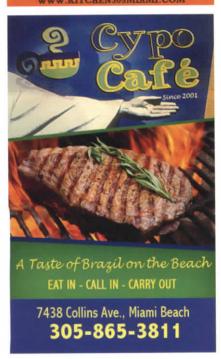
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## ▶JOE'S STONE CRAB

The first home of stone crabs in South Florida. Be prepared for a wait to eat at Joe's, a Miami hot spot since 1913. The wait is as much for their



potato hash browns, creamed spinach, other seafood and key lime pie as the crabs! No reservations accepted; dine early to avoid long wait times. Beginning Oct. 11, Joe's is open for lunch, Tue.-Sun., 11:30am-2pm; dinner; Sun.-Thurs., 5pm-10pm, Fri.-Sat., 5pm-11pm. Note: Joe's Stone Crab is closed until Oct. 11. At 11 Washington Ave., Miami Beach. 305-673-0365. Map I-13. Order from Joe's Stone Crab online year-round. www.joesstonecrab.com

## Steak SMITH & WOLLENSKY

Enjoy USDA Prime steaks, dry-aged for 28 days and hand cut on the premises. Maine lobster, wild salmon and more, paired with Smith & Wollensky's famous sides and salads, make for an unforgettable dinner! Open Sun-Thurs., 11:30am-midnight; Fri.-Sat., noon-1am. Reservations recommended. Located on the water at 1 Washington Ave., Miami Beach, 305-673-2800. Map J-13. www.smithandwollensky.com

## Sushi KONE SUSHI

Kone is a new concept of sushi restaurant! With Brazilian influences in all recipes, Kone Sushi serves the freshest, most innovative fusion food! The specialty is *temaki*, or hand rolls, in the shape of a cone and filled with 30 unique recipes. Kone also serves traditional and special sushi rolls, sashimi and nigiri — sure to please every palate. Open Sun.-Thurs., Spm-1 I pm; Fri.-Sat., Spm-1 2:30am; daily Happy Hour, Spm-7pm. See special offer on page 80. At 232 5th St., Miami Beach, 305-397-8770. Map I-13. www.konesushi.com



## South Florida Food Primer

The food of South Florida is like nowhere else! It is a wonderful mix of the foreign and the familiar, the magical and the mundane, and there is something for everyone here. Known as "Floribbean," this flavorful combination of Cuban, Southern United States, Spanish and other Caribbean flavors, characterized by lots of seafood, tropical fruits and spices, make up the cuisine in the Melting Pot city of Miami! The lists below give some information about the unique ingredients that go into the food here, and give it that unique Miami spice.

- Rice & Beans: Whether it is white rice or yellow rice (which gets its color from saffron, the world's most expensive spice), rice is a staple in Floribbean cooking. It is frequently served with black beans (Cuban), pigeon peas (Jamaican) or red beans (Cajun, other Caribbean). Together, rice and beans are a complete protein and a delicious one from the stock, onions, garlic and chilies usually simmered into the beans.
- Stone Crabs: Native to the waters around Florida, stone crabs are a delicacy only available from October to May. Fishermen remove one claw from the crab and return it to the water. The claw will regenerate to full size in about a year. Claws are usually served chilled, often with a mustard sauce. Stone crab claws were first successfully prepared on Miami Beach at the world famous Joe's Stone Crab.
- Citrus: Citrus fruits, including Key limes, oranges, tangerines, lemons and others, show up across South Florida in salads, sauces, marinades and more. Mojo Criollo, an essential Cuban marinade, is made from a zesty blend of garlic, onion and citrus fruits.
- Grouper & Snapper: These native fish are essential to true South Florida cuisine. Depending on the restaurant, they are fried, broiled, baked, grilled or sautéed, and they appear on a multitude of menus.
- Dolphin: It's not Flipper! Also known as mahi mahi or dorado, dolphin are a beautiful fish that also taste wonderful. Many area restaurants have adapted and changed the name for visitors, but there are holdouts which still list mahi mahi as dolphin. (Flipper and his cousins are really porpoises, not dolphins!)

- Mango: Mangos are everywhere in South Florida! There is even an annual International Mango Festival held here. Originally from India, mangos have spread all over the world's tropics. Besides eaten fresh, mangos have found their way into chutneys, salsas, salads, cooked dishes, and even barbecue sauces.
- Yuca: This fibrous root vegetable is often served battered and fried, like a thick French fry, or boiled and doused with garlic sauce.
- Avocado: Native Florida avocados are much larger than their California cousins, called Hass avocados, and have smooth skins instead of pebbled ones. They also stay bright green when ripe. They have a much higher water content than Hass avocados and are therefore lower in fat. They are wonderful raw on sandwiches and in salads, but do not make great guacamole! Florida avocadoes are also known as alligator pears.
- Plantains: This banana variety is not sweet when it is still green. Green plantains, called tostones, are often served deep fried as chips or fritters and served as a side dish. Their sweet, ripe counterparts, moduros, are usually pan-fried to caramelize them and eaten as a dessert, side dish or snack.
- Empanadas: There are as many kinds of empanadas, little turnovers, as there are islands in the Caribbean. Chicken, beef, veggie, spicy or mild, there are dozens. Try them from a street vendor just like a hot dog in New York.

Floribbean food is much more than what is above. Enjoy and experiment! There's nothing else like it in the world.





I knew Miami Beach was a very special place the first time I visited eight years ago. In addition to its beautiful surroundings, I experienced freedom in a way I hadn't since becoming disabled.

Leaving my hotel unescorted, with book in hand and thoughts of an espresso milling around my brain, I was overcome with a sense of joy for the long lost autonomy I was experiencing. I ventured up Miami Beach's famous Collins Avenue in my wheelchair and everything appeared more beautiful as I realized streets could be easily crossed because of predictable and uniform ramping, audible pedestrian signals and plentiful accessible bathrooms!

One of the main reasons visitors come to Miami is to enjoy the beautiful beaches. Those of us who depend on a wheelchair for mobility, know they don't move too well in sand. Check with your hotel concierge who may be able to provide you with the rental of a beach wheelchair specifically designed for our sandy beaches. You can also contact

DMR (305-666-9911; please see page 18 for additional information) if you'd like to purchase or rent a beach wheelchair. At no additional charge, they can provide transportation from the Airport directly to DMR, and then to your hotel. Their specialized concierge service can even assist you with Accessible Accommodations, doctor's appointments, dining, shopping and sightseeing!

There is truly something for everyone in Miami, and a plethora of activities are available to those of varied physical abilities. The outdoors and watersports make the most of Miami's beautiful surrounding waters, and some activities are even suited to the disabled traveler.

At **Shake-A-Leg Miami** (2620 S. Bayshore Dr., Coconut Grove, 305-858-5550, Map K-8), the world's premier adaptive and community watersports center, experience the magic of Biscayne Bay on a kayak, stand up paddle board, sailboat, powerboat, and more! (No prior boating skills required.) Fishing trips can also be arranged, or bring a picnic and enjoy a waterfront view on the deck, dock or nearby island.

Programs are available for children and adults with physical and developmental challenges; liberating them from the realm of imagination, into the realm of experience! Shake-A-Leg Miami is South Florida's "Gateway to Biscayne Bay."

## By Helen Condzal Swartz, M. Ed.

Even on land Miami has so much to offer, which is why more than 50 percent of visitors return!

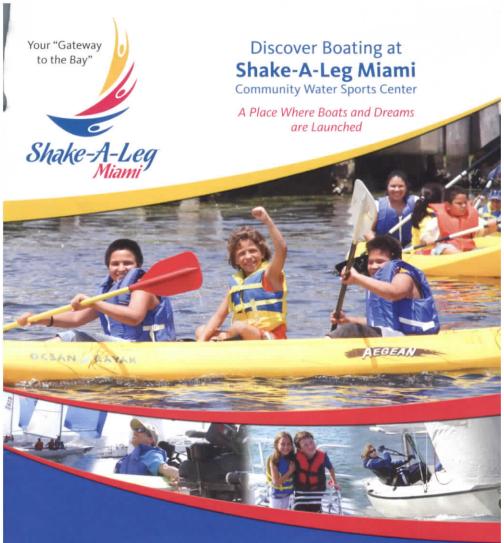
This world class city has many venues for fine and performing arts, and hosts one of the two Art Basel events in the world. The Design District and Wynwood neighborhoods and ArtCenter/South Florida (800 Lincoln Rd., Miami Beach, Map I-13) have ongoing art events and shows featuring different themes from local, national and international artists.

The city of Miami itself hosts the exciting South Beach Food and Wine Festival (February), and the Miami International Film Festival (March) affords many opportunities to see unique films and attend question and answer sessions with actors, producers and directors.

Much awareness has been brought about in recent years by a citywide event called Ability Explosion, a weeklong event in October featuring "Dining in the Dark" as one of its most popular events. In addition, almost every restaurant in Miami Beach is accessible for wheelchair use and many have a heightened awareness of the obstacles faced by those with vision limitations.

Miami-Dade County Public Transit buses are available to take visitors around Miami Beach, downtown and to/from the airport. Simply dial 311 (TTY: 305-499-8971) to speak to a live assistant who can explain bus routes and times. A helpful, and free, iPhone, iPad and Android app called "Miami-Dade Transit Tracker" also provides bus routes, stops and times. Additional information about Miami's public transportation can be found on pages 42-43.

I believe that Miami's accessibility is the result of ongoing concern and deliberate planning by city government. The city has an abundance of beautiful and accessible public space, including an ocean walkway that goes north from South Pointe Park past 41st Street. I live in what has been called one of the most accessible cities in the U.S.!



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lorida's variety of wildlife is majestic and vital to the health of its delicate ecosystem. The Everglades and the reefs along the coast are home to many interesting species; Florida is also the winter home to almost every kind of bird on the eastern seaboard. See below for descriptions of just some of the animals that call Florida home!

Alligators are important to the Everglades for many reasons, including controlling the rodent population and keeping the wetlands wet during the dry season, thanks to the water that is stored in their gator holes. Male alligators tend to be about 14 feet long, while females are closer to 10 feet when fully grown. Although alligators were endangered at one time due to over-hunting for their hides, there are more than a million of them in Florida today! While alligators are in almost every inland body of water in Florida, the best place to see them is Everglades National Park.

Three main varieties of **Sea Turtles** nest in Florida: green sea turtles, leatherbacks (which, as the name implies,

do not have a boneytype shell) and

loggerheads.
All three are endangered species.
Sea turtles navigate by using the magnetism of the earth; females

return to the nesting grounds where they were born year after year. Florida is, in fact, home to the largest nesting ground for loggerheads in the U.S.!



Sea turtles can live to be 80-years-old. The biggest threat from humans to sea turtles are destruction of their nesting grounds, their entanglement in fishing nets and floating garbage, such as balloons and soda six-pack rings.

Sailfish are one of the most sought after game fish in the world. and can be found in plentiful numbers at the edge of the Gulf Stream right here in South Florida throughout the winter months. Characterized by its large dorsal fin and elongated bill, the sailfish is capable of powerful runs, acrobatic jumps and reelblistering dives, which may make your arms regret ever being tangled with this great fish!

Manatees are gentle giants which can be seen grazing on plant life in the canals and mangrove hammocks of South Florida. Distantly related to elephants, manatees can weigh up to 1,800 pounds, their newborn calves even weighing about 65 pounds! Like whales, they surface for air about every 20 minutes. Half their time is spent asleep, and their very slow metabolisms keep manatees in warm areas. Manatees are absolutely no threat to humans, and are in fact curious and friendly, but humans, especially in propeller driven boats, have harmed countless manatees. Of all the manatee deaths reported as caused by humans in Florida, the majority involved boats, so please be watchful for manatees while out on the water.





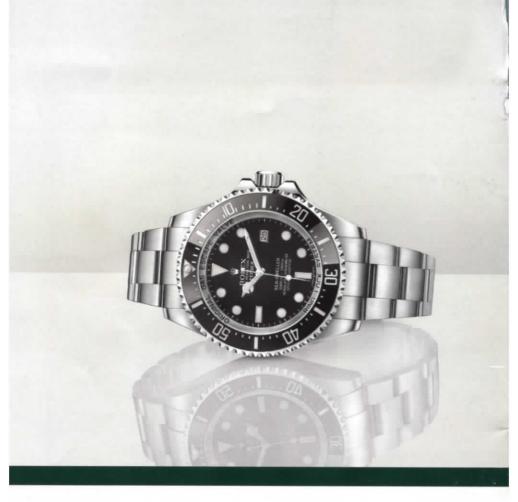


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