

YOUR ADVENTURE IN

Miami



BRIGHT SIDE
This glittery city
attracts some
14 million visitors
each year.

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We know why Miami was dubbed the Magic City—outstanding art, stellar shopping, and savory fare are just a few tricks up the sleeve of this electric locale. Come with us as we shed light on a Florida favorite. Here we go!

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BEGIN YOUR ADVENTURE HERE

Which aspect of Miami do you want to explore first?



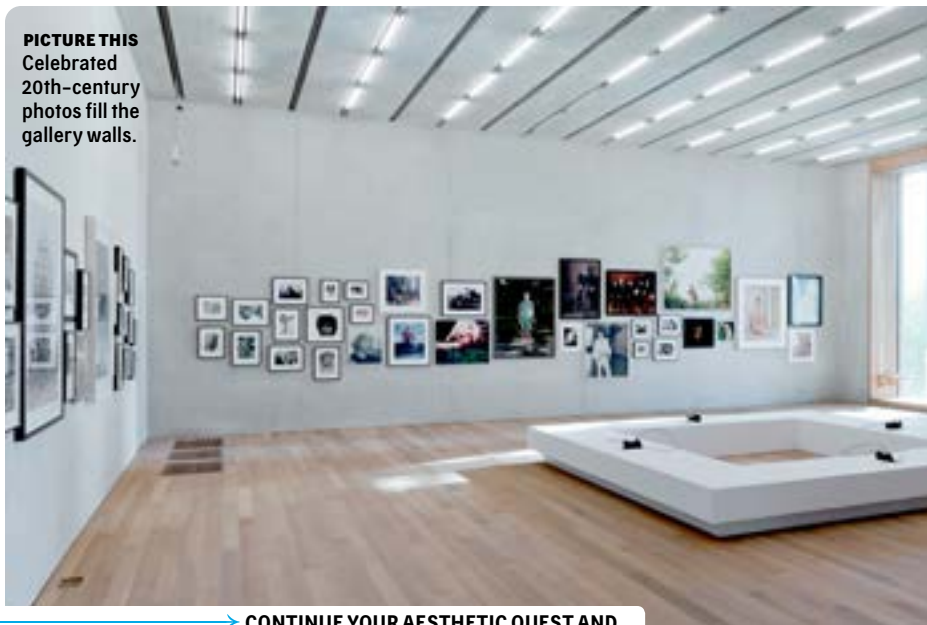
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If the first thing you want to dive into is...



GETTING THERE Fly into Fort Lauderdale—Hollywood International Airport (FLL). For \$25, the Go Airport Shuttle will tote you to Miami. *fll.net*

PICTURE THIS
Celebrated
20th-century
photos fill the
gallery walls.

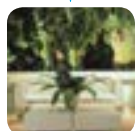


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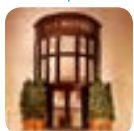
Eye Modern Art

A change of art thrust this buzzing city into the spotlight with the December opening of the Pérez Art Museum Miami. Situated in downtown's Museum Park, a 30-acre expanse on Biscayne Bay, the sunlight-flooded exhibition space has guests going gaga over its collection of international art of the 20th and 21st centuries. As you peruse its two floors of galleries, prepare to be amazed by British artist Hew Locke's "For Those in Peril on the Sea," a 2011 installation comprised of scaled-down ship replicas; iconic photographs by Andy Warhol and Edward Steichen; and renowned Chinese artist Ai Weiwei's 2012 creation "Stacked," which arrays 680 bicycles. The inspiration doesn't stop when you step outside the museum—bronze sculptures stimulate the senses in its resplendent outdoor garden. Now *that's* a breath of fresh air. *pamm.org* [Your adventure continues...](#)

THEN YOUR IDEAL ACCOMMODATION IS...



Sagamore Hotel
Photographs, sculpture, elaborate murals, and more fill every nook and cranny of this boutique South Beach spread.



SLS Hotel South Beach
James Beard award-winning chef José Andrés delights diners with dishes like conch fritters and smoked oysters at this trendy getaway's celebrated restaurant, The Bazaar.



The Biltmore
Measuring 22,000 square feet, the largest pool in the continental U.S. awaits at these family-friendly digs in Coral Gables, a residential area about five miles southwest of downtown.

What might be included
in your ideal afternoon?



If your favorite activities typically involve...



THEN DON'T MISS...



Vizcaya Museum & Gardens

Some 2,000 orchids, elephant ear plants, royal palms, and more fill the elaborate gardens at this famed landmark, the former winter home of socialite James Deering.



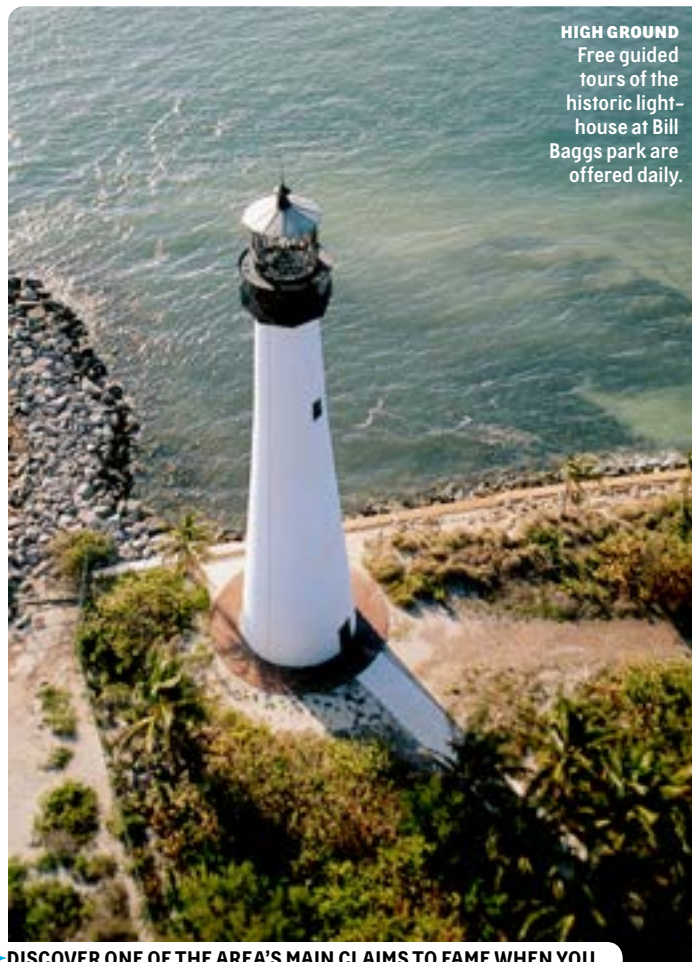
Arsht Center

There's not a bad seat in the house at this arts venue, where ballet performances, Broadway shows, and dance routines regularly grace the stage.

GETTING AROUND

Take advantage of Miami Beach's DecoBike program, which makes renting a ride a breeze. For those who like to travel on four wheels, car rentals are also available. decobike.com, fll.net

Which guilty pleasure would you rather indulge?



HIGH GROUND
Free guided tours of the historic lighthouse at Bill Baggs park are offered daily.

DISCOVER ONE OF THE AREA'S MAIN CLAIMS TO FAME WHEN YOU...

Soak Up the Sun

Beach bums babble about Miami in glowing terms. And why wouldn't they? With more than a dozen sandy escapes, you're sure to find your place in the sun. Take, for example, the 630-acre Matheson Hammock Park Beach, situated on Biscayne Bay. Families flock here for its calm waters and sparse crowds, and a man-made lagoon that's a hit with the kids. Need a change of pace? March your flip-flops to Key Biscayne, an island village just south of Miami Beach. Here you'll find Hobie Beach, whose predictable gusts make this the best spot around for windsurfing. If staying high and dry is more your speed, head to Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park at the southern end of Key Biscayne, and make the 109-step trek to the top of the iconic lighthouse for the beachy keen views. miamidade.gov, keybiscaynecchamber.org Your adventure continues...

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If your idea of treating yourself includes...



Which Cuban dish is more tempting?



THEN BE SURE TO MAKE A STOP AT...



El Pub
Get your second wind at this Little Havana staple when you order a *colada*, a punchy shot of sweetened Cuban espresso—so meant for sharing.



Azucar
Satisfy your sweet tooth with a scoop of *platano maduro*, sweet plantain-flavored ice cream. Too daring? Fear not—traditional flavors are also served.



Mandolin
This bistro's candlelit patio provides the perfect setting for sipping Greek wines like retsina, a dry white varietal.

THEN FASHION A FINE DAY OF IT WHEN YOU...

Hit the Shops

Just wait 'til you see what Miami has in store. Nearly 150 national retailers and indie boutiques fill downtown's waterfront bazaar, Bayside Marketplace. Among them, Effusion Gallery, which features eclectic pieces ranging from 3-D glass paintings to ceramic teapots. For a change of scenery, make a beeline for Coral Gables' celebrated promenade, Miracle Mile, whose tree-lined streets overflow with shops like Cheryl Fudge Fashion Camp, where budding designers create their own clothing. Itching for luxury labels? Fiery fashionistas hightail it to high-end shopping mecca Bal Harbour Shops, where Chanel's newly renovated boutique—complete with more space and a larger inventory—proves that too much of a good thing is ... a good thing. baysidemarketplace.com, shopcoralgables.com, balharbourshops.com



BLADES OF GLORY
At Bal Harbour Shops, big-name designers are nestled between palm trees and koi ponds.

GETTING OUT

From intimate seminars to lavish dinners, the Food Network South Beach Wine & Food Festival (February 20–23), caters to all budgets and interests. sobefest.com

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How do you prefer to kick back?



THEN SETTLE IN AT...



Tobacco Road

Live musical acts ranging from rock to reggae set the scene every night at this iconic joint, formerly a speakeasy and gambling hall.



The Broken Shaker

Located inside the hip hostel Freehand Miami, this laid-back bar's ever-changing menu of cocktails is created with ingredients grown in the on-site garden.



Fly Boutique

Still not shopped out? Vintage scarves, cardigans, and beaded bags, as well as newer items by Dior and Louis Vuitton, fill the shelves of this cozy spot.

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YOU'VE HAD SOME WINE, NOW SAMPLE THE LOCAL FLAVOR AS YOU...

Taste the Town

Chicken *mofongo*. Pulled-pork deviled eggs. Key lime pie. Get your share of these dishes when you embark on a gastronomic excursion through Wynwood, a burgeoning art enclave north of downtown, with Miami Culinary Tours. Offered Saturdays, this guided jaunt leads hungry guests to about a half dozen of the area's most lauded restaurants, where you'll tuck into kielbasa (smoked Polish sausage), cheese *maduros* (sweet plantains), and *causa*, a Peruvian dumpling prepared with potato and *aji amarillo* chili peppers. You'll get your fill of artwork, too, as you stroll among the Wynwood Walls, a stunning collection of outdoor murals designed by street artists legends like Shepard Fairey. You'll even be privy to secret galleries accessible only on the tour. That's what we call eating your art out. miamiculinarytours.com



OPEN WIDE Tasty creations like chicken empanadas and *maduros* delight tour guests.

And when you're done...