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# MIAMI ISP 2024

TRAVEL GUIDE

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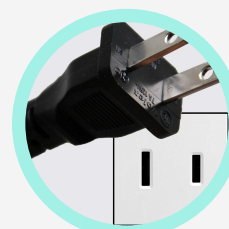
*Miami*

# Welcome to Miami!

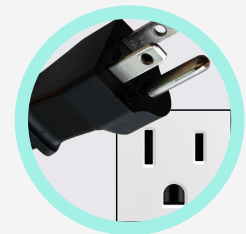


## Important Travel Information

- **Documents:** You'll need a valid passport that's valid for at least six months after your stay.
- **Visas:** You may need a visitor visa, also known as a tourist visa, if you're traveling for tourism or business. If you need a visa letter, please reach out to [miamiisp@endeavor.org](mailto:miamiisp@endeavor.org) for assistance. Our team will provide a letter to support your travel to the ISP.
- **In Miami the official currency is the US Dollar (USD).** Credit cards are widely accepted, but it's good to carry some cash for small purchases or tips. Credit cards from any country work throughout Miami (at hotels, shops, restaurants, car-rental agencies, tour companies and so on); Visa, MasterCard, and American Express are the most widely accepted.
- Miami is in the **Eastern Time Zone (ET)**
- **English is the official language, but Spanish is also widely spoken** due to the large Hispanic population. You'll often find bilingual signs and menus.
- **Tippling is customary in Miami.** In restaurants, a tip of 15-20% is common. Taxi drivers, hotel staff, and service providers usually expect tips too.
- **We have two associated plug types, Types A and B.** Plug type A is the plug which has two flat parallel pins and plug type B is the plug which has two flat parallel pins and a grounding pin.
- **Free Wi-Fi is available** at many cafes, hotels, and even some public parks, but having an **international data plan or a local SIM** card can be handy if you need reliable connectivity.



Type A



Type B

# Bienvenido a Miami!

- In Miami (and the rest of Florida), **the sales tax is a 6% state tax on most goods and services**, with additional local surtaxes that can vary by county. In Miami-Dade County, the total sales tax rate is typically 7% due to a 1% county surtax.
- **Miami is a melting pot of cultures**, particularly with influences from the Caribbean and Latin America. Expect to experience a vibrant mix of foods and music.



## Emergency Information

- In the unlikely event that you require emergency assistance during your time in Miami **call 911 IMMEDIATELY**.
- **Non-Emergency Police Line:** +1 (305) 476-5423 (for less urgent matters, such as reporting a theft or minor accident).



## Weather in December

**Average High** 78F/26C

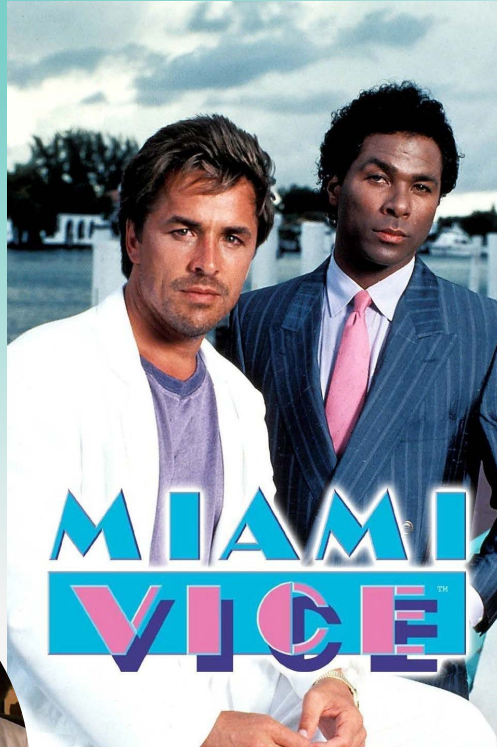
**Average Low** 64F/18C

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Sun rises at  
☀️ 6:58 am

Sun sets at  
🌇 5:32 pm

# Before you travel to Miami...



**Watch Some Miami-Inspired Films & Shows:** Miami Vice, Scarface, Father of the bride or even more recent shows like The Assassination of Gianni Versace give a taste of Miami's vibrant culture, style, and iconic sights.

**Brush Up on Salsa & Reggaeton Vibes:** Miami's music scene is all about rhythm! You could link attendees to a playlist with Latin music, Cuban jazz, and some Miami-inspired reggaeton to get in the groove. Sing some songs from Celia Cruz, Mr. 305 - Pitbull, Emilio & Gloria Estefan and many more



**Learn Basic Spanish Phrases:** Miami has a huge Latinx influence, so knowing a few friendly phrases like Hola (Hello), Gracias (Thank you), or ¿Dónde está...? (Where is...?) will go a long way!

# Prepare for Miami!

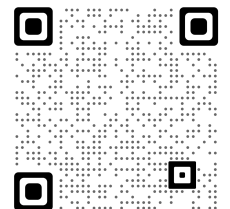


## Traveler's MUST haves

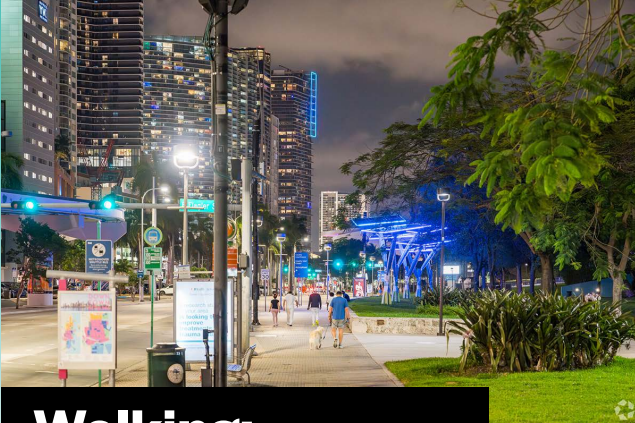
- ✓ **Bathing Suit** – for pool days or a quick beach dip!
- ✓ **A Nice Pair of Flip-Flops** – easy to slip on for walks along the beach.
- ✓ **Plenty of Sunscreen or Tanning Lotion** – protect your skin under the Miami sun.
- ✓ **Comfortable Shoes** – perfect for exploring the city.
- ✓ **Umbrella** – Miami's quick rain showers make this a handy addition!
- ✓ **A Pair of Sunglasses** – essential for that Miami sun.
- ✓ **Light, Comfortable Clothes** – be ready for the Miami heat!



Get ready to dance! Scan this QR code to start your Miami adventure with the ultimate vibes playlist.



# Getting around Miami



## Walking:

Some parts of Miami, like South Beach, Brickell, and Downtown Miami, are very walkable. Walking is a great way to explore these areas and avoid parking hassles.



## Metrorail & Metromover

Miami's Metrorail is an elevated train system that runs north to south, connecting key areas like Downtown Miami, Brickell, and the Miami International Airport (MIA).

The Metromover is free and can help you bypass Downtown and Brickell. A single Metrorail trip costs \$2.25. Visitors may find the Metrorail convenient for trips to Coconut Grove, Coral Gables, Vizcaya, or for travel to and from Miami International Airport.



## Trolleys:

Miami offers free trolley services that run through various neighborhoods, including Coral Gables, Coconut Grove, and Miami Beach.

Trolley service starts at 6:30am on weekdays and Saturdays and runs through 11pm on most routes. Service runs from 8am to 8pm on Sundays.



## Uber and Lyft

Are widely available in Miami, making it easy to get around without a car.

# Let's get you talking like a local

Today, English and Spanish are the most commonly spoken languages in Miami, reflecting the city's vibrant, multicultural makeup. But before Miami became the melting pot it is today, its native inhabitants, the Tequesta, had their own language and culture. Over time, waves of immigrants from Cuba, Haiti, Venezuela, and other Latin American countries have brought their languages and traditions, with Spanish becoming a dominant force.

## Here are some

Phrase	Pronunciation	Meaning
Dale	(DAH-leh)	Bye or Lets do it
Cafecito	(kah-feh-see-toh)	Cuban Coffee
Ya tu sabe/s	yah too sah - behs/	you know, or you already know
La Calle Ocho	(lah KAH-yeh OH-choh)	Refers to Miami's famous 8th Street (Calle Ocho) in Little Havana

## Eat Local

### MUST-EAT Foods in Miami



**Cafecito:** This strong Cuban coffee is a local staple. Grab a shot or two for an energizing boost throughout the day!

# Eat Local



**Arepas & Empanadas:** With Colombian and Venezuelan communities, Miami has amazing arepas and empanadas filled with cheese, meats, and veggies.

**Cuban Sandwich:** It's Miami classic—a pressed sandwich with roast pork, ham, Swiss cheese, pickles, and mustard.

**Stone Crab Claws:** Stone crab season is from October to May, so try these at Joe's Stone Crab for the ultimate Miami experience.

**Pastelitos:** Sweet or savory, these pastries filled with guava, cheese, or meat are perfect for breakfast or a snack.

**Key Lime Pie:** This Florida staple is everywhere, and Miami spots often have a fun, tropical twist to the recipe.

**Mojitos:** A refreshing Cuban cocktail made with rum, mint, lime juice, sugar, and soda water. Perfect for cooling off in the Miami heat!





# Miami

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North Miami Beach

Design District

1 Hotel

Miami Beach

Midtown

Wynwood

South Miami Beach

Rubell Museum

Downtown

Little Havana

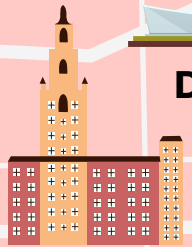
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RESTAURANT & BEACH CLUB

Calle Ocho

Brickell

Coconut Grove

Coral Gables



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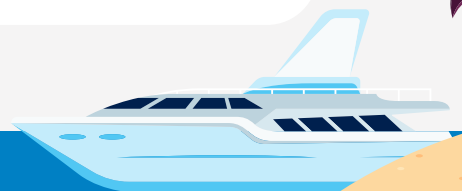


**Wynwood Walls**

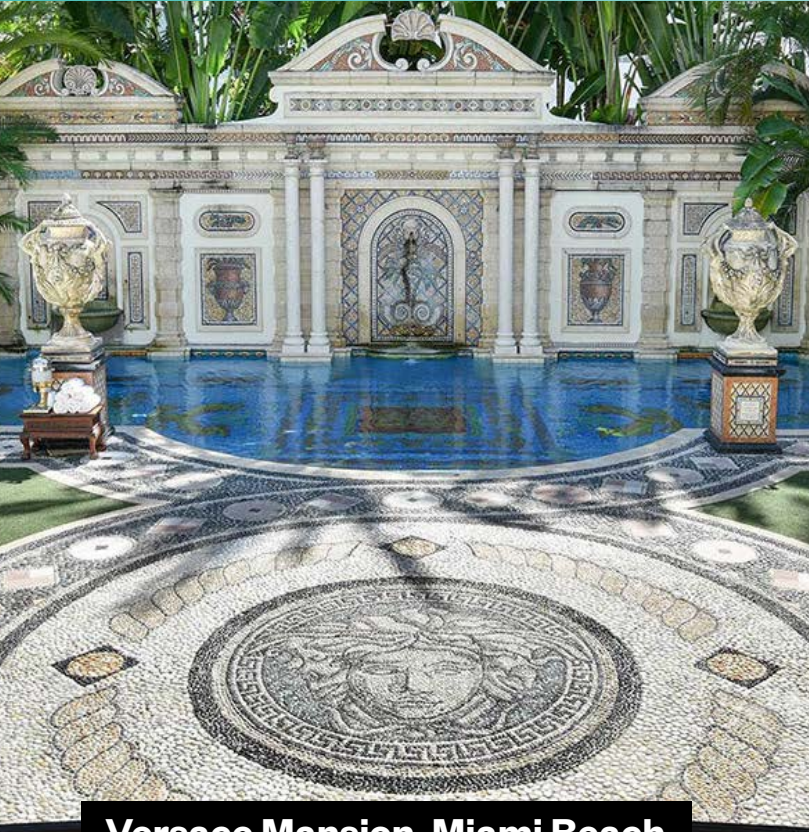


**Miami Beach**

- Stroll around Vizcaya Museum & Gardens.
- Set sail on a boat party.
- Explore Wynwood's ever-changing murals.
- Spend time on the white sands of South Beach.
- Take a picture in front of the lifeguard hut.



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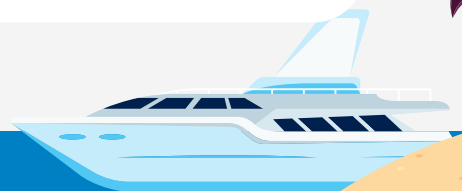


**Versace Mansion, Miami Beach**



**Ocean Drive**

- ✓ Enjoy a Cuban coffee and live music in Little Havana.
- ✓ Take an airboat tour and see the Everglades.
- ✓ Take a walking tour of the Art Deco Historic District in South Beach.
- ✓ Stroll around Lincoln Road Mall.
- ✓ Take a picture in front of the Versace Mansion.



# Explore Miami



## Do NOT Miss



South beach/ South Pointe Pier Park.



Checkout the art in Wynwood and shops in Design District.



Watch the Miami Heat at the Kaseya Center.



Explore Vizcaya Museum and gardens.



Go to Frost Science Museum and Perez Art Museum.



Enjoy a full day experience at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood Florida (30 min drive from Miami).

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## Do NOT Miss



Explore nice shops and restaurants in CocoWalk, Coconut Grove.



**Discover Little Havana:** Experience Cuban culture through vibrant streets filled with music, food, and art.



**Take a boat tour of Biscayne Bay:** Get out on the water to see the beautiful islands, celebrity homes, and marine life of Miami.



**Art Basel Miami Beach:** This renowned international art fair takes place from December 6th to 8th and showcases contemporary artworks from around the world. It's a must-see for art lovers, featuring galleries, installations, and events across the city.

# Ready for some **Miami Shopping?**



**Miami Design District**

Design District



**Aventura Mall**

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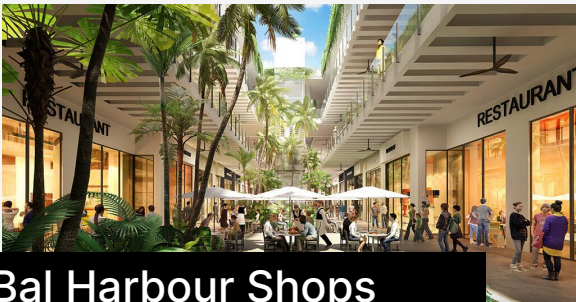
**Brickell City Center**

Brickell



**Lincoln Road Mall**

Miami Beach



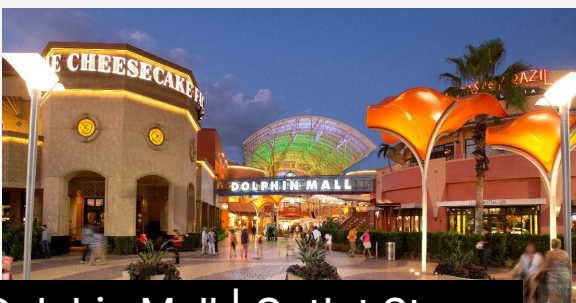
**Bal Harbour Shops**

Bal Harbour



**Shops at Merrick Park**

Coral Gables



**Dolphin Mall | Outlet Stores**

Doral



**Sawgrass Mills Mall |  
Outlet Stores**

Sunrise, Florida

# Miami Nightlife



## Experience and enjoy Miami's iconic nightlife



### Dance the Night Away in South Beach

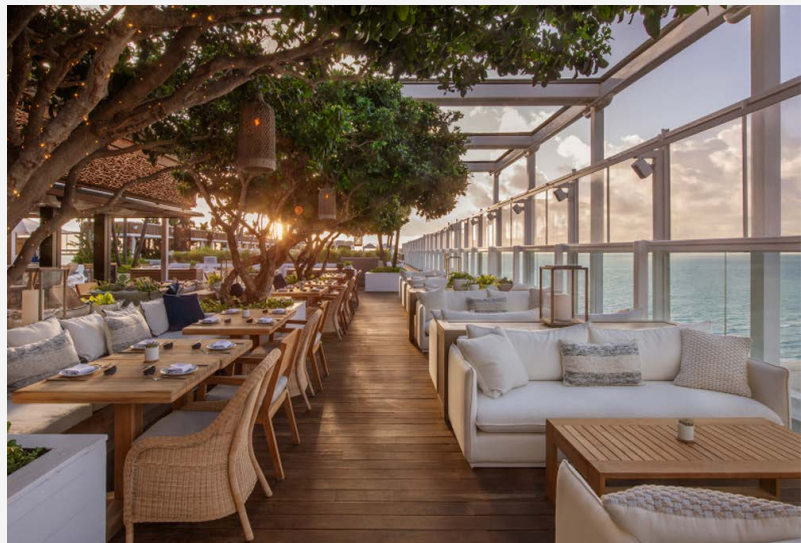
**Highlights:** South Beach is the ultimate spot for nightclubs, with renowned venues like *LIV*, *Story*, and *Mango's Tropical Cafe*. Expect top DJs, vibrant atmospheres, and incredible light shows.

**Tip:** Dress to impress

### Enjoy a Rooftop Lounge with Views

**Highlights:** Miami has some incredible rooftop bars for a more laid-back vibe with stunning views. Check out *Sugar in Brickell* for a lush garden vibe, *Regatta Grove* for a waterside hangout, or *Watr at the 1Hotel Rooftop* for a beachy vibe and incredible views of South Beach.

**Tip:** Rooftops are perfect for sunset drinks before diving into the nightlife.



### Enjoy Latin Vibes & Live Music at Calle Ocho

**Highlights:** Visit Calle Ocho in Little Havana for live Latin music, Salsa dancing, and vibrant energy. Bars like, *Ball & Chains*, *Hoy Como Ayer* and *Cubaocho Museum & Performing Arts Center* are fantastic for a truly Miami-style night out.

**Tip:** Brush up on a few salsa moves, it'll definitely come in handy!




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# West of Miami!



## The Everglades

 From Miami to Everglades  
**2 hr 14 min (105.1 miles)**

Explore Shark Valley 15 mile bike or tram tour.

Go on a airboat ride to see wildlife like alligators, turtles and birds.

## Marco Island

 From Miami to Marco Island  
**2 hr 14 min (105.1 miles)**

Relax on Tigertail Beach, a pristine beach known for birdwatching and kayaking.

For lunch try one of the island's seafood restaurants like CJ's on the Bay or The Oyster Society for fresh catch and waterfront views.



## Naples

 From Miami to Naples  
**2h 16m (127 miles)**

Stroll along the famous Naples Pier for stunning views of the Gulf of Mexico, and catch the sunset if you're staying until evening.

Walk around Fifth Avenue South for boutique shopping, art galleries, and coffee shops.



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# South of Miami!



## The Florida Keys



### Key Largo



From Miami to Key Largo  
**1 hr 30 min (60 miles)**

- Take a glass bottom boat tour or go snorkeling at John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park.
- Have a Key Lime Pie.
- For lunch, stop at The Fish House or Mrs. Mac's Kitchen for fresh seafood.

### Islamorada

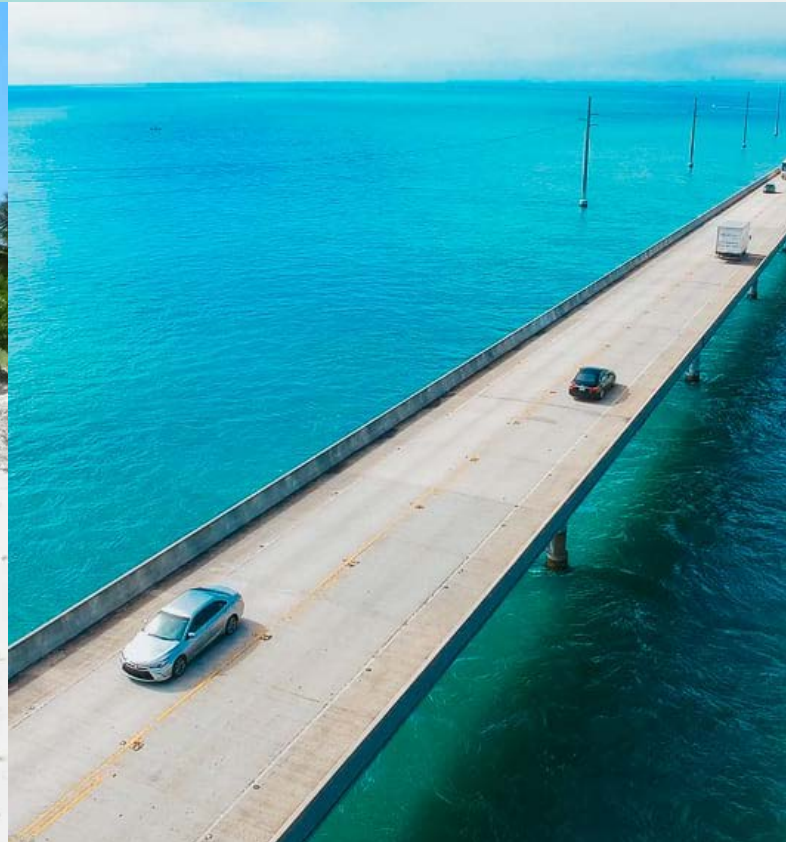


From Miami to Islamorada  
**2h 6min (78.3 miles)**

- Go to Robbies Marina and feed the tarpon.
- Visit Islamorada Brewing and Distillery.
- Check out the History of Diving Museum.

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## Marathon



From Miami to Marathon:  
**2 hrs 47 min (115 miles)**

- Visit the Seven Mile Bridge it's one of the longest bridges in the world, offering breathtaking ocean views.
- Anne's Beach is a beautiful and quiet spot perfect for swimming, relaxing, or enjoying a picnic.
- Visit Sombrero Beach.

## Key West



From Miami to Key west  
**3h 50min (159 miles)**

- Mallory Square and Sunset celebration for the best sunset spot.
- Visit Ernest Hemingway Home & Museum.
- Take a photo at southernmost point buoy.
- Have a drink in Duval Street.

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# North of Miami!



Orlando is known as the theme park capital of the world, but it offers so much more than just that. From entertainment and nature to dining and cultural experiences, here are the top attractions in Orlando:

## Theme Parks & Entertainment

### 1 Walt Disney World Resort

Traveling to Orlando  
from Miami



**Distance:** About 250 miles  
(3 hour 46 min drive)

**What to Do:** The iconic resort includes four major parks:



**Magic Kingdom:** Home to Cinderella's Castle, classic rides like Space Mountain, and nightly fireworks.

**Epcot:** Explore futuristic attractions and world cultures at the World Showcase.

**Disney's Hollywood Studios:** Features Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge, Toy Story Land, and exciting shows.

**Disney's Animal Kingdom:** A mix of thrilling rides like Expedition Everest, live animals, and Avatar: Flight of Passage in Pandora.

**Tip:** Plan ahead with park reservations and consider staying at a Disney hotel for perks like early park access.

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## 2 Universal Orlando Resort

Traveling to Orlando  
from Miami



**Distance:** About 250 miles  
(3 hour 46 min drive)

### What to Do:



**Universal Studios Florida:** Home to rides based on popular movies like Harry Potter, Fast & Furious, and The Simpsons.



**Islands of Adventure:** Features exciting coasters and immersive worlds like The Wizarding World of Harry Potter – Hogsmeade, Jurassic Park, and Marvel Super Hero Island.



**Volcano Bay:** A tropical-themed water park with slides, lazy rivers, and a wave pool.

**Highlight:** Don't miss The Wizarding World of Harry Potter, where you can ride the Hogwarts Express between parks and sip on Butterbeer.

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## 3 SeaWorld Orlando

Traveling to Orlando  
from Miami



**Distance:** About 250 miles  
(3 hour 46 min drive)

### What to Do:

Experience thrilling rides like Mako, one of Orlando's tallest coasters, and Infinity Falls, along with spectacular marine life shows featuring dolphins, orcas, and sea lions. You can also explore the interactive Antarctica: Empire of the Penguin exhibit.



**Highlight:** SeaWorld is known for its impressive roller coasters, including the new Pipeline, which simulates the sensation of surfing.

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## 4 LEGOLAND Florida Resort

Traveling to Orlando  
from Miami



**Distance:** About 250 miles  
(3 hour 46 min drive)

### What to Do:

A perfect park for families with young kids, LEGOLAND features interactive rides, shows, and displays made entirely from LEGO bricks. There's also LEGOLAND Water Park for water-based fun.



**Highlight:** Explore Miniland USA, with detailed LEGO replicas of U.S. landmarks.

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## Palm Beach

Traveling to Palm Beach  
from Miami



**Distance:** About 70 miles  
(1-1.5 hours drive)

### Things to Do in Palm Beach:



**Visit Worth Avenue:** Known for its upscale shops, boutiques, and art galleries, Worth Avenue is perfect for window shopping or indulging in a little retail therapy.

**Relax at Palm Beach:** Enjoy the beautiful sandy beaches, where you can sunbathe, swim, or take a leisurely stroll along the shore.

### Play a Round of Golf:

**The Breakers Palm Beach:** Experience a luxurious round at this historic resort's par-72 course, known for its stunning views and classic design.

**Palm Beach Golf Club:** A private course renowned for its beautiful layout and challenging holes, it's a great option for avid golfers.

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## Boca Raton

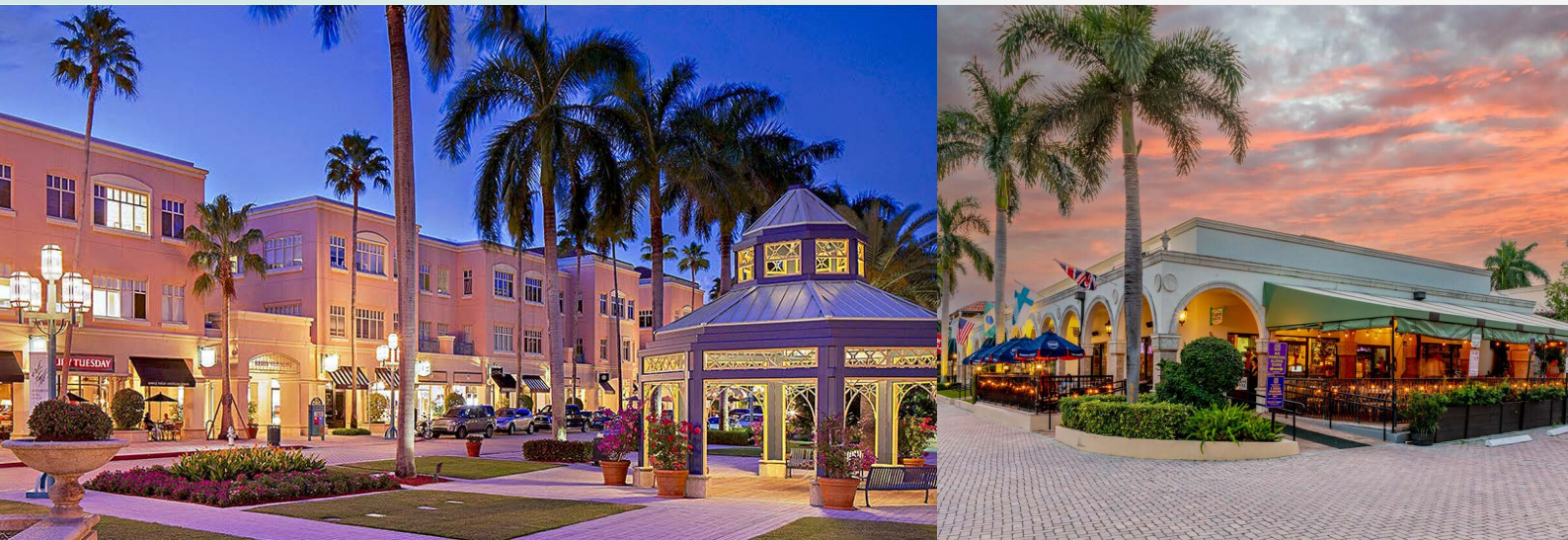
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Traveling to Boca Raton  
from Miami



**Distance:** About 45 miles  
(1 hour drive)

### Things to Do in Boca Raton:



**Relax at South Beach Park:** This beachfront park is perfect for sunbathing, picnicking, and enjoying the ocean. The park also features nature trails and beautiful views.

**Check out the Boca Raton Resort & Club:** Even if you're not staying there, the resort's stunning architecture and beautiful grounds are worth a visit. You can enjoy dining or relax by the pool.

**Shop at Mizner Park:** This upscale shopping and dining district features a mix of boutiques, restaurants, and entertainment options, including live music and events.



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Gracias, See you soon!

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