

# Miami Advice

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Welcome to Miami Beach. Photo © Tea, Dreamstime.com.

**A**fter a two-year pandemic hiatus, the AAO returns to a live annual session May 21-24. COVID-19 is still making its presence felt, since this year's meeting was originally scheduled for Honolulu; when the state of Hawaii reserved the convention center for health services, however, the association had to scramble. Sticking with an ocean setting, the AAO decided to return to Miami Beach for the first time in more than 50 years.

Late May can be warm and humid in Florida, with average highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 70s. Be prepared for afternoon thunderstorms, which can sometimes be severe.

Remember that Miami Beach is not Miami proper, but an artificially enhanced island accessed by bridges from the city. Miami International Airport is still fairly close, with taxi fares at a flat \$35 and shared vans about \$20 one way. There is also an express bus for only \$2.25, departing every half hour from the airport Metrorail station, which is reached by a short tram ride on the MIA Mover. The Mover (accessed on the third level of the terminal, between the Dolphin and Flamingo garages) also connects to the Rental Car Center. Metrorail does not extend to Miami Beach, but has two lines running north and south through Miami.



A high-speed sightseeing tour of Miami Beach. Photo © Richardpross, Dreamstime.com.

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## Attractions

City Tour Miami PLUS from **My Travels & Tours** is an eight-hour excursion mixing history and culture, plus a boat trip on Biscayne Bay, with pickup and drop-off at your South Beach hotel. The Miami Combo Tour has a similar itinerary, but with an extra hour for an airboat ride in the Everglades. This tour is operated by **Miami Double Decker**, which offers a number of other options including a hop-on, hop-off bus. Various companies will book boat trips around Biscayne Bay, the Everglades, or Key West. For a more “high-octane” adventure, try **Thriller Miami Speedboat Adventures**.

Strolling the Miami Beach boardwalk, which stretches from Indian Beach Park on the north to 500 Ocean Drive on the south, is one of the nation’s iconic tourist activities. Mask restrictions may still be in place at the time of the meeting; check [www.miamibeachboardwalk.com](http://www.miamibeachboardwalk.com). **Española Way**, a pedestrian-only zone between 14th and 15th streets in Miami Beach, has recently been revitalized and decked out in historic Mediterra-



**Española Way between 14th and 15th streets in Miami Beach. Photo © Jlabouyrie, Dreamstime.com.**

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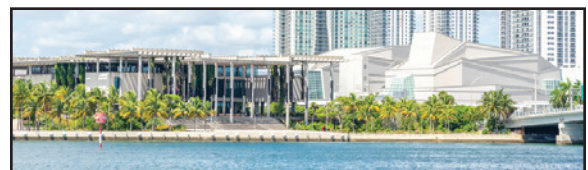


**Graffiti at Wynwood Walls outdoor museum in the Wynwood Art District. Photo © Dennizn, Dreamstime.com.**

nean Revival style. **Art Deco Tours** focus on the Art Deco Historic District of Miami Beach.

Miami’s Little Havana is a neighborhood well worth visiting on foot; try **Little Havana Tours** for a public or private experience. **Wynwood Art Walk** is a pedestrian tour exploring the vibrant Wynwood Art District.

Although Florida has been relatively open throughout the pandemic, Miami-Dade County had more stringent mask restrictions in effect at press time. Be sure to check ahead for any requirements at indoor venues. On the museum front, the **Pérez Art Museum Miami** is the city’s premier collection, focusing on modern and contemporary art with a special emphasis on Latin America, the Caribbean, and the African diaspora. Current exhibitions include “Marisol and Warhol Take New York” and “Jedd Novatt: Monotypes and More.” Miami Beach’s contemporary museum, **The Bass**, displays both indoor and outdoor art. **Superblue** is an immersive digital-light experience in the Al-lapattah neighborhood, across the street from the **Rubell Museum**, which is billed as one of the



**Pérez Art Museum Miami in downtown Miami. Photo © Mariakray, Dreamstime.com.**





**The Venetian Pool in Coral Gables. Photo © Galinasavina, Dreamstime.com.**

largest private contemporary collections in North America. Florida International University operates several art facilities: the **Jewish Museum of Florida-FIU**, the **Patricia & Philip Frost Art Museum**, and **The Wolfsonian-FIU**. Where else but South Beach would one find the **World Erotic Art Museum**? But if you want somewhere to take the kids, try the **Miami Children’s Museum** in Watson Island Park, or travel a little farther north to Fort Lauderdale for the **Museum of Discovery and Science**.

**Vizcaya Museum and Gardens** is a Gilded Age estate on the shore of Biscayne Bay, featuring a museum (open Wednesday through Monday) and 10 acres of formal gardens. The **Miami Beach Botanical Garden** is a 3-acre space right next to the convention center. The **Miami Seaquarium**, on Virginia Key, offers marine-life shows and exhibits, with interactive experiences for children. Nature lovers can also visit **Biscayne National Park** and its living coral reef system, or the **Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center** in Crandon Park on Key Biscayne. For a more sedate aquatic experience, take a swim at Coral Gables’ **Venetian Pool**, carved out of a coral rock quarry and fed with spring water.

## Events

The **Miami City Ballet** will perform George Balanchine’s *Prodigal Son* and other works at 7:30



**The Miami Marlins play the Atlanta Braves at Loan-Depot Park. Photo © Kmiragaya, Dreamstime.com.**

p.m. May 21 and 2 p.m. May 22 in the Au-Rene Theater of Fort Lauderdale’s Broward Center. Israeli pianist Ariel Lanyi will play selections by Robert Schumann, Isaac Albeniz, and Ludwig van Beethoven at 5 p.m. May 22, as part of the **Miami International Piano Festival** series at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center.

On May 19, Cuban-American soprano Elizabeth Caballero presents a recital titled “A Gershwin to Lecuona Journey” at **Miami-Dade County Auditorium**. Sting is at **Hard Rock Live** in Hollywood on May 22, followed by Paul McCartney with his “Got Back Tour” on May 25.

The **Miami Marlins** will play host to the world champion Atlanta Braves in a weekend series May 20-22 at LoanDepot Park.



**Fontainebleau Miami Beach hotel at night. Photo © Felix Mizioznikov, Dreamstime.com.**



Street painting in Little Havana, Miami. Photo © Kmi-ragaya, Dreamstime.com.

### Restaurants and Nightlife

The Miami Beach restaurant scene is led by the southern outpost of New York’s stellar **Carbone**. Other outstanding local establishments include the French **Le Zoo**, the Italian **Macchialina**, the Japanese **Makoto**, the steakhouses **RED South**

**Beach** and **STK South Beach**, and the “Mediterr-Asian” **MILA** restaurant, rooftop lounge, and mixology bar. Several of the beachfront hotels have fine restaurants, including **Hakkasan**, **Scarpetta**, and **Stripsteak** at the **Fontainebleau Miami Beach**; **The Bazaar by José Andrés** at the SLS Hotel; the **Marisquería Como Como** at the Moxy Miami; and the **Surf Club Restaurant by Thomas Keller** at the Four Seasons. Or you can sit at a bar on the boardwalk and people-watch while drinking a margarita the size of a fishbowl.

In Miami, **Amara at Paraiso** is known for its Latin American food and waterfront view, **Boia De** for its creative American style, **Itamae** for its Japanese-Peruvian fusion, **Le Jardinier** for its French-vegetarian entrees, **Mandolin Aegean Bistrotro** for its Greek-Turkish dishes, **Pascal’s on Ponce** for its contemporary French menu, **Truluck’s** for its seafood, and **Casa Juancho** in Little Havana for its Spanish cuisine. But don’t leave town without trying a Cuban sandwich in Little Havana, at a place like **Sanguich**.

## DIRECTORY

Events and Attractions	Address*	Phone
Art Deco Tours	956 Washington Ave., Miami Beach	(305) 814-4058
The Bass	2100 Collins Ave.	(305) 673-7530
Biscayne National Park	9700 S.W. 328th St., Homestead	(305) 230-1144
Española Way	447 Española Way, Miami Beach	
Hard Rock Live	Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino 1 Seminole Way, Hollywood	(866) 502-7529
Jewish Museum of Florida-FIU	301 Washington Ave., Miami Beach	(305) 672-5044
Little Havana Tours	956 Washington Ave., Miami Beach	(305) 814-4058
Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center	6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne	(305) 361-6767
Miami Beach Botanical Garden	2000 Convention Center Drive	(305) 673-7256
Miami Children’s Museum	980 MacArthur Causeway	(305) 373-5437
Miami City Ballet	Au-Rene Theater, Broward Center for the Performing Arts 201 S.W. Fifth Ave., Fort Lauderdale	(305) 929-7010
Miami Double Decker	305 Lincoln Road	(305) 865-9999
Miami International Piano Festival	Aventura Arts & Cultural Center 3385 N.E. 188th St., Aventura	(305) 935-5115
Miami Marlins	LoanDepot Park, 501 Marlins Way	(305) 480-2525

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Miami Seaquarium	4400 Rickenbacker Causeway	(305) 361-5705
Miami-Dade County Auditorium	2901 W. Flagler St.	(305) 547-5414
Museum of Discovery and Science	401 S.W. Second St., Fort Lauderdale	(954) 467-6637
My Travels & Tours	401 Biscayne Blvd.	(305) 988-1193
Patricia & Philip Frost Art Museum	10975 S.W. 17th St.	(305) 348-2890
Pérez Art Museum Miami	1103 Biscayne Blvd.	(305) 375-3000
Rubell Museum	1100 N.W. 23rd St.	(305) 573-6090
Superblue	1101 N.W. 23rd St.	(786) 697-3414
Thriller Miami Speedboat Adventures	401 Biscayne Blvd.	(305) 371-3278
Venetian Pool	2701 De Soto Blvd., Coral Gables	(305) 460-5306
Vizcaya Museum and Gardens	3251 S. Miami Ave.	(305) 250-9133
The Wolfsonian-FIU	1001 Washington Ave., Miami Beach	(305) 531-1001
Wynwood Art Walk Tours	404 N.W. 26th St.	(305) 814-9290
<b>Restaurants</b>	<b>Address*</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Amara at Paraiso	3101 N.E. Seventh Ave.	(305) 702-5528
The Bazaar by José Andrés	SLS Hotel South Beach 1701 Collins Ave., Miami Beach	(305) 455-2999
Boia De	5205 N.E. Second Ave.	(305) 967-8866
Carbone	49 Collins Ave., Miami Beach	
Casa Juancho	2436 S.W. Eighth St.	(305) 642-2452
Fontainebleau Miami Beach	4441 Collins Ave., Miami Beach	(800) 548-8886
Itamae	140 N.E. 39th St. #136	(305) 631-2664
Le Jardinier	151 N.E. 41st St. #135	(305) 402-9060
Le Zoo	9700 Collins Ave. #135, Miami Beach	(305) 602-9663
Macchialina	820 Alton Road, Miami Beach	(305) 534-2124
Makoto	9700 Collins Ave. #107, Miami Beach	(305) 864-8600
Mandolin Aegean Bistro	4312 N.E. Second Ave.	(305) 576-6066
Marisquería Como Como	Moxy Miami, 919 Washington Ave., Miami Beach	(305) 423-8004
MILA	1636 Meridian Ave., Miami Beach	(786) 706-0744
Pascal's on Ponce	2611 Ponce de Leon Blvd.	(305) 444-2024
RED South Beach	119 Washington Ave., Miami Beach	(305) 534-3688
Sanguich	2057 S.W. Eighth St.	(305) 539-0969
STK South Beach	2305 Collins Ave., Miami Beach	(305) 604-6988
The Surf Club Restaurant by Thomas Keller	Four Seasons Hotel at the Surf Club 9011 Collins Ave., Surfside	(305) 768-9440
Truluck's	777 Brickell Ave.	(305) 579-0035

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