

Miami Beach

Eight hundred Art Deco buildings, a lifeguard tower every few blocks and Ocean Drive after dark

Miami Beach is a seven-mile barrier island with the largest concentration of Art Deco architecture in the world at its southern end. South Beach gets the crowds and the neon; Mid-Beach has the big resorts and Faena; North Beach is where locals actually swim.

At a glance

DECO DISTRICT	800+ protected buildings
BEACH	11 km of public sand
TROLLEY	Free, four routes

When to go

November to April for dry heat and clear water. Art Basel week in early December fills every room in the city.

Getting around

Walk or cycle: the island is flat and narrow. The free trolley links South, Mid and North Beach, and rideshare crosses the causeways to the mainland in fifteen minutes.

What to see

Ocean Drive	The Deco strip, best at 08.00 or after dark.
Lincoln Road	A pedestrian mall of terraces and shops.
Espanola Way	A Mediterranean lane of tapas tables.
Mid-Beach	Faena, the Boardwalk and quieter sand.
North Beach	Local, cheaper and shaded by sea grape trees.

Tours worth booking

Rapids Water Park day pass, West Palm Beach	Full day · Adventure · 4.4/5 (860 reviews)
Zoo Miami and Jungle Island family day	Half day each · Nature · 4.5/5 (1240 reviews)
Miami Art Deco and Little Havana walking tour	3 h · Culture · 4.8/5 (3160 reviews)
Key West day trip from Miami with activities	14 h · Boat & beach · 4.5/5 (6180 reviews)
Busch Gardens Tampa Bay day ticket	Full day · Adventure · 4.7/5 (2840 reviews)
LEGOLAND Florida with Peppa Pig Theme Park	Full day · Adventure · 4.6/5 (1960 reviews)

Where to stay

The Setai, Miami Beach	South Beach · oceanfront · Luxury · From \$950
Faena Hotel Miami Beach	Mid-Beach · Design · From \$780
The Betsy South Beach	Ocean Drive · Boutique · From \$520
Mandarin Oriental, Miami	Brickell Key · Luxury · From \$640
Generator Miami	Mid-Beach · Value · From \$130
W Fort Lauderdale	Fort Lauderdale Beach · Design · From \$420

Day-by-day itineraries

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