Welcome to The Magic City!

Miami is known for its sandy beaches and vibrant nightlife, and although these are important elements of life in Miami, there is much more to this fascinating city than its water, weather, and parties. A city's identity is characterized by its people, and with residents and visitors from all over the world, Miami's is rich and complex.

Miami is a transient city, surrounded by water, with people heading in and out from all directions. It’s an unusually diverse city composed of fragmented communities that tend to isolate themselves from each other. People come to South Florida and often find a microcosm of the places they came from, built and maintained by immigrants before them. It’s easy for many newcomers to continue their traditions and speak the languages spoken in their home countries. For these reasons, Miami’s folklife is exceptionally diverse and there are plenty of distinct neighborhoods and unique areas to explore.

Miami is also a relatively new city, incorporated in 1896. Even before that, the diversity of people who lived here or passed through was remarkable. Today, over 2.6 million people live in Miami-Dade County. The population is 65% Hispanic or Latino, with over half of that population claiming Cuban ancestry. The Black community, which includes African American and Afro-Caribbean residents, makes up almost 20% of the total population, with the White, non-Hispanic population at just 15%. In addition to the unusually diverse array of people who live in Miami, tourists also contribute to the mix. In 2014 alone, over 14.5 million tourists visited the region. Today's Miami is becoming even more ethnically diverse with influxes of immigrants from all over Latin America and increasing populations from South American countries, particularly Venezuela, Colombia, and Brazil. The cultural landscape continues to evolve with constant waves of newcomers and visitors to Miami’s shores.
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Getting Around

Miami-Dade County is quite large and can be difficult to navigate on foot or by public transport. There are some walkable areas that are outlined by neighborhood in this guide, but for the most part, it will be easiest to get around Miami by car or on the Metrorail or Metromover.

**Metromover**
The Metromover is free to use and will be the easiest way to get around downtown, the area where the conference is taking place. The Metromover is a people mover system that connects to the Metrorail at Government Center and Brickell stations and with Metrobus at various locations throughout downtown. The station closest to the Hyatt is Knight Center Station.

**Hours of Operation:**
The Metromover inner loop and the outer loops (Omni and Brickell) run from 5 a.m. to midnight seven days a week. Trains arrive frequently.


**Metrorail**
The Metrorail system is an elevated rapid transit system that provides service to Miami International Airport (MIA) and runs from Kendall through South Miami, Coral Gables, and downtown Miami; to the Civic Center/Jackson Memorial Hospital area; and to Brownsville, Liberty City, Hialeah, and Medley in northwest Miami-Dade, with connections to Broward and Palm Beach counties at the Tri-Rail/Metrorail transfer station.

**Rates:**
- One-Way Trip
  Fare - $2.25

- 7-Day Pass [Valid for seven consecutive days from the first day of use.]
  Fare - $29.25

- 1-Day Pass [Valid only from the time of first use to 2:00 A.M. the next day]
  Fare - $5.65


**Ride-Sharing Services**
Ride-sharing services such as Uber and Lyft are popular in Miami, and it is typically easy to find an available driver at any time of the day or night.

**Taxis**
Super Yellow Cab (786) 322-1112
Miami Downtown Yellow Cab Taxi (786) 766-9044
Downtown/Brickell (Conference location)
Neighborhood Guide

Downtown Miami is the fastest growing area in Miami, and it pulsates with activity as a commercial hub with an up-and-coming leisure and nightlife scene. The area is packed with skyscrapers that make up the Miami skyline and line the shore of Biscayne Bay.

Restaurants
- Burrito San (Pan-Asian) - 119 SE 1st Ave - http://burritosan.com/
- La Licuadora Restaurant (Peruvian) - 47 NE 2nd Ave - http://www.licuadorarestaurant.com/
- Bali Café (Indonesian) - 109 NE 2nd Ave
- Sparky’s Roadside BBQ - 204 NE 1st St - http://sparkysroadsidebarbecue.com/
- Toasted Bagelry and Deli - 83 SW 8th St - http://toastedbagelry.com/
- La Sandwicherie - 34 SW 8th St - http://www.lasandwicherie.com/
- Graziano’s (Argentinian) - 177 SW 7th St - http://www.grazianosgroup.com/restaurants/brickell
- Cane a Sucre Gourmet Sandwich Bar - 21 NW Miami Court - http://caneasucre.com/
- El Cacique (Cuban) - 112 W Flagler St
- Mary Brickell Village (variety of restaurants and bars) – 900 S Miami Ave - http://www.marybrickellvillage.com/dining.html
- Fado Irish Pub - http://www.fadoirishpub.com/miami/
- Burger and Beer Joint - http://bnbjoint.com/
- Perricone’s Marketplace and Café (Italian) - http://www.perricones.com/
Things to Do

- The Miami Circle (Tequesta Indian Archeological Site) – Miami River Walk, near 401 Brickell Ave
  http://info.flheritage.com/miami-circle/


- Olympia Theater Historic Performing Arts Center - 174 E. Flagler Street -
  http://www.olympiatheater.org/

- Bayside Marketplace (waterfront marketplace with shops, bars, restaurants, and boat rides) –


- Perez Art Museum Miami (PAMM) - 1103 Biscayne Blvd - http://pamm.org/

- Blackbird Ordinary (bar and live music venue) - 729 SW 1st Ave - http://www.blackbirdordinary.com/

- American Social Restaurant and Bar (riverfront bar) - 690 SW 1st Ct - http://americansocialbar.com/

- El Tucán (Cuban-inspired cabaret, live music and entertainment venue) - 1111 SW 1st Ave -
  http://eltucanmiami.com/

- Better Days (bar) - 500 Brickell Bldg - http://betterdaysmiami.com/

Basic Amenities

- Whole Foods Market - 299 SE 3rd Ave

- CVS Pharmacy - 170 SE 3rd Ave

Transportation/Getting Around

The Metrorail and Metromover systems are the easiest ways to get around this area.
  Metrorail: http://www.miamidade.gov/transit/metrail.asp

For more information visit: http://www.miamiandbeaches.com/places-to-see/downtown-miami
Little Havana
Neighborhood Guide

Little Havana is the historic heart of the Cuban community here in Miami, and Hispanic culture permeates everything in this neighborhood. Although Cuban culture dominates the murals, monuments, and storefronts, Little Havana is home to a variety of immigrant communities and is also a tourist hotspot.

Restaurants

- El Cristo Restaurant (Cuban) - 1543 SW 8th St - http://www.elcristorestaurant.com/
- El Pub (Cuban) - 1548 SW 8th St
- Ball & Chain (Cuban restaurant and bar with live music) - 1513 SW 8th St - http://ballandchainmiami.com/
- Casa Panza (Spanish restaurant with flamenco shows) - 1620 SW 8th St
- Yisell Bakery (Cuban bakery) - 1356 SW 8th St
- Versailles Restaurant (Cuban) - 3555 SW 8th St - http://www.versaillesrestaurant.com/
- La Carreta (Cuban) - 3632 SW 8th St

Things to Do

- Máximo Gómez Park (Domino Park) - 801 SW 15th Ave
- Tower Theater - 1508 SW 8th St - www.towertheatermiami.com/
- Cuba Tobacco Cigar Company - 1528 SW 8th St - http://cubatobaccocigarco.com/
- Azucar Ice Cream Company - 1503 SW 8th St - http://www.azucaricecream.com/
- Cubaocho Museum & Performing Arts Center - 1465 SW 8th St #106 - http://www.cubaocho.com/
- Los Pineranos Fruteria (fruit stand and market) - 1334 SW 8th St
- Cuban Memorial Park – Begins on 8th street and runs along 13th Ave
- Botanica Negra Francisca (religious items store) - 1323 SW 8th St
• Ball & Chain (Cuban restaurant and bar with live music) - 1513 SW 8th St - http://ballandchainmiami.com/

• October 14th - Little Havana Art Walk- https://www.facebook.com/littlehavana.artwalk/

Transportation/Getting Around

Little Havana is roughly 2.5 miles from the Hyatt, about an 8 min car ride. The area around the heart of Little Havana, the cross section of 8th street and 15th Avenue, is walkable and most of the places listed here are within walking distance of one another.

For more information visit: http://www.miamiandbeaches.com/places-to-see/little-havana
Little Haiti
Neighborhood Guide

The Little Haiti neighborhood is known as a center for Haitian immigrants. It has a cultural vitality emanating from its streets filled with brightly colored buildings, the sounds of Haitian music coming from shops, smells of traditional cooking, and vivid window displays of religious stores called botanicas. The neighborhood is also lined with storefront painted murals and signs, many created by Florida Folk Heritage award winner, Serge Toussaint.

Restaurants

- Leela’s Restaurant (Haitian-American) - 5650 NE 2nd Ave - https://leelarestaurant.wordpress.com/
- Chef Creole (Haitian seafood) - 200 NW 54th St - http://chefcreole.com/index.html
- Piman Bouk Haitian Restaurant - 5932 NE 2nd Ave
- Chez Le Bebe (Haitian) - 114 NE 54th St
- Clive’s Café (Jamaican) - 5890 NW 2nd Ave - http://clivescafe.com/

Things to Do

- Little Haiti Cultural Center - 212 NE 59th Terrace - http://littlehaiticulturalcenter.com/
- Serge Toussaint Murals – located throughout the neighborhood, but some newer pieces located on NE 59th Street, off of NE 2nd Ave, and his piece depicting Haitian heroes is located on the back of the building located on the corner of NW 54 Street and NW 1st Place http://www.historymiami.org/visit/south-florida-folklife-center/heritage-spotlight/serge-toussaint/
- Libreri Mapou Creole and French Bookstore - 5919 NE 2nd Ave
- 3x3 Santa Barbara Botanica (religious items store) - 5700 NE 2nd Ave
- Daleus Museum & Art Gallery - 5912 NE 2nd Ave
- Caribbean Marketplace - 212 NE 59th Terrace
- Haitian Heritage Museum - 4141 NE 2nd Ave #105c - http://www.haitianheritagemuseum.org/
- Churchill’s Pub (bar and live music venue) - 5501 NE 2nd Ave - http://www.churchillspub.com/
- Sweat Records (music store and performance venue) - 5505 NE 2nd Ave - http://sweatrecordsmiami.com/
Transportation/Getting Around

Little Haiti is roughly 6 miles from the Hyatt, about a 15 min car ride. A central, walkable area in Little Haiti lies between NE 55th Street and NE 62 Street along NE 2nd Avenue. Many of the places listed here are located within this area.

For more information visit: [http://www.miamiandbeaches.com/places-to-see/little-haiti](http://www.miamiandbeaches.com/places-to-see/little-haiti)
Wynwood
Neighborhood Guide

The Wynwood Art District is one of Miami’s trendiest and most dynamic neighborhoods. Wynwood is a warehouse district and immigrant neighborhood, formerly known as “Little San Juan,” that has become a world-renown outdoor street art gallery. The neighborhood is saturated with murals, graffiti, and various street art displays and is home to over seventy galleries, five museums, and seven art complexes.

Restaurants

- R House (restaurant, bar, and gallery) - 2727 NW 2nd Ave - http://www.rhousewynwood.com/#about
- Kush (Gastropub) - 2003 N Miami Ave - http://kushwynwood.com/
- Enriqueta’s Sandwich Shop (Cuban breakfast and lunch spot) - 186 NE 29th St
- Joey’s Italian Cafe - 2506 NW 2nd Ave - http://joeyswynwood.com/
- The Butcher Shop Beer Garden & Grill - 165 NW 23rd St - http://thebutchershopmiami.com/
- 004 Connec Café (Graffiti art supply store and sandwich shop) - 2404 N Miami Ave - http://www.004connec.com/

Things to Do

- Wynwood Walls (outdoor street art gallery) - 2520 NW 2nd Ave - http://www.thewynwoodwalls.com/
- O Cinema (Indie cinema) - 90 NW 29th St - http://www.o-cinema.org/venue/o-cinema-wynwood/
- Bakehouse Art Complex - 561 NW 32nd St - http://www.bacfl.org/
- Wood Tavern (Bar) - 2531 NW 2nd Ave - http://woodtavernmiami.com/
- Wynwood Yard (cultural center) - 56 NW 29th St - http://www.thewynwoodyard.com/
- Gramps (bar and entertainment venue) - 176 NW 24th St - http://www.gramps.com/
Transportation/Getting Around

Wynwood is about 2.5 miles from the Hyatt, about a 15 minute car ride. The central area around Wynwood Walls is walkable during the day and at night. Be cautious if walking outside of this central area at night.

For more information visit: http://www.miamiandbeaches.com/places-to-see/wynwood
Overtown
Neighborhood Guide

Historic Overtown has a long and rich history as a hub for Miami’s black community. Colorful murals of African-American heroes are found throughout the area as well as The Lyric Theater, a remnant of a time when the neighborhood was known as "Miami’s Little Broadway," and hosted performances by such big names as Count Basie, Patti LaBelle and Aretha Franklin. The region was a thriving center for the black community before experiencing a period of steep decline beginning in the 1960s for various reasons, including the construction of an extensive expressway system built through the center of the neighborhood.

Restaurants

- Jackson’s Soul Food - 950 NW 3rd Ave - http://www.jacksonsoulfood.com/
- People’s Bar-B-Que - 360 NW 8th St

Things to Do

- The Lyric Theater (historic theater) - 819 NW 2nd Ave
- The Black Archives History and Research Center - 819 NW 2nd Avenue - http://www.theblackarchives.org/
- Puvis Young “Welcome to Historic Overtown” mural - NW 11th St and NW 3rd Ave

Transportation/Getting Around

Overtown is 1.5 miles from the Hyatt, about a 5 to 10 minute car ride. You can take the Metromover to the Wilkie D Ferguson Station and walk about a half a mile to The Lyric Theater.

It is not recommended that you walk around this neighborhood at night. During the day, it’s relatively safe to walk through the area where the places listed above are located. Simply be cautious and aware of your surroundings.

For more information visit: http://www.miamiandbeaches.com/places-to-see/historic-overtown
South Beach
Neighborhood Guide

Probably the most popular area of Miami, South Beach has been called the American Riviera. This portion of Miami Beach is known for its beaches, Art Deco architecture, and vibrant nightlife. South Beach offers a mix of boutiques, restaurants, galleries, stores, and of course, nightclubs.

Restaurants

- Joe’s Stone Crab - 11 Washington Ave, Miami Beach - https://www.joesstonecrab.com/
- Tap Tap Restaurant (Haitian) - 819 5th St, Miami Beach - http://www.taptapmiamibeach.com/
- Pita Loca (Kosher Middle Eastern) - 601 Collins Ave #5, Miami Beach - http://pitaloca.com/
- News Café (American) - 800 Ocean Dr, Miami Beach - http://www.newscafe.com/
- La Sandwicherie - 229 14th St, Miami Beach - https://www.lasandwicherie.com/sobe/menu.html
- Big Pink (American) - 157 Collins Ave, Miami Beach - http://mylesrestaurantgroup.com/?page_id=166
- Goldstein's Prime Kosher Market & Deli - 7419 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach - http://www.goldsteinsprime.com/
- Pubbelly (Asian-inspired gastropub) - 1418 20th St - http://www.pubbellyboys.com/miami/pubbelly/
- Restaurants on Lincoln Road - http://www.lincolnroadmall.info/restaurants/

Things to Do

- Go to the beach! Check out the lifeguard stations: http://miamibeachadvisor.com/life-guard-stations/
- Stroll down Ocean Drive (runs from South Pointe Park to 15th street)
- Lincoln Road Mall - pedestrian road with restaurants and shops running east-west parallel between 16th Street and 17th Street -http://www.lincolnroadmall.info/
- Jewish Museum of Florida - 301 Washington Ave, Miami Beach - https://jmof.fiu.edu/
- Bass Museum of Art - 2100 Collins Ave - https://www.bassmuseum.org/

• Españaola Way (pedestrian area with restaurants and music) – runs from Washington Ave to Jefferson Ave - [http://www.miamiandbeaches.com/places-to-see/south-beach-art-deco-district/espanola-way](http://www.miamiandbeaches.com/places-to-see/south-beach-art-deco-district/espanola-way)

• Lummus Park - 74-acre public, urban park that runs along Ocean Drive

• Palace Bar (Gay bar with regular drag queen shows) - 1200 Ocean Dr, Miami Beach - [http://palacesouthbeach.com/](http://palacesouthbeach.com/)

• The Regent Cocktail Club - 1690 Collins Ave - [http://www.regentcocktailclub.com/](http://www.regentcocktailclub.com/)

• The Broken Shaker (bar) - 2727 Indian Creek Dr - [http://thefreehand.com/miami/venues/the-broken-shaker/](http://thefreehand.com/miami/venues/the-broken-shaker/)


**Transportation/Getting Around**

South Beach is about 7 miles from the Hyatt, about a 20 min car ride. South Beach is pedestrian friendly, and the most popular areas for strolling are along Ocean Drive and Lincoln Road.

For more information visit: [http://www.miamiandbeaches.com/places-to-see/south-beach-art-deco-district](http://www.miamiandbeaches.com/places-to-see/south-beach-art-deco-district)
Coconut Grove
Neighborhood Guide

Coconut Grove, commonly called The Grove, is a charming, bayside village with a bohemian feel. It was originally settled in the 1800s by Bahamians and is the oldest continuously inhabited neighborhood of Miami. The Grove is a walkable area with plenty of restaurants and shops to explore on foot and can also be explored by sea with sailboat, charter, and kayak rentals available along the water.

Restaurants

- Greenstreet Café (American) - 3468 Main Hwy - http://www.greenstreetcafe.net/
- Bombay Darbar (Indian) - 2901 Florida Ave - http://www.bombaydarbar.com/
- Lokal (Burgers, Gastropub) - 3190 Commodore Plaza - http://www.lokalmiami.com/site/
- Monty’s Raw Bar - 2550 S Bayshore Dr - http://www.montysrawbar.com/
- Panther Coffee - 3407 Main Hwy - http://www.panthercoffee.com/

Things to Do

- Vizcaya Museum and Gardens - 3251 S Miami Ave - http://vizcaya.org/
- CocoWalk (pedestrian center with theater, restaurants, and shops) - 3015 Grand Ave - www.cocowalk.net
- Dinner Key Marina (boat and kayak rentals) - 3400 Pan American Dr
- The Barnacle Historic State Park - 3485 Main Hwy – https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/The-Barnacle

Transportation/Getting Around

Coconut Grove is about 5 miles, a 15 minute car ride from the Hyatt. The area around CocoWalk is a great area to explore on foot. Be cautious if walking through the residential areas surrounding CocoWalk.

For more information visit: http://www.miamiandbeaches.com/places-to-see/coconut-grove
Key Biscayne
Neighborhood Guide

Key Biscayne is a secluded island located south of Downtown and north of Coconut Grove. “The Key” offers plenty of outdoor activities with its quiet beaches and parks. The island can be accessed via the scenic Rickenbacker Causeway that crosses over Biscayne Bay and offers a great view of the Miami skyline.

Restaurants

- The Rusty Pelican (upscale American, seafood restaurant) - 3201 Rickenbacker Causeway - http://www.therustypelican.com/home
- Lighthouse Café - 1200 Crandon Blvd - http://www.lighthouserestaurants.com/LighthouseCafe/about.php
- Sir Pizza - 712 Crandon Blvd

Things to Do

- Crandon Park Beach - 6747 Crandon Blvd - http://www.miamidade.gov/parks/crandon.asp
- Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park, Cape Florida Lighthouse - 1200 Crandon Blvd - https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Cape-Florida
- Biscayne National Park - https://www.nps.gov/bisc/index.htm
- Historic Virginia Key Beach Park - 4020 Virginia Beach Dr - http://virginiakeybeachpark.net/
- Hobie Island Beach Park - North side of Rickenbacker Cswy
- Watersport and boat rentals – various companies in the area

Transportation/Getting Around

Key Biscayne is about 9 miles from the Hyatt, a 20 minute car ride. You will need a car to travel from one location to another, as there are few walkable areas outside of the parks and beaches.

For more information visit: http://www.miamianandbeaches.com/places-to-see/key-biscayne
Coral Gables
Neighborhood Guide

Coral Gables, known as “The City Beautiful,” is characterized by its Mediterranean Revival architecture, tree-lined boulevards, and winding roadways. Aside from its banyan trees and gardens, the area is known for dining, shopping, and entertainment. The neighborhood’s Miracle Mile offers a variety of restaurants, happy hour spots, theaters, galleries, and boutiques.

Restaurants

- Ortanique On the Mile (upscale Caribbean restaurant, voted one of the best mojitos in Miami) – 278 Miracle Mile - http://ortaniquerestaurants.com/
- Cibo Wine Bar (Italian) - 45 Miracle Mile - http://www.cibowinebar.com/
- Swine Southern Table & Bar - 2415 Ponce De Leon Blvd - http://www.runpigrun.com/
- Chocolate Fashion (Gourmet bakeshop and sandwich shop) - 248 Andalusia Ave - http://chocolatefashiononline.com/
- Talavera Cocina Mexicana - 2299 Ponce De Leon Blvd - http://jaguarhg.com/talaveraspot/
- The Local Craft Food and Drink - 150 Giralda Ave - http://thelocal150.com/

Things to Do

- Miracle Mile - http://www.shopcoralgables.com/
- Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden - 10901 Old Cutler Road - http://www.fairchildgarden.org/
- Biltmore Hotel - 1200 Anastasia Ave - http://www.biltmorehotel.com/
Transportation/Getting Around

Coral Gables is about 6 miles from the Hyatt, a 20 minute car ride. Miracle Mile is a great area to walk around and there is plenty to see, do, and eat along “The Mile.”

For more information visit: http://www.miamiandbeaches.com/places-to-see/coral-gables
Homestead Neighborhood Guide

Homestead is the rural area of Miami-Dade County. You can taste fresh tropical fruit and delicious Mexican food at local fruit stands and restaurants. There is also plenty to explore at Biscayne National Park and Everglades National Park, where many enjoy fishing, boating, snorkeling and bird watching.

Restaurants

- Robert is Here Farm and Fruit Stand - 19200 SW 344th St - https://robertishere.com/
- El Toro Taco Mexican Restaurant - 1 S Krome Ave

Things to Do

- Fruit and Spice Park - 24801 SW 187th Ave - http://www.fruitandspicepark.org/
- Biscayne National Park - https://www.nps.gov/bisc/index.htm
- Everglades Alligator Farm - 40351 SW 192nd Ave - http://www.everglades.com/
- Knaus Berry Farm (opens in November) - 15980 SW 248th St - http://www.knausberryfarm.com/

Transportation/Getting Around

Homestead is about 40 miles from Downtown, about a 1 hour car ride. You will need a car to get from one location to another.

For more information visit: http://www.miamiandbeaches.com/places-to-see/homestead
The Everglades

Everglades National Park is the third-largest National Park in the United States and the largest subtropical wilderness in the country. It is also a UNESCO World Heritage site. The area has been home to Native American tribes for thousands of years, and the Miccosukee and Seminole Indian Tribes of Florida are based here. It was also home to some of the first settlers in this area, called “Gladesmen,” whose culture and cuisine is still a distinctive characteristic of the Everglades. There is plenty of history, culture, and natural beauty to explore in this unique region.

Restaurants

- Pit BBQ - 16400 SW 8th St - http://thepitbarbq.com/site/

Things to Do

- Coopertown Airboat Rides and Restaurants - 22700 SW 8th St - http://coopertownairboats.com/
- Everglades Safari Park - 26700 SW 8th St - http://www.evergladessafaripark.com/
- Shark Valley (Visitor Center, trails, tours) - 36000 SW 8th St - https://www.nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/svdirections.htm

Transportation/Getting Around

The Flamingo Entrance of Everglades National Park is a 1.5 hour drive from Downtown. The northern border of the Everglades, where the Miccosukee Indian Village and other attractions are located, is a one hour drive from Downtown.

For more information visit: http://www.miamiandbeaches.com/places-to-see/everglades
Resources

HistoryMiami Museum – www.historymiami.org

Article: History of Miami- [link](http://www.historymiami.org/research-miami/topics/history-of-miami/)

Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau: [link](http://www.miamiandbeaches.com/)

Florida Keys and Key West Visitor Center: [link](http://www.fla-keys.com/)