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## **The Best Restaurants In Coconut Grove**

These are our favorite places to eat in Coconut Grove.



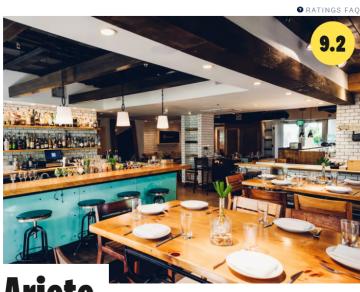


Coconut Grove always feels like it just got a very good massage. There's a strange bubble around this historic neighborhood that blocks out the city's usual chaos. and coming here is like a warm bath Miami can slide into after a long day. This is also why the Grove is a perfect place for a carefree, lazy meal—which is exactly what you'll see people enjoying here on any given Saturday, from brunch till

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## **THE SPOTS**



Ariete

## **COCONUT GROVE**

PERFECT FOR: BIRTHDAYS DATE NIGHT LITERALLY EVERYONE OUTDOOR/PATIO SITUATION SPECIAL OCCASIONS UNIQUE DINING EXPERIENCE

\$\$\$\$ 3540 MAIN HWY, COCONUT GROVE >

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Ariete recently shifted its menu from a la carte to only tasting menu options (a three-course or a seven-course prix fixe menu). But luckily you can still get the canard a la presse, a dish that involves this medieval-looking machine that compresses various parts of the duck into a deep, rich sauce. They then use that sauce to smother the absolute best duck you'll ever taste in your life. And it all happens tableside. But just about every dish at Ariete gets us this excited, and that's why it's one of our favorite Big Night Out restaurants in town. It's the perfect place to engage in some classic Miami indulgence while still feeling like a classy adult.



**Chug's Diner** 

CUBAN COCONUT GROVE

PERFECT FOR: BREAKFAST BRUNCH COFFEE & A LIGHT BITE LUNCH OUTDOOR/PATIO SITUATION QUIET MEALS

\$\$\$\$ 3444 MAIN HWY, MIAMI >

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Chug's may not have the price point of your average diner, but it has the DNA of one. Inside there are booths, counter seating, and laminated menus you can flip through on each table. We like this place best for breakfast or brunch. The menu has a great mix of straightforward Cuban classics—like a hefty la completa—and creative versions of classics, including a frita patty melt and a huge cast iron pancake. Like any great diner, dessert is a good idea. Chug's rotating pie selection has never disappointed—nor have their rotating tres leches, especially the Yoohoo tres leches with housemade chocolate milk they occasionally serve. If you're in a rush, their ventanita is perfect for a quick cafecito and a pastelito.



BAR FOOD COCONUT GROVE

PERFECT FOR: CLASSIC ESTABLISHMENT EATING AT THE BAR HAPPY HOUR

\$\$\$\$ 3540 MAIN HWY, MIAMI >

This historic bar is one of the best places to drink in Coconut Grove, but it's also a solid place to sit down for a meal too. There's some comfortable outdoor seating for nice days and inside you can sip a bunch of different whiskeys inside walls that feel and look like they've been here since 1920 (which they have). Taurus' bar food game is incredibly strong since they share a kitchen with their fantastic neighbors Ariete (who also own and operate Taurus). The menu rotates a lot, but has currently been taken over by a pop-up called Uncle's Pizza, who serve thick pies with crispy edges and big subs.