

# Traveling to South Florida? Here's where to stay in Miami

Maximize your vacation with our breakdown of where to stay and what to do in Miami's best neighborhoods.



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Repeat after us: Miami is not [South Beach](#). Of course we love our world famous stretch of beachfront, but we have so many other great neighborhoods in which to stay and play, from the lush canopy lined streets of Coconut Grove to the more low key and lesser tapped creative enclave of MiMo.

Whether you're popping in for the weekend or lucky enough to find yourself on an extended stay, Miami's coolest neighborhoods have something to offer every kind of traveler, from the [city's best bars](#) and [restaurants](#) to world class [museums](#), and [lush tropical parks](#) to unique [Floridian attractions](#). Planning your trip or staycation? Here are the best areas to stay in Miami, along with the best things to do in each neighborhood.

## The best places to stay in Miami



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### Coconut Grove

A verdant and upscale waterfront swath fighting to hang on to its bohemian roots, Miami's historic [Coconut Grove](#) neighborhood has undergone a transformation over the last couple of decades, swapping out many of its colorful cottages and quaint bungalows for sleek highrise condos and boxy "sugar cube" houses. Still, increased development along the bay – including a completely reimagined CocoWalk open-air mall and a couple of modern hotels – has invigorated this once-sleepy enclave for families and University of Miami students. Roam the east end of the neighborhood's leafy, brick-paved sidewalks to find an eclectic mix of shopping, dining and green spaces, along with a few tried-and-true dives and a lively Saturday farmers' market.

#### Eat

##### [Krüs Kitchen](#)

Located in the same narrow two-story space, Krüs Kitchen and [Los Felix](#) both earned nods from the [Michelin Guide](#) in 2022. Boasting a relaxed, minimalist design and vinyl DJs on the weekends, each concept is pretty swoonworthy, but Krüs offers a bit more bang for your buck. Stop by for elevated handhelds like a prosciutto sandwich made with truffle straciatella and confit eggplant. Make it a picnic at nearby Peacock Park by pairing your meal with a bottle of natural wine to-go. Or dine-in to explore a variety of proper entrees and the funky artisanal market upstairs.

##### [Ariete](#)

Much fanfare has been made over the pressed duck at chef Michael Beltran's Coconut Grove gem, Ariete. The tableside show that involves the churning and reducing of innards into a decadent sauce to accompany a series of otherworldly duck dishes isn't just a novelty—it's an art form. But there are more surprising dishes to explore at this daring New-American spot with classic cocktails, warm service and an understated ambiance.

#### Drink

##### [Monty's Raw Bar](#)

Overlooking the marina, this popular Grove hangout is a sweet spot for cold beers, stiff drinks and casual seafood. On Friday afternoons find a rowdy happy hour crowd (heavy with thirsty UM kids) eagerly slurping up strong frozen drinks. For a more family-friendly vibe, come on the weekends, order a basket of fried seafood and a pitcher of beer for yourself and send the kids off to dance to the live music.

##### [The Taurus](#)

In a sea of college dives and upscale gastrobars, the Taurus stands out. This cool little whiskey joint serves an extensive selection of scotches, bourbons and all sorts of caramel-colored spirits –ranging in flavor from smooth to put-hair-on-your-chest strong. They also have a wide selection of beers on tap and bottled, plus a large outdoor patio and one of the best burgers in town.