

Nightlife

NAME TYPE	ADDRESS (CROSS STREET) WEBSITE	N'HOOD COVER	PHONE NOISE	EXPERIENCE
Club 50 at the Viceroy Club Lounge	485 Brickell Ave. (SE Fifth St.) viceroymiami.com	BK	305-503-4400 =	Hot & Cool
LIV Nightclub Nightclub	4441 Collins Ave. (44th St.) livnightclub.com	MB C	305-674-4680 =	Hot & Cool
Louis Bar Lounge Nightclub	2325 Collins Ave. (23rd St.) louismiami.com	SB C	305-531-4600 =	Hot & Cool
Mia at Biscayne Lounge	20 Biscayne Blvd. (Flagler St.) miabiscayne.com	DM C	305-642-0032 =	Hot & Cool
Plunge Rooftop Lounge Lounge	2377 Collins Ave. (W. 24th St.) gansevootsouth.com/rooftop-pool	SB	305-604-1000 =	Hot & Cool
SET Night Club Nightclub	320 Lincoln Rd. (Washington Av e.) setmiami.com	SB	305-531-2800 =	Hot & Cool
The Strip Nightclub	330 Lincoln Rd. (Washington Ave.) thestripmiami.com	SB C	305-532-2330 =	Hot & Cool

Attractions

NAME TYPE	ADDRESS (CROSS STREET) WEBSITE	N'HOOD PRICE	PHONE	EXPERIENCE
Art + Design Night Art Gallery	N. Miami Avenue and NE 40th St. miamidesigndistrict.net	DD \$\$	305-573-8116	Arty Party
C Madeleine's Store	13702 Biscayne Blvd. (NE 135th St.) shop.cmadeleines.com	NM	305-945-7770	Clásico
The Spa at David Barton Gym Spa	2323 Collins Ave. (23rd St.) davidbartongym.com	SB \$\$\$	305-534-1660	Hot & Cool
The Webster Store	1220 Collins Ave. (12th St.) thewebstemiami.com	SB	305-674-7899	Hot & Cool

Neighborhood Key

BA = Bal Harbour	GA = Coral Gables	OS = Outskirts
BK = Brickell	KB = Key Biscayne	SB = South Beach
CG = Coconut Grove	LH = Little Havana	VK = Virginia Key
DD = Design District	MB = Mid-Beach	
DM = Downtown Miami	NM = North Miami	

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The Top 50 Noteworthy Additions
plus Changes and Closures

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Key to Night+Day Symbols

Restaurants

Singles-friendly

☐ Communal table

☒ Food served at bar

(G) Gourmet destination

Nightlife

Includes bars, clubs,
and entertainment

☐ Cover or ticket charge
(otherwise, entry is free)

Restaurants + Nightlife

Prime-time noise levels

☐ Quiet

☒ A buzz, but still
conversational

☒ Loud

Venues followed by an asterisk (*) are those we recommend as both a restaurant and a destination bar.

Key to Pricing

Hotels

Best deluxe room

\$	\$100–\$199
\$\$	\$200–\$299
\$\$\$	\$300–\$399
\$\$\$\$	\$400 and up

Restaurants

Main course

\$–	less than \$10
\$	\$10–\$19
\$\$	\$20–\$29
\$\$\$	\$30–\$39
\$\$\$\$	\$40 and up

Attractions

Entry or service

\$–	less than \$10
\$	\$10–\$19
\$\$	\$20–\$29
\$\$\$	\$30–\$39
\$\$\$\$	\$40 and up

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Gibraltar Seafood	4 Grove Isle Dr. (S. Bayside Dr.) groveisle.com	CG \$\$\$	305-857-5007 = B	Outdoors
Hakkasan Chinese	4441 Collins Ave. (44th St.) fontainebleau.com	MB \$\$\$\$	786-276-1388 =	Hot & Cool
Gotham Steak Italian	4441 Collins Ave. (44th St.) fontainebleau.com	MB \$\$\$\$	877-326-7412 = B	Clásico
Joey's Italian Cafe Italian	2506 NW Second Ave. (25th St.) joeywynwood.com	DM \$\$	305-438-0488 =	A rty Party
La Marea Mediterranean	1220 Ocean Dr. (12th St.) tidessouthbeach.com	SB \$\$\$	305-604-5070 = B	Hot & Cool
Lido Restaurant and Bayside Grill Mediterranean	40 Island Ave. (Venetian Causeway) standardhotel.com	SB \$\$	305-673-1717 = B	A rty Party
Mai Tardi Italian	62 NE 14th St. (NE Second Ave.) maitardimiami.com	DD \$\$	305-572-1400 = B	Hot & Cool
Meat Market Steak House	915 Lincoln Rd. (Jefferson Ave.) meatmarketmiami.com	SB \$\$\$\$	305-532-0088 = B	Hot & Cool
Mr. Chow Chinese	2201 Collins Ave. (22nd St.) mrchow.com	SB \$\$\$	305-695-1695 = B U	Hot & Cool
Norman's 180 American	180 Aragon Ave. (Ponce de Leon Blvd.) normanvanaken.com	GA \$\$\$	305-529-5180 = U	Clásico
Pacific Time Regional/Asian	35 NE 40th St. (N. Miami Ave.) pacifictimerestaurant.com	DD \$\$	305-722-7369 =	A rty Party
Phillippe Chinese	2305 Collins Ave. (23rd St.) philippechow.com	SB \$\$\$\$	305-674-0250 = B	A rty Party
Plat Bleu French Bistro	1685 Collins Ave. (17th St.) delano-hotel.com	SB \$\$	305-674-6400 =	Hot & Cool
Prelude by Barton G. American	Arsht Center, Ziff Ballet Opera House, 2nd floor, 1444 Biscayne Blvd. (14th St.) preludebybartong.com	DM \$\$	305-357-7900 = B	Hot & Cool
Scarpetta Italian	4441 Collins Ave. (44th St.) fontainebleau.com	MB \$\$\$\$	877-326-7412 = B	Hot & Cool
Sra. Martinez Tapas (G)	4000 NE Second Ave. (NE 40th St.)	DM \$\$	305-573-5474 = B	A rty Party
STK Miami Steakhouse	2377 Collins Ave. (23rd St.) onelittlewest12.com/stkmiami	SB \$\$\$	305-604-6988 = B	Hot & Cool
Sugarcane Raw Bar Grill Tapas	3250 NE First Ave. (NE 32nd St.) sugarcanerawbargrill.com	DD \$\$	786-369-0353 = B	A rty Party
Talavera Mexican	2299 Ponce de Leon Blvd. (Giralda Ave.) talaveraspot.com	GA \$\$	305-444-2955 = B	Hot & Cool
Wish American (G)	801 Collins Ave. (Eighth St.) wishrestaurant.com	SB \$\$\$	305-674-9474 = B	Hot & Cool
Zuma Japanese	270 Biscayne Blvd. Way (Brickell Ave.) zumarestaurant.com	DM \$\$\$\$	305-577-0277 = B	Hot & Cool

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Hotels

NAME TYPE (ROOMS)	ADDRESS (CROSS STREET) WEBSITE	N'HOOD PRICE	PHONE 800 NUMBER	EXPERIENCE
The Angler's Boutique Resort Modern (49)	660 Washington Ave. (Sixth St.) theanglersresort.com	SB \$\$\$	305-534-9600 866-729-8800	Hot & Cool
The Betsy Timeless (63)	1440 Ocean Dr. (14th St.) thebetsyhotel.com	SB \$\$\$	305-531-6100 866-792-3879	Hot & Cool
Epic Hotel Trendy (411)	270 Biscayne Blvd. (NE Third St.) epichotel.com	DM \$\$\$\$	305-424-5226 866-760-3742	Arty Party
Fontainebleau Miami Beach Timeless (1,504)	4441 Collins Ave. (44th St.) fontainebleau.com	MB \$\$\$\$	305-538-2000 866-548-5670	Clásico
Gansevoort South Hotel Modern (334)	2377 Collins Ave. (23rd St.) gansevoortsouth.com	SB \$\$\$\$	305-604-1000 866-932-6694	Hot & Cool
Hotel Urbano Modern (65)	2500 Brickell Ave. (SW 25th Rd.) hotelurbano.com	BK \$	305-854-2070 866-384-2997	Arty Party
Mondrian South Beach Trendy (335)	1100 West Ave. (11th St.) mondrian-miami.com	SB \$\$\$\$	305-514-1500 800-697-1791	Hot & Cool
Prime Hotel Trendy (14)	100 Ocean Dr. (First St.) primehotelmiami.com	SB \$\$\$\$	305-532-0553	Hot & Cool
Tempo Miami Modern (56)	1100 Biscayne Blvd. (NE 11th St.) tempomiami.rockresorts.com	DM \$\$	786-369-0300 877-857-7625	Arty Party
Viceroy Hotel Trendy (162)	485 Brickell Ave. (SE Fifth St.) viceroymiami.com	BK \$\$\$	305-503-4400 866-781-9923	Hot & Cool
W South Beach Trendy (312)	2201 Collins Ave. (22nd St.) stanwoodhotels.com	SB \$\$\$\$	305-938-3000	Hot & Cool

Restaurants

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Abokado Japanese/Latin	900 S. Miami Ave. (SW Ninth St.) abokadosushi.com	BK \$\$\$	305-347-3700 = B	Arty Party
Area 31 Seafood	270 Biscayne Blvd. (NE Third Ave.) area31restaurant.com	DM \$\$\$	305-424-5234 = B	Outdoors
Asia de Cuba Latin/Asian	1200 West Ave. (11th St.) chinagrillmgt.com	SB \$\$\$\$	305-514-1940 = B D	Hot & Cool
BLT Steak French Bistro	1440 Ocean Dr. (14th St.) bltrestaurants.com	SB \$\$\$	305-673-0044 = B	Hot & Cool
Bourbon Steak Steak House	19999 W. Country Club Dr. (199 St.) michaelmina.net	OS \$\$\$\$	786-279-6600 = B	Hot & Cool
8 Oz. Burger Bar Burger Joint	1080 Alton Rd. (10th St.) 8ozburgerbar.com	SB \$	305-397-8246 =	Hot & Cool
Eos at Viceroy Mediterranean	485 Brickell Ave. (SE Fifth St.) viceroymiami.com	BK \$\$	305-503-0373 = D	Hot & Cool

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The Angler's Boutique Resort • South Beach • Modern (49 rms)

The Angler's, an Art Deco gem that has been renovated and converted into a stylish boutique hotel, is an elegant and sophisticated getaway on frenetic Washington Avenue that's getting rave reviews for outstanding service. It's a couple of blocks from the beach, but private outdoor spa baths and a pool with an adjoining lounge should address any aquatic relaxation needs, and a sidewalk cafe is just the place for sipping a café au lait and people-watching. The fully furnished suites have a serene Zen vibe and are well equipped with the latest gizmos—plasma TVs, iPod docking stations, DVD players—and spa services are available in-room and poolside. Nightlife impresario Michael Capponi is a partner in this venture, so guests can expect VIP access to hot South Beach nightlife, and may even spot celeb guests at this hideaway. Splurge on one of the three-story villas with a private rooftop sundeck. \$\$\$ 660 Washington Ave. (Sixth St.), 305-534-9600 / 866-729-8800, theanglersresort.com

The Betsy • South Beach • Timeless (63 rms)

You may recall the Betsy Ross in South Beach—the sole Georgian-style building in Florida, with columns and pediments amid a sea of pastel Art Deco fluff. The old gal has dropped her surname and neatly converted her colonial roots into a tropical plantation design that now includes shuttered windows, rich wooden floors, and poster beds. Rooms (in shades of lavender, ochre, coral, or spring green) are bright and warm and come with Frette linens, roomy walk-in showers (complete with rainfall showerheads), robes, slippers, and Malin+Goetz amenities. A rooftop lounge, garden wellness spa, and small pool cater to a quiet, genteel crowd, while artwork, photography, and books throughout the hotel aim to create a cultural oasis in a part of town known more for silicone than sophistication. The chic bistro BLT Steak is here, along with a smart lobby bar serving classic cocktails with sweet and spicy popcorn. For those looking to escape the confines of the hotel, the beach, with its throngs of clubs and restaurants, is just across the street. \$\$\$ 1440 Ocean Dr. (14th St.), 305-531-6100 / 866-792-3879, thebetsyhotel.com

Gansevoort South Hotel • South Beach • Modern (334 rms)

Manhattan moves to Miami Beach with the debut of the long-anticipated Gansevoort South on a whole city block in the up-and-coming luxurious north end of South Beach. There's a huge David Barton Gym and Spa, a sceney rooftop pool, and a grownup playground; boutiques INCA, Big Drop, and Cutler; and hip restaurant STK. But it's unmistakably Miami too, with a 50-foot shark tank in the lobby, teepees and fire-pits on the palmy beach, a spectacular infinity pool overlooking the Atlantic, a hot lounge from the Opium Group, and the very first Cafe Bustelo lounge for all your cafecito needs. Interior designer Andi Pepper and architect Stephen B. Jacobs have given the ultramodern lobby whimsical touches, like rainbow-colored lighting and massive armchairs, while oversize rooms feature gray suede walls with hot pink accents, and, in most cases, large balconies overlooking the ocean or bay. Expect to rub tanned shoulders with in-the-know New Yorkers and European jet-setters. \$\$\$\$ 2377 Collins Ave. (23rd St.), 305-604-1000 / 866-932-6694, gansevoortsouth.com

ers—Yves St. Laurent, Galanos, Halston, and Ungaro, to name-drop just a few—for the *Sex and the City* folks, Naomi Campbell, and Gloria Estefan, and others. Poke through her 10,000-square-foot store for fashion, accessories, and jewelry from some of the best names in the biz. *Mon–Sat 11am–6pm, Sun noon–5pm.* 13702 Biscayne Blvd. (NE 135th St.), 305-945-7770, shop.cmadeleines.com

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from the bustle of South Beach. *Mon–Thu 6:30–10pm, Fri 6:30–11pm, Sat 7am–3pm and 6:30–11pm, Sun 7am–3pm and 6:30–10pm.* \$\$\$  [Grove Isle Hotel and Spa, 4 Grove Isle Dr. \(S. Bayshore Dr.\), 305-857-5007, groveisle.com](#)


Clásico Miami Hotels

Fontainebleau Miami Beach • Mid-Beach • Timeless (1,504 rms)


What happens when the grande dame of Miami Beach resorts gets a billion-dollar face-lift? Gaudy flourishes give way to tasteful stone and water features; 11 restaurants and lounges, plus hot nightclub LIV, open; and old-school Hollywood (Elvis, Sinatra) gives way to Paris Hilton and Gwyneth Paltrow. Revamped guest rooms feature iMacs, custom bedding, and marble baths. There's also a stunning poolscape and sleek cabanas; the two-level Lapis spa; and high-profile restaurants Gotham Steak, Scarpetta, and Blade Sushi Bar. For all-out glamour, this is the place. \$\$\$\$ [4441 Collins Ave. \(44th St.\), 305-538-2000 / 866-548-5670, fontainebleau.com](#)

Clásico Miami Restaurants

Gotham Steak • Mid-Beach • Italian

This dramatic two-level steak house, from chef/owner Alfred Portale of New York's Gotham Bar and Grill, has a glass-enclosed wine tower, an open kitchen, and indoor and outdoor seating. The equally dramatic food (and prices) range from New York strip steak (\$44) to an American Wagyu Kobe-style New York strip (\$95), plus cod, lobster, and halibut, and gussied-up sides like Vidalia onion rings, hash browns, and creamed or sautéed spinach. A stellar wine list and live entertainment round things out nicely. *Daily 6pm–close (lounge 5:30pm–close).* \$\$\$\$  [Fontainebleau Miami Beach, 4441 Collins Ave. \(44th St.\), 877-326-7412, fontainebleau.com](#)

Norman's 180 • Coral Gables • American

Chef Norman Van Aken's long-awaited restaurant offering a rustic and seasonal take on New World cuisine makes its entrance at the Colonnade in the heart of the buzzing Gables restaurant scene. The eclectic menu focuses on local products—Key West yellowtail and Gulf shrimp—creating playful combinations, like pizza with young mozzarella, chow-chow, and fried green tomatoes, or striped bass with black-eyed peas and ham hocks. For a treat, reserve the Kitchen Table, where up to 12 connoisseurs dine and drink on whatever the chef chooses—and knowing how inventive he is, it'll be special. *Mon–Thu 6:30–10am and 11:30am–11pm, Fri 6:30–10am and 11:30am–midnight, Sat 7–10am and 11:30am–1am, Sun 7–10am and 11:30am–midnight.* \$\$\$  [Colonnade Hotel, 180 Aragon Ave. \(Ponce de Leon Blvd.\), 305-529-5180, normanvanaken.com](#)

Clásico Miami Attractions

C Madeleine's • North Miami • Store

Where do fashionistas go when they crave a 1970s Missoni floral palazzo pantsuit or a shoulder-padded '80s Thierry Mugler suit? Why, C Madeleine's, of course. Madeleine Hirsh has been handpicking the finest vintage pieces from top design-

Mondrian South Beach • South Beach • Trendy (335 rms)

Jet-setters, welcome: From the folks who brought you Delano and The Shore Club comes Mondrian, an arty extravaganza on the quieter residential end of South Beach, but minutes from the action. Designed by Marcel Wanders, this hotel's whimsical elements—chandeliers encased in an oversize gold bell, a waterfront bar beneath an enormous ruffled lampshade, black-and-white motifs—set the stage for fun and fantasy. Bright, open rooms overlook the bay and the ocean and feature upscale niceties like down comforters, TiVo DVR, and Bose iPod speakers. Best bet: Sunset Lounge and pool area, where greenery-covered cabanas, secret pathways, and “kissing corners” are sure to attract paparazzi. \$\$\$\$ [1100 West Ave. \(11th St.\), 305-514-1500 / 800-697-1791, mondrian-miami.com](#)

Prime Hotel • South Beach • Trendy (14 rms)

Like the adjoining Prime 112 restaurant—whose popularity and attention to its fine cuisine has not diminished since its opening—this tiny boutique hotel delivers impeccable style with scrupulous attention to detail. All 14 rooms, tranquilly chic with white leather furnishings, feature ocean views from the quieter tip of South Beach, private balconies, luxurious Egyptian cotton sheets, 46-inch flat screens as part of the mega-entertainment system, Malin+Goetz amenities, and ultraquiet hair dryers. A serene rooftop pool includes luxurious cabanas and lounge couches. Perhaps the best amenity of all is room service from the group's five restaurants—including Prime 112, Prime Italian, and Nemo. A fold-out desk can accommodate in-room dining for up to six people, perfect for private entertaining. \$\$\$\$ [100 Ocean Dr. \(First St.\), 305-532-0553, primehotelmiami.com](#)

Viceroy Hotel • Brickell • Trendy (162 rms)

There's a new contender for most fabulous hotel pool: the 300-foot infinity pool overlooking the Miami River and Biscayne Bay at the fabulous new Viceroy Miami in the downtown Brickell business district. On the 15th-floor two-acre pool terrace is a bar and fireplace, a life-size chess set, and the poolside restaurant and lounge. Inside the Asian-themed rooms are Kelly Wearstler–designed robes and Sferra linens, organic minibars, and well-appointed kitchens. Among the hotel's interesting amenities: errand runners for the Brickell area, motor scooters and bicycles for guest use, Wii and PlayStation consoles, and VIP access to Club 50, the private pool lounge 50 stories high. Expect great things from this dazzler as its massive spa and signature restaurant open; the Viceroy's launch attracted celebs Selma Blair, Sharon Stone, and Gloria and Emilio Estefan, to name a few. \$\$\$ [485 Brickell Ave. \(SE Fifth St.\), 305-503-4400 / 866-781-9923, viceroymiami.com](#)


W South Beach • South Beach • Trendy (312 rms)

This long-awaited addition to the less-hectic but exceedingly happening north end of South Beach is simply dazzling. The clever design gives all the super-spacious rooms ocean views, and the lavish features include signature comfy beds, private balconies, two flat-screen TVs, and bathrooms with spa showers. Reserve the Mega Suite, a gloriously roomy studio loft with a private glass balcony offering gorgeous unobstructed views of the ocean and beach. The heated pool targets the party crowd, with private cabanas and cool cocktails, while the Grove oceanfront bar amid lush gardens is ideal for relaxing with a papaya daiquiri. Bliss amenities are part of the package (and the Bliss spa opens in

December). But make no mistake about it, the W is all about a vibrant see-and-be-seen scene: the Living Room lobby lounge, an eclectic hangout with live DJ mixes; trendy A-lister-packed Mr. Chow; and Soleá, serving up Mediterranean cuisine. One caveat: From the W, as well as from the nearby Setai and Gansevoort, it's a bit of a hike to busy Lincoln Road and Ocean Drive, which can be good or bad, depending on your perspective. \$\$\$\$ 2201 Collins Ave. (22nd St.), 305-938-3000, starwoodhotels.com

Hot & Cool Miami Restaurants


Asia de Cuba • South Beach • Latin/Asian

The shiny white restaurant inside the fairy-tale castle that is the Mondrian, this South Beach outpost from the China Grill team is buzzing with a cosmopolitan see-and-be-seen crowd. On the menu are trendy—and pricey—Asianized Cuban dishes, like ropa vieja of duck, Cuban BBQ chicken with Thai coconut sticky rice, and sides of panko-crusting crispy plantain. But the generous servings are meant for sharing, the service is top-notch, and the dramatic waterfront setting is ideal for a romantic dinner or a celebration. *Sun–Thu 7am–3pm and 6–11pm, Fri–Sat 7am–3pm and 6pm–midnight.* \$\$\$\$  Mondrian South Beach, 1200 West Ave. (11th St.), 305-514-1940, chinagrillmgt.com

BLT Steak • South Beach • French Bistro

Miami didn't need another steak house, but it certainly couldn't turn away chef Laurent Tourondel, whose BLT Steak combines French savvy with South Beach flair. American Wagyu, USDA prime, and certified Angus beef are on the menu, as are sea salt-crusting red snapper and spicy grilled swordfish. Sides like jalapeño mashed potatoes and hen-of-the-woods mushrooms are a nice touch, and artisanal cheeses on the dessert menu add culinary depth not always found in this neck of South Beach. Located in the chic, revamped Betsy, BLT Steak is cozy and convivial. Choose patio seating for lovely views of the ocean and the Ocean Beach parade. *Sun–Thu 7am–2:30pm and 5–11pm, Fri–Sat 7am–2:30pm and 6pm–midnight.* \$\$\$  The Betsy Hotel, 1440 Ocean Dr. (14th St.), 305-673-0044, bltrestaurants.com

Bourbon Steak • Outskirts • Steak House

Acclaimed chef Michael Mina brings his talents to Aventura's Fairmont Turnberry Isle Resort & Club in the form of a modern American steak house. As at Mina's Las Vegas outpost, Stripsteak at Mandalay, center stage is a wood-burning grill for prime meats like American Kobe and Japanese A5 (the highest designation) Kobe, which are first poached in butter. Duck-fat French fries, butter-poached lobster, and roasted whole foie gras appetizers fill out your fat quota for the next decade or so. A stunning glass-box entry welcomes guests, who can dine in the mirror dining room or the casual tavern and bar area. Ask for table 101, a cozy banquettes in the back, for the best view of the see-and-be-seen guests. *Mon–Thu 6–10pm, Fri–Sat 6–11pm.* \$\$\$\$  The Fairmont Turnberry Isle Resort & Club, 19999 W. Country Club Dr. (199 St.), 786-279-6600, michaelmina.net

8 Oz. Burger Bar • South Beach • Burger Joint

The burger craze is gaining traction, with Fatburger on Washington, Oneburger in Coral Gables, and 8 Oz. Burger Bar in the old Novecento space on Alton Road. Executive chef

Sugarcane Raw Bar Grill • Design District • Tapas

Could the Design District and Midtown get any more electric? Sugarcane, a friendly amalgam of industrial chic and warm Spanish architectural details, immediately caught on as a happy-hour hot spot for Midtown residents and downtown workers, a gathering place for tapas and freshly muddled pitchers, and a damn good dining spot. Three kitchens—robata, raw bar, and hot—serve up grilled small plates like squid with lemon aioli and Korean-style short ribs; sushi and towers of shellfish; and tapas, from steamed pork buns to golden beets and burrata. Of the large-plate blackboard specials, the whole roast chicken with fingerling potatoes and mushrooms is the one to order. Book your reservation on Twitter (@Sugarcanerawbar) for special treats, and choose an outdoor seat. *Sun–Tue 11:30am–midnight, Wed 11:30am–3am, Thu 11:30am–1am, Fri–Sat 11:30am–2am.* \$\$  3250 NE First Ave. (NE 32nd St.), 786-369-0353, sugarcanerawbargrill.com


Arty Party Miami Attractions

Art + Design Night • Design District • Art Gallery

The Design District has grown into the hip, stimulating neighborhood we knew it could be, thanks in part to a half dozen outstanding restaurant/lounges and gentrification. This monthly open house is a great opportunity to explore the 18-block neighborhood's galleries, design showrooms, boutiques, and cultural happenings. Make your dinner res well in advance for 9pm or later at Michael's, Pacific Time, Brosia, Domo Japones, Grass, Fratelli Lyon, or Sheba; plan to arrive at 7pm so you'll have time to wander and pop in on events. *Second Sat of the month 7–10pm.* \$\$ N. Miami Ave. and NE 40th St., 305-573-8116, miamidesigndistrict.net


Outdoors Miami Restaurants

Area 31 • Downtown Miami • Seafood



Overlooking the Miami River from the Epic Hotel's 16th floor, Area 31 features fresh seafood from its namesake region in the Atlantic. The menu offers raw fish, grilled daily catches with Mediterranean flavors, and pastas and substantial entrées. Mangrove snapper, salt-crusting dorade, and wood-grilled wahoo are intriguing choices; a few beef and poultry dishes are on offer. In fair weather, book an outdoor cabana or casita, or choose the terrace. *Mon–Sat 7am–3pm and 6–11pm, Sun 7am–3pm and 6–10pm (bar open later).* \$\$\$  Epic Hotel, 270 Biscayne Blvd. (NE Third Ave.), 305-424-5234, area31restaurant.com

Gibraltar • Coconut Grove • Seafood

One of Miami's few waterfront dining venues—and certainly the most romantic—Gibraltar at the boutique Grove Isle Hotel and Spa replaces Baleen with a modern look (less colonial plantation, more tropical chic) and a quietly dazzling menu. Seafood figures prominently, with Florida striped bass, coconut coriander mussels, and roasted yellowtail snapper, while elegantly composed small plates (prosciutto, gorgonzola, and lardo with honeycomb and pickled onions) and sophisticated desserts have gained attention. There's no dreamier place to celebrate a special occasion than on this enchanting island just off Coconut Grove, a million miles

from affordable table wines to fine Amarones and Super Tuscans. *Mon–Wed 11:30am–9:30pm, Thu 11:30am–10:30pm, Fri–Sat 11:30am–11:30pm.* \$\$\$  [2506 NW Second Ave. \(25th St.\), 305-438-0488, joeyswynwood.com](#)



Lido Restaurant and Bayside Grill • South Beach • Mediterranean

Housed in the very cool Standard, the Lido features Scandinavian décor so retro-hip that potted ferns dangle from macramé hangers. But head for the outdoor grill for extraordinary bay views. It's an idyllic setting for the inventive Mediterranean-inspired cuisine—small plates of grilled green beans and asparagus, or beet carpaccio salad—or meat and fish marinated with olive oil and herbs de Provence, with side greens and grains to mix and match. The hip, efficient service caters to a youngish crowd looking for a laid-back alternative to noisy South Beach. After dinner, there's bingo in the lobby. *Daily 7am–midnight.* \$\$\$   [The Standard Miami, 40 Island Ave. \(Venetian Causeway\), 305-673-1717, standardhotel.com](#)


Pacific Time • Design District • Regional/Asian


Offering yet another reason the Design District is Miami's must-visit neighborhood for foodies, Pacific Time is back, delighting its fans with eclectic, Asian-inspired dishes from local chef Jonathan Eismann. Having made the move from Lincoln Road, Pacific Time—like stellar Michael's Genuine across the street—makes abundant use of seasonal items and Asian flavors, resulting in treats like sautéed grouper with red curry, bananas, and coconut water. The small plates let you taste more (double servings if you want), and prices are refreshingly reasonable. Dine alfresco in the spacious urban-chic courtyard *Mon–Thu 11:30am–3pm and 5:30–11pm, Fri 11:30am–3pm and 5:30pm–midnight, Sat 5:30pm–midnight.* \$\$\$  [35 NE 40th St. \(N. Miami Ave.\), 305-722-7369, pacifictimerestaurant.com](#)

Philippe • South Beach • Chinese


Philippe is another facet of the Gansevoort Hotel, infusing New York chic into the fledgling North South Beach area. Chic Chinese it is, all black lacquered floors with red-and-white accents over two dramatic floors and an astonishing 400 seats. Be prepared for a spendy evening; specialty drinks start at 15 bucks (but the fresh blueberry-filled Midnight Mojito is worth it), and even simple satays and lettuce wraps can top \$20. Snag a seat near the glass-enclosed kitchen and you can watch chef Wai Ming Cheng magically spin his handmade noodles. You can do takeout here, but then you'd miss the undeniable buzz of celebs like Dennis Rodman who've shown up here. *Mon–Sat 1pm–midnight, Sun 3pm–midnight.* \$\$\$\$   [Hotel Gansevoort, 2305 Collins Ave. \(23rd St.\), 305-674-0250, philippechow.com](#)

Sra. Martinez • Downtown Miami • Tapas (G)

One of Miami's most renowned chefs, Michelle Bernstein of Michy's, is behind this trendy tapas bar located in a former post office in the Design District. Foodie fans turn out for sexy Spanish comfort foods. From simple pan con tomate to crazy-rich pork belly topped with orange-fennel marmalade, Sra. Martinez focuses on small plates with concentrated flavors and lots of satisfying fat. Think fried eggplant drizzled with honey, crunchy potatoes served with seasoned mayo, and duck and foie gras sausages with white beans. Menus are delivered in silly hand-addressed envelopes (a reference to the building's history); service is casual but friendly; and every bite is delish. *Mon–Wed 6pm–11pm, Thu 6pm–midnight, Fri–Sat 6pm–1:30am.* \$\$\$  [4000 NE Second Ave. \(NE 40th St.\), 305-573-5474](#)

Govind Armstrong's California style means you'll find mostly local organic produce; burgers made with hormone-free Black Angus sirloin, short rib, and chuck; and house-cured bacon and homemade pickles. Extras like roasted garlic aioli, roasted baby broccoli, and chocolate peppermint shakes make it clear you're not in greasy spoon territory. Of course, there's an interesting beer, wine, and cocktail list, including bacon-infused bloody Marys and that California staple, basil elderflower daiquiris. *Sun–Wed 11am–midnight, Thu–Sat 11am–2am.* \$  [1080 Alton Rd. \(10th St.\), 305-397-8246, 8ozburgerbar.com](#)


Eos at Viceroy • Brickell • Mediterranean

Overlooking Biscayne Bay and downtown Miami, the 15th floor of the dramatic Viceroy Miami is the setting for Eos, the Mediterranean-inspired restaurant from chef Michael Psilakis that's attracting foodies in search of the unexpected. The twist? Sushi and sashimi with unexpected ingredients, and Greek spins on traditional dishes—raw tuna served with watermelon and feta, or oyster ceviche accompanied by tomatillo, Peruvian chili, and plum. Smoked octopus comes with pineapple, spicy sopressata, and skordalia, and a Greek paella includes orzo and merguez, a spicy North African sausage. You can do small plates nicely here, but the restaurant will roast a baby goat, pig, or lamb for a celebration (call in advance). *Mon–Wed 7am–2pm and 6–10pm, Thu–Sat 7am–2pm and 6–11pm, Sun 7am–2pm.* \$\$\$   [Viceroy Miami, 485 Brickell Ave. \(SE Fifth St.\), 305-503-0373, viceroymiami.com](#)

Hakkasan • Mid-Beach • Chinese

Alan Yau, of the UK's only Michelin-rated Chinese restaurant, brings haute Chinese stateside at this seductively dim rooftop space of ebony wood, carved teak, and silk lanterns. While exceedingly expensive (the Peking duck appetizer with golden Osetra caviar goes for a cool \$195), Hakkasan turns out impeccable dishes like spicy Assam prawns and crispy Szechuan shredded rib-eye beef. There's a large menu of New World wines and sake, as well as signature cocktails made from vodka, coconut, lychee juice, and passion fruit. Like all the venues at the dazzling, high-wattage Fontainebleau, Hakkasan attracts celebs and dressed-to-impress locals. *Tue–Sun 6pm–close.* \$\$\$\$   [Fontainebleau Miami Beach, 4441 Collins Ave. \(44th St.\), 786-276-1388, fontainebleau.com](#)

La Marea • South Beach • Mediterranean

The pale, elegant restaurant at the austere Tides has relaunched under executive chef Pietro Rota, an Italian native who brings fresh seafood, flown in daily, and sprightly Mediterranean flavors to this stylish venue. Imported loup de mer, fresh sardines, and whole dorade are filleted table-side and served with rare salts and olive oil, while pasta dishes include bigoli (whole wheat pasta) and paccheri (artisan rigatoni with pork cheeks and porcini mushrooms). It's pricey, special-occasion dining that will be even more memorable if you get a table on the terrace, where lush shrubs provide privacy from noisy Ocean Drive. *Daily 7am–11pm.* \$\$\$  [The Tides, 1220 Ocean Dr. \(12th St.\), 305-604-5070, tidessouthbeach.com](#)

Mai Tardi • Design District • Italian

Mai Tardi—"never late" in Italian—has joined what is arguably South Florida's hottest dining 'hood: the Design District. Moving into the old Brosia spot, with its lovely mosaic patio and shady oak trees, Mai Tardi serves Northern Italian fare—thin-crust pizzas from the wood-burning oven, gnocchi, cured meats, tapas, and comforting pasta dishes. All this comes from the same folks who are

behind successful casual Italian eateries Tiramesu, Spris, and Segafredo. You may find trendier cuisine down the street, but you won't find a more relaxing oasis to spend time drinking wine and lounging with friends. *Mon–Thu 11:30am–11pm, Fri–Sat 11:30am–midnight.* \$\$\$ 📍 62 NE 14th St. (NE Second Ave.), 305-572-1400, maitardimiami.com

Meat Market • South Beach • Steak House

Yes, another steak house, but it's well done, South Beach style. From the talents who created the celebrated fare at now-closed Touch, this Lincoln Road restaurant has a loungey raw bar and an extensive seafood menu in addition to steaks. And let's talk about those steaks: They're presented in a three-tiered format, starting with simple à la carte selections, moving to ultra-premium cuts, and culminating in house creations like buffalo tenderloin steak with a chili and espresso rub or tropical braised fatty brisket with coconut and mango. Also on the menu: house-made sauces and butters plus sides like truffle creamed corn, summer squash cobbler, and bacon and onion creamed spinach. *Mon–Thu 5pm–midnight, Fri–Sat 5pm–1am.* \$\$\$ 📍 915 Lincoln Rd. (Jefferson Ave.), 305-532-0088, meatmarketmiami.com

Mr. Chow • South Beach • Chinese

It didn't take long for the South Beach outpost of Mr. Chow (already a hot commodity in London, LA, and New York) to attract celebs like Randy Jackson, Ryan Seacrest, and Michael Jordan, along with the local eye candy. Mr. Chow joins nearby competitors Philippe in the Gansevoort and Hakkasan in the Fontainebleau as a high-end Chinese hot spot where the focus is on the scene more than the cuisine. Located in the trendy new W hotel, the dramatic space features a 123-foot gold-leaf and Swarovski crystal chandelier, a sleek bar, and a roomy outside dining patio. A nightly noodle-pulling show reveals the talents of the top Chinese chefs here, and dishes like green prawns and Beijing duck get accolades. But it's pricey fare—you're paying dearly for the good-looking crowd here. *Mon–Sun 6–11:30pm.* \$\$\$ 📍 W South Beach, 2201 Collins Ave. (22nd St.), 305-695-1695, mrchow.com

Plat Bleu • South Beach • French Bistro

De rigueur for the chic crowd, the Delano has revamped its east end to create a charming Brazilian-French bistro. The menu includes Brazilian skirt steak skewers; savory Carioca breads laden with mozzarella, tomatoes, and Parmigiano; and sexy sandwiches like lobster clun or duck confit medianoches. Plop yourself down at one of the marble tables or stake out one of the leather sofas, order a Cobb salad, and nurse a caipirinha all day while watching the parade of beautiful or otherwise interesting people parade through. On weekends, it's open until 4am, perfect for a 'tween-clubbing pit stop. *Sun–Thu 11:30am–2am, Fri–Sat 11:30am–4am.* \$\$\$ 📍 Delano, 1685 Collins Ave. (17th St.), 305-674-6400, delano-hotel.com

Prelude by Barton G. • Downtown Miami • American

Impresario Barton G. Weiss—known for extravagant events that sometimes involve giraffes and chimps, as well as his eponymous special-occasion restaurant in South Beach—has opened an elegant dining spot inside the Arsht Center. While you may not find swordfish chunks skewered on sabers, you can expect inventive cuisine with appropriate dramatic flair: Gorgeous serving dishes

hotel with contemporary guest rooms cheerfully decorated with colorful walk-in showers, balconies, or walk-out lanais. There's also an inviting tropical pool area with cabanas. And there's art everywhere. As a partner with Art Fusion Gallery of the Design District, the hotel has filled its spaces with original art. Even the sunny, bright restaurant and bar are filled with works—new exhibits are introduced seasonally. The sceney lounge has become a popular hot spot for local professionals after work. Perhaps best of all is its location in the Brickell financial district near the entrance to Key Biscayne—handy for business downtown, and a quick trip across the causeway for sailing or windsurfing. \$ 2500 Brickell Ave. (SW 25th Rd.), 305-854-2070 / 866-384-2997, hotelurbano.com

Tempo Miami • Downtown Miami • Modern (56 rms)

Tucked inside the 67-story Marquis, one of the sleek new condos changing the face of Biscayne Boulevard, is the 56-room Tempo Miami, a RockResort, a contemporary boutique hotel with stunning views of downtown and Biscayne Bay. Spacious rooms feature walk-in closets, luxurious linens, bathrooms with soaking tubs and bay views, and grand entry foyers. It's still in soft-open mode, but folks in the know rave about the third-floor lounge with its stunning floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking Biscayne Boulevard and its wild berry mojitos. Right now, the location is convenient to the Arsht Center for the Performing Arts and the American Airlines Arena; Tempo will be ideally situated when the Museum Park, housing the Miami Art Museum, the Miami Science Museum, and a branch of HistoryMiami, opens in the next few years. \$\$ 1100 Biscayne Blvd. (NE 11th St.), 786-369-0300 / 877-857-7625, tempomiami.rockresorts.com

Arty Party Miami Restaurants

Abokado • Brickell • Japanese/Latin

Sushi gets spicy Latin sabor at this Mary Brickell Village restaurant. The combination is convivial; highlights include picante ceviches with wasabi and soy; tiraditos (marinated ribbons of fish or beef); rolls that include cilantro, jalapeño, chipotle, and mango; and main dishes such as prawns with udon stir-fry and pasilla chile strips or tequila-miso-marinated chicken. Although the décor is sleek and pale green, projecting modern Zen calm, don't expect to find tranquility; Abokado, like the other establishments in Mary Brickell Village, has a thriving (and noisy) bar scene and an inviting outdoor area that attracts sociable young professionals who work nearby or live in this burgeoning condo canyon. *Mon–Thu noon–3pm and 5:30–11pm, Fri noon–3pm and 5:30pm–midnight, Sat 5:30pm–midnight, Sun 5:30–10pm.* \$\$\$ 📍 900 S. Miami Ave. (SW Ninth St.), 305-347-3700, abokadosushi.com

Joey's Italian Cafe • Downtown Miami • Italian

The up-and-coming Wynwood Arts District, just south of the Design District, is home to alternative art fairs during Art Basel, edgy galleries, and the Museum of Contemporary Art at Goldman Warehouse—and now Joey's, a Mediterranean bistro aiming to draw everyone from semistarving artists to Art Basel high rollers. Joey's features classics from Venice and other regions, with three-course prix fixe meals and à la carte items. The menu spans basic pizzas to regional Italian fare like lamb chops with polenta and warm octopus and chickpea salad. The wine list ranges

up the guest list. Will this naughty new nightspot bring a sexy dimension to SoBe nightlife? Stay tuned. *Thur–Sat 11pm–5am.* ☎ 330 Lincoln Rd. (Washington Ave.), 305-532-2330, thestripmiami.com

Hot & Cool Miami Attractions

The Spa at David Barton Gym • South Beach • Spa

Don't look for a chill Zen stones-and-serenity vibe at David Barton's gym and first-ever spa at the hip Gansevoort South. This 45,000-square-foot space, all tricked out in spicy Moroccan colors and carved Oriental lounges, is a rock-and-roll palace where you can work out with personal trainers, then relax with spa treatments to get ready for a night of clubbing. In addition to tons of free weights, there are two floors of cardio, 10 types of yoga, combat and boxing, Krav Maga, Pilates, aqua fitness, and lots more, plus throbbing live sets by international DJs. The spa menu includes massage, body treatments, facials, waxing, manis, and pedis. *Mon–Fri 5:30am–midnight, Sat–Sun 8am–9pm.* \$\$\$ Gansevoort South, 2323 Collins Ave. (23rd St.), 305-534-1660, davidbartongym.com

The Webster • South Beach • Store

Hot, haute couture finally comes to South Beach at the Webster, 20,000 square feet of men's and women's fashions, shoes, bags, jewelry, and vintage watches. Located in a 1939 Henry Hohauser-designed building, the Webster offers lines including Alaïa, Balenciaga, Lanvin, Marc Jacobs, Prada, Stella McCartney, and Tom Ford—to name just a few. On the first floor of the three-level former hotel, you'll find the Parisian restaurant Caviar Kaspia in its first US location. The partnership is perfect: Certain times are set aside for restaurant clients to shop privately, while Webster patrons can do takeout or send luxury gift baskets of caviar and smoked salmon. *Mon–Sat 11am–8pm, Sun 11am–6pm.* 1220 Collins Ave. (12th St.), 305-674-7899, thewebstermiami.com

Arty Party Miami Hotels

Epic Hotel • Downtown Miami • Trendy (411 rms)

Beautifully located on the Miami River amid glittery new condo towers, the luxury Epic Hotel, part of the Kimpton chain, combines stunning vistas with understated chic. Spectacular views are part of the design—from the living room lobby, you can see the Tequesta Indian sculpture atop the arched bridge—and all rooms face the bay or river. Rooms start on the 18th floor and feature floor-to-ceiling windows and generous balconies, while the serene natural décor includes petrified wood accents, understated Frette linens, and spacious bathrooms. The Area 31 restaurant serves fresh seafood both inside and outdoors, and a spa and lounge are coming soon. \$\$\$\$ 270 Biscayne Blvd. (NE Third St.), 305-424-5226 / 866-760-3742, epichotel.com

Hotel Urbano • Brickell • Modern (65 rms)

This under-the-radar gem is filled with unexpected surprises. Formerly an innocuous chain hotel, Hotel Urbano has been converted into a casual boutique

showcase novelties such as buttery poached baby shrimp salad and caramel apple sundaes, served in time for showgoers to make the performance. Prix-fixe Diner's Decision dinners are \$39 for any three courses; lunch and brunch is \$23 for any two courses. Make reservations based on performance time. *Tue–Sun 5pm–midnight.* \$\$ ☎ Arsht Center, Ziff Ballet Opera House, 2nd Fl., 1444 Biscayne Blvd. (14th St.), 305-357-7900, preludebybartong.com

Scarpetta • Mid-Beach • Italian

If you were down to your last few bucks, would you blow \$23 for Scarpetta's spaghetti al pomodoro? Absolutely. This humble dish, each pale al dente strand infused with tomato and basil goodness, rises to the height of pure bliss. But there are plenty of other reasons to splurge on Scott Conant's outstanding Italian cuisine, like agnolotti dal plin, fresh pasta filled with meat, mushrooms, and cheese; crispy fritto misto; and exquisite cheeses, like the paglierina, served with stewed figs, chamomile, and honey. The elegant setting is vaguely nautical, with black-and-white mosaic art at the bar, and a breezy outdoor terrace overlooks the pool and ocean. Service is warm, professional, and attentive. *Mon–Sat 6pm–close, Sun 11am–2:30pm and 6pm–close (lounge Tue–Sat 4pm–1am).* \$\$\$\$ ☎ Fontainebleau Miami Beach, 4441 Collins Ave. (44th St.), 877-326-7412, fontainebleau.com

STK Miami • South Beach • Steakhouse


Another steakhouse in Miami? Well, yes, but this one is housed in the sexy Gansevoort, so expect major drama: a gorgeous space with a loungey vibe, a catwalk mezzanine across the back bar, and places to see (mezzanine) or be seen (ground floor). On the menu are premium cuts of meat and dishes reflecting South Beach panache: seared big-eye tuna with roasted pineapple, chili peppers, and congri basmati rice, and pork mojo cazuela with yucca. You'll also find favorites from the LA and New York locations, such as foie gras French toast, shrimp rice krispies, and the li'l big mac. Celebs like Adam Sandler and Fergie have already hung out here, and you'll be rubbing elbows with a trendy, young, New York-style crowd. After dinner, just pop into the intimate Coco de Ville next door. *Thu–Sat 5:30pm–1am, Sun–Mon 5:30–11pm, Tue–Wed 5:30pm–midnight.* \$\$\$ ☎ Gansevoort South, 2377 Collins Ave. (23rd St.), 305-604-6988, onelittlewest12.com/stkmiami

Talavera • Coral Gables • Mexican

Coral Gables' restaurant row gets fine Mexican cuisine with upscale, flavorful cuisine at Talavera, a convivial spot worth a special trip. From the same folks who brought the very popular Jaguar to Coconut Grove, Talavera plays whimsical homage to Mexican icons such as Carlos Santana, Cantinflas, and Salma Hayek, and showcases typical blue Mexican pottery, which shows up in tableware and as a wall motif. No greasy chips here; baked tortillas are served with blazing hot cilantro dip and red-pepper salsa. Specialties include huaraches—tasty corn dough topped with black beans, beef, pork, or chicken. Don't miss the homey cream-of-fresh-com soup with poblano chiles and queso fresco. *Mon–Thu 11:30am–11pm, Fri–Sat 11:30am–11:30pm, Sun 11am–11pm.* \$\$ ☎ 2299 Ponce de Leon Blvd. (Giralda Ave.), 305-444-2955, talaveraspot.com

Wish • South Beach • American (G)

Classic American cooking melds with haute Asian cuisine at this outstanding restaurant, distinctively designed by Todd Oldham, that's been a proving ground


for top culinary talents. Dishes like cinnamon-braised oxtail and sugarcane-skewered pork loin, plus the popular Vietnamese pho soup, are consistently delightful. Huge white umbrellas lend the garden terrace a cool, chic ambience. This gorgeous place has attracted the likes of Mick Jagger, Madonna, and Rupert Everett. *Sun–Thu 7am–3pm and 6–11pm, Fri–Sat 7am–3pm and 6pm–midnight.* \$\$\$  [The Hotel, 801 Collins Ave. \(Eighth St.\), 305-674-9474, wishrestaurant.com](#)

Zuma • Downtown Miami • Japanese


With locations in London, Hong Kong, Dubai, and Istanbul, this stylish Japanese restaurant chose Miami for its U.S. debut—and this waterfront location in the lobby of the Epic has made quite a splash. Inspired by the casual izakaya style, Zuma has a lounge bar, a sushi bar, an open-fire robata grill, and inside and outside seating. Forty different varieties of sake are on the menu, along with small plates—fresh seafood, grilled meats, and vegetables. Time will tell if Zuma's celeb following, which includes Lady Gaga and Gwyneth Paltrow, will find their way to Miami. (You can arrive by boat—the Epic Marina has a private dock). *Mon–Thu noon–3pm and 6pm–midnight, Fri–Sat noon–3pm and 6pm–1am. Bar: Mon–Thu noon–midnight, Fri–Sat noon–2am.* \$\$\$\$  [Epic Hotel, 270 Biscayne Blvd. Way \(Brickell Ave.\), 305-577-0277, zumarestaurant.com](#)

Hot & Cool Miami Nightlife

Club 50 at the Viceroy Club • Brickell • Lounge


Join Miami's newest mile-high—well, 50-story—night spot, the spectacular Club 50 at the Viceroy. Much more than your usual rooftop lounge, this stunning Asian-inspired club features the city's highest pool and fabulous views of Biscayne Bay, downtown Miami, and sunsets over the Everglades. Other breath-taking sights include beautiful party people, all dressed to impress in Miami chic (which means lots of skin, but no sneakers or ripped jeans). Wednesdays feature live jazz, Thursdays offer happy hour, and Fridays and Saturdays see some of Miami's top DJs spinning. Club 50 is semiprivate for residents and hotel guests, but open to all who RSVP. *Tue–Thu 5pm–midnight, Fri–Sat 5pm–2am.*  [The Viceroy, 485 Brickell Ave. \(SE Fifth St.\), 305-503-4400, viceroymiami.com](#)

LIV Nightclub • Mid-Beach • Nightclub


Huge, loud, and over-the-top, LIV (pronounced “liv” and representing the Roman numerals for 54, the year the Fontainebleau opened) is the fabulously revamped Fontainebleau's 30,000-square-foot nightclub. It's already celeb central—Beyoncé, Jay Z, the Hilton sisters, Pamela Anderson, and Gloria and Emilio Estefan have partied here—and there's plenty of room for everyone, with three full-service bars; six private skyboxes; sexy dancers; pounding hip-hop, house, and rock; and a voyeuristic design that lets you see and be seen from everywhere. If you want the ultimate Miami Beach club experience, don your sexiest duds and LIV a little. *Fri–Sat 10pm–late.*  [Fontainebleau Miami Beach, 4441 Collins Ave. \(44th St.\), 305-674-4680, livnightclub.com](#)

Louis Bar Lounge • South Beach • Nightclub


Now arguably the hottest club on South Beach, this Belle Epoque-alyptic venue from the Opium Group features décor inspired by 18th-century France combined with kooky hot-pink hide chairs and graffiti art. Tucked behind the 50-

foot shark tank in the hotel lobby, Louis claims to have one of the toughest doors in town: Women, this means dressing up in your scantiest finest; and men, make sure you're accompanied by one of these women. If you're staying at the hotel, that's different—you're absolutely welcome. Celebs like Lindsay Lohan, Samantha Ronson, and A-Rod have partied here. *Tue and Thu–Sat 10pm–5am.*  [Gansevoort, 2325 Collins Ave. \(23rd St.\), 305-531-4600, louismiami.com](#)


Mia at Biscayne • Downtown Miami • Lounge

A buzzing nightlife scene in downtown Miami—not South Beach? Mia is the latest mainland hot spot to offer a lounge scene and entertainment into the wee hours. The good-looking crowd enjoys edible cocktails like the Cuba libre (dark rum gelée, Coca-Cola granizado, lime espuma, and Pop Rocks) and mystical witches'-brew-like nitrogen concoctions. Chef Gerdy Rodriguez brings inventive Latin-Asian cuisine to the space, serving up lots of tapas, tiraditos, ceviche, and small plates for lunch right up to late-night snacks. Friday night happy hour is a great time to go. *Mon–Tue 11am–2am, Wed–Fri 11am–5am, Sat 6pm–5am.*  [20 Biscayne Blvd. \(Flagler St.\), 305-642-0032, miabiscayne.com](#)

Plunge Rooftop Lounge • South Beach • Lounge

Like its New York counterpart, the rooftop lounge Plunge at the Gansevoort South is entertaining celebrities and beautiful South Beach types. Eighteen stories above the ocean, the palm-lined adults-only pool is the central focal point, and sweeping views of the Atlantic and the Miami Beach skyline take your breath away. Or you can watch flat-screen TVs in colorful cabanas (reserve bottle service for these), or hang out on white couches drinking pricey cocktails while listening to DJs spin. It's a popular party venue: Former 'N Syncer Lance Bass celebrated his birthday here. *Daily 6pm–3am.*  [Gansevoort South Hotel, 2377 Collins Ave. \(W. 24th St.\), 305-604-1000, gansevootsouth.com/rooftop-pool](#)

SET Night Club • South Beach • Nightclub

Elegant, snooty, and one of the toughest doors in town, this offering from the folks who brought megaclubs Opium Garden, Privé, and Mansion to South Beach promises—and delivers—glittering celebrities and nonstop glamour. On Lincoln Road, SET's set is dramatic light and sound, but it's the star power that dazzles: Simon, Paula, and Ryan hung out here when *American Idol* came to town; Anna Kournikova, Derek Jeter, and Gisele Bündchen party at SET; Britney's been here, too. Whenever there's a big event—Super Bowl, New Year's Eve, even Miami Fashion Week—this place is packed. Ask your concierge to get you on the guest list. *Thu–Sat 11pm–5am.*  [320 Lincoln Rd. \(Washington Ave.\), 305-531-2800, setmiami.com](#)

The Strip • South Beach • Nightclub

In true classic Miami Beach style, the burlesque club experiences a renaissance with all the modern-day risqué elements you'd expect: chandeliers and swings, lots of fringes and velvet seating, sparkly pasties, and completely NSFW skin, skin, skin. On Lincoln Road in the old Rumi space, the Strip is two levels of performance art in the form of go-go dancers, contortionists, and barely clad waitresses and hostesses. Resident DJ Jeffrey Tonnasen brings his magic to the extravaganza. Want privacy? A VIP room includes a stripper pole and private bar. Visiting celebs—especially sports stars—plus hot women who want to meet them make