What's new in Greater Miami and Miami Beach

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As summer approaches in Greater Miami & Miami Beach, visitors can scoop up great deals on cultural attractions, enjoy thrilling outdoor adventures and attend some iconic events.

The new season also brings freshly minted hotels and new culinary stars along with unique spas and family-friendly activities.

Find out what's new in Miami this summer:

NEW ACTIVITIES AND ATTRACTIONS

Now is a prime time to enjoy Miami's top <u>attractions</u> and <u>outdoor adventures</u>, and you can experience it all for less. There's still time to enjoy <u>Miami Attractions & Museum Months</u>, which runs until the end of May. You'll find free entry to culture-rich museums, two-for-one admissions, and heavily discounted prices on family-friendly experiences on both land and water.

At the <u>Pérez Art Museum Miami</u>, make time to view "<u>The Days That Build Us</u>", a collection of video works from artists that explores human experiences that shape our identities and builds who we are. It opens May 31 and will run through June 2.

Escape room enthusiasts can test their wits and sleuthing skills in several immersive experiences at Escapology in CityPlace Doral, or fly like an astronaut in the new Zero Gravity room at the illusion-based Paradox Museum Miami in Wynwood.

Padel tennis is getting popular in Miami, and <u>Reserve Miami</u> opened its first permanent club at <u>SoLé Mia</u> in <u>North Miami</u>. The two-story venue offers 10 professional indoor and outdoor courts along with two pickleball courts. There's also a private wellness club and gym with a cold plunge, steam room and sauna.

May is the perfect time to get active outdoors. Take a leisurely stroll or bike ride on the newly restored Hobie Island North Beach Roadway, which has reopened with a protected bike and pedestrian lane that connects <u>Hobie North and South beaches</u> via the underpass of the William Powell Bridge on the Rickenbacker Causeway. The multiuse path runs along the waterfront and offers a beautiful view of the Miami skyline.

Furry friends have <u>new dog-friendly places</u> where they can play in in the sand. Along with <u>Bark Beach</u> in <u>North Beach</u>, dogs are now welcome on 21st Street in South Beach between 9-11 a.m. from April to October, and the same times on the beach at 53rd Street in Mid Beach.

The Reefline Aquatic Sculpture Park is being developed by BlueLab Preservation Society in partnership with the City of Miami Beach and will feature environmentally functioning artwork by major international artists and designers. The seven-mile underwater sculpture park, snorkel trail and artificial reef is located on the shoreline of Miami Beach, feet from the shores of South Beach at 4th street. Split into three phases, work on the line will be completed in smeaning that there will always be more to come back and see.

The Reefline is more than an underwater museum as its structures will resemble nature reefs created by habitats for marine life, it is also a free snorkel reef that will be accessible to all with a VR component in development. Within swimming distance from shore, The ReefLine will provide the community with a free opportunity to engage directly with Miami's marine biological diversity and underwater public art without the need for boats or scuba diving equipment. https://www.thereefline.org/

KEY EVENTS

The <u>FIFA Club World Cup 2025</u> kicks off June 14, at <u>Hard Rock Stadium</u> in Miami Gardens marking a historic moment as the tournament debuts its new expanded format. This month-long football spectacle will showcase clubs from across the globe, including European giants Real Madrid, Manchester City and Bayern Munich; South American clubs Fluminense, Boca Juniors and River Plate; and host nation representative Inter Miami CF.

The world's premier event for Black filmmakers, the <u>American Black Film Festival (ABFF)</u>, returns to sunny <u>Miami Beach</u> June 11-15, 2025. The ABFF is a transformative force that has elevated Black voices, nurtured emerging talent and reshaped industry narratives about Black culture.

Every Saturday at Brooklyn-based Smorgasburg's outpost in Wynwood. <u>Smorgasburg</u> returns for its new season with 40+ vendors, including 10 new concepts and, by popular demand, more shaded areas. Expect to find a diverse range of tasty treats from an eclectic array of vendors that include Acai Way, Korean Kitchen, Kabuki Soba, The Lazy Oyster, La Picaña Grill, Lechona Truck, Tio Paella, Puro Chocolate, Cool & Creamy Truck, and more.

HOT NEW HOTELS AND SPAS

New hotels are springing up all over Miami. <u>Andaz Miami Beach</u>, formerly The Confidante, opened in March. Located in <u>Mid Beach</u>, it will delight with Art Deco vibes and an ocean-view check-in experience. Catering to a fun-loving, nightlife crowd, its beachfront will be dotted with bean bags, hammocks and daybeds.

The new <u>lberostar Waves Berkeley Shore</u> in <u>South Beach</u> is housed in a 1940s <u>Art Deco</u> building, where you can dive into a rooftop pool and take in city views from a private balcony, while the boutique gem, <u>lberostar Waves Miami</u> <u>Beach</u> caters to both families and business travellers.

Those looking to update their spring wardrobe while on vacation can check in to <u>The Hotel At The Moore</u>, located in the <u>Miami Design District</u> luxury shopping hub. With only 13 plush suites, the recently opened boutique hotel resembles a private residence and offers access to an on-property member's only club and <u>Elastika</u> restaurant.

Turkish bathing culture is hot right now in Miami with relaxing new oases. The <u>Russian & Turkish Baths</u> in Mid Beach has reopened with all the perks longtime visitors loved. You can alternate between several different saunas, cold plunges, aromatherapy steam rooms and more.

Another new place is <u>Hurrem Hammam Wellness & Spa</u> in North Miami. This authentic Turkish hammam offers plentiful amenities.

NEW DINING HOTSPOTS

Miami is awash with new restaurants in 2025. At Italian showstoppers like <u>Donna Mare Italian Chophouse</u> in Mid Beach and <u>Rosemary's</u> in <u>Wynwood</u>, the focus is on the way food looks and how it tastes. Feel like you've been whisked away to the French Riviera at <u>Claudie</u> in <u>Brickell</u>, or join the well-heeled crowd at the new outpost of French favourite <u>La Grande Boucherie</u> in South Beach. <u>Wyn Wyn</u> at the <u>Arlo Wynwood</u> hotel focuses on fresh, sustainable cuisine. If you're visiting <u>Bayside Marketplace</u> in <u>Downtown Miami</u>, check out newcomer <u>La Canita</u> for Cuban and Caribbean cuisine.

In other exciting news, the world took another bite out of Greater Miami's culinary excellence as the prestigious **Michelin Guide** unveiled its 2025 Florida selections, with Greater Miami and Miami Beach once again commanding the spotlight with Miami venues awarded 16 Michelin Stars, featuring one standout newcomer and returning icons. The acclaimed <u>L'Atelier de Joël Robuchon</u> maintained its elite two-star status, while <u>Itamae AO</u> earned its place among the world's finest.

Create a dining bucket list and eat your way through all of the new Miami restaurants.

The new <u>Apple</u> store at <u>Miami WorldCenter</u> in Downtown Miami flaunts sustainability and accessibility. The store's design showcases sustainably sourced solid wood and low-carbon materials, and the layout features wide pathways for wheelchairs, assistive hearing systems and tables at varying heights.

<u>Lago Mar Park</u> in <u>Kendall</u> is undergoing a \$1.3 million renovation to make it more accessible. Expect an expanded fitness zone with new equipment, and ADA accessibility will also get a big upgrade.

Everyone is welcome in Greater Miami & Miami Beach, where accessible travel is a priority.

TRAVEL NEWS

If you're looking to cruise from <u>PortMiami</u>, the high-tech <u>MSC Seascape</u> cruise ship is now sailing out of the new <u>MSC</u> Miami Cruise Terminal. It's the first ship to call at the state-of-the-art facility that's the largest cruise terminal in the world; it can accommodate three large ships at a time.

On the west end of the port, construction will begin on the new Cruise Terminal G for Royal Caribbean International in summer 2025 (expected to open in late 2027).

PortMiami and Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings (NCLH) announced this month that the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners approved for NCLH to assume responsibility for the operations and maintenance of the existing Cruise Terminal B Garage, as well as the development of a new Multipurpose Parking Facility at PortMiami.

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