

The logo for Miami Greater Miami and the Beaches, featuring the word "MIAMI" in a stylized, outlined font. The letters are composed of thin, dark lines, with the 'M' and 'I's having a unique, angular design. A small trademark symbol (TM) is located at the end of the 'I'.

GREATER MIAMI AND THE BEACHES

A photograph of a multi-story Art Deco building facade. The building features a mix of colors: a light beige section on the left, a white section in the middle, and a red section on the right. There are prominent horizontal and vertical lines, a red circular decorative element on the white section, and a red balcony railing. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

CITY SITES & MAP



Surrounded by the gentle swells of the Atlantic Ocean, Greater Miami and the Beaches is celebrated for its turquoise waters, white sandy beaches and picture perfect weather. Myriad attractions, recreational activities, museums, festivals and fairs add a spicy sense of fun. First-class accommodations, world-class cuisine, sizzling nightlife, and infinite shopping opportunities are just part of the magical appeal of our city. Whether it's your first time here or you're a returning visitor, we invite you to experience our tropical and cosmopolitan destination.

## Sizzling Nights

Sultry by day, the city gets even steamier by night when the clubs, lounges and other late-night spots invite revelers to party the night away. Slip into something black and sexy, and check out the nightclubs. Dance under the stars, immerse yourself in the city's internationally renowned nightlife, and party into the wee hours. Life's a party—especially when you're on vacation!

## Tantalizing Treats

Miami's international flair, seaside locale and fresh, local produce add up to unforgettable dining experiences. New World cuisine tantalizes with dishes featuring eclectic combinations of tropical fruits and exotic spices. Ethnic delights can be found around every corner of our multicultural city. Local chefs create mouthwatering new taste sensations in settings ranging from poolside to palatial. Greater Miami and the Beaches is truly a gourmet adventure.

## The Sporting Life

Sports fans and outdoor enthusiasts know that when it comes to sports and recreation, there's no contest—Greater Miami and the Beaches scores big. With winning baseball, football and basketball teams thrown into the mix, there's always an exciting game to catch while you're in town. Popular recreational pursuits include volleyball, golf, tennis and rollerblading. Water lovers can hop on a jet ski, parasail over the beach, kayak or sail along the tranquil waters of Biscayne Bay. For an underwater thrill, grab a mask and snorkel or scuba dive at one of several undersea wrecks teeming with tropical fish and coral. A great way to view Greater Miami's dramatic skyline is from the deck of a charter boat or sightseeing cruise. You can sail past waterfront mansions along Millionaire's Row during a day cruise, or dance 'til dawn on a party boat excursion.



## Adventures in Shopping

A paradise of merchandise awaits. Elegant malls and hip shopping streets sell everything under the sun. Style mavens will delight in haute couture finds at boutiques and specialty shops. Decorators will discover home accessories with tropical flair and one-of-a-kind treasures that simply can't be passed up. Dedicated bargain hunters can scour the streets for fabulous finds. So get your credit card ready for a shopping marathon! To find out more about shopping in Miami and the Shop Miami Program visit [ShopMiami.travel](http://ShopMiami.travel)

## Attractions Galore

Excitement, surprises and magical memories—that's what draws visitors to Greater Miami and the Beaches. There are a multitude of ways to amuse yourself—from parks and animal-themed attractions to historic sites and lush tropical gardens. From sand in your toes to a parrot pecking your nose—there's never a dull moment when it comes to seeing the sights!

## A Taste of the Arts

This town knows how to put on a show. At our performing arts centers, the playbill includes symphony concerts, world-class dance, theater and opera, and so much more. Art festivals, book fairs and musical events take place year-round under sunny skies. Miami and Miami Beach museums let you glimpse the relics of our fascinating past, learn about Art Deco architecture or marvel at Modern masters. Whether it's gallery hopping or a night at the opera—the arts are always in season in Greater Miami and the Beaches.

For even more great reasons to visit Miami, go to [MiamiandBeaches.com](http://MiamiandBeaches.com) or call (888) 76-MIAMI or (305) 539-3000 for your free Vacation Planner.



# USEFUL TIPS & INFORMATION

## AREA & POPULATION

Greater Miami and the Beaches is spread over 2,000 square miles at the southeastern tip of the Florida peninsula. The Intracoastal Waterway separates the Miami mainland and Miami Beach, located on the Atlantic Ocean. More than two million people reside here, bringing to the area a rich cultural diversity.

## WEATHER

Greater Miami and the Beaches' subtropical climate ensures plentiful sunshine year-round. There is enough rainfall during the summer and early fall to keep the local vegetation ripe with color and to entice cool ocean breezes to tickle the air. Virtually all buildings are air-conditioned. In fact, a light sweater or jacket is advisable to take the chill off the indoor climates. The powerful rays of the sun also make it a good idea to wear a hat and protective sunscreen when planning to be outdoors. Otherwise, both men and women will be most comfortable in lightweight resort wear. Depending upon personal preference, there are opportunities to dress formally.

Greater Miami & The Beaches Local Weather			
Month	Fahrenheit Degrees Min/Max	Celsius Degrees Min/Max	Average Precipitation Inches
January	59 / 75	15 / 24	2.01
February	60 / 76	16 / 24	2.08
March	64 / 79	18 / 26	2.39
April	68 / 83	20 / 28	3.03
May	72 / 85	22 / 29	6.21
June	75 / 88	24 / 31	9.33
July	77 / 89	25 / 32	5.70
August	77 / 89	25 / 32	7.58
September	76 / 88	24 / 31	7.63
October	72 / 85	22 / 29	5.64
November	67 / 80	19 / 27	2.66
December	62 / 77	16 / 24	1.83

## TELEPHONE

Dial 911 to get help quickly in an emergency situation. An operator will connect you to the police, fire department or ambulance service. Local calls at pay telephones are 35 cents.

## GRATUITIES

Customarily, gratuities are paid to hospitality industry personnel who render personal services. As a general rule of thumb, 15-18 percent of the total cost for services is usually appropriate. You may find a

restaurant has already added the gratuity to the final bill. If you are given assistance with your baggage, \$1 per bag is expected. Taxi drivers are usually tipped 15 percent of the fare. When a doorman or valet calls for a taxi, a \$1 tip is generally appropriate. This is also true for the attendant who retrieves your car from valet parking. When tipping for maid service, \$1 per day is a good guideline. Should you engage a concierge's services, tip according to the type of service provided.

## DRIVING & TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

U.S. law stipulates driving on the right-hand side of the road and passing on the left. Right turns are permitted at red lights unless otherwise indicated by a sign at the intersection. Always proceed with caution and carefully note posted speed limits: 15 miles per hour (mph) in school zones, 30 mph in business or residential areas and 55 mph on most expressways, unless road conditions warrant lower speeds. Florida's Turnpike and certain major expressways are toll roads. All persons riding in an automobile are required to wear seat belts. Children under five years of age must be fastened securely in government-approved child car seats. **Division of Driver Licenses:** (305) 229-6333.

Open Tuesday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. (hours vary by location). The State of Florida recognizes valid U.S. driver licenses, international driver licenses and valid licenses issued in other countries. **Parking:** There is parking available at parking lots, garages and meters in all areas. When parking, pay attention to the amount of time and rate indicated on the meter. The fine for an expired meter is \$18; \$45 if not paid within 30 calendar days. Rates for parking lots and garages may vary. Check displayed information for rates and hours of operations. **Tow-away Zones:** Tow-away zones are indicated by signs posted at the curb. Persons in violation may be charged a fine in addition to towing and storage fees. If your car has been towed, contact the municipality where it was parked for further details.

## LIQUOR LAWS

The legal drinking age is 21. Some nightclubs where food is also served permit entrance to persons under 21. Each municipality has its own laws governing the sale of alcohol.

## CONSULATES

If you need to contact your country's consulate, please visit <http://internationalaffairs.flgov.com/consular> to obtain a list of consulates.



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