

# Annual Planning Workshop POWERED BY: July 2, 2025





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# **Upcoming Major Sporting Events**







*banDepot park* March 5<sup>th</sup> – March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026



January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026





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November 6<sup>th</sup> – November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026





#### SCOREBOARD

## Top 10 sports traveled for

Soccer stands out, but sport preferences differ by market



## Club World Cup 2025



### CLUB WORLD CUP '25 International Trends

(Group stage games only)

Top Producers	Travel Inten Growth				
BRAZIL	+ 92%				
ARGENTINA	+ 77%				
CANADA	- 33%				
MEXICO	+ 45%				
UNITED KINGDOM	+17%				
SAUDI ARABIA	+ 723%				
GERMANY	+ 105%				
COLOMBIA	-39%				
ITALY	-40%				
PORTUGAL	+ 238%				
EGYPT	+ 475%				



- Argentina 85%
- Brazil 40%
- Saudi Arabia 90%
- Portugal 78%
- Mexico 30%



## Venues























# **Annual Sporting Events**













August 30th, 2025

October 25, 2025

November 8, 2025 November 15/16, 2025 January 25, 2026



# F1 2025

May 2-4 Miami



#### Miami Formula One – Historical Hotel Performance



Miami-Dade	Thurs - Sun	2022 F1	2023 F1	2024 F1	2025 F1				
County	2019	2022	2023	2024	2025	VS 2019	VS 2019	VS 2019	VS 2019
Occupancy	84.4%	75.2%	80.2%	83.9%	87.7%	-10.8%	-5.0%	-0.5%	3.9%
ADR	\$193.32	\$399.99	\$333.72	\$326.04	\$342.30	106.9%	72.6%	68.7%	77.1%
RevPAR	\$164.29	\$302.12	\$269.52	\$273.68	\$300.07	83.9%	64.1%	66.6%	82.6%
Demand	195,205	194,066	213,356	218,315	229,898	-0.6%	9.3%	11.8%	17.8%
Gross Revenue	\$38,004,458	\$77,911,776	\$71,685,737	\$71,178,991	\$78,693,824	105.0%	88.6%	87.3%	107.1%

Fort Lauderdale	Thurs - Sun	2022 F1	2023 F1	2024 F1	2025 F1				
	2019	2022	2023	2024	2025	VS 2019	VS 2019	VS 2019	VS 2019
Occupancy	79.8%	77.8%	80.7%	81.3%	84.7%	-2.6%	1.2%	1.9%	6.2%
ADR	\$136.83	\$233.77	\$226.00	\$220.10	\$238.17	70.9%	65.2%	60.9%	74.1%
RevPAR	\$109.91	\$182.72	\$183.86	\$178.98	\$201.81	66.2%	67.3%	62.8%	83.6%
Demand	103,162	119,579	124,957	127,320	133,705	15.9%	21.1%	23.4%	29.6%
Gross Revenue	\$14,205,966	\$28,091,801	\$28,455,638	\$28,023,345	\$31,845,062	97.7%	100.3%	97.3%	124.2%

## How did we arrive here? Bringing Sporting Events to Greater Miami



# **Outreach & Relationship Building**

**CONFERENCE + EXPO** 

**EXCLUSIVE HOME OF** 

U.S. OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC SPORTSLINK





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continue the MOMENTUM! January 26-28, 2026

COLUMBUS, OH

SAVE THE DATE! 25 09 15 MONTH DAY

NCAA HOST SYMPOSIUM **9AM - 4PM ET NCAA National Office** Indianapolis, IN



WORLD **OF HOCKEY** 2028







- Attend national and international trade shows
- Network with sports event rights holders
- Promote Miami as a premier destination for events
- Establish long-term relationships

## **Receiving & Reviewing** the RFP

- Rights holders send us Requests for Proposals (RFPs)
- We review event needs:
  - ✓ Required sports facilities
  - ✓ Hotel room blocks
  - ✓ Additional venue space
- Evaluate Miami's capacity to host







# MIAMI ICE

LOANDEPOT PARK IS A MULTI-CULTURAL DESTINATION AT THE CORE OF ONE OF THE GREATEST TOURIST CENTERS IN THE WORLD

37,000+ CAPACITY

RETRACTABLE ROOF ALLOWING FOR OUTDOOR HOCKEY

SYNTHETIC TURF & IN-HOUSE EVENT DECKING SYSTEM CONTROLLABLE RGB LED HOUSE LIGHTS

CLIMATE-CONTROLLED VENUE

IN-SEAT VIEWS OF THE DOWNTOWN MIAMI SKYLINE

loan Depot park

GREATER MIAMI & MANN BEACH



Engaging Local Partners

- Collaborate with:
  - ✓ Hotels
  - ✓ Venues
  - ✓ Municipal partners
  - ✓ Industry stakeholders
- Secure competitive rates & support
- Align with partners to strengthen the bid

## **TRIP PREFERENCES & MEANINGFUL BONDING**



Sporting events build community

Source: Expedia Booking Data

#### OFF-COURT INTERESTS

## Activities outside of the sporting event

Dining, shopping, and sightseeing are the top activities for travelers during sports events.



AUDIENCE INSIGHTS

## Younger fans travel abroad the most

# 56%

travelers aged 16-34 traveled internationally for their last sports trip

PORTS TOURISM 2025

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Source: Expedia Group Sports Tourism Survey, 2025

FUTURE TRAVEL PLANS

# Looking ahead

# 84%

plan to travel for a sporting event in the next 12 months

58%

are planning for 2+ sports trips

# **Bid Development & Submission**



#### **Compile proposal:**

- Venue availability and specs
- Room blocks and hotel rates
- Letters of support from partners
- Financial incentives (if applicable)

Submit bid to rights holder before the deadline

#### CHAPTER 03 Price is critical, but it's not everything

The Traveller Value Index shows a measure of what consumers value when booking travel. In our 2023 report, consumers made it clear that price was by far the most important factor, followed by the ability to get a full refund and enhanced cleaning.

Our Traveller Value Index shows how consumer rank decision-making factors including:

- Ability to get a full refund on cancelled bookings
- Atypical, low pricing
- Flexible policies to change bookings without fees or penalty
- Enhanced and frequent cleaning/disinfection methods
- Contactless experience throughout trip
- · Premium, first-class benefits and upgrades
- Environmentally-friendly policies
- Reviews from other travellers \*New for 2025\*

This year, while cost remains important, the way travellers define "value" is shifting. Travellers aren't just looking for the lowest price, they're looking for quality, assurance and flexibility when booking their trips.



# Winning the Bid & Executing the Event



# **Marketing & In-Kind-Servies**



fficial Website of Greater Miami & Miami Beach



Explore Places To Stay Eat & Drink Events Deals



### FIFA WORLD CUP 26<sup>™</sup> BRONZE FINAL MATCH ⊙ <

#### **Event Listing Details**

- High-resolution images with 1440 x 900 pixels
- Detailed event description

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 Include promotions, fun facts, or unique highlights

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#### Jul 18, 2026

Miami is set to host the FIFA World Cup in 2026, bringing the world's premier soccer event to the city's vibrant and diverse community. Matches will be held at the state-of-the-art Hard Rock Stadium, known for its modern amenities and excellent accessibility. Miami is also focusing on sustainability, with initiatives to reduce the event's environmental impact.

The final match played in Miami will be Bronze Final on Saturday. This will be the deciding game between third and fourth place of the world cup.

As more details become available closer to the event, specific match descriptions will likely highlight the participating teams and anticipated rivalries. Stay tuned for updates!

View the **FIFA World Cup 26" Match Schedule** to plan your itinerary.

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#### GET DISCOUNTED TICKETS TO THE NASCAR **CUP SERIES**

#### Dear Ella.

NASCAR is extending a 20% discount on tickets to our valued GMCVB partners for Sunday, March 23 when the NASCAR Cup Series takes over Homestead-Miami Speedway.

Don't miss the world's best NASCAR drivers racing in paradise this Spring on the iconic 1.5 oval known for its close racing and unpredictable finishes! This is the weekend you won't want to miss!

Enjoy this special offer by clicking below or visit Homestead-Miami Speedway's website to learn more.

#### **Buy Now and Save!**

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- **Content:**
- What date and time should this email be sent?









#### **Marketing Channels**

- Make sure to take plenty of photos that we can include in our corporate social media
- We also offer inclusion in our multidepartment newsletters across the organization



One of the key factors behind nationwide underperformance is the impact of fewer international customers choosing to travel to the United States. This is especially vital for us, as roughly 25% of our total overnight visitors (5.1 million of 20.1 million in 2024) were international arrivals. More importantly – they on average stay twice as long and...



#### GMCVB Headline News









#### Liked by mat\_rat and others

**greatermiamicvb** Weekends are made for ... exploring the best springtime events that Greater Miami & Miami Beach to offer:

The CLASH Endurance Race -- Nearly 2,500 weekend warriors, decorated Olympians, collegiate standouts and spectators from across the U.S. and more than 26 countries took on CLASH Endurance events at the Homestead Miami Speedway. A fitness expo complete



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# MAKE A DIFFERENCE

#### WHEN YOU PURCHASE A SPORTS LICENSE PLATE

Support local and statewide youth, amateur, and professional sports!







## Key takeaways



Access the full Sports Tourism Study

## **01** International search volumes show strong growth

Attract and retain high-value travelers for the longterm with discounts, special badging, and Member Only Deals.

#### 02 Extend your reach to Sporting events and music festivals travelers with EG B2B network

Connect with your Market Manager to review your B2B rate plans and ensure your distribution strategy is fully optimized.

#### **03** Availability and restrictions

Ensure your property remains available during major events and that your restrictions do not limit your ability to capture demand from travelers.

## **04** Sporting events and music festivals rev up searches

Help your property stand out by boosting the visibility of your organic listing to drive higher click-through rates and more bookings.

# **Thank You!**





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# Top ideas from session

- I. The audience inquired about ways to gather data specifically on domestic travelers, as opposed to international visitors, for upcoming events.
- II. Partners expressed interest in gauging demand for Crewfare FIFA packages, particularly in relation to hotels, transportation, and event access.
- III. Partners emphasized the need to keep event listings up to date on our website and highlighted the importance of promoting the site as a go-to resource for tourism in Miami.

