

5 great takes on TACOS and BURRITOS

- 1 EL PRIMO RED TACOS** Messy and mighty good, these stuffed, pan-fried tortillas that you dip into consommé are totally addictive. But don't neglect the *birria* ramen. A cross between *birria* taco and ramen, it's another item you can't live without once you try it. And then there's the *birria* smash sandwich.
179 E Flagler St
Downtown ④
+1 502 230 4567
elprimoredtacos.com
- 2 LA SANTA TAQUERIA** This neighborhood place, with an attached *mezcalería*, is popular for its overstuffed tacos. Go for Taco Tuesday, when most of the items (except for the seafood) come three to an order instead of in pairs. It's difficult to choose between meats – except if you're vegetarian. But don't worry, you're covered too, with mushrooms, quinoa, and cauliflower tacos.
201 NE 82nd St
Little River ②
+1 305 906 1149
lasantataqueria.com
- 3 TAQUERÍA LOS NOPALES** What do you get with a Colombian proprietor and a Mexican chef? Oaxacan soft tacos (try pork rind in green sauce) at their finest. The *birria* – a make-it-yourself stewed dish of moist shreddable pork and white corn served with tortillas, lettuce, radish, and lemon – is also amazing.
1800 SW 27th Ave
Shenandoah Park ⑦
+1 786 308 9959
losnopalestaqueria.com

- 4 TACOS VS BURRITOS CANTINA** It's not a competition, except when it is. Here, they don't *make* you choose, but if you order one of the ginormous burritos, chances are you just won't have room for the soft or fried tacos, as good as they are. Not to even mention any of the other menu items like the *tortas*, Mexican spare ribs, and more.
650 NE 79th St Csy
MiMo District/
Upper East Side ②
+1 305 603 8365
tacosvsburritos.com
- 5 CAJA CALIENTE** If you haven't heard of Cuban tacos, take a seat. That is, take a seat in Caja Caliente, where chef Monica 'Mika' Leon welds Mediterranean, Spanish, and Cuban flavors together. Whether you prefer *parga* (fried snapper), *vaca frita* (fried steak), or *lechón asado* (roasted pork) is up to you. Wash it down with Mika's guava lemonade Prosecco spritz.
808 Ponce De Leon
Boulevard
Coral Gables ⑨
+1 786 431 1947
caja-caliente.com



5 (mostly) beverage-only BREWERIES

136 J. WAKEFIELD BREWING

120 NW 24th St
Wynwood ③

+1 786 254 7779

jwakefieldbrewing.com

In 2005, John Wakefield started brewing as a hobby; in 2015, he made his habit his vocation. Cheers to him, and to the public who get to enjoy the fruits of his obsession: five permanent taps including the ironically named La Nada (this one weighs in at 13%!). A host of seasonal beers means there's always something new to discover.



137 VEZA SUR BREWING CO.

55 NW 25th St
Wynwood ③

+1 786 362 6300

vezasur.com

Ten year-round ales and porters (as well as a spiked seltzer). A half-dozen of seasonal ales and lagers. A dozen barrel-aged bottles. And an untold number of limited releases that are released, well, whenever. The language here, clearly, is beer – but the accent is pure Miami.

138 THE TANK BREWING CO.

5100 NW 72nd Ave,
Bay A1

Doral ⑭

+1 786 801 1554

thetankbrewing.com

Take a tour of the inner workings (book in advance online) and wind up in the tasting room. There you can imbibe the core beers on tap, including a relatively light Freedom Tower American Ale at 5.3% alcohol, along with special seasonal hop, Abbey, small batch, and limited series of brews.

139 UNSEEN CREATURES BREWERY & BLENDING

4178 SW 74th Court
Kendall ⑭

+1 786 332 2903

unseencreatures.com

Named for the locally foraged yeast, fruit, bacteria, and other little creatures that make good beer, Unseen Creatures is a great place to hang, drink a brew, and grab some grub from food trucks. Always ready for a collab with other locals, these folks also host everything from trivia to comedy nights.

140 WYNWOOD BREWING COMPANY

565 NW 24th St
Wynwood ③

+1 305 982 8732

wynwoodbrewing.com

Each tap here was created by a wood-turner and painted to resemble a spray paint can. Out of them pour the award-winning Pop's Porter, named for founder Luis Brignoni Sr, and the flagship La Rubia Blonde Ale, among others, including occasional and special releases. The brewery – the first such craft establishment to open in Miami – also hosts special events.

5 awesome stores for SPORTS

236 **SOCCER LOCKER**
9601 S Dixie Hwy
Pinecrest ⑬
+1 305 670 9100
soccerlocker.com

The international popularity of futbol is reflected in Miami's diverse population. Soccer Locker caters to that obsession with a significant selection of footwear, apparel and equipment. The employees are also happy to share which bars are soccer friendly, where to play a pick-up match, and how to find a club or camp.



237 **MIAMI NAUTIQUE**
3828 NW 2nd Ave
Wynwood ⑬
+1 305 438 9464
mniboats.com

For boats, wakeboards and water skis, look no further. This long-running business supplies the equipment you need, plus the wetsuits and life vests so that you can not only slalom the waves, but survive them, too. Yep, even in free-styling Miami, precautions are important, allow Nautique to kit you out.

238 **HIGH FIVE
SKATE SHOP**
315 Lincoln Road
South Beach ⑬
+1 305 531 6112

Need a deck? Looking for wheels? Have a hankering for helmets and pads? Whatever your needs, High Five is ready to lend a hand. The store stocks dozens of brands, along with a fashionable selection of skate apparel and videos of professionals showing off their tricks.

239 **ROLLER SKATE USA**
7340 SW 48 St, #104
Glenvar Heights ⑬
+1 305 668 6001
rollerskateusa.com

Freestyle urban skate. Inline speed skates. Roller derby skates. Ice hockey or artistic figure skates. Even multi-terrain skates. Whatever your need is, you'll find it here. One of the oldest skate companies in Miami, Roller Skate USA started on South Beach in 1998 when the inline skating craze was at its height.

240 **PELÉ SOCCER**
532 Lincoln Road
South Beach ⑬
+1 786 359 4147
pelesoccer.com

Literally fun and games, this Brazilian soccer player's superstore is covered with turf so that players can test their cleats and balls before buying. It also plans to hold watch parties on custom-built bleachers in the 7000-square-foot store, which stocks jerseys from more than 150 national and international teams.



274 **THE VAGABOND HOTEL**

7301 Biscayne Blvd
MiMo District/
Upper East Side ②
+1 305 400 8420
thevagabond
hotelmiami.com

With its futuristic asymmetry and angularity, The Vagabond was a vision of Miami Modern. Designed in 1953 by Robert Swartburg, it was a magnet motel/lounge for the Rat Pack. Today it has been thoroughly reinvented and modernized, with a chic pool scene, casual Mediterranean eatery and more.

275 **BISCAYNE INN**

6730 Biscayne Blvd
MiMo District/
Upper East Side ②
+1 305 756 0366
(Blue Collar)

While this property has the history and elements of the architecture, renting a room isn't possible, as the property is closed at the moment. Instead, go here to admire the neon sign, complete with a palm tree for an 'I' in 'Inn', and dine at Danny Serfer's Blue Collar restaurant, serving some of the best comfort food in Miami.



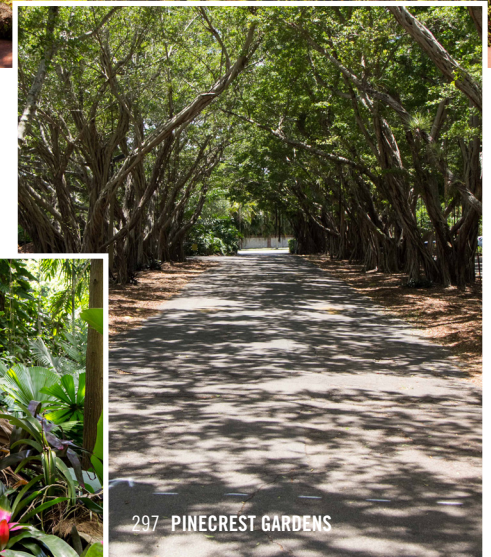
The 5 most beautiful BOTANIC GARDENS

296 **THE JOHN C. GIFFORD ARBORETUM**
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI
AT: 231 COX
SCIENCE CENTER
1301 Memorial Drive
Coral Gables ⑨
+1 305 284 1302
arboretum.as.miami.edu

Take your time strolling through and relaxing in this teaching and research facility. These 500 or so species of tropical plants and trees, originally collected and nurtured in 1947, have survived multiple hurricanes and other catastrophes. Its University of Miami campus scientist caretakers, who use it for educational purposes, welcome visitors for self-guided tours.

297 **PINECREST GARDENS**
11000 Red Road
Pinecrest ⑭
+1 305 669 6990
pinecrestgardens.org/botanical

Pinecrest Gardens takes its plants pretty seriously, offering horticulture workshops for those who not only admire the collections here but also want to work with them elsewhere. Still, this 'cultural arts park' also features tons of entertainment: concerts, theater and dance performances, holiday-themed festivals such as 'Howl-O-Ween', family movie nights and Sunday farmers' markets.





TOWER THEATRE

5 awesome ARTS FAIRS

351 SOUTH MIAMI ROTARY ART FESTIVAL

Sunset Dr, between
U.S. Hwy 1 and
SW 57th Ave
South Miami ⑭
southmiamiartfest.org

This juried show features more than 100 artists from all over the world working in such diverse mediums as ceramics, digital art, textiles, glass, metalwork and photography. If you can conceive it, you can bet it will be there. Free and open to the public, the event includes culinary and musical entertainment.

352 ART MIAMI

AT: ONE HERALD PLAZA
At NE 14th St on
Biscayne Bay betw
the Venetian and
McArthur Cwys
Downtown ④
artmiami.com

More than 75,000 lovers of 20th- and 21st-century art visit this fair, which was established in the late 1980s. It showcases galleries and artists and attracts dealers and curators from all over the world during what is now commonly known as Art Week, during Art Basel.

353 CONTEXT ART MIAMI

AT: ONE HERALD PLAZA
At NE 14th St on
Biscayne Bay betw
the Venetian &
McArthur Cwys
Downtown ④
+1 305 517 7977
contextartmiami.com

This sibling to Art Miami debuted in 2012 in order to present emerging and mid-career talent, as well as those artists outside the mainstream. It takes place during Art Week, and attracts more than 80,000 people. Park in the garage across the street and hop on shuttles to go between various Art Week fairs.

354 AQUA ART MIAMI

AT: AQUA HOTEL
1530 Collins Avenue
South Beach ⑬
+1 305 517 7977
aquartmiami.com

Scheduled during Art Week, this art fair – related to Art Miami – is set in the boutique Aqua Hotel. The intimate format of rooms-turned-galleries, and crowds spilling into the lush courtyard, makes the contemporary art, brought by more than 45 representatives, even more inviting.

355 RED DOT MIAMI

1700 NE 2nd Avenue
(at NE 17th St)
Edgewater ③
+1 831 747 0112
[redwoodartgroup.com/
red-dot-miami](http://redwoodartgroup.com/red-dot-miami)

While this fair also takes place during Art Week, it sets itself apart by being themed – a different theme each year – and offering more interactive opportunities for its audience. The art includes all genres and mediums, and features performance pieces, installations, Art Labs, Art Talks and more.

5 BIG ADVENTURES

416 ADRENALINE JET BOAT RIDE

AT: MIAMI BEACH MARINA
5220 Collins Avenue
Miami Beach ①
+1 305 333 0110
jetboatmiami.com

Few things are more exciting than speeding across the bay in a cigarette-style boat – except for when the captain throws in those 360-degree spins. This 30-minute ride also allows you to see the exclusive homes on Star and Fisher islands. Not for the weak of heart or stomach.

417 THE EDGE ROCK GYM

13972 SW 139th Court
West Kendall ⑫
+1 305 233 6623
theedgerockgymmiami.com

This 14,000-square-foot facility has been challenging climbers since 1998. Buy a discounted day pass with or without gear for the climb of your life. You can also take top rope belay classes, learn to lead climb and more. A counter on the website keeps track of how many climbers are in the gym so check before you go.

418 CORAL CASTLE MUSEUM

28655 S Dixie Hwy
Homestead ⑬
+1 305 248 6345
coralcastle.com

An engineering and architectural mystery, this structure and its ‘furnishings’ were carved entirely out of coral over the course of 28 years. No one can figure out how Ed Leedskalnin constructed items such as a 9-ton coral rock gate by himself – with homemade tools to boot. A fascinating stop on the way to the Keys.

419 DEZERLAND ACTION PARK

14401 NE 19th Ave
North Miami ①
+1 786 590 5000
dezerlandpark.com/miami

With a trampoline park, go-karts, virtual reality, a ropes course, roller skating and more fun physically demanding activities, Dezerland is a go-to spot. Even better? It’s all under one roof – literally. Everything is indoors, making this the perfect place to tire out the kids when it’s raining or too hot outside.

420 BALLOON OVER MIAMI

20675 SW 162nd Ave
Redland ⑬
+1 305 987 7788
balloonovermiami.com

Hot air ballooning is a unique and thrilling way to take in the beauty of the South Florida landscape and bask in its balmy weather. In fact, you can’t actually fly when it’s windy or rainy, so if you go up you’re guaranteed calm tranquility. Cancellations or postponements may occur based on the weather. Otherwise, this 45-60-minute trip is a veritable sky safari.

