

# 5 RESTAURANTS THAT ARE SO MIAMI

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## 91 CAFÉ ROVAL

5808 NE 4th Ct  
MiMo District/  
Upper East Side ②  
+1 786 953 7850  
[caferoval.com](http://caferoval.com)

Owner Mark Soyka, who started the South Beach Renaissance with News Café, transformed this historic 1923 location into his latest indoor-outdoor success. Now this one-time pump house, made from native coral, is a design dream. Dine al fresco amidst lush landscaping on deboned yellowtail snapper with *faro tabbouleh*.

## 92 SHERWOOD'S BISTRO & BAR

8281 NE 2nd Ave  
Little River ②  
+1 786 359 4030  
[sherwoodsrestaurant.com](http://sherwoodsrestaurant.com)

Don't be confused by the Native American references and artwork. They're meant to reference the area's connection to the Tequesta Indians (there's a burial mound close by). The reclaimed vintage floor and ceiling are oh-so-MiMo, and the fare is oh-so-modern, roaming from *ramen* to rabbit potpie.

## 93 THE LOCAL CRAFT FOOD & DRINK

150 Giralda Ave  
Coral Gables ③  
+1 305 648 5687  
[thelocal150.com](http://thelocal150.com)

Inconspicuous from the outside, charming on the inside. This gastropub uses products that cater to the community like Zak the Baker bread and Abita root beer, plus craft beers. This place reps the Miami that residents like to keep to themselves.

## 94 MANDOLIN AEGEAN BISTRO

4312 NE 2nd Ave  
Miami Design  
District ②  
+1 305 749 9140  
[mandolinmiami.com](http://mandolinmiami.com)

In 2009, husband-and-wife team Ahmet Erkaya and Anastasia Koutsoukakis reconditioned a house to fashion this mostly outdoor Greek-Turkish restaurant. You can't help but be seduced by the dips and salads, kebabs, moussaka and whole grilled fish as you dine under the large shade trees that have been there since the 1940s.

## 95 PUBBELLY SUSHI

1424 20th St  
South Beach ③  
+1 305 531 9282  
[pubbelysushi.us](http://pubbelysushi.us)

Original, inventive and homegrown, this sushi gastropub launched both the Sunset Harbour neighborhood and an empire for chef-owners José Mendín, Andreas Schreiner and Sergio Navarro. Expect palate-challenging combinations like the Softshell Crab BLT or the Porkbelly & Clams rolls. Like Miami, it sounds weird but works. Several locations.



## 5 classic VENTANITAS (walk-up windows)

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### 151 THREE PALMS CUBAN CAFÉ

11500 Biscayne Blvd  
North Miami ①  
+1 305 891 0046  
[threepalms  
restaurant.com](http://threepalmsrestaurant.com)

Named for both a small Cuban town and the three employees that the owner started with, Three Palms always has a crowd. If you're a follower of reality television, you also already know that the Kardashian clan have discovered the authenticity of the *cafecito* here – if that means anything.

### 152 VERSAILLES

3555 SW 8th St  
Little Havana ⑦  
+1 305 444 0240  
[versailles  
restaurant.com](http://versaillesrestaurant.com)

Brush up on Cuban coffee vocab before you saunter up. You'll need to know the difference between a *cafecito* (with sugar) or a *cortadito* (with sugar and steamed milk). Then open your ears along with your lips. You'll hear the most incredible political and celebrity gossip – though hardly any of it's true.

### 153 EL PUB RESTAURANT

1548 SW 8th St  
Little Havana ⑦  
+1 305 642 9942  
[elpubrestaurant.com](http://elpubrestaurant.com)

This long-running Cuban diner has made it into movies like *War Dogs* and become hip again. It becomes crowded at mealtimes, 3.05 pm (Miami's official coffee break!), and around midnight, after partiers on Calle Ocho want to sober up with a *colada*, a *cafecito* meant to be served like booze in shots.

### 154 EXQUISITO RESTAURANT

1510 SW 8th St  
Little Havana ⑦  
+1 305 643 0227  
[exquisitorrestaurant.com](http://exquisitorrestaurant.com)

Since 1974, this Cuban mainstay has been expanding and growing, adding partners and remodeling. But the *ventanita* has remained consistent, serving coffee, mamey or papaya *batidos* (smoothies), and other easy carry-out items. Award-winning, but it's still cost efficient.

### 155 MOLINA'S RANCH RESTAURANT

4090 E 8th Ave  
Hialeah ⑥  
+1 305 693 4440  
[molinasranch  
restaurant.com](http://molinasranchrestaurant.com)

Here's the equation for a successful Cuban restaurant: family run + traditional recipes = dedicated patrons. Molina's is all that plus close to Miami International Airport; thus politicians and celebrities make it a first stop. Keep one eye on the *café Cubano*, the other on the clientele.



152 VERSAILLES

## 5 renowned MIAMI-BASED FASHION DESIGNERS

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### 201 JULIAN CHANG

7246 Biscayne Blvd  
MiMo District/  
Upper East Side ②  
+1 786 857 6934  
[julianchangboutique.com](http://julianchangboutique.com)

Julian Chang brings his designs to wearable life just north of a Trina Turk boutique. Known for his beautiful tailoring and structured, contemporary, playful looks, Peruvian native Chang has been a long-time favorite for locals for both off-the-rack outfits and custom cocktail pieces.

### 202 ZARUR BOUTIQUE

6667 Biscayne Blvd  
MiMo District/  
Upper East Side ②  
+1 305 603 9772

Joanna 'Jojo' Zarur is a stylist for athletes and rappers like T-Pain and Young Thug, and makes her own appearances in shows such as Love & Hip Hop: Miami. You can co-opt her recognizable services in her men's and women's boutique, where she also carries her own line, 'Zarur'.

### 203 RENE RUIZ

18143 Biscayne Blvd  
Aventura ①  
+1 305 445 2352  
[reneruiz.net](http://reneruiz.net)

Cuban-born Rene Ruiz debuted his first shop in Coral Gables, and quickly became a name to know for quality fabrics and sophisticated gowns. Now his chic designs are housed in an atelier in an Aventura shopping center, where customers range from brides and couture collectors to men seeking sophisticated, crafted clothing.

### 204 RAMONA LARUE BY ARIANNE

3400 N Miami Ave  
Midtown ③  
+1 305 456 8191  
[ramonalarue.com](http://ramonalarue.com)

These highly original separates and dresses are a fashionable tribute to designer Arianne Brown's mother, Mona, who taught the Coconut Grove native how to hand-paint silk. Every item begins life as actual art. Then the designs are transferred to flowing clothing, all manufactured in Miami, that sway to the tune of the body.

### 205 KATHE CUERVO VARIOUS LOCATIONS

[kathecuervo.com](http://kathecuervo.com)  
[bigcartel.com](http://bigcartel.com)

A team of jewelry designers devoted to minimalism, Kathe Cuervo works with copper, sterling silver, thread and beads. Many of the designs, hand-wrought at their studio at the co-working space MADE at the Citadel, carry messages such as 'Own your journey'. Order online or find in local stores including Nomad Tribe and Please Don't Tell.





THE VAGABOND MOTEL

## 20 BUILDINGS TO ADMIRE

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## The 5 nicest WATER VIEWS

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### 286 NAUTILUS CABANA CLUB

1825 Collins Avenue  
South Beach ⑩  
+1 786 483 2650  
nautiluscabana  
club.com

A lovely beachside hotel, Nautilus offers this stunner of a beach club that includes permanent cabanas, a wooden deck and absolutely lush, tropical landscaping that leads to the long, wide Atlantic stretching out like a blanket. Still, the best water view may be of the unique, long-step, saltwater pool on the premises.

### 287 PALMEIRAS BEACH CLUB AT GROVE ISLE

4 Grove Isle Drive  
Grove Isle ⑧  
+1 305 858 8300  
palmeirasbeachclub.com

The waves of Biscayne Bay literally lap at your feet while you dine on fresh fish, down a Champagne cocktail, or chill on a chaise lounge under an umbrella at this chic establishment. So there's just no arguing: This beach club is tops when it comes to peering at the peerless sea that surrounds Miami.

### 288 BAYSIDE MARKETPLACE

401 Biscayne Blvd  
Downtown ④  
baysidemarketplace.com

Bayside is a busy place for commerce and entertainment. But its name clues you into its location: It's built next to Biscayne Bay. You can walk the paths and watch the animated party boats take off from the marina, or sit on the benches, cast your eyes further toward the horizon and meditate.

### 289 THE KAMPONG

4013 S Douglas Road  
Coconut Grove ⑧  
+1 305 442 7169  
ntbg.org/gardens/  
kampong

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, The Kampong is an incredible collection of historic fruit cultivars and flowering trees, many of them from Southeast Asia. The tropical oasis leads down to sparkling panoramas of Biscayne Bay.

### 290 JULIA TUTTLE CAUSEWAY/ INTERSTATE 195

4.4 miles  
connecting I-95  
to Miami Beach,  
Edgewater to  
Miami Beach ③ ⑪

Miami is famous for being flat as paper, but the Julia Tuttle rises above – literally. As one of the causeways connecting the mainland to the beaches, it can almost be called a hill. At the crest, drivers can see the Atlantic, dotted with mangrove islands and water craft, extending on both sides.



## 5 awesome ARTS FAIRS

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### 351 ARTUNDRESSED

Wynwood  
[artundressed.com](http://artundressed.com)

When it says 'undressed', it's not talking about salad. This 'Creative Nude Art Exhibition' is not for those who easily blush. But it's also not pornography, with exhibits ranging from serious paintings and photography to burlesque shows and installations. To prevent inappropriate onlookers, locations of the internationally acquired art are revealed to ticket holders only.

### 352 ART MIAMI

AT: ONE HERALD PLAZA  
At NE 14th St on  
Biscayne Bay betw  
the Venetian and  
McArthur Cwy  
Downtown ④  
[artmiamifair.com](http://artmiamifair.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, December 5 to 10, during Art Basel.

### 353 CONTEXT ART MIAMI

One Herald Plaza at  
NE 14th Street on  
Biscayne Bay betw  
the Venetian &  
McArthur Cwys  
Downtown ④  
+1 305 517 7977  
[contextartmiami.com](http://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 from December 5-10, 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 ③  
+1 305 517 7977  
[aquartmiami.com](http://aquartmiami.com)

Scheduled during Art Week from December 6 to 10, 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 Ave  
(at NE 17th St)  
Edgewater ③  
+1 831 747 0112  
[reddotmiami.com](http://reddotmiami.com)

While this fair also takes place during Art Week, December 6 to 10, 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.

## The 5 most LUXURIOUS HOTELS

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### 431 FAENA HOTEL MIAMI BEACH

3201 Collins Avenue  
Miami Beach ①  
+1 305 534 8800  
[faena.com/miami-beach](http://faena.com/miami-beach)

This independent hotel is stunning in so many aspects it's difficult to list them all. Restaurants by globally-renowned chefs? Check. Design-rich bars and lounges that offer everything from private movie screenings to cabaret entertainment? Oh, yes. Important visual arts imported from Latin America? Indeed. It's a must-stay-to-be-believed kind of place.

### 432 THE SETAI MIAMI BEACH

2001 Collins Avenue  
South Beach ②  
+1 305 520 6000  
[thesetaihotel.com](http://thesetaihotel.com)

Penultimate tranquility exists in this renovated Dempsey-Vanderbilt Art Deco building, initially designed by famed architect Henry Hohausser. Renowned for its customer service, The Setai never disappoints on any level. Both posh and zen from its rainfall showers and Frette linens to its exclusive spa treatments and culinary concoctions, it leads the beach in luxury.

### 433 THE MIAMI BEACH EDITION

2901 Collins Avenue  
Miami Beach ①  
+1 786 257 4500  
[editionhotels.com/miami-beach](http://editionhotels.com/miami-beach)

The hotel to book when you have an appetite for all things luxury – fare from celebrity chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten; spectacular design; unparalleled spa treatments; and BASEMENT, a nightclub, bowling alley and ice-skating rink. During the day, nestle like a sea turtle on the private-access, 6503-square meter beach or dive into the property's restored, original pool.

### 434 MAYFAIR HOTEL & SPA

3000 Florida Avenue  
Coconut Grove ③  
+1 305 441 0000  
[mayfairhotelandspa.com](http://mayfairhotelandspa.com)

Soothing spa treatments in stained glass-lit suites. A rooftop pool with 360-degree views of the city and the bay. Whether you want to stroll through the Asian Garden and reflect on life or expend some romantic impulses at the Art Deco Spartico Restaurant, this boutique facility obliges with a variety of elegant, indoor/outdoor spaces.

### 435 COMO METROPOLITAN MIAMI BEACH

2445 Collins Avenue  
South Beach ①②  
+1 305 695 3600  
[comohotels.com/metropolitan/miamibeach](http://comohotels.com/metropolitan/miamibeach)

Known globally for personalized, erudite wellness facilities, COMO has one location in the U.S. – in this beautifully preserved Art Deco building called The Traymore. Added on: A rooftop hydrotherapy pool, steam room, yoga terrace, and signature Shambhala treatment rooms, among other amenities, including a dock that leads to the bay. Locals take staycation here.

## The 5 most beautiful BIKE RIDES

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### 466 SHARK VALLEY VISITOR CENTER

AT: EVERGLADES NP  
36000 SW 8th St  
Miami 📍  
+1 305 221 8776  
[nps.gov/ever](https://nps.gov/ever)

Pedal around alligators (not sharks) on this 24-kilometer path in National Everglades Park. A variety of the reptiles are usually sunning themselves on the pavement. Don't worry – they're somnolent and not going to chase you as you ride by. Also look for dozens of subtropical bird, amphibian and mammal species while you ride. Rentals available.

### 467 RICKENBACKER TRAIL

Rickenbacker Cwy  
Key Biscayne 📍  
[www.miamidade.gov/parks/rickenbacker.asp](http://www.miamidade.gov/parks/rickenbacker.asp)

From the toll through the islands of Virginia Key and Key Biscayne and Virginia Key, as well as along the beaches. This causeway is the equivalent to a mountain in Miami, and the only elevation where serious cyclists can train. It also happens to be gorgeous, with water sparkling and beaches gleaming on both sides. Do take care to watch traffic, as drivers are not always watching you.

