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Travel Planner

Itineraries

The following sample itinerary offers some suggestions for your clients' stay in Greater Miami and the Beaches. For detailed information on all of our wonderful accommodations, dining, shopping, recreation, entertainment and sightseeing opportunities, please refer to the relevant sections of this guide. For a list of events throughout the year, turn to the Calendar of Events section.

Day 1 / Morning

Miami Seaquarium. Thrill to the shows starring Flipper and Lolita the Killer Whale, and encounter sea lions, sharks and manatees.

Day 1 / Afternoon

Lunch on Key Biscayne. Sample marvelous steaks or seafood at one of Key Biscayne's popular eateries. Afterward, depart for Vizcaya Museum and Gardens.

Vizcaya Museum and Gardens. This Renaissance-style bayfront villa houses a priceless collection of 15th- through 19th-century furnishings and decorative arts. Outside are 10 acres of formal gardens, graced by several ornate fountains.

Miami Art Museum of Miami-Dade County and Historical Museum of Southern Florida. Overlooking a delightful Spanish-style plaza, the museums are two of the showpieces of the landmark Miami-Dade Cultural Center.

Bayside Marketplace. Shop and stroll through this lively retail and entertainment complex with its shops, artisans, open plazas, street performers and free nightly entertainment.

Day 1 / Evening

Dinner Downtown. Experience fine dining in one of Downtown Miami's many upscale restaurants.

Day 2 / Morning

Guided Walking Tour of Little Havana. Led by historian Dr. Paul George, the tour highlights the historic significance of this unique Greater Miami neighborhood.

Coral Gables Merrick House. Visit the graceful boyhood home of George Merrick, founding father of Coral Gables, South Florida's City Beautiful. This historic landmark has been restored to its 1920s appearance.

Day 2 / Afternoon

Lunch in Coral Gables. Some of the most innovative cuisine in Greater Miami and the Beaches can be found in Coral Gables' restaurants.

Fairchild Tropical Gardens. This 83-acre garden paradise of tropical plants from around the world features a rain forest, a sunken garden, a rare-plant house and a magnificent overlook featuring Bailey Palm Glade vistas.

The Barnacle State Historic Site. Built in 1891 by Coconut Grove pioneer Commodore Ralph Munroe, the home and grounds exemplify the spirit of early Coconut Grove.

Charles Avenue Historic District. Visit the first black, primarily Bahamian, community on the South Florida mainland.

Gallery Nights in Coral Gables. Hop on the shuttle and be whisked through a night when the galleries stay open late.

Dinner in Coconut Grove. Enjoy one of the area's oldest neighborhoods, Coconut Grove, which charms visitors with an elegant, old-fashioned village ambience. Set

in the heart of the Grove is CocoWalk, a Mediterranean-style shopping, dining and entertainment complex. You will also find the Streets of Mayfair, a modern town square featuring myriad outdoor cafés, nightspots, theaters, restaurants and shops.

Day 3 / Morning

Monkey Jungle. Watch from special observation cages as nearly 500 primates 50 species roam free in their tropical habitat.

Fruit & Spice Park. Featuring more than 500 varieties of exotic fruits, herbs, spices and nuts from around the world growing in a 30-acre living plant museum.

Prime Outlets at Florida City. Stroll through tropical, Mediterranean-style surroundings in a village setting featuring more than 80 manufacturers' factory outlet stores, including Nike Factory Store, Mikasa, Levi's Outlet by Designs, Nine West and more. Enjoy open-air shopping with a children's play area and food-court eateries.

Day 3 / Afternoon

Miccosukee Indian Village and Airboat Rides. Witness ??? making and alligator wrestling, learn about Native American folk traditions and take a fantastic journey on an airboat.

Shopping at Dolphin Mall. A tourist attraction featuring innovative, visitor-friendly shopping, family entertainment, a 19-screen cinema, restaurants, outlets, retail and specialty shops.

Day 3 / Evening

Dinner in the Airport Area. Visit one of the fine restaurants located in the area around Miami International Airport.

Miami Jai-Alai. Enjoy fast action and pari-mutuel wagering at the nation's oldest fronton.

Day 4 / Morning

Narrated Walking Tour of Miami Beach's Historic Art Deco District. Led by Miami Design Preservation League guides, you'll discover the architectural crown jewels of this one-square-mile of traditional Deco, Streamline Moderne and Spanish Mediterranean Revival styles.

Day 4 / Afternoon

Lunch in the Art Deco District. Enjoy lunch at one of the ??? eateries of the Art Deco District.

The Wolfsonian. Devoted to the decorative, design and architectural arts, this international museum and study center contains nearly 50,000 objects of art and rare books from the late-19th to the mid-20th centuries.

Lincoln Road Shopping District. Experience the essence of revitalized South Beach, home to myriad performing arts organizations, art galleries, one-of-a-kind boutiques and restaurants. Be sure to peek in at a Miami City Ballet practice or New World Symphony rehearsal.

Day 4 / Evening

Dinner on Lincoln Road. Sample delectable dishes from the world's cuisines and enjoy the lively atmosphere of the Art Deco District.

A Night in South Beach. ??? is a specific club atmosphere you crave, South Beach offers a night spot to suit all tastes. Options include great reggae, jazz, pop, merengue and salsa venues, to name a few. Check out Gallery Nights, when the art galleries stay open late. Optionally, take in a play or catch a concert at one of the area's noted performing arts venues.

Day 5 / Theme

Spa Day. Enjoy a relaxing morning in one of Greater Miami's many hyper-luxurious spas, pampering yourself with a yoga class, herbal scrub, hydro tub, manicure, pedicure or massage.

Everglades National Park. One of the largest national parks in the United States, the Everglades is a great place for a guided tour through swamps and hardwood hammocks to see prehistoric alligators, graceful birds and so much more wildlife.

Biscayne National Park. This unique national park lies almost entirely underwater, treating divers and snorkelers to views of brilliant coral reefs, tropical fishes and other delicate marine creatures, while landlubbers can view them aboard glass-bottom boat tours. Park activities include fishing, picnicking, boating, camping and wildlife watching. Wear comfortable shoes to hike the self-guided trail on Elliott Key, winding through a hardwood hammock of rare vines, flowers and trees.

Greater Miami and the Beaches boasts two of the largest national parks in the United States. Visit more than a million acres of rare and beautiful ecosystems. Enjoy a hiking or bike trail, rent a canoe or kayak, try fishing or relax aboard a backcountry or bay cruise.

Day 5 / Afternoon

Water Sports. Whether you prefer the excitement of Jet Skiing and diving, the challenge of deep-sea fishing or would rather take it easier in a kayak or canoe, Greater Miami and the Beaches has a water sport for you.

Shops at Sunset Place. Stroll along the Shops at Sunset Place and choose from the many quaint restaurants that the South Miami area has to offer.

Day 6 / Morning

Bal Harbour Shops. An internationally renowned collection of specialty boutiques, restaurants and cafés in a subtropical garden setting ??? Browse through Bulgari, Chanel, Gucci, Cartier, Louis Vuitton, Hermes, Tiffany, Neiman Marcus and Saks Fifth Avenue.

Day 6 / Afternoon

Lunch In North Miami / Sunny Isles Beach / North Bay Village. This area's restaurants offer everything from all-you-can-eat stone crabs to homemade pasta.

Aventura Mall. Anchored by Bloomingdale's, Macy's, Lord & Taylor, JCPenney, Sears and Macy's, the mall features more than 250 shops and restaurants, with self and valet parking. The mall now houses an indoor/outdoor plaza surrounded by a 24-screen theater and new, exciting restaurants such as The Cheesecake Factory.

Day 6 / Evening

Dinner Cruise. Enjoy a fun-filled dinner cruise along Biscayne Bay with spectacular views of cruise-ship row and our magnificent skyline.

Day 7 / Morning

Miami Metrozoo. Experience the excitement of the world's jungles in this 290-acre habitat, home to more than 1,000 animals representing 240 species.

Day 7 / Afternoon

The Falls Shopping Center. Enjoy lunch at your choice of restaurants within this open-air center surrounded by waterfalls. You'll find more than 100 shops, including South Miami-Dade County's only Bloomingdale's and Macy's, and a 12-screen movie theater.

Jungle Island. Home to some of the world's most beautiful birds, this subtropical garden features trained bird shows and wildlife exhibits.

Dadeland Mall. A favorite shopping destination for more than 30 years, Dadeland Mall is home to top names in retailing including the largest Burdines in Florida, Saks Fifth Avenue, Lord & Taylor and the country's largest The Limited and Express. Enjoy the fine cuisine of two full-service restaurants and 17 trendy food-court eateries.

Day 7 / Evening

Pro-Sporting Event. Greater Miami and the Beaches boasts professional teams in almost every sport. Why not check out a fast-paced exciting game? Opening on the season, catch the Miami Dolphins, Miami Heat, or Florida Marlins in action.