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These Are America's Most Gorgeous Botanical Gardens



San Francisco Botanical Garden, California | [Don Ferber/EyeEm/Getty Images](#)

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Fairchild Tropical Gardens

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Coral Gables, Florida

Located far down Old Cutler Road from the steel and glass high-rises of Brickell, and across Biscayne Bay from the bright lights of South Beach, this 83-acre tropical oasis sits as a shady escape in Miami's coolest suburb. Here visitors can get a taste for what Miami was like before the swamps were dredged -- mangrove gardens, pine rocklands, and palm savannahs dot the landscape. Flamingos huddle in the shallow lakes under the palms. The collections here are impressive to say the least: 40 species of tropical birds at the Wings of the Tropics conservancy, and another 450 species of rare plants in the 16,500sqft Tropical Plant Conservancy. While communing with nature might not be at the top of everyone's Miami to-do list, a trip here feels more tropical than almost anywhere in the city.