

The 13 best things to do in Miami



Art Deco buildings in South Beach, Miami, Florida – the best things to do – Mitchell Funk/Mitchell Funk

Miami's buzzing vibrancy comes from its subtropical location combined with its multiple cultural influences – all of which can be experienced during a stay in the city. There's its history of colourful Art Deco design, which can be seen on a South Beach walking tour, plus a host of contemporary museums and art galleries with vast private collections. Little Havana is the place to visit for an insight into Miami's Cuban heritage (and excellent cuisine). If you want to be outdoors there's plenty to do too, from stand-up paddleboarding to kayaking through mangroves. And, of course, there are the beaches. Telegraph Travel's destination expert Shayne Benowitz rounds up some of the best things to do in Miami.

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Coral Gables

Get up close to rare plants and exotic butterflies

The Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden has a mission of 'exploring, explaining and conserving tropical plants' and occupies 83 lush acres in Coral Gables. You can visit the gardens on guided walking tours, tram tours or on your own. Collections and exhibits include rare plants, Wings of the Tropics with exotic butterflies, and various aquatic displays. The gardens also claim to have one of the biggest living collection of palms and cycads in the world. It's a beautiful place to escape the hustle and bustle of the city and commune with nature.

Insider's tip: Special events – from art exhibitions to mango festivals – occur throughout the year, so check the schedule ahead of your visit.

Contact: fairchildgarden.org

Price: ££



Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Miami, United States