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## Take Advantage of Low Season with the Best Things to Do in Miami This Summer

Museums that crank the AC, new food halls to explore, and a luxury waterpark to beat the heat.

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South Florida is different from most of America in a lot of ways. But maybe the most obvious is when everyone north of I-10 gets all wide-eyed about summer, we start shopping for plywood. The middle months of the year don't have to be all about sweltering humidity and flooding, though. Summer also brings fewer crowds, no school zones to drive through, and a daily chance to get your car washed for free.

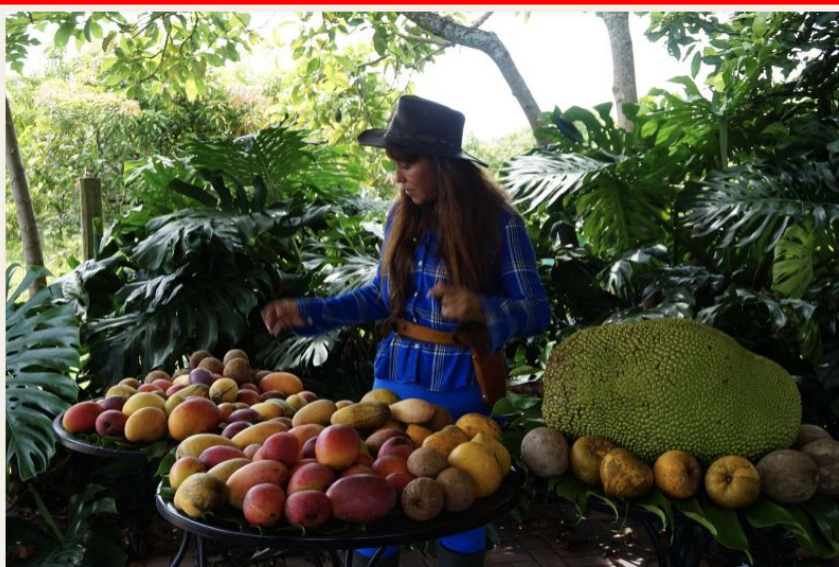


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### **Stroll through dragons and mangoes in a tropical wonderland**

#### *Coral Gables*

This summer Fairchild Tropical Gardens is getting you right in the middle of the action with their [Dragons and Mythical Creatures](#) installation, where you can stand next to 16 dragon sculptures and breathe in the South Florida summer air, which is roughly the same temperature as dragon's breath. For something a little less sweaty, head to Fairchild during the Mango Festival on July 8-9, where more than 400 types of mangoes in the gardens will be used in smoothies, cooking demos, and lessons on how to cultivate Miami's favorite fruit.