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Here is your personal holiday guide to MIAMI BEACH—America's most complete resort city. In these pages, we shall tell you about Miami Beach, try to give you answers to frequently asked questions, and provide you with a colorful descriptive map of the city and the surrounding area showing you the location of the many vacation activities you will enjoy during your visit.

First, you will be interested in a bit of the history of Miami Beach - and how it came to be one of the world's most famous resort cities. The Miami Beach story really began in 1915 when the little town on an island between Biscayne Bay and the Atlantic Ocean officially became a city. Ribbons were cut, champagne was quaffed, and fireworks and fanfare celebrated the new status of the town, which now is the world's best known holiday resort. Then, as now, its most priceless asset was the incomparable climate, with more days of brilliant warm sunshine than almost anywhere in the world. In those days, only millionaires traveled to Miami Beach in winter and when they got here, there really wasn't much to do except bask in the sunshine. Today, visitors to Miami Beach enjoy the same wonderful sunshine in every season, and they also find an unsurpassed variety of holiday activities to entertain every member of the family.



Beach scene 1915



Beach scene 1965



Oceanfront, north from 18th St. - 1914

In the decades of the '20s and '30s, more automobiles and more roads were built... and travel to Miami Beach increased every year. Then in 1941, Miami Beach became a military training center. Thousands of young Americans had their first glimpse of the ocean as they marched on Collins Avenue to Air Corps training classes — their classrooms and living quarters were luxury hotels, stripped down for wartime duty.



Lincoln Road, west from Meridian-1905

With war's end, Miami Beach entered a new era of growth. Americans had learned to travel, and they wanted to visit the places they had only heard about before. So they came to Miami Beach — and they've been happily coming back ever since. New and more luxurious hotels were built and apartment houses constructed for those who wanted to stay for more than a brief vacation. As the city grew, more and more thousands came to bask in the tropical sun and enjoy the luxuriant multi-hued foliage of Miami Beach —where the gentle trade winds make the winters always warmer and the summers always cooler than at home. And Miami Beach offers far more to today's holiday visitor than to yesterday's millionaire — with an unsurpassed variety of fascinating vacation activities!

THE CITY BEHIND THE RESORT

To more than 2 million yearly visitors, Miami Beach means miles of white sandy beaches, an unexcelled choice of places to stay, fine restaurants, a variety of stimulating things to see, things to do, places to go... and above all, blue skies and brilliant sunshine that give a special lustre to every pleasure.



Public Library



High School

To its more than 66,000 permanent residents, Miami Beach means home-with schools and churches and synagogues, with boy scouts and girl scouts, with Lions, Kiwanis, Exchange and Rotary Clubs, with senior citizens' organizations and young people's activities . . . with public parks and playgrounds, community centers and art museums, little theatre groups and auditoriums . . . in fact, with all the things you'd expect to find in a modern American city. But above all, there is a community dedication to one purpose...to make sure that every visitor to Miami Beach enjoys the most perfect holiday under the sun. And now .. Your Personal Guide to MIAMI BEACH.



Bass Museum (interior)



Indian Creek



Conservatory (exterior)



Conservatory (interior)

Miami Beach is easy to reach by plane, train and bus—and of course, by automobile and boat. Traveling by car, our visitors find excellent roads and superhighways, fine overnight accommodations along the way, and a host of interesting scenic views throughout the State of Florida. Those who travel here by small boat find great enjoyment in a leisurely journey via the Intra-coastal Waterway, with dockage and marinas available all along the way.

BY PLANE

Most major airlines offer direct, non-stop jet flights daily into Miami – and economy fares are available on mid-week or off-hour flights. Consult your travel agent or favorite airline for particulars.

BY CAR

Detailed, easy-to-follow route maps, showing major arteries and highways leading to Miami Beach are available at almost any service station —or your local Automobile Club will assist you with a completely planned itinerary, including recommended overnight stopping places.

BY BUS

Major bus lines offer excellent service to Miami from most large cities across the United States — direct, or with convenient connections from every point, and with generally modest fares.

BY TRAIN

Two railroads — the Seaboard Air Line and the Atlantic Coast Line — offer passenger service to Miami from the eastern seaboard and the Midwest, with regular and frequent runs to and from New York City, Accommodations vary widely with a corresponding range of fares. Check with your travel agent or railroad.

BY BOAT

The Intracoastal Waterway, which closely parallels the coast of Florida, covers a distance in the state of 349 miles from Jacksonville to Miami. Many visitors enjoy the experience of traveling to Miami Beach along this interesting and protected water route.

Miami Beach offers an incredible array of fine accommodations in hotels, motels and apartments. All accommodations are well appointed, well managed and are either on or have access to the beach — and children are welcome everywhere. Rates range from deluxe to modest, so when you write for details and information, be sure to indicate which type of accommodation interests you. It is advisable, particularly during the winter season, to secure reservations in advance of your arrival.



Aerial view of famed Miami Beach oceanfront



High-rise apartment building



Low-rise apartments

DRESS

Miami Beach, sunny the year 'round, has average temperatures of 68° in winter, 81° in summer — surf temperature is always above 68°. Evenings bring the cooling breezes of the trade winds, so light wraps and sweaters should be included in your Miami Beach wardrobe. In the evenings, most hotels and restaurants request that gentlemen wear coats and ties. Daytime streetwear is casual and slacks and shorts attire are acceptable in most places.



Lincoln Road—Stroll and shop along one of America's most beautiful Malls—ride and sightsee on gay Mall electric trams.

TRANSPORTATION

All attractions and shopping areas in Miami Beach and the Metropolitan Miami area are served by an excellent system of air conditioned buses—taxi service is always available—and you may rent virtually any model car or limousine. Car rental service is available at Miami International Airport, or at your local address. If you drive your car to Miami Beach, all hotels, motels and apartments provide ample parking space. Four magnificent, landscaped causeways offer you a pleasant drive to Miami from Miami Beach: MacArthur Causeway, Venetian Causeway, Julia Tuttle Causeway and North Bay Causeway.



Garden scene



There's something for everyone – and everyone's for something in wonderful Miami Beach! America's most complete resort city includes everyone in the recreational enjoyment of Miami Beach – so just choose your favorites and have fun!



Golf





Sunning and swimming on the beach



Sailing



Tennis

Water-skiing



Skin diving



Square dancing

ATTRA

Shown and listed here are but a few of the many outstanding attractions of Miami Beach and the surrounding area, all within easy reach of your hotel, motel or apartment.

Remember to take along your camera for pictures you'll always treasure!



Orange Bowl



Dog track



Seaquarium



Vizcaya garden



Sight-seeing on waterway



Jai-alai

CTIONS

- Ancient Spanish Monastery and Gardens
- Gold Coast Railroad and Museum
- Miami Museum of Modern Art
- Fairchild Tropical Gardens
- Musa Isle Seminole Indian Village
- Monkey Jungle
- Orchid Jungle
- Parrot Jungle
- Serpentarium
- Japanese Gardens and Teahouse
- Vizcaya Dade County Museum



Basketball



Horse-racing



Night club show



Crandon Park Zoo



Dining



Bridge fishing

FACILITIES

Miami Beach has all the cosmopolitan city pleasures of living, dining, entertainment and cultural activities. America's most complete resort city proudly offers you the holiday of a lifetime - at prices you can afford, in a climate that blesses you, and in a place you will always love - Miami Beach, Vacationland, USA!



Public playground



Bass Museum (interior)



Synagogue

Church



Convention Hall



Bass Museum (exterior)



Marina



Detailed information on just about any subject can be obtained through the Miami Beach Information Center, the Miami Beach Recreation Department, and the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Q Is Miami Beach expensive?

- A Miami Beach has nearly 3,000 hotels, motels, and apartment buildings, offering a wide selection of accommodations at prices ranging from deluxe to moderate.
- **Q** How do I get detailed information about accommodations?
- A Your travel agent will be glad to help you and, of course, magazines and newspapers always include Miami Beach advertising—or you may write to Miami Beach Information Center, 1700 Washington Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida.
- **Q** When I have decided where I want to stay, how do I make reservations?
- A Through your travel agent—or write directly to the hotel, motel, or apartment you have selected.
- Should I make return trip reservations before leaving for Miami Beach?
- A Yes—especially during the peak winter season.
- Q Can I have a checking and / or savings account in Miami Beach?
- A Yes—your account is invited by Miami Beach banks and savings institutions.

Q Are young children welcome in Miami Beach?

A Children of all ages are indeed welcome! Most places have special programs and activities for them under the supervision of trained counselors, and baby-sitting services are easily obtained on short notice.

Q Must I bring everything I need with me, or can I do my resort shopping in Miami Beach?

A Miami Beach is "shoppers' heaven"—famous Lincoln Road Mall with its fountains and tropical landscaping, the Washington Avenue area, Arthur Godfrey Road (41st Street), and the 71st Street area. With so many specialty shops, exclusive salons and well known department stores to choose from, many visitors prefer to do their vacation shopping in Miami Beach where there is always an unexcelled selection of resort apparel and accessories.

• Are there sight-seeing attractions nearby?

A Yes. In no more than 30 minutes you can be at any one of the many world famous attractions of Miami Beach and the surrounding South Florida area.

Q When does the racing season start?

A The horse racing season begins on Thanksgiving Day and continues on through April, starting at Tropical Park and going on to Hialeah, and Gulfstream Park. Miami Beach, Biscayne, Flagler, and Hollywood Kennel Clubs rotate in providing nightly dog racing throughout most of the year, and Miami and Dania Jai-alai Frontons are open during the winter months.

• What about fishing?

A Miami Beach is a fisherman's paradise! No license is required for fishing in the surrounding waters where every type of salt water game fish abounds . . . piers, bridges, and surf casting are easily accessible from your hotel, motel or apartment. Charter boats are available on an hourly, half-day and full day basis.

Q What is the best time of year for spectator sports?

All year-every year! We have sports of all kinds each and every month-football, including the year-end Orange Bowl Classic, North-South Shrine Game, Orange Blossom Classic, and the NFL pro play-off game. Basketball, featuring the University of Miami and other nationally ranked teams, and an annual visit by the famed Harlem Globe Trotters, fills the winter months. Exciting boxing matches and title bouts are planned around the calendar. Many National and American League baseball teams have Florida training headquarters and in summer the Miami Marlins play night games at Miami Stadium just across the causeway. Ringling Brothers Circus opens its annual tour in January at Miami Beach. Year-round golf, tennis, and waterskiing tournaments, speedboat races and sailing regattas, chess and bridge tournamentsall keep the spectator's calendar busy. Our local daily papers give full details.

Q If we plan an extended stay, are there schools in Miami Beach—and are our children eligible to attend?

A Yes – to both questions. Under the Dade County Public School system, seventh largest in the nation, there is a tuition fee of \$50 for

non-resident students. For further detailed information on Miami Beach schools, call Dade County Board of Public Instruction (FR 9-4311).

• If we stay in an apartment, are there public recreation facilities?

A Yes. In addition to public beaches, there are 10 oceanfront parks, 11 other parks and picnic grounds, 10 playgrounds, 3 golf courses, and 4 tennis clubs maintained by the City of Miami Beach and open to the public.

• Are restaurants expensive?

A Miami Beach has more than 2000 dining places and restaurants – from inexpensive snack bars to deluxe cafeterias to the most formal type of gourmet cuisine in world-renowned restaurants – the choice is yours!

Q Are there organized social programs and activities open to visitors?

A The Miami Beach Recreation Department offers programs for every age group — social dancing, lectures, concerts, teen-age social centers, adult clubs and hobby groups, children's theatre, sports festivals and tournaments. For information concerning these and many more city-sponsored activities and events, please call JE 8-1141 or JE 1-0271.

Are there churches and synagogues in Miami Beach?

A Yes. Almost every religious denomination is well represented in Miami Beach — visitors and their families always receive a warm welcome.

KEY TO MIAMI BEACH ATTRACTIONS GUIDE MAP

U. S. Coast Guard Station

Chamber of Commerce Docks 2.

Charter Fishing Boats / Group Fishing Boats Commercial and Private Dockage

3. Miami Beach Boys' Camp

South Shore Park 4.

5. Miami Beach Kennel Club

Pier Park - Bandshell 6.

7. 10th Street Auditorium - Servicemen's Center

City Hall 8.

9. Flamingo Park Tennis center / Swimming pool / Handball courts / Playground Tot lot / Softball field / Football field / Basketball court Shuffleboard / Friendship Corner / Teen center

10. Miami Beach Civic Auditorium

- 11. Miami Beach Convention Hall 12. Miami Beach Community Center
- 13. Miami Beach Garden Center and Conservatory

Miami Beach High School 14.

15. Bass Art Museum

Miami Beach Public Library 16.

17. Bayshore Municipal Golf Course

Miami Beach Par Three Golf Course 18.

19. Polo Park

Tennis / Playground / Tot lot / Athletic field

Mt. Sinai Hospital 20.

21. Miami Heart Institute

St. Francis Hospital 22.

23. North Shore Park

Tennis center / Softball field / Playground / Football field Shuffleboard / Teen center / Basketball court Normandy Isle Park

24.

Swimming pool / Tennis / Tot and teen age recreations

Normandy Shores Municipal Golf Course 25.

26. Fairway Park

Athletic field / Tot and teen age recreations

27. Stillwater Park

Athletic field / Tot and teen age recreations

28. Tatum Waterway Park

Public Beaches 29.

Flagler Monument 30.

Miami Beach Recreation Department Information 531-0271 538-1141

To find exact addresses, bear in mind that Miami Beach streets, terraces and courts run east and west in numerical order starting with 1st Street on the southern tip of Miami Beach and going north as far as 87th Terrace. Through streets and avenues are marked on the map for your convenience. Refer to the street index for particular locations. Miami Beach police officers and residents

will be happy to assist you in finding exact addresses.

All causeways crossing Biscayne Bay exit on Biscayne Boulevard (U.S.1) for north-south travel. The Julia Tuttle Causeway (41st Street) continues directly to the Miami International Airport with interchanges to the North-South Expressway (95) which leads to the Sunshine State Turnpike. Collins Avenue (A1A) continues north to Surfside, Bay Harbor, Bal Harbour and Golden Beach.

Metro Transit System bus lines traverse Miami Beach and provide service to all areas in Dade County.

There are Municipal parking areas adjacent to all shopping areas (Washington Avenue, Lincoln Road Mall, Arthur Godfrey Road—41st Street and 71st Street) and behind the Auditorium and Convention Hall as well as near all public beaches.













































