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TRAVEL GUIDE

A nighttime photograph of a city street, likely in Miami, featuring palm trees, modern buildings, and streetlights. The scene is dimly lit with a cool blue and purple color palette. The text is overlaid on the upper half of the image.

How to enjoy the best **Miami** has to offer when attending the **DSD Course**



Welcome to the Magic City!
Popular with visitors the world over, the City of Miami in South Florida is a hub for finance, sports, arts and culture; a base for international companies; and the location of the world's busiest cruise port.

With warm year-round weather, one of Miami's undeniable draws is its climate. Though temperatures vary and are higher in the summer – and come with heavy rain showers – the sun shines all year long... so every season is a good one to enjoy Miami's many beaches! Winter is the high season and sees holidaymakers flock to the hotels to enjoy some winter sun.

It's not just the weather, the beaches and the accompanying outdoor pursuits that bring people to Miami though. Its diverse neighborhoods are home to a range of art galleries, museums, and other

sites through which to explore the city's history and culture. When it comes to drinks and dining, Miami also has no rival! The rooftop bars, eclectic mix of restaurants and burgeoning craft beer scene across its various neighborhoods will be definite highlights on your trip. Finally, thanks to its location, there are also beautiful national parks and bays nearby if you love being in the great outdoors.

We're so glad you've chosen to join us for a DSD course in Miami! We hope you can make the most of your trip to explore the best that the city has to offer. Take a look through this travel guide for our tips and suggestions on what to do and where to stay while you're here.

An aerial photograph of a coastal urban area. The top half shows a sandy beach with several palm trees and a few people. The bottom half shows a city street with more palm trees, a white car, and a building with a parking lot. A dark blue rectangular box is overlaid in the center, containing the text "Transport in Miami".

Transport in **Miami**

How to arrive in Miami

Thanks to the efficient and relatively inexpensive public transport system, getting around the city and surrounding areas will be easy on your trip.



How to get from Miami International Airport to downtown.

After you touch down in Miami International Airport, a taxi ride will have you in downtown Miami in under 30 minutes or you can get the [Metrorail](#), which along with the [Metrobus](#), is a handy way to explore the city. All you need to do is get yourself an EASY ticket or buy a pass on your phone – you can see routes and timetables on the **Go Miami-Dade** app.



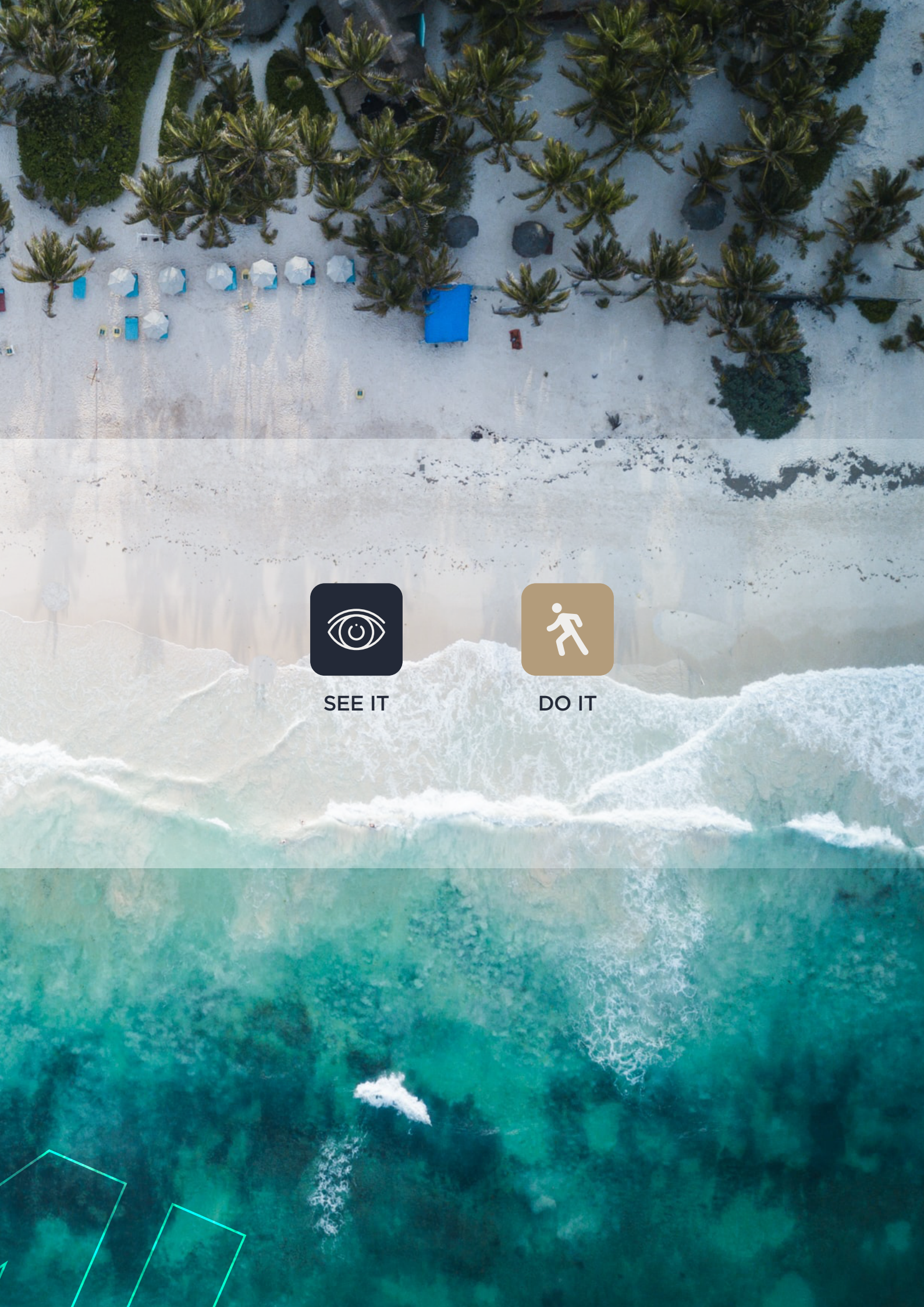
To travel around downtown Miami and Brickell, there's also the (free!) [Metromover](#) service. Of course, if you prefer, Uber is also an easy way to get from A to B.





Explore **Miami**





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EXPLORE:

Miami in a few hours

If you only have a few hours to spend in Miami, the Wynwood Arts District is a must.



Once a site of manufacturing warehouses, it's now Miami's buzzing arts district and a hub for culture, art and creativity in the city. It's your go-to location for street art and galleries, boutique stores, and no shortage of restaurants and bars. Whether you have time in the morning, afternoon or evening, you'll find something of interest here.



- See Wynwood Walls, an incredible display of outdoor street-art murals created by artists from all over the world. You can either stroll through at your own pace or have a private walking tour.
- Visit one or several of the world-class galleries and museums in the neighborhood.
- Take a brewery or microbrewery tour and taste the flavors of Miami's new craft beer scene.

EXPLORE:

Miami in one evening



Sports fan? Miami has options for all tastes. Why not go down to the American Airlines Arena to see Miami Heat or check out other [evening fixtures that coincide with your stay?](#)



There's no better neighborhood for a chilled night out than Wynwood, where among the galleries and outdoor street art you'll find a myriad of bars, restaurants, breweries, and beer gardens. For an incredible evening meal, our restaurant of choice is KYU.

If you prefer to stay around Brickell, some of our top recommendations for a bite to eat include Cantina La Veinte for fantastic Mexican dishes or upscale Komodo for Asian flavors. There's also Tacology, KiKi on The River or Flemming's Steak House. Afterwards, check out the views, drink in hand, from Sugar rooftop bar at East Hotel.

South Beach is also home to some incredible restaurants and bars for a great evening. Some of our favorites are Drunken Dragon for Korean BBQ and Yard bird for the best fried chicken and bourbon around. Then, head to The Standard for the best views and atmosphere in Miami or, for a big night out, Mokai.

EXPLORE:

Miami in an afternoon



Don't miss the chance to check out some of Miami's museums. Some of our favorites include:

PAMM - Pérez Art Museum Miami

This museum of modern and contemporary art showcases 20th- and 21st-Century pieces from around the world. It's open every day but Wednesday and entrance costs \$16.

Rubell Museum

The Rubell Museum, located in Wynwood Art District, is home to the Rubell Family private art collection. It's open Wednesday to Sunday until 5:30pm and entrance costs \$15.

FROST SCIENCE

Ideal if you're here with your family... or just want a day of education. This inspiring museum is made up of a planetarium, aquarium, and exhibitions which teach about topics such as the natural world, engineering, the Everglades, and health and wellbeing.



If you're up for an afternoon in the sun, why not head to the beach? Though the city is famed for its party lifestyle, there are also plenty of beach options for families or a tranquil afternoon on the sand. There are also beaches which are great for water sports. Whatever vibe you're looking for, there will be a beach to suit you.

For example, South Beach is definitely a favorite and the place to be for a party, while other more tranquil options close by include South Pointe Park, North Beach, and Sunny Isles Beach. Slightly further out, but well worth a visit, is the beautiful Crandon Park.



Miami

in one day





SEE IT



DO IT

Miami in one day

Easily the most appealing way to spend a day in Miami is on one of its many popular beaches! However, if you'd prefer to do some exploring first, here are a few suggestions:



Everglades - this beautiful national park in Southern Florida is the third largest in the United States; an ecosystem of wetlands and forests, it's home to several endangered species. If you feel like spending a few hours in the great outdoors, you can get there from Miami in under an hour and join an Airboat ride to learn all about the area and the wildlife that lives there.

Vizcaya Museum and Gardens - a must for those who love culture! This is a beautiful 50-acre estate in Coconut Grove where you can go on guided tours of the collections in the grand Main House and the Italian-Renaissance-style formal gardens. From Miami downtown it's around 40 minutes away on the Metrorail - just get off at Vizcaya Station and do the quick ten-minute walk.



Explore Miami cities and neighborhoods

Coral Gables - as well as its beautiful architecture and art museums, one of the main draws of the neighboring historical city of Coral Gables is its enormous Venetian freshwater pool, located in what was once a quarry. The city is also home to the Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden which is full of rare and beautiful plantlife.

Little Havana - In Miami city, don't miss the chance to explore the buzzing Cuban neighborhood of Little Havana. Some great ways to explore include sampling the flavors of the area on a culinary tour and seeing the sights on a walking tour.

Wynwood Art District - As no visit to Miami would be complete without it, we also have to mention the popular Wynwood Art District once again. Take a couple of hours for a walk through the outdoor art gallery of Wynwood Walls, a visit to one of its many galleries and breweries, or a look around its unique boutiques. Don't miss Wynwood Marketplace for food and drinks while supporting local artists and their work.


Brickell - As it's most likely the location of your DSD course, you'll probably become familiar with this neighborhood on your stay. As well as the many other restaurants and bars, one of our favorite places here is the Casa de Montecristo Cigar and Whiskey Bar - a chic bar with comfortable lounge, outdoor seating, humidor room, and huge choice of top-brand cigars.

Or, if you're in the mood for shopping, then the exceptional **Miami Design District** (*just north of Brickell*) is the place to go for high-end brands. In between stores, you can admire the architecture of the uniquely designed buildings and the quirky art in the streets before stopping off at one of the restaurants or browsing one of the world-class art museums.

Miami Beach - This legendary location in Miami is a must during your trip. Though it's known for its party lifestyle (*and you can definitely have a great night out here*) you can also make a peaceful start to the evening. For example, how about a leisurely wander or a yoga class in the tranquillity of the exotic three-acre Miami Beach Botanical Garden? Then, if you're an architecture fan, go for a walking tour of the Art Deco Historic District near the waterfront to learn all about the style and history of the huge number of 1920s-30s Art Deco buildings found within this small area of Miami.





BEACH WARNING FLAGS

 Water Closed to Public
No Swimmers Allowed

 High Hazard
High Surf and/or Strong Currents
High Risk, Serious Risk of Drowning or Injury


 Medium Hazard
Moderate Surf and/or Currents
Moderate Risk, Serious Risk of Drowning or Injury

 Low Hazard
Calm Conditions, Exercise Caution
Minor Risk, Drowning or Injury Possible

 Dangerous Marine Life
Risk of Injury or Drowning

Absence of Flags Does Not Assure Safe Waters
Swimmers are Responsible for Their Own Safety



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Where to stay in **Miami**



Hotels in Brickell

If you want to be based close to the Residency, our first selection of hotels – in the Miami neighbourhood of Brickell – are the best choice. Aside from their excellent locations, they are also luxurious options which will make your stay in Miami nothing short of a dream vacation.

Luxury choices:



Mandarin Oriental hotel

The [Mandarin Oriental hotel](#) is the epitome of luxury. It has a spa and infinity pool for relaxation, and a choice of drinks and dining options against the backdrop of the Brickell skyline. Make sure to call for a bay- or Brickell-facing room!



[East Miami Hotel](#)

The trendy East Hotel is located right in the heart of Brickell, in the absolute center of the action. It's also home to one of our top picks for drinks – rooftop bar Sugar. Look out for Real Madrid while you're here!



SLS Brickell

The [SLS Brickell](#) is a stylish and trendy luxury hotel with a range of dining options, luxurious rooms and suites, and one of the best pools around.



[W Miami](#)

Stay right in the heart of it all at the W, in the center of Miami Brickell. This deluxe hotel offers incredible views over Biscayne Bay and the city skyline.

More cost-effective options:



[Novotel Miami Brickell](#)

Looking for a more budget-friendly option without sacrificing the comforts of a luxury stay? Choose this eco-friendly Novotel.



[Pelican Executive Suites](#)

The Pelican Executive Suites are a range of one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments ideal for accommodating large parties without a hefty price tag.



[OB Suites Brickell](#)

The OB Suites, 1.3 miles away from Bayfront Park, are affordable studios and apartments which benefit from an outdoor pool and hot tub, WiFi and free parking.

Miami Beach

If you're staying on in Miami for a while after your course ends and you'd rather be within easy distance of the beaches in the famous Miami Beach, the following selection of hotels is for you! From here, you can get to your course in Brickell by Uber or one of the city's public transport options.

Luxury choices:



Setai Miami Beach

This is definitely our top pick – the coolest hotel in South Beach! The Setai hotel's atmosphere is unrivalled, which makes it an absolute must. Pro tip: make sure you ask for an ocean room and if you are not staying here, drop by the garden for a drink.



1 Hotel South Beach

Our second top pick in Miami Beach. The 1 Hotel offers stunning views, pools, rooms and a great atmosphere. If you don't choose to stay here, head over to its rooftop bar for a drink or two at sunset.



The Edition

The Edition is all about luxury and style. Enjoy its beautiful guest rooms and bungalows, beach club and the Matador Room for brunch.



W South Beach

Fun and trendy, the W South Beach is right in the heart of the action with stunning ocean views, outdoor pool and easy access to the beach.

Mid-tier hotels:



Delano

A true taste of Miami Beach chic! Stay here to be in the heart of South Beach with great rooms, the hottest pool and an incredible experience. If you don't stay, make sure to stop by for drinks.



SLS South Beach

The SLS South Beach is the place to be for weekend pool parties and the ultimate South Beach experience.



Hotel Croydon Miami Beach

A fun and stylish hotel that puts you right in the heart of the action, a stone's throw from the beach. There's also an outdoor pool and sun deck on the roof – not to mention the ocean views.



Hotel Chelsea

This art deco hotel is available at a great price, just a couple of blocks from the beach. There's a bar and a sunny outdoor patio for drinks while you're also walking distance to bars and nightclubs.





Where to eat in **Miami**



Drunken Dragon

A chilled place for the intense flavors of Korean BBQ with table-side grilling.

Location:
South Beach



Joe's stone crab

One of the most famous restaurants in Miami! The specialty here is crab so it's only open for six months a year, during crab season.

Location:
Miami Beach



Yard bird

Classic Southern cooking for the best fried chicken and bourbon around.

Location:
Miami Beach.



Matador room

This 1940s-style restaurant, located in the Edition Hotel, serves an amazing brunch! They also have a Happy Hour every day from 6 - 9pm.

Location:
Miami Beach



Rusty Pelican

Good American food with the best view in Key Biscayne from its waterside location

Location:
Key Biscayne.



JJ's favorite!



KYU

Incredible Asian Food and intense flavors.

Location: Wynwood



1-800 Lucky

All your favorite pan-Asian dishes in a buzzing food hall-marketplace.

Location: Wynwood



Komodo

An upscale dining experience with fantastic Southeast Asian food.

Location: Brickell



Quinto La Huella

This is a great spot for brunch in the stylish EAST, Miami hotel.

Location: Brickell



Cantina La Veinte

This is the place to go for delicious Mexican food and the best ingredients.

Location: Brickell



North Italia

The ideal spot for a casual meal with great food and great company. Don't miss its outdoor bar.

Location: Brickell



Tacology

Mexican food and some fantastic margaritas! The perfect place for a casual, fun night out.

Location: Brickell



American Social

The place to be for mimosas and music by the river. Top tip: if you go for brunch, make sure you book before you get there.

Location: Brickell



KiKi on The River

A hot spot for great music, great atmosphere and delicious Greek food.

Location: Brickell



Flemming's Steak House

A modern Miami take on the classic steak and seafood restaurant, this is a popular spot for professionals. Top tip: mention that you're here with DSD and you might get a little surprise.

Location: Brickell



Bars & Clubs in **Miami**



The Standard

This is a must visit for drinks while you enjoy the best views and atmosphere in Miami.

Location: Miami Beach



Broken shaker

American mixology bar for exotic cocktails.

Location: Miami Beach



Bay Club

Bay Club does cocktails in a great atmosphere. Don't miss karaoke on Thursdays!

Location: Miami Beach



Mokai

If you're in the mood for a big night out, this is the place to be. It's one of South Beach's best with hip-hop music and a dress-to-impress dress code.

Location: Miami Beach



Bodega

This is definitely another of our Miami team's favorites – tacos in the front and a secret club in the back. What could be better?

Locations: Miami Beach and Miami Design District



Sugar

There are amazing views of downtown Miami from this 40th-floor rooftop bar/garden at the EAST, Miami hotel in Brickell.

Location: Brickell



Rooftop at Dolores but you can call me Lolita

A great happy hour spot for drinks and appetizers in the heart of Brickell.

Location: Brickell



SBar

Head over to SBar for creative drinks and Instagram-worthy decor.

Location: Brickell



Blackbird

Blackbird is ideal for a chilled night out with a great crowd and modern and hip-hop music.

Location: Brickell



Better Days

The perfect choice for a fun night out in the center of Brickell: modern music and free popcorn!

Location: Brickell



The Wharf

Its food trucks, bar and games make for some good fun and party vibes by the river.

Location: Along Miami river



Lagniappe

This is another favorite among our Miami team – live music accompanied by wine and platters of meats and cheeses chosen by you.

Location: Wynwood



Café La Trova

This is an authentic Cuban cocktail bar experience with live music on Calle 8.

Location: East Little Havana

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