

What's hot in Miami for 2023? Where to eat, drink, stay and play in Florida's fun-loving city

From elegant hotels to raucous day parties and everything in between, these are the places to bookmark in Miami right now

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Miami, for me, somehow never changes – just like the neighbourhood bakery with its ventanita where my family has ordered café con leche on Sunday mornings for decades. And yet every time I've come home since moving away, parts of the city look completely different. I never visit the same Miami twice. That is, unless I go to Miami Twice, a vintage-clothing store on busy Bird Road in South Miami, where I bought my prom dress back in the day. That street is also home to Bird Bowl, a gem of a bowling alley, and Playthings, an outré adult shop that took over where the laser-tag joint Ultrazone used to be. In my teen years my friends and I gutter-balled and pew-pew-pe-wed our weekends away before we were old enough to be admitted into the city's storied nightclubs, so these establishments defined my youth.

The buzziest stays

Miami's hotel scene takes in everything from A-list hedonism to Damien Hirst mammoth sculptures and lacquered nautical elegance. Dan Rubinstein on where the excitement is.

Faena Hotel Miami Beach

As Miami has become an art hub, few places epitomise the idea of the hotel-as-gallery like the **Faena Hotel**. The Art Deco-influenced establishment, overseen by guru-like, Panama-hatted Argentine hotelier Alan Faena and designed by film director Baz Luhrmann, feels eminently theatrical, with regular cabaret shows in the red-velvet auditorium. There's art everywhere too, with a Damien Hirst sculpture of a mammoth skeleton on the way to the beach and rolling exhibitions in the various Faena-branded spaces around the hotel. Photographer Tony Kelly's sexy, saturated images of Miami Beach recently showed in the Faena Art Project Room.

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