

Culture, Glamour and Non-Stop Fun – 24 Hours in the Miami Design District

Miami is a magical city. From amazing sunsets over the downtown skyline, to sun drenched fun on a white sand beach, Miami has it all. The Miami nightlife is always electric and fine dining options are everywhere. Sultry Miami is a top luxury travel destination, including the [Miami Design District](#).

It doesn't matter if you are a Florida resident or not. Searching for new and creative ways to play tourist in your backyard or traveling to Miami is a must. Trying a get-a-way to the Magic City is always a fabulous idea. For a [VIP experience](#), visit the Miami Design District. Thus, it's the perfect destination for a day. Packed with fine and casual dining, shopping, rich cultural experiences and more.

The Miami Design District is a one-of-a-kind open-air, pedestrian friendly neighborhood. The area fuses all-encompassing shopping, art galleries, museums, design showrooms, restaurants and major art and design installations. All simply found within an architecturally significant context. Enjoy a quick bite at any of the neighborhood's well-renowned restaurants. Plus, stroll through Paseo Ponti and even treat yourself to shopping. As a result, there's always something to enjoy and admire in this trendy Miami neighborhood.

Whether you're a frequent visitor of the neighborhood or have yet to stop by, below are a few ideas on how to spend your day in the Miami Design District:

RETAIL

If retail therapy is what you need, you can find the top names in luxury right here. Recently debuted brands in the neighborhood include highly-anticipated trendy streetwear line by Virgil Abloh Off-White. In addition, find edgy UK luxury brand Alexander McQueen, and French luxury brand Kenzo Kids. Minimal luxury footwear and apparel line TKEES also opened up earlier in the year. While Danish womenswear brand GANNI, and Italian luxury brands Salvatore Ferragamo and Bottega Veneta, and direct-to-consumer giant Warby Parker opened last year. For example, other unique stores include: TheArsenale, Tighemi, Anine Bing, Baccarat Boutique B Bar and Lounge, and Montce swimwear to name a few.

ART

Miami Design District's art culture is characterized by world-class art museums, fine art galleries, and public art exhibits. Recently joining the neighborhood's cultural happenings is Pepe Mar Summer Studio. They feature colorful and psychedelic mixed media collages, sculptures and installations. Art lovers can visit Pérez Art Museum Miami's pop-up boutique. Additionally, beginning August 10th, visitors can stop by Gavin Perry's solo exhibition – History Lesson-Part 2. As a result, enjoy new sculptures and paintings ideated by the esteemed Miami artist.

Visit the area's numerous museums and art galleries, such as Maman Fine Art. In addition, try The Institute of Contemporary Art, Miami (ICA Miami) or the de la Cruz Collection with impressive collections of art from a wide array of artists.

Reserve a free Public Art Tour of the Miami Design District, and choose from the Art Site Tour. While there, you'll get to explore all the architecture and check out the numerous public art displays. View the likes of Rirkrit Tiravanja, Matthew Ritchie, John Baldessari, and Urs Fischer to name a few, Plus, the Curated Projects Tour, where guests can visit all the

local galleries and exhibits.

In addition, The Sun Pours Daylong presented by the Sunny Project, a physical exhibition running alongside an online print sale of Florida photos by 22 Florida photographers. Interestingly, 100 percent of the proceeds goes to charity. Coming soon on October 17th, the Miami Design District will be collaborating with the nationally recognized project For Freedoms. Hence they will produce a billboard by artist and DASH graduate Adler Guerrier as a creative response to supporting racial equality.

ARCHITECTURE

As you take a stroll through the neighborhood, don't forget to pay close attention to your surroundings. Miami Design District features award-winning architecture by esteemed architects, such as Zaha Hadid and Frei Otto. In addition – Ronan and Erwan Bouroullec, Sol Lewitt, Sou Fujimoto, Gaetano Pesce and Marc Newson to name a few. Standout projects located in the area include: Museum Garage.

Conceptualized by architect and curator Terence Riley, it's a seven-story mixed-use structure featuring multi-dimensional façades. A one-of-a-kind work from world-class architects. Fly's Eye Dome is designed by Buckminster Fuller, built using state-of-the-art materials, intelligence and techniques. It is now a main landmark within the neighborhood. Last, the architecture showcased throughout the Miami Design District has been thoughtfully designed to capture audiences and pack an experience with every step you take!

DINING

If you are looking for world-class dining or simply a casual bite, Miami Design District has it all. Home to Groot Hospitality's David Grutman and Pharrell Williams's hot-spot Swan. For example, an ideal place to see and be seen, where you are sure to run into a celebrity. Also, Instagram-worthy

food lovers can head over to Old Greg's Pizza pop-up in the neighborhood for Miami's first naturally leavened pizza. It is definitely worth all the hype.

For those looking to be transported to the Greek Islands, Mandolin Aegean Bistro, is the perfect spot to enjoy lunch. Dine in their Mediterranean outdoor terrace and indulge in their Greek and Turkish dishes and famed white wine sangria. Looking for more of a healthier option, check out Pura Vida. Enjoy a fresh space that provides both quality and health with every bite.

Time for a coffee break? Stop by neighborhood hot-spot OTL for delicious drinks, pastries and more in this Instagram-worthy atmosphere. For dinner, dine alfresco at Michael's Genuine Food & Drink's outdoor courtyard. While there, you will feast on classic homemade dishes by award-winning chef/owner Michael Schwartz. When you're ready to wrap up your day, make sure to stop by Japow, Night Owl Cookies or Meli Gourmet Greek Donuts to enjoy some sweet treats.

FOR THE KIDS

The Miami Design District recently debuted a new dog park for families to enjoy with their favorite furry friends. The dog park is designed by Island Planning Corporation, located behind Jokester 2 by Paula Crown. As a result, the business provides plenty of space and features for dogs. Additionally, stop by and hang out at State of Kid. The most sought-after retail brands and greatest instructors are found here. They meet under one roof to provide the latest in fashion for your kids. In addition, have fun and try interactive activities spanning art, dance, science and more up to age five!

Kids can also explore the magical world of animation this summer with ICA Miami's Family Day Animation Film Festival. In collaboration with the Miami Design District, enjoy a non-competitive celebration of unconventional family-friendly

storytelling. Filmmaking happens the third Sunday of every month. However, kids of all ages are also fascinated by the neighborhood's various art installations found throughout the walkable space.

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