

MIAMI METROPOLITAN AREA

RELOCATION INFORMATION



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Miami is home to a variety of neighborhoods, with ample choices for deciding where to set your roots. Founded in 1873, **Coconut Grove** is one of the more well-known Miami neighborhoods. Despite its location – right in the middle of Miami – the area is known for its relaxing vibe. Bordered by the Biscayne Bay, “The Grove” was named the **safest place to live** in the Miami metropolitan area, holding strong with its lowest crime rate. With an **average home value of \$737,714**, the neighborhood attracts younger families, older empty nesters and singles who appreciate the fact that the majority of its housing is close to the waterfront.

Less than 4 miles away from The Grove lies the Miami neighborhood of **Coral Gables**. The area is filled with European vibes and its architecture provides a wow factor. A step back from the hustle and bustle of downtown, Coral Gables is home to **8 public schools, 1 charter school and 20 private schools**. The median home value is \$846,100 and the **average rent price is around \$1,693**.

Last but certainly not least is **Downtown Miami**. With a healthy combination of lofts, high-rise condos and other residential options, the **median home value holds tight at \$317,700** with average rent running \$1,183. The area is known for great rental and investment opportunities for first-time homeowners. While there are lots of newer living options, there are also a variety of fixer-uppers available.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools coordinate a combination of 392 schools, 345,000 students and 40,000 employees, making it the nation’s fourth largest district. The system ranks 21st statewide with an **overall Niche grade of B+**. The student-teacher ratio is 19:1 and more than half of all students are proficient in math and reading.



MIAMI ACTIVITIES

MiamiEater.com recently published a list of **38 popular area restaurants**. At the top of the list is **Makota**, a restaurant that combines Japanese cuisine with a 21st century flair. Choose from items such as watermelon ceviche, crispy brussels sprouts, ramen and Wagyu steak. Ringing in as the runner-up is **The Surf Club Restaurant**, which boasts nostalgic American cuisine with a traditional Keller flare. Its impressive selection of vintages and robust martini menu align perfectly with the old-school feel of the restaurant and its traditional food selection. There's also **Mandolin Aegean Bistro**, known as one of the best places to enjoy Greek and Turkish food in the city. Try one of the elegant small plates or entrees like lamb and beef meatballs. Top it all off with a glass of refreshing Greek wine to end the evening.

For the sports fans out there, Miami is home to a number of pro teams including the **Heat, Marlins, Dolphins** and **Florida Panthers** and even an incoming pro soccer team owned by international legend David Beckham. And don't forget to check out all the collegiate athletics action with the 16 varsity teams of the **Miami Hurricanes**.

The **Miami Zoo** is one of the area's best **family-friendly entertainment options**. For all the shopping your heart desires, make a trip to **Bayside Marketplace** or Ocean Drive. Visit Miami's Cuban heart in **Little Havana**, which has a variety of art galleries, restaurants, walk-up cafés serving Cuban coffee, and Maximo Gomez Park ... known as Domino Park by the locals who spend their days playing dominos and talking politics.

Miami also offers a beautiful, expansive coastline. Choose from any of **Miami's top beaches**: Lummus Park Beach, South Pointe Park Pier, Surfside, Haulover Beach, Sunny Isle Beach and more. Whether you're sunbathing, shopping or trying the local cuisine, you're sure to stay busy in these Florida hot spots.



**Mandolin Aegean Bistro:
Grilled Halloumi**



FORT LAUDERDALE LIVING



Located just 28 miles north of Miami, the comfortable city of **Fort Lauderdale** lies on Florida's southeastern coast. More than **180,000 call Fort Lauderdale home**, and the area's cost of living is competitive compared to other popular cities in Florida.

The area is home to some of the finest **neighborhoods** in South Florida. Perhaps the area's best-kept secret, **Harbor Beach** is an immaculate subdivision located just off Seabreeze Boulevard, which borders the Atlantic Ocean. Boaters enjoy prime access to the inlet, which also provides fresh seawater to the neighborhood's heart, Lake Sylvia. One of the best locations for young families and professionals is **Coral Ridge**, which features many of the city's finest options for dining, shopping and education. A third potential option for both singles and families is **Downtown Fort Lauderdale**, which features a budding residential atmosphere and ease of access to everything the area has to offer.

Many **students** are served by **Fort Lauderdale High School** and its associated middle and elementary schools. It ranks as the state's 23rd best magnet high school, according to Niche, which gave it an overall grade of A. The high school earns high marks for diversity, academics and activities. **Bayview Elementary School** ranks high in Niche's top Fort Lauderdale rankings, while **Virginia Shuman Young Elementary School** ranks 19th in Broward County, earning high marks for diversity (A) and academics (A-).



FORT LAUDERDALE ACTIVITIES

Fort Lauderdale is home to many **tasty eateries**, buoyed by the area's diverse seafood offerings. For locally sourced meats and seafood, check out **Terra Mare** and its selection ranging from prime steaks to snacks and small plates sure to please. You can't go wrong by visiting any of J.E.Y. Hospitality Group's popular spots including **TacoCraft**, **PizzaCraft**, **Rok:Brgr** and **Henry's Sandwich Station**.

In and around the area, you'll find many excellent options for a **night on the town**. Located north of downtown is **Lauderdale-by-the-Sea**, home to **101 Ocean**, one of the region's top restaurant and bars. Farther north along the coast, you'll find the popular **26° Brewing** in Pompano Beach. You can also enjoy downtown Fort Lauderdale's many entertainment options, ranging from **33rd Street Wine Bar** and **American Social** to "America's best outdoor party" at **America's Backyard**.

Award-winning beaches abound near Fort Lauderdale, each providing a clean, safe atmosphere for beachgoers. Greater Fort Lauderdale's northernmost option, **Deerfield Beach**, offers covelike shoreline and a fun playground for the kids. **Hillsboro Beach** offers a relaxing escape with access to the Hillsboro Lighthouse and the Hillsboro Inlet. Just north, in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, you'll experience an old-fashioned "beach village" vibe sure to offer a relaxing day under the sun.



Henry's Sandwich Station



HOLLYWOOD LIVING

Nestled between Miami and Fort Lauderdale, the Floridian city of **Hollywood** is well known for its coastal location, suburban feel, mixed workforce of white- and blue-collar jobs, and family-friendly focus.

With a **population of 152,000** residents and more than 30 **neighborhoods**, Hollywood is the 12th largest community in Florida. With commute times averaging around 28 minutes across the Miami metropolitan area, many professionals with families find themselves living in the Diplomat Parkway / Washington Street corridor, a suburban locale primarily comprised of medium to large single-family homes with a unique blend of urban sophisticates. Another popular option: the homes near North Ocean Drive. There, you'll find small to medium-sized condominium options close to the shore.

Hollywood **education** revolves around the **Broward School District**, which features a 19 to 1 student-teacher ratio. According to Niche, the district is the fourth most diverse in Florida and ranks 30th among the state's best school systems for athletes. **Beachside Montessori Village School**, a public K-8 school, has received high praise for its students' top-notch test scores and equitable opportunities. As for secondary education, **Hollywood Hills High School** is known for its diverse enrollment and strong student engagement. A short distance away, **North Miami Senior High School** is popular for its athletics program and low student-teacher ratio.



North Miami Senior High School



HOLLYWOOD ACTIVITIES

Hollywood, Florida is famous for its beautiful beaches, boardwalk and numerous **outdoor activities**. Spend a day at the **Anne Kolb Nature Center** paddling through the lush mangrove forests and exploring an array of plant and animal species. If you're ready for some time on the sand, head to Hollywood Beach! Home to Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino as well as the Hollywood Boardwalk, **Hollywood Beach** is best known for its 2.2-mile bike and foot path along the beach, which is lined by a variety of shops and outdoor cafes.

Up for some **good eats**? From dive bars and diners to authentic cuisine, Hollywood boasts a host of renowned restaurants. Located on the Intracoastal Waterway, **Le Tub Saloon** is known as one of the best places in America to chow down on a hefty-sized hamburger loaded with the works. Don't miss **Moonlite Diner**, a 1950s-style joint offering classic fare and malt shakes. For a swankier experience, try **Sardelli's Italian Steakhouse**. Here you'll find a host of Italian-style culinary classics with wine pairings perfect for any occasion.

Wrap up your day with drinks at **5 O'Clock Somewhere Bar & Grill**. Located at the **Margaritaville Hollywood Beach Resort**, this indoor-outdoor dockside bar serves up tasty beverages and live entertainment with picturesque sunsets in tow.



MIAMI CULTURE

Newcomers to the Miami-Fort Lauderdale area are greeted by a wealth of heritage and cultural attractions. The Magic City served as a haven for Cuban, Haitian and Nicaraguan immigrants throughout the 1960s, '70s and '80s, and that Latin American influence remains strong today.

Also known as the Capital of Latin America, Miami offers a cultural experience unlike any other major city across the United States. Its many Spanish speakers, organic nightlife, beaches and performing arts forge a signature feel.

For those who appreciate the best in **arts and entertainment**, **Wynwood Arts District** is the place to be, uniting more than 32 studios and galleries north of downtown Miami for prime audience immersion. Swing by **Little Havana** for authentic Cuban cuisine and shows, or visit historic Coral Gables to spend the day at the **Merrick House** or tour **Biltmore Hotel**. In a region with millions of residents from diverse backgrounds, there's no limit to the cultural opportunities in Greater Miami.



Merrick House



FLORIDA TRAVEL



Miami Trolley

South Florida is easily accessible for anyone around the world via **Miami International Airport**, the 12th largest airport in the United States and 40th largest internationally with more than 44 million passengers annually. Located north of downtown Miami is **Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport**, the 19th busiest of its kind in the United States.

Miami also plays host to a number of alternative methods of travel. More than 13 cities – including popular Coconut Grove – are stops along the **Miami trolley system**, which provides free travel around the city. Ride in style via the **Briteline train experience** with stops in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach and beyond. Take advantage of the **Miami Metrorail system**, offering quick 25-mile transportation across all Miami from 5 a.m. to midnight seven days a week.

For more information on methods of travel around Greater Miami, visit **MiamiandBeaches.com**.



GREATER MIAMI ORGANIZATIONS



FLORIDA DAY TRIPS

Located just three and a half hours from downtown Miami is **Orlando**, home to some of the most famous theme parks in the world including Disney's **Magic Kingdom**, **Epcot**, **Hollywood Studios** and **Animal Kingdom** alongside **SeaWorld** and the trio of **Universal Studios Florida**, **Universal's Islands of Adventure** and **Universal's Volcano Bay**. Enjoy park discounts, especially for Florida residents, and spend the day at any of these magical parks – year round! The area also sports **International Premium Outlets** for any and all shopping your heart desires, along with **Disney Springs**, an outdoor entertainment, shopping and restaurant hub.

For a more tropical vibe, take a ride to the **Florida Keys**: Key Largo, Islamorada, Marathon, Lower Keys and Key West. Whether you're looking for a day of fishing, snorkeling, water sports, parasailing or simply lounging on the beach, you'll be hard-pressed to find a more beautiful coastal area.

Florida is also known for housing the largest subtropical wilderness in the United States, the **Everglades**. You can't go wrong with boating, camping, kayaking, canoeing, fishing, geocaching, hiking, cycling, wildlife viewing and even slough slogging! There's more than outdoor adventures, though: The Seafood Depot is a top-notch choice for your dining pleasure. Built in 1928, the building is a great representation of early Florida architecture. Even better than their menu items? The view! Look out over alligators and native birds as you enjoy a nice sit-down meal.



Florida Keys





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