

## Things to Do In/Near Downtown Miami

Since we know some family will not be going on the cruise. We hope that we will see everyone for the Family Reunion "Meet and Greet" before some of us set sail. Since you will be able to get the same room discount, we are hopeful that you can choose to stay and enjoy some of the things within the area while you're in Miami.

### ♥ Black Heritage & History

1. **Black Archives Historic Lyric Theater (Overtown)** – Hosts art exhibits, jazz nights, poetry slams, and Black cultural events. 📍 Just northwest of downtown, in historic Overtown.
2. **Historic Overtown** – Once known as the "Harlem of the South," this neighborhood is rich in Black history. Explore murals, cultural markers, and spots once frequented by legends like Ella Fitzgerald and Muhammad Ali.
3. **Ward Rooming House Gallery** – A historic site turned art gallery showcasing Black artists and stories. Often features exhibitions on local history, civil rights, and community voices.



### Cultural & Historic Attractions

1. **Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM)** – Modern and contemporary art with beautiful views of Biscayne Bay. Great exhibits highlighting racial justice, diaspora, and identity.
2. **African Heritage Cultural Arts Center (Liberty City)** – Offers workshops, shows, and rotating exhibitions.
3. **Frost Museum of Science** – Planetarium, aquarium, and interactive science exhibits.
4. **HistoryMiami Museum** – Dive into South Florida's rich cultural and historical roots.
5. **Freedom Tower** – A historic site with Cuban-American significance (now also houses MDC Museum of Art + Design).



### Outdoor & Waterfront Activities

1. **Bayfront Park** – Great for a walk, jog, or picnic by the water; hosts live music and festivals.
2. **Bayside Marketplace** – Open-air shopping and dining with live music and boat tours.

3. **Skyviews Miami Observation Wheel** – Enjoy panoramic views of the skyline and Biscayne Bay.
  4. **Baywalk** – Scenic walking path along the bay connecting several landmarks.
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## On the Water

1. **Boat tours or yacht charters** – Try Island Queen Cruises or Thriller Miami Speedboat.
2. **Jet ski or paddleboard rentals** – Available from the downtown marina area.
3. **Island excursions** – Visit nearby islands like Jungle Island or Virginia Key by water taxi.



## Black-Owned Restaurants Near Downtown

1. **Red Rooster Overtown** – Celebrity chef Marcus Samuelsson's soul food restaurant in the heart of Overtown. Great food, art, and live music celebrating Black culture.
2. **Lil Greenhouse Grill** – Cozy and critically acclaimed soul food spot in Overtown. Farm-to-table Southern dishes with a gourmet twist.
3. **Jackson Soul Food** – A long-standing institution in Overtown serving hearty Southern breakfast and comfort food.
4. **World Famous House of Mac** – Known for creative takes on mac and cheese and soul food favorites.



## Dining & Nightlife

1. **The Wharf Miami** – Outdoor waterfront venue with food trucks, bars, and live DJs.
  2. **Area 31 (at Kimpton EPIC Hotel)** – Upscale rooftop dining with incredible views.
  3. **Jaguar Sun** – Trendy cocktail bar with a great pasta menu.
  4. **Lost Boy Dry Goods** – Stylish pub for casual drinks and conversation.
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## Entertainment & Events

1. **Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts** – Catch a Broadway show, opera, or symphony.
2. **FTX Arena (Kaseya Center)** – Home of the Miami Heat and major concerts.
3. **Downtown Art Walks & Events** – Check for local art walks or weekend pop-ups.
4. **The Urban (Overtown)** – Open-air venue with food, music, drinks, and events celebrating Black culture. Black-owned and community-focused.
5. **Poetry & Spoken Word Nights** – Venues like the Lyric Theater and community spaces often host open mics and spoken word nights that center Black voices.



## Shopping

- **Flagler Street** – Classic local shops, streetwear, and Latin American goods.
- **Brickell City Centre** (*just south of downtown*) – High-end shopping, dining, and movies.