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## Mexico Best of Baja

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GREAT PLACES TO  
SPEND THE HOLIDAYS  
From Venice to Vegas



### MIAMI

#### THE FACTS

Miami is served by its own international airport: Fort Lauderdale's airport is a 40-minute drive away. November is the beginning of high season, and advance reservations—particularly on South Beach—are advisable.



#### WHERE TO STAY

**Biltmore Hotel**  
A four-star, four-diamond, National Historic Landmark property, gracefully dominating the skyline since 1926.  
DOUBLES FROM \$259  
1200 ANASTASIA AVE., CORAL GABLES  
800/727-1926 OR 305/445-1926  
www.biltmorehotel.com

**Delano**  
Nothing quite beats the Delano, either for aesthetics or celeb encounters—where else can you find yourself talking with Lou Reed by the pool? DOUBLES FROM \$325  
1685 COLLINS AVE., MIAMI BEACH  
800/535-5001 OR 305/672-2000  
www.lanschragerhotels.com

**The Raleigh**  
The hotel where modern South Beach began is now being recalibrated for the chic by the Mercer's Andre Balazs.  
DOUBLES FROM \$275  
1775 COLLINS AVE., MIAMI BEACH  
800/848-1775 OR 305/534-6300  
www.raleighhotel.com

**Sagamore Hotel**  
A stunning all-suite property, the Sagamore has an amazing

contemporary art collection and cutting-edge furniture. Massimo Vitale's *Pic Nic A/lee*, in the lobby, sets just the right note of fun and sun.  
DOUBLES FROM \$275  
1671 COLLINS AVE., MIAMI BEACH  
877/431-0400 OR 305/535-8088  
www.thompsonhotels.com

**Shore Club**  
Ian Schrager has fabulous-ized the place beyond reckoning, with Nobu, Ago, and the Sky Bar making the hotel a major social scene. DOUBLES FROM \$325  
1901 COLLINS AVE., MIAMI BEACH  
877/640-9500 OR 305/695-3100  
www.lanschragerhotels.com

**WHERE TO EAT**  
**Bahamian Pot**  
Open during the day only, and specializing in conch.  
LUNCH FOR TWO \$20  
5413 N.W. 54TH ST., MIAMI  
305/693-5053

**Café 71**  
The best of the Upper East Side hipster palaces; nicely rendered lamb chops and a sympathetic atmosphere.  
DINNER FOR TWO \$60

7900 BISCAYNE BLVD., MIAMI  
305/756-7100

**Casa Tua**  
This season's hot new date restaurant: a beautiful garden and perfect tuna tartare, but a bit of an attitude problem.  
DINNER FOR TWO \$180  
1700 JAMES AVE., MIAMI BEACH  
305/673-1010

**Garcia's Seafood Grille & Fish Market**  
Nothing quite beats a simple fresh fish sandwich, served right on the Miami River.  
LUNCH FOR TWO \$38  
398 N.W. NORTH RIVER DR., MIAMI  
305/375-0765

**Jimbo's Shrimp**  
One of the best down-home beer joints/shrimper hangouts in America, open during daylight hours.  
LUNCH FOR TWO \$16  
VIRGINIA KEY BEACH, KEY BISCAIYNE  
305/361-7026  
www.jimbosplace.com

**SushiSamba Dromo**  
A blend of Japanese, Brazilian, and Peruvian cuisines, with stylish sushi—the toro is first-rate—and plenty of people-watching opportunities.  
DINNER FOR TWO \$70  
600 LINCOLN RD., MIAMI BEACH  
305/673-5337

**NIGHTLIFE**  
**Hoy Como Ayer**  
The regular turf of Albita and the place for Cuban music.  
ADMISSION PRICE VARIES  
2212 S.W. EIGHTH ST., MIAMI  
305/545-2631

**WHAT TO DO**  
**Fairchild Tropical Garden**  
An institution of lushness since 1938, dotted with lagoons and named after botanist-explorer David Fairchild. ADMISSION \$10  
10901 OLD CUTLER RD., CORAL GABLES  
305/667-1651  
www.fairchildgarden.org

**Kampong of the National Tropical Botanical Garden**  
David Fairchild's 1916 home, an Oriental-themed whimsy

with a collection of exotic plants, is the old Grove as it should be. Open for tours and by appointment. ADMISSION \$10  
4013 DOUGLAS RD., MIAMI  
305/442-7169  
www.aibg.org

**Venetian Pool**  
A 1920's wonder, carved in coral rock, that never changes.  
ADMISSION \$6  
2701 DE SOTO BLVD., CORAL GABLES  
305/460-5356  
www.venetianpool.com

**Vizcaya Museum & Gardens**  
James Deering's grand 1916 Italian villa is still the house to see in Miami. ADMISSION \$10  
3251 S. MIAMI AVE., MIAMI  
305/250-9133  
www.vizcayamuseum.com

**The Wolfsonian**  
Founded by collector Micky Wolfson, a museum of decorative and propaganda art. ADMISSION \$5  
1001 WASHINGTON AVE., MIAMI BEACH  
305/531-1001  
www.wolfsonian.org

**SHOPPING**  
**Books & Books**  
Mitchell Kaplan's center for the city's literary life.  
265 ARAGON AVE., CORAL GABLES  
305/444-9044



The Sagamore Hotel

**Botanica Nena**  
One-stop shopping for all your Santeria needs.  
902 N.W. 27TH AVE., MIAMI  
305/649-8078

**Genius Jones**  
Owned by Daniel Kron and Geane Brito, this design store for hip children and adults features Keith Haring toys, Karim Rashid plastic chairs, clothing, and high-tech strollers.  
1661 MICHIGAN AVE., MIAMI BEACH  
305/534-7622

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