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A 30-DAY ARRIVAL GUIDE

Your First 30 Days in Miami

Week by week

A companion for the first month —
settle in, live like a local, belong here.

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WEEK ONE

Settle In

The first seven days are logistics — done well, they buy you the rest of the month. Move slowly through this list, in order. Everything else gets easier once these six are handled.

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Move-in

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- Confirm your building's move-in window and elevator reservation 48 hours ahead.
- Photograph every room before unpacking — walls, floors, fixtures, appliances.
- Submit the move-in inspection form within 72 hours to protect your deposit.

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Utilities

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- Open your FPL account online the day you get keys — service transfers same-day.
- Water and trash are typically billed through the building; confirm at leasing.
- Set autopay immediately; Miami summer bills climb fast without a reminder.

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Internet

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- Xfinity and AT&T Fiber both serve most MiamiEase buildings — check availability.
- Schedule installation for day two or three; self-install kits ship overnight.
- Ask your building whether a bulk internet plan is already included in rent.

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Parking

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- Collect your assigned space number, garage clicker, and any guest-parking codes.
- Register your license plate with the building's parking system on day one.
- Confirm valet hours and tipping etiquette if your building offers full-service valet.

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Building Orientation

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- Book a tour of the amenities floor — pool, gym, lounges, package room, mail.
- Save the property manager, front desk, and concierge numbers to your phone.
- Ask about noise rules, quiet hours, and short-term guest policies before hosting.

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Neighborhood Walk

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- Take a slow, phone-down walk within a ten-block radius of your building.
- Note your nearest pharmacy, grocery, coffee shop, and 24-hour convenience store.
- Introduce yourself to one neighbor and one shopkeeper — Miami rewards familiarity.

WEEK TWO

Live Like a Local

By week two, the boxes are gone and the city is asking to be lived in. Anchor your week around six rituals — a grocery, a coffee, a workout, a workspace, a table, a Saturday.

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Best Grocery Stores

- Publix at Midtown — everyday staples, generous parking, curbside pickup.
- Whole Foods Midtown — premium produce and prepared foods after work.
- Trader Joe's Midtown — value pantry runs and quick weeknight dinners.

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Coffee Shops

- Panther Coffee, Wynwood — the neighborhood benchmark; sit on the patio.
- All Day, Downtown — quiet mornings, exceptional espresso, fast Wi-Fi.
- Vice City Bean, Edgewater — bayfront-adjacent, locally roasted.

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Fitness

- Your building gym — start here; most MiamiEase towers rival boutique studios.
- Anatomy Midtown, Barry's Wynwood, and [solidcore] Midtown for high-intensity classes.
- Margaret Pace Park (Edgewater) for outdoor runs along Biscayne Bay.

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Coworking

- Industrious Wynwood — polished, quiet, excellent for calls and focus work.
- The LAB Miami — creative, community-forward, drop-in day passes available.
- Building resident lounges — free, underused, and often the best midweek seat.

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Restaurants

- Zak the Baker (Wynwood) for weekday lunch; KYU for a first proper dinner.
- Amara at Paraiso (Edgewater) for waterfront date nights.
- 1-800-Lucky (Wynwood) for late, casual, and a taste of many kitchens at once.

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Weekend Activities

- Saturday: Wynwood Walls, gallery hopping, then dinner in the Design District.
- Sunday: brunch in Midtown, an afternoon on Biscayne Bay, sunset at the pier.
- Once a month: a full day on the water — rent a boat, join a charter, go.

WEEK THREE

Make It Official

Week three is administrative — the errands that turn arrival into residency. Batch them across two mornings and a lunch break. Bring documents; leave with a Florida address that finally means something.

BRING THESE DOCUMENTS

Out-of-state driver license · Passport or birth certificate · Social Security card
Signed Miami lease · Two proofs of Florida address (utility bill, bank statement, lease)
Vehicle title, current registration, and out-of-state insurance card

D

Driver License

- Book an appointment at flhsmv.gov — walk-ins rarely work in Miami-Dade.
- The Miami Central office (NW 3rd Ave) handles most out-of-state transfers.
- You have 30 days from establishing residency to convert your license.

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SunPass

- Order the SunPass Mini sticker online before your first drive on 95 or 826.
- Register your license plate to avoid toll-by-plate surcharges in the meantime.
- Load \$25–\$50 to start; refills auto-trigger from your card.

V

Vehicle Registration

- Register the car within 30 days at the tax collector's office (appointment required).
- Florida requires an in-state insurance policy before registration — switch first.
- New plates and title issued same-day; keep the old plate for your prior state.

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Healthcare

- Transfer prescriptions to a local Publix, CVS, or Walgreens pharmacy.
- Choose a primary care physician in-network; Baptist Health and UM lead the field.
- Save the nearest urgent care and 24-hour ER to your phone before you need them.

B

Banking

- Add a local branch to your existing bank or open with Chase, Bank of America, Truist, or Amerant.
- Update your Florida address across every account — banks, brokerages, subscriptions.
- Order new checks with the new address; landlords and HOAs still ask for them.

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Local Services

- Line up a dry cleaner, car wash, tailor, and dog walker within week three.
- Voter registration takes ten minutes online at registertovoteflorida.gov.
- Homestead exemption applies if you buy — file with Miami-Dade Property Appraiser.

WEEK FOUR

Belong Here

The final week is the one that decides whether Miami feels like a stop or a home. Say yes to more than usual — one event, one new person, one new corner of the city each week from here.

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Explore Miami

- Little Havana on a weekday afternoon — cafecito on Calle Ocho, then Domino Park.
- Vizcaya Museum & Gardens for an hour outside the tempo of the mainland.
- Key Biscayne at sunrise — a fifteen-minute drive, a different climate entirely.

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Local Events

- Wynwood Art Walk — the second Saturday of every month, galleries open late.
- Coconut Grove Arts Festival, South Beach Wine & Food, and Art Basel in December.
- Follow @thenewtropic and @miaminewtimes for weekly, well-curated calendars.

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Networking

- Join one industry group in your first month — Endeavor Miami, Refresh, or 1000 Miami.
- The Standard Spa rooftop and Sunday sound baths draw an unusually connected crowd.
- Show up three times before you decide whether a room is yours — it usually is.

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Parks

- Margaret Pace (Edgewater) for tennis, dog runs, and bayfront sunsets.
- Maurice A. Ferré Park (Downtown) for waterfront paths and Perez Art Museum next door.
- Oleta River State Park for kayaks, mangroves, and a quiet mile of trail.

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Beaches

- South Pointe Park for a first, easy, walkable South Beach afternoon.
- Mid-Beach (44th–63rd Streets) for calmer sand, better parking, fewer crowds.
- Crandon Park on Key Biscayne when you want the day to feel like a real trip.

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Insider Tips

- Restaurants: book two weeks ahead on Resy — Miami tables move faster than most cities.
- Weather: keep a light layer for over-air-conditioned interiors, always.
- Traffic: expect heavier weekday afternoon rush hour. Whenever possible, schedule appointments before 3 PM or after 7 PM.

RECOMMENDED APPS

Uber

Lyft

ParkMobile

SunPass

Brightline

Transit

Instacart

Resy

OpenTable

Publix

Whole Foods

Citi Bike

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