



City Tours guide leads walking tour of Little Haiti. HistoryMiami Museum.

Private City Tours

About History Miami Museum



Entrance of the HistoryMiami Museum North Building. FotoNoggin.

HistoryMiami Museum, a Smithsonian Affiliate located in downtown Miami, safeguards and shares Miami stories to foster learning, inspire a sense of place, and cultivate an engaged community. Through exhibitions, artistic endeavors, city tours, education, research, collections and publications, HistoryMiami Museum works to help everyone understand the importance of the past in shaping Miami's future. HistoryMiami Museum connects people by telling the stories of Miami's communities, individuals, places, and events.

About City Tours



City Tours guide speaks in front of mural in Little Havana neighborhood. HistoryMiami Museum.

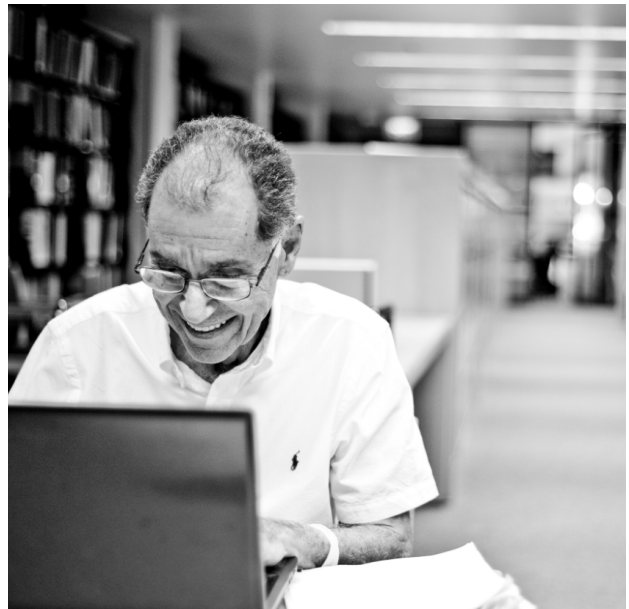
Delve into the past and experience the sights, sounds and cultures of South Florida with HistoryMiami Museum's City Tours! HistoryMiami Museum offers educational tour opportunities for adults and students of all ages to learn more about the history of the region. We look forward to welcoming you on a memorable journey of our region's history as we explore the many historic neighborhoods, landmarks, and sites throughout South Florida. Our private City Tours feature walking, boat, coach, and virtual tour experiences with our HistoryMiami Museum tour guides and resident historian who are prepared to share their expertise on various topics related to Miami and South Florida history and culture. Private Tours may be customized to meet your group's individual needs.

About Resident Historian, Dr. Paul George



Resident Historian Dr. Paul S. George. HistoryMiami Museum.

For over three decades, HistoryMiami Museum's Resident Historian Dr. Paul S. George has toured his way to local, national, and international acclaim with his continuing series of historic tours. Through walking, coach, and boat tour experiences, Dr. George has welcomed tour participants on a memorable journey of South Florida through its historic neighborhoods, landmarks, and sites. As a Miami native, author, and former college professor, Dr. George has gained fame for his uncanny ability to recall the most impressive details about the people and places that make South Florida so unique.



Resident Historian Dr. Paul S. George.
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Walking Tours



Resident Historian Dr. Paul George with tour group at The Barnacle Historic State Park. Courtesy of the Miami Dolphins.

What to Bring on a Walking Tour

Guests are encouraged to bring a water bottle, comfortable shoes for walking, light clothing, and an umbrella as Miami’s weather may be unpredictable. Sun protection, including sunscreen and/or hats are also recommended.

Walking Tours At-A-Glance

- South Beach History & Art Deco Walk
- Little Havana History & Culture Walk
- Little Haiti History & Culture Walk
- Downtown Miami Walking Tour
- Coconut Grove Walking Tour
- Design District Discoveries Walking Tour
- Wynwood Walking Tour
- Brickell Avenue Neighborhood Walk
- Spring Garden Walking Tour
- Grove Park Neighborhood Walk
- Morningside Walking Tour + more!



City Tours in South Beach’s Art Deco District. HistoryMiami Museum.

Walking Tours



Little Havana Visitor Center. Photo courtesy of the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau, MiamiandBeaches.com.

South Beach History & Art Deco Walk

Take a walk with HistoryMiami Museum through one of Miami Beach's most exciting and attractive neighborhoods, South Beach's Art Deco District. You will hear the stories of how this area, once strictly farmland, was transformed by the land boom of the 1920's and again by the hurricane of 1926. Learn how the architectural revolution of the 1930's defined this neighborhood as a lively vacation destination, only to be turned in to a retirement community in the 1950's and 60's, and back into the major entertainment destination that we see today.

Little Havana History & Culture Walk

See Little Havana like a native! Join HistoryMiami Museum on a fascinating tour of one of the world's largest and best-known Cuban neighborhoods outside of Cuba. View vibrant Calle Ocho; Discover the significance of the Ceiba Tree, learn the art of cigar making, and hear tales of performances by Billie Holiday and Count Basie at the Ball & Chain.

Little Haiti History & Culture Walk

Vin jwen nou! Come join us! Learn about the Haitian diaspora experience with HistoryMiami Museum through the important neighborhood of Little Haiti. The area is home to one of the largest Haitian populations in the United States and bustles with Haitian-owned businesses, creole cooking and unique art – creating one of the most vibrant neighborhoods in Miami. Visit the Little Haiti Cultural Center's art galleries and Caribbean Marketplace while enjoying the rhythms and aromas of this community.

Historic Downtown Miami Walking Tour

Relive the past with HistoryMiami Museum as you delve into the history of Downtown Miami. Walk along historic Flagler Street; view examples of the city's early architecture; and reflect upon the area's earliest known inhabitants, the Tequesta, as you view the Miami River. See downtown scenes and notable landmarks as you learn about the ever-changing history of this metropolitan city.

Coconut Grove Walking Tour

Discover the fascinating history of one of Miami's original settlements, Coconut Grove, as you stroll down its shady streets with HistoryMiami Museum's Resident Historian, Dr. Paul George. Learn how Bahamian settlers influenced the development of the Grove with their knowledge of tropical plants and native building materials. Reflect upon the legacy of the neighborhood's early residents, including E. W. F. Stirrup and Mariah Brown.



Downtown Miami . Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau, MiamiandBeaches.com.

Design District Discoveries Walking Tour

Explore the heart of the Design District with HistoryMiami Museum. Learn how the cutting-edge architecture and high-end boutiques evolved from the historic Buena Vista neighborhood. View public art installations, hear about developer Craig Robins and learn about the neighborhood master plan created by Andres Duany and Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk.

Wynwood Walking Tour

Join HistoryMiami Museum and explore one of Miami's trendiest and most dynamic neighborhoods – the Wynwood Art District. Reflect upon the push and pull factors that caused this textile warehouse and immigrant neighborhood, formerly known as "Little San

Juan," to become one of the world's largest outdoor art galleries. Stroll past vast murals and various street art displays, as you learn about the history of the area.

Brickell Avenue Neighborhood Walking Tour

Delve into the history of Brickell with HistoryMiami Museum. Hear stories of William and Mary Brickell, who built a trading post on the south side of the Miami River, and of the Seminole who traded with them. Learn about the development of Claughton Island and Brickell Key. Reflect upon the emergence of Miami's largest banking center along Brickell Avenue.

Spring Garden Walking Tour

Stroll with HistoryMiami Museum through the shady streets of Miami's most delightful hidden neighborhoods – Spring Garden, located on the north bank of the Miami River. See the house dubbed the Hindu Temple and learn of its unique history in early films. View unforgettable examples of Miami's early architecture.



Resident Historian Dr. Paul George with tour group at The Barnacle Historic State Park. Courtesy of the Miami Dolphins.



Public Art in Downtown Miami Walking Tour.
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Grove Park Walking Tour

Join HistoryMiami Museum as you explore the neighborhood of Grove Park. Visit E. G. Sewell Memorial Park, named for pioneer and former Miami mayor, Everest G. Sewell. Hear stories of General Samuel Lawrence amid the garden he planted 120 years ago and of fabled Indian caves as you walk along the Miami River.

Morningside Walking Tour

Take a stroll with HistoryMiami Museum through the tree-lined community of Morningside. Learn the history of this boom-era suburb as you view architectural styles of the early twentieth century, including Mediterranean Revival, Art Deco, and Masonry vernacular. Visit historic Morningside Park, with its stunning views of Biscayne Bay. Discover the significance of the City of Miami's first historically designated neighborhood.

Additional walking tour routes available upon request. Pricing available upon request.



South Beach Walking Tour. FotoNoggin.

Boat Tours



Stiltsville & Key Biscayne Cruise. Courtesy of Michiko Squires.

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- Historic Miami River Cruise
- Islands of Biscayne Bay Cruise
- Historic Coconut Grove Cruise
- Stiltsville & Key Biscayne Cruise + more!



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Historic Miami River Cruise (2-hours)

Enjoy an entertaining and relaxing ride on the river with HistoryMiami Museum as your guide recounts the history of Miami. Learn the story of the Miami River from the late 19th century and of the area's earliest known inhabitants, the Tequesta, all while cruising through Miami's Downtown. See hidden neighborhoods and little-known sites.

Islands of Biscayne Bay Cruise (2-hours)

Enjoy a leisurely cruise along the islands of Biscayne Bay with HistoryMiami Museum. Discover the rich history of Fisher Island, once owned by Miami's first African American millionaire, D. A. Dorsey. Hear tales of Carl Fisher and the development of Miami Beach. View Palm Island, where American gangster "Scarface" Al Capone spent his final years.

Historic Coconut Grove Cruise (2-hours)

Join us on a leisurely cruise of Coconut Grove, the historic village on Biscayne Bay, with HistoryMiami Museum. Hear tales of Bahamian settlers, early pioneers, and visiting Seminoles as you glide past the Grove's shady shoreline. See Commodore Ralph Munroe's historic home on the bay and the site where the Peacock Inn once stood.



Moon Over Miami River Cruise.
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Resident Historian Dr. Paul George narrates on a cruise of the Miami River. HistoryMiami Museum.

Stiltsville & Key Biscayne Cruise (2.5 hours)

Join HistoryMiami Museum as your guide recounts the history of Biscayne Bay. Discover the storied past of Stiltsville, a series of colorful wooden houses built on the flats of the bay and located inside Biscayne National Park. Known in the 1940's, 50's and 60's as a playground for wealthy and well-connected, Stiltsville was once home to the now infamous Crawfish Eddies and Bikini Club. Learn how this once vivacious community on stilts dwindled down to the seven houses that remain today.

Your guide will narrate and share stories of nefarious gangsters, stunning graffiti, and fabulous parties while guests cruise past the Cape Florida Lighthouse, Key Biscayne, and the City of Miami. Today, Biscayne National Park and the Stiltsville Trust work together to support the preservation of the remaining Stiltsville houses so that future generations are able to experience its unique history.

Additional boat tour routes available upon request. Pricing available upon request.



The Miami River at dusk. HistoryMiami Museum.

For reservations, please complete our [Private City Tours Booking Form](#) at least four weeks prior to your preferred tour date. You will receive an email confirming your reservation and a custom tour proposal. For cancellations, changes to your reservation, or additional information, contact City Tours at citytours@historymiami.org or call 305-375-1621.