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South Beach for Grownups: 10 Reasons to Love Miami Right Now

Of course there's a lot more to south Florida than spring break and stag parties. The long beaches, warm winters, multicultural vibe and glorious Art Deco architecture of Miami Beach have an appeal that needs no justification. But still, a lot of us think of it as a party town.

That's selling the place short. A sophisticated side to the Magic City is sprouting. While it's still possible (and often fun) to spend days on the beach and nights at throbbing clubs, new establishments—many of them imported from cities more known for their cosmopolitanism—and some older ones are catering to people who want to enjoy themselves but not mindlessly party. (Disclosure: I did so on a trip supported by the city.) The [Bass Museum of Art](#)—a big dose of culture since the 1960s—is about to emerge from a transformation by noted architects to Arata Isozaki and David Gault. In the meantime, here are ten more reasons to give the city a second look.

Sweet Liberty

Miami Beach's craft cocktail scene is blossoming. The beloved [Broken Shaker](#) was joined in 2015 by Sweet Liberty, which has the nifty element of a table behind the bar (somewhat like a chef's table in a restaurant), cheeky drink names like Basic Bitch and She Said Yes, and outstanding cocktails.



The "bartender's table" at Sweet Liberty