

How to Plan a Killer Art Basel Miami Beach Trip

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Art in Miami's Collins Park

Seeing the art

Once you're settled, head to Collins Park during the daylight hours. It's right near the Miami Convention Center, where the Art Basel exposition takes place. In the park you'll find an annual exhibition of outdoor sculptures open to the public, presented by galleries showing at the fair.

If you can snag a pass to the event and walk the exhibition floor, get there as early as your pass allows, because the post-brunch crowd shows up en masse around 3 p.m. and man, are they hungover. If you're a hardcore art connoisseur, relocate to the [Pulse Art Fair](#) and don't forget to stop by [Design Miami](#), a major design fair that also takes place that week, where you'll find thousands of pieces of contemporary furniture and housewares. Handily, it's located adjacent to the Convention Center. Sneakerheads should visit the [Kith Store](#) in [Miami Beach](#), which of all the venues this writer saw, had the longest consistent queue of people, day or night, looking for limited-edition kicks.

Next, UberSEAPLANE yourself (yes, it's a seaplane, and it's free during Basel) to the Wynwood Art District on the mainland of Miami and simply follow the crowds. Wynwood is one of the largest open-air art districts in the world, with more than 70 galleries and countless murals and outdoor works spanning around one square mile; and while [cases of Zika](#) were recorded in the neighborhood earlier this year, leading to a travel warning, the CDC declared Wynwood to be [free of the virus](#) as of September. Don't miss the massive [Art Miami](#) fair that takes place in Wynwood every year, which is actually the largest contemporary art fair in the world, drawing 82,000 collectors.

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