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The Best Bars in Miami From Swanky Cigar Lounges to Rooftop Hotspots

Local drinking dens are raising the bar.

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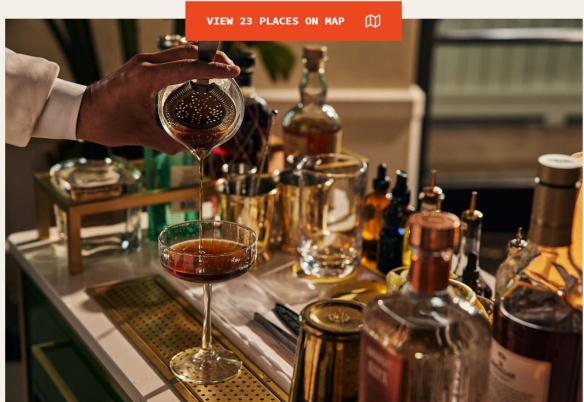


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It is a glorious time to be drinking in Miami. "Well, isn't it always?" That may be true, but we're living through a true Miami bar renaissance. Our restaurant scene has drawn international attention over the past half decade, so local drinking dens are raising the bar as well. As a result, Miami has grown into far more than a place to drink \$22 vodka sodas in

an overrated club or sip a fruity drink by the beach.

Today, Miami offers memorable experiences for any kind of drinker, whether you're looking for an upscale cigar lounge, creative cocktail bar, or Irish pub. You can enjoy Japanese whisky in a hi-fi listening lounge or pose with colorful drinks on a downtown rooftop. We've got wine bars, beer bars, and even a bar that transports you to Miami in the '80s. Whatever you're seeking, one of the best bars in Miami will have you covered.



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Miami cigar lounges have long been relegated to smoky Little Havana storefronts, offering a great experience if you're a cigar guy, but a definite no-go if you're smoke-averse. Ariete's Michael Beltran is changing all that with this spot next to Brasserie Laurel, where 1,600 square feet of dark woods and fine wines also comes with a mind-blowing air filtration system. That means if you want to enjoy an after dinner cigar you can wander over to the bar, order one of Beltran's specialty cocktails, and invite whomever you like along. Even after an hour inside you won't leave smelling like smoke, but you may leave with a new appreciation for tightly rolled tobacco.