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Welcome to Miami, FL, host to EMNLP 2024!

In this document you will find suggestions on where to eat and what to do around Miami while you're here, including specific places and attractions, as well as links to more general sources of information where you can do your own research. Enjoy!

Locating Yourself: Miami Neighborhoods & Environs

The venue is the Hyatt Regency Miami, which is located on the southern edge of **Downtown**, on the Miami River. Across the river to the south is **Brickell**. Further south you reach **Coconut Grove**. To the northeast of Downtown is **Edgewater** and **Midtown**, and to the northwest (east of 95) is **Wynwood**. Further north you get into the **Miami Design District**, the **Upper East Side**, and the **MiMo (Miami Modern)** district.

Across Biscayne Bay on the barrier island is **Miami Beach**, which is split into **South Beach**, **Midbeach**, and **North Beach**.

Here's a useful map of all the Miami neighborhoods.

Miami is located in **Miami-Dade County**. North of Miami-Dade is **Broward County**, home to **Fort Lauderdale**. North of that is **Palm Beach County**, home to **Boca Raton** and **West Palm Beach**. To the south is Monroe county, home to the beautiful **Florida Keys**, including **Key West**.

Keep in mind that Miami is a large, American city. While reasonably safe relative to other US cities of similar size, there are still areas that you will want to avoid. Always be aware of your surroundings and check with the locals (or your Local Co-Chair) if you're unsure if an area is advisable to visit.

Getting Around

<u>Metromover</u>: There is a free elevated train called Metromover with 21 stations covering most of the Downtown and Brickell area.

<u>Miami Dade Transit</u> maintains an extensive network of buses that will take you to nearly any part of the city.

<u>Brightline</u> is a frequent train service that will take you further north to north Miami-Dade, Broward, or Palm Beach counties

General Information

<u>TimeOut Miami</u> provides lists of restaurants and events happening in Miami, and is updated frequently.

Miami New Times also is a great resource for restaurants, arts, and culture.

The Michelin Guide has rated many restaurants in Miami. Go to their website for a complete list.

Restaurants Near the Venue

The Mary Brickell village (10 minute walk) has many dining options for lunch and dinner. These include:

- Balan's
- Kan Sushi
- Cnadel Gastrobar
- Moxie's
- Novocento
- Pan Americano's Bar
- The Hampton Social
- Mister O1 Pizzeria
- North Italia
- Shake Shack
- P.F. Chang's
- Subway
- Starbucks
- Publix (Grab the famous Publix subs chicken tender sub highly recommended)

Brickell City Center (10 minute walk) also has many options. These include:

- Black Tap Craft Burgers & Beer
- Casa Tua
- CMX Stone Sports Bar
- Motek
- Pubbelly Sushi

Riverview Bar and Grill (0 minute walk) Restaurant at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Service could be a little on the slower side.

Whole Foods (3 minute walk) has a hot bar option that offers a variety of freshly prepared dishes one can mix and match, perfect for a quick and easy meal on the go. Just fill a box, pay by weight, and enjoy.

<u>Purple Orchid Downtown at Wells Fargo Center</u> (2 minute walk) Cheerful local outpost right across the street from the hotel. Salads/sandwiches are available for around ~10\$ as well as smoothies, juices, and coffee.

<u>Fiore Caffe Miami</u> (6 minute walk) Popular breakfast style restaurants with reasonable price. Chicken and waffles, pistachio pancakes, French toast, Oreo cookie pancakes are crowd favorites.

<u>Café Bastille Downtown Miami</u> (6 minute walk) Cozy French café offering all-day brunch at reasonable price, with favorites like pistachio croissant, French toast, and red velvet pancakes. Known for its Parisian vibe.

<u>Madda's Place - Google Maps</u> (5 minute walk) Cozy café with Victorian industrial age interior, offers American breakfast and brunch with a fusion of cultural dishes.

<u>Julia and Henry's</u> (6 minute walk) Food court with multiple eateries serving fares ranging from fried chicken and ramen to tacos and ceviche.

Other cuisines:

Las Palmas (6 minute walk) Low-key traditional Cuban restaurant.

<u>Kitsune House</u> (6 minute walk) Funky Asian spot with a short menu of Asian street food favorites.

Ristorante Fratelli Milano (6 minute walk) Family-owned popular Italian restaurant.

<u>Sovereign: Poke, Boba, Asian Kitchen</u> (7 minute walk) Warm restaurant featuring poke bowls, teriyaki, miso soup & dumplings, plus smoothies & tea.

Hibachi Grill & Bar (7 minute walk) Snug space serving grilled Japanese & Thai food. Outdoor seating only with pickup available.

<u>Shishkabob Mediterranean Cuisine [Halal]</u> (8 minute walk) Halal Mediterranean food at a reasonable price.

Bengal Indian Cuisine (8 minute walk) No-frills northern Indian restaurant.

Raja's Indian Cuisine (8 minute walk) Low-key restaurant serving homestyle South Indian cuisine.

CVI.CHE 105 (11 minute walk) Peruvian eatery known for their ceviche.

Meraki Greek Bistro (5 minute walk) offers authentic Greek cuisine like gyros and kebabs in a cozy, Mediterranean-inspired setting.

Some more upscale places:

- Area 31
- Zuma Miami
- Gordon Ramsay Hell's Kitchen
- The Capital Grille
- Komodo Miami
- Il Gabbiano

You can find more restaurants where you can make online reservations at OpenTable.com or Resy.com.

Public Attractions

The Frost Science Museum is not far from the venue, and is a brand new and interesting science museum, perfect for kids. They have an incredible aquarium on the 4th floor with windows underneath that allows you to look up at the fish. This is where the social event will be held.

The Perez Art Museum Miami is next to the Frost, and contains several floors of modern art.

Bayfront Park is about a 10-minute walk away from the venue and offers a relaxing green space and walking paths with views of Biscayne Bay.

The Bass Museum of Art is also an interesting visit, if you want to venture slightly further afield to South Beach.

<u>The Vizcaya Museum & Gardens</u> is a unique Miami location and well worth a visit. It is the former palatial mansion of James Deering, oil tycoon.

The Miami Zoo, while a bit far from the conference venue, is also a great place to visit.

<u>The Adrienne Arsht Center</u> is the local performing arts venue. During the conference, there are several shows that will be performed here.

<u>South Beach</u> is the closest beach to the venue, and is a short taxi or bus ride away. Interesting fact: the city of Miami does not itself have any beaches. All the beaches are on the barrier island, in Miami Beach, Surfside, Bal Harbor, and Sunny Isles. South Beach also has <u>many</u> <u>restaurants</u>, <u>bars</u>, <u>clubs</u>, <u>and other attractions</u>.

Jungle Island is a short drive from the venue, and has a petting zoo and other animal exhibits.

<u>Calle Ocho</u>, or 8th Street, is the heart of the Cuban diaspora in Miami. There are numerous restaurants, bars, and clubs here.

<u>Wynwood Walls</u> is an outdoor museum in Miami's Wynwood Art District, showcasing over 35 murals by renowned street artists from around the world. Other than the walls and art, the Wynwood district is also famous for its <u>restaurants</u>, <u>bars</u>, and <u>nightlife</u>.

Shopping

<u>Brickell City Center</u> is a short walk from the conference venue. Here you will find many high-end stores and restaurants.

The Miami Design District is a short ride away, and is a stylish location with many luxury brands.

<u>The Seybold Jewelry and Watch Building</u> is a short walk from the venue and a great place to buy at good prices.

<u>Bayside Marketplace</u> located next to the Bayfront Park is a vibrant waterfront shopping and entertainment complex featuring a variety of shops, restaurants, and live music. Perfect place to get those Miami souvenirs.

Nightlife

You are spoiled for choice for nightlife in Miami. Check out some of these options:

Ball & Chain is an historic Jazz and Latin Music club on Calle Ocho. They have Latin dancing and music multiple times per week.

Mama Tried is a retro-inspired bar located an 8-minute walk from the venue, offering a cozy atmosphere with a 1970s Vegas lounge aesthetic.

<u>Lost Boy Dry Goods</u> is another bar within walking distance of the venue known for its cocktails, draft beer, finger foods, and chill vibes.

Rosa Sky is a vibrant rooftop lounge in the Brickell neighborhood, offering panoramic city views.

Sugar is another rooftop bar in Brickell atop the EAST Miami hotel.

<u>Lagniappe</u> is a New Orleans-style wine bar in Midtown Miami featuring live music and charcuterie boards.

<u>Blackbird Ordinary</u> is a popular bar in the Brickell neighborhood known for its lively atmosphere. A popular spot for nightlife enthusiasts.

<u>Club Space</u> is a world-famous electronic dance venue that hosts late evening to late morning (11pm to 11am) EDM dance parties Friday through Monday.