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# PLAN YOUR TRIP

YOUR PLANNING TOOL KIT  
Photos, itineraries, lists and suggestions to help you put together your perfect trip

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**welcome to Florida**

**Your Daily Budget**  
Budget less than **\$100**  
• Daily needs (camping: \$20-30)  
• Supermarket self-catering and cheap eats  
• Beaches on line  
• Budget for taxis to see places and take  
• Mid-range  
**\$150-250**  
• Budget for mid-range hotels: \$80-100  
• Lots of in-room meals and minibars  
• Target 3000 steps/day  
• Beach facilities available  
• Budget for 4-5 day  
**\$300**  
• High-end hotels/bed/break: \$250-400  
• High-end restaurants  
• Budget for 5-7 day

**Nightlife**  
Welcome to Florida! the rich & famous, the tangerine, the mango, the white and the red. It doesn't come close to trying the indulgent, lighter love of beauty and this, sweet and good times that Miami nightlife. It's not all glass and steel, along along hotel service. Just Cuban diners, the things that Miami nightlife. It's not all glass and steel, along along hotel service. Just Cuban diners, the things that Miami nightlife.

**Miami**  
**Museums** **Nightlife** **Food**

**Museums & the Arts**  
Cuban culture is the heart of Miami. The city is a melting pot of cultures, and it's not just the tourists who are here. There are the major cultural institutions - the Bass, the Admissions, the Lowe, the Museum of Contemporary Art - as well as vibrant galleries and arts.

**March**  
Beach resort high season all over, due to Spring Break. Modest temps, dry weather makes ideal time to hike and camp. Last hurrah for manatees.

**Spring Break**  
Thousands of college students flock to Florida beaches for debauchery during the winter - but less, this year.

**Low Season**  
• Best time to visit Florida  
• Modest temps, dry weather makes ideal time to hike and camp.  
• Last hurrah for manatees.

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**Timeline**  
10,000 BC: After crossing the Bering land bridge, Paleo-Indians arrived in Florida. The first human presence in Florida is dated to around 10,000 BC. The first human presence in Florida is dated to around 10,000 BC.

**AD 500**  
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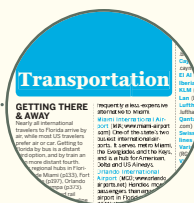
**Belief Systems**  
% of population  
Jewish: 0%  
Others: 0%  
Nonreligious: 0%

**IF FLORIDA 100 people**  
2 people are Jewish  
2 people are Nonreligious  
96 people are Others

**A State Divided**  
The state is divided into two main regions: the northern and southern parts. The northern part is more developed, while the southern part is more rural.



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## OUR STORY

A beat-up old car, a few dollars in the pocket and a sense of adventure. In 1972 that's all Tony and Maureen Wheeler needed for the trip of a lifetime – across Europe and Asia overland to Australia. It took several months, and at the end – broke but inspired – they sat at their kitchen table writing and stapling together their first travel guide, *Across Asia on the Cheap*. Within a week they'd sold 1500 copies. Lonely Planet was born.

Today, Lonely Planet has offices in Melbourne, London and Oakland, with more than 600 staff and writers. We share Tony's belief that 'a great guidebook should do three things: inform, educate and amuse'.

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