

Southeast Florida

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Why Go?

The endearing collection of beach towns on Florida's southeast coast is a world away from Miami's tanned and diamond-draped clutches. Some towns are classy, others are quirky, but all are unique. From activity-packed, gay- and family-friendly Fort Lauderdale to quiet, exclusive, semi-reclusive Palm Beach, laid-back Lauderdale-by-the-Sea and the rugged coast of Jupiter, you'll find more adventure and nightlife than you can handle. This chunk of coast also includes some of Florida's wealthiest enclaves – enjoy gawking at the castle-like beachfront mansions, but don't rear-end that \$350,000 Bentley when parallel parking in front of the Gucci store in Palm Beach!

For those looking for a more down-to-earth setting, the region's numerous natural gems – secluded islands, moss-draped mangrove swamps, wild rivers and empty dunes – will surely satisfy your demands for nonmaterial pleasures.

Best Places to Eat

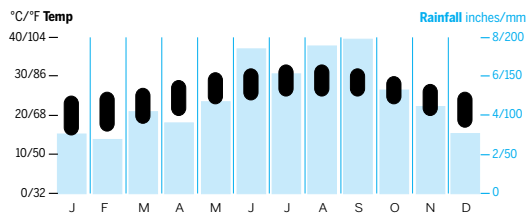
- Būccan (p228)
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Best Places to Sleep

- Grandview Gardens (p234)
- The Breakers (p227)
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When to Go

Palm Beach



Mar–Apr Spring break hits, packing beaches with party-happy 20-somethings.

Jun–Jul Low-season prices and turtle-nesting season.

Dec–Feb Perfect beach weather and Delray's tennis tournament.

Southeast Florida Highlights

1 Dr Von D Mizell-Eula Johnson State Park (p207) Gliding through mangroves past undisturbed beaches.

2 Morikami Museum & Japanese Gardens (p219) Sipping matcha green tea at Delray Beach's serene gardens.

3 Bamboo Room (p223) Digging Lake Worth's outsized nightlife and music scene.

4 Palm Beach (p223) Enjoying the high life for free: window-shopping Worth Avenue, strolling the Lake Trail and catching some rays at the local beach.

5 West Palm Beach (p230) Hitting the funky new restaurants along S Dixie Hwy and surrounds.

6 Loggerhead Marinelife Center (p242) Getting up close and personal with loggerhead and leatherback turtles as they recuperate.

7 Jupiter (p237) Kayaking the wild, scenic Loxahatchee River for close-up views of cypress knees, mangrove forests and sunning alligators.

