

Downtown Miami

Downtown Miami, Florida is an area that is approximately 4 square miles. It dates to the 19th century and is South Florida's cultural, financial and commercial center in Miami-Dade County. This part of the city is a fascinating and cosmopolitan place with not only things to do, but sights to see and a wide variety of food to eat. The Miami Downtown Development Authority defines downtown Miami as "east of I95 between the Rickenbacker Causeway to the south and the Julia Tuttle Causeway to the north." Approximately 90,000 people live in this area and growing. This photo program shares snapshots of downtown Miami since 2010. It includes the Port of Miami, the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center, Bayside, Art in Public Places, homes of celebrities and foods enjoyed in the area.



Miami-Dade County Courthouse

"It's difficult to imagine the Magic City before the dozens of skyscrapers that dot the skyline. In 1904, the Miami-Dade County Courthouse was the tallest structure in the county — as well as the tallest building south of Baltimore. Two decades later, in 1925, a new building was erected in the same location to accommodate Miami's growing population. The 27-story structure was designed by Atlanta architect A. Ten Eyck Brown, who designed many courthouses throughout the South. The tower also housed the city's jail until it closed in 1961. Today the building is still used as the main civil courthouse for the county." <miamitimes.com>

Freedom Tower at Miami Dade College

"Constructed in 1925 as a home for The Miami News, the Freedom Tower at Miami Dade College was modeled after the Giralda Cathedral Bell Tower in Seville, Spain. Striking in its architectural detail with its octagonal tower and richly ornamented facade, it remains one of South Florida's most distinctive historic buildings. Designated a National Historic Landmark in 2008, the building designed by George A. Fuller, Schultze & Weaver was donated by 600 Biscayne LLC and the Pedro Martin family."

"Most notably in its history, MDC's Freedom Tower was operated by the U.S. government as a reception center for Cuban refugees from 1962 to 1974. The building is significant because it represents the important story of the Cuban exodus to America and resettlement during the Cold War, reports the U.S. Department of the Interior, which has also called the Freedom Tower the "Ellis Island of the South." <mdcmoad.org>



Port of Miami



Miami-Dade Metrorail (Metro)



Florida's only rapid transit system.

"Two decades in the making, Metrorail was the largest public works project in Florida history. Planning for Metrorail began in 1958. Construction began in June 1979. In 1981, county officials revealed that inflation and construction and land costs had caused the system's budget to grow from \$867 million to \$987 million. There were also allegations of shoddy construction and several opening delays due to shortage of rail cars. When it opened at 6 a.m. May 20, 1984, Metrorail's elevated trains ran only 11 miles, stopping at 10 stations from Overtown to Dadeland South." <flashbackmiami.com>

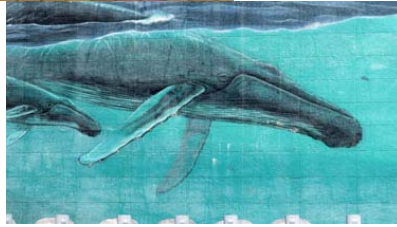


Tri-Rail Transit
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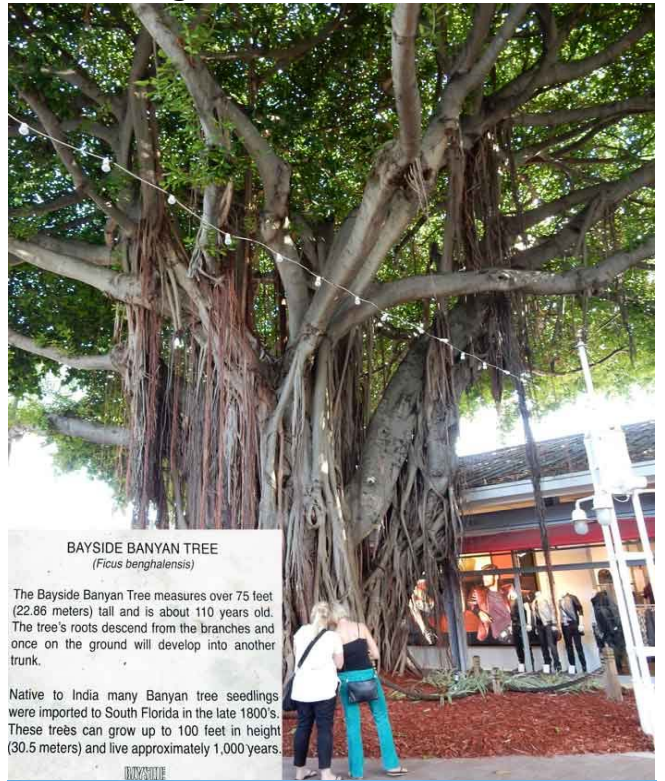


Miami-Dade Culture and Art in Public Places





Bayside and Surroundings





Downtown Construction – Business and Population Growth



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