









LUNCH

Joe's Stone Crab

Florida stone crab season officially begins Oct. 15, which means you could be one of the first to taste them-dunked in drawn butter or Joe's delicious mustard sauce-at South Beach's most iconic restaurant. Note: Joe's doesn't take reservations, so get there early to avoid a wait. (11 Washington Ave.; 305-673-0365; joesstonecrab.com)

The wait at Joe's Stone Crab is notorious-but the fresh-caught norsels are worth every minute.

Step away from South Beach and visit true Miami with a trip to perhaps the most iconic Cuban restaurant on the planet. Versailles has been a staple of Calle Ocho (Eighth Street) since 1971. The platanos maduros (fried plantains) and cam rones enchiladas (Creole shrimp) will transport you right to the island. Don't forget some café Cubano to end the meal. (3555 SW. Eighth St.; 305-444-0240; versailles restaurant.com)

The famous Sunday brunch party that has taken New York City by storm for years is now on South Beach. Somehow it seems more appropriate in sunny South Florida than in the

like a high-energy brunch, then get ready es while dining on dishes like spicy crab in perdu. (2000 Collins Ave.; 305-704-3900;

le-watching-think gym and tans-head to t a short walk from the Convention Center) We particularly like A Fish Called Avalon e; 305-532-1727; afishcalledavalon.com), The 0 Ocean Drive; 786-230-8396; localhousesoft. Cafe (800 Ocean Drive; 305-538-6397; restaurants line the street for blocks. Come friends-you'll want to slurp down one of the erages most establishments serve.

Bodega

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features Mexican classics like BBQ carnitas and the Mezcal-infused Don Diablo cocktail.



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If you are a food truck connoisseur, this is the best one in South Florida. From the blue cheese and bacon to the barbecue pulled pork melt, there's an oooey-gooey pressed sandwich here for every cheese lover in the world. (7418 Biscayne Blvd.; 305-989-4019; mscheezious.com)

DINNER

Drunken Dragon

The doors at this provocative spot don't even open until 6 p.m., so early birds need not enter. The Asian-inspired gastropub is especially fun for groups thanks to its Korean barbecue-style grilling tables. (1424 Alton Road; 305-397-8556; drunkendragon.com)

A steakhouse where the pretty people roam: Celebs can often be seen dining on the truffle mash with pinot noir sauce or the 48-ounce porterhouse for two. Not in the mood for meat? Try one of the inventive fish dishes like the jumbo lump crabcrusted grouper with wilted spinach and horseradish butter. (112 Ocean Drive; 305-532-8112; mylesrestaurantgroup.com)

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