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Put on the glitz in the celebs' favourite city. Don't forget your shades...

With its dazzling Art Deco architecture, endless beaches and sexy Latin American vibe, few US cities can top Miami for glamour. And it doesn't matter whether you're 20 or 70, a somebody or a nobody, we'll show you how to ride Miami's fashionable new wave of ritzy hotels, dynamic restaurants and thumping nightlife. By Lee Cobaj



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EAT

● Best burgers

CHEESEBURGER BABY

(Burgers about £5)

Because: This edgy little diner serves Angus beefburgers good enough for Jay-Z and Beyoncé. Travel's tip: The best time to celeb-spot is late night, pre- or post-clubbing; burgers are served until 5am. 1505 Washington Ave, Miami Beach; 00 1 305 531 7300, cheeseburgerbaby.net; ☺.

● Southern soul food

YARDBIRD (Mains about £10)

Because: Even superstars crave comfort food. Think sinfully delicious fried chicken and puffy just-baked savoury biscuits, in a cool, bare-boards and white-brick bar setting. Travel's tip: Keep a look out for Miami Dolphins players, who often drop by to refuel after the big football games. 1600 Lenox Ave; 00 1 305 538 5220, runchickenrun.com; ☺.

● Fab fine dining

FORGE RESTAURANT & WINE BAR

(Mains about £26)

Because: Pink chandeliers, sexy waiters, '70s disco and an impressive wine list all come without a whiff of pretension. Travel's tip: Ask to sit in the middle so you can 360 for the likes of Tom Cruise and Sly Stallone. 432 West 41st St, Miami Beach; 00 1 305 538 8533, theforge.com; ☺.

● Waterfront chic

SEASPACE (Mains about £35)

Because: Seaside dining doesn't get more stylish than this, with snappily dressed waiters filleting fresh fish tableside for Goldie Hawn, among others. Travel's tip: The tables to nab are those outside (so you can look out for a topless Cristiano Ronaldo pulling up on his superyacht). 422 North West North River Drive; 00 1 305 440 4200, seaspacemiami.com; ☺.

● Sophisticated steaks

PRIME 112 (Mains about £35)

Because: Everyone from Kimye to the Clintons have wolfed down the doorstep-thick bone-in steaks here. Travel's tip: Don't be tempted by the pavement tables — the buzz is inside, where famous faces hide. 112 Ocean Drive, Miami Beach; 00 1 305 532 8112, mylesrestaurantgroup.com; ☺.

BUNS TO GO

Cheeseburger Baby can also deliver those sweet hunks of meat to your hotel room. Order at eat24hours.com

WRITER'S TIP

Many of Miami's high-end restaurants tag a 20 per cent service charge onto the bill — check, lest you end up tipping twice

MONEY-SAVING TIP

If you've never used the Lyft taxi app, get an existing customer to recommend it to you and as a newbie you'll automatically be given £18 of free credit valid for two weeks

NIGHTLIFE

● Full-on hedonism

LIV

Because: It's one of the top clubs in the US and its in-the-round layout makes it easy to spot superstars dancing on the balconies. Travel's tip: The doormen are tough — call ahead, arrive before 11.30pm, and slip one of them a good tip. 4441 Collins Ave; 00 305 674 4680, livnightclub.com; ☺.

● Hidden bar

BODEGA TAQUERIA Y TEQUILA

Because: This taco joint has a secret blue 'Portaloo' door leading to a speakeasy bar. Travel's tip: The bodega's Happy Hour (6pm-8pm daily) is ace, with chips and dips for £2 and cocktails at £4. 1220 16th St; bodega southbeach.com; ☺.

● Alfresco architecture

VERDE

Because: The Pérez Art Museum Miami's Verde bar is a cut above. Down Sunset Mimosas (£8) on the Biscayne Bay patio. Travel's tip: Visit on the first Thursday or second Saturday of every month to avoid the £11 entry fee. 1103 Biscayne Blvd; pamm.org; ☺.



ASK THE LOCAL

Tina Moore, first wife of footballing legend Bobby Moore, moved to Miami more than 25 years ago



Lunch at Carpaccio (9700 Collins Ave; 00 1 305 867

7777, carpaccioatbalharbour.com; mains about £13; ☺) is great for stardust — last time I went Lenny Kravitz was there — but you can't book, so get there before noon. Smith & Wollensky (1 Washington Ave; 00 1 305 673 2800, smithandwollensky.com; mains about £32; ☺) is fab, overlooking the water with a big celeb clientele. On weekends, try lunch at La Piaggia (1000 South Pointe Drive; 00 1 305 674 0647, lapiaggiabeach.com; three-course brunch £26; ☺) — the bubbles flow, with dancing on the tables. Use Uber or Lyft to get around — yellow cabs are twice the price.