

ACCOMMODATIONS : ASM-MATHESON HAMMOCK

Miami has a wide selection of accommodations, ranging from luxury to basic. This list provides information on areas that are close to our spot where you can enjoy some of the many vacation experiences Miami has to offer. Each area has its own character, and we chose the hotels that we've heard good things about or have had good experiences with. There are many more hotels to choose from, impossible to list all here, but we do recommend you search in these areas as you evaluate your options. (The number of \$ signs denotes average starting rates compared to others in the area).

KENDALL / DADELAND

This area offers abundant shopping malls, restaurants, malls and specialty stores. The words here are shopping and convenience. This area is only about 5 minutes away from Matheson Hammock Park.

\$\$ - Hampton Inn Miami Dadeland

(305) 269-0072

<<http://hamptoninn.hilton.com>>

\$\$\$ - Miami Marriott - Dadeland

The closest to Matheson Hammock Park, and car-rental agencies are within walking distance.

(305) 670-1035

<<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/maps/travel/miadd-miami-marriott-dadeland>>

COCONUT GROVE

This area has the classic Florida characteristics, with Banyan trees and marinas mixed along designer shops and shopping center, bars, restaurants, street-café, and a centrally-located movie-theatre. The town center is close to the waters of Biscayne Bay. Instead of beaches, the waterfront is home to several marinas and bar/restaurants tucked between them, a park with volleyball courts, a playground, and meandering paths. The State Historical site, The Barnacle is also nearby for those history buffs. About a 20 minute drive to Matheson Hammock Park.

\$ - The Hampton Inn

Chain hotel, convenient location.

(305) 448-2800

<<http://www.hamptoninncoconutgrove.com>>

\$/ \$\$ - Commodore Inn the Grove

Great location with charm. Features furnished studios, one and two bedroom apartments all with a fully equipped kitchen and available living conveniences. Great for those planning longer stays with family and friends.

(305) 448 - 2128 * Toll Free (877) 544-CITG (544-2484)

<<http://www.commodoreinthegrove.com/flash.htm>>

\$\$ / \$\$\$ - The Sonesta Bayfront Hotel Coconut Grove

In the Heart of the Grove

(305) 529-2828

<<http://www.sonesta.com>>

\$\$ / \$\$\$ - The Ritz-Carlton Coconut Grove, Miami

(305) 644-4680

<<http://www.ritzcarlton.com/en/Properties/CoconutGrove/Default.htm>>

\$\$\$ / \$\$\$\$ - Doubletree Grand Hotel Biscayne Bay

(305) 372-0313

<http://doubletree1.hilton.com/en_US/dt/hotel/MIABSDT-Doubletree-Grand-Hotel-Biscayne-Bay-Florida/index.do>

\$\$\$ / \$\$\$\$ - Courtyard Marriott Coconut Grove

(305) 858-2500

<<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/miagv-courtyard-miami-coconut-grove>>

\$\$\$\$ - Mayfair Hotel & Spa

Central location, near shops and CocoWalk area.

(305) 441-0000 * Toll Free (800) 433-4555

<<http://www.mayfairhotelandspa.com>>

KEY BISCAIYNE

A small, quiet but nice and upscale village located on a sandy Key on the northeast ocean-side of Biscayne Bay. The hotels are resort-style and right along the beach, and the main street has several shopping centers featuring unique shops and various services, good restaurants, a grocery store, banks, and a pharmacy. This spot is great for families. Bill Baggs State Park lies on the southern-most end, with great fishing spots, bike paths and beaches. You can go up into the park's historic lighthouse offering an amazing view of the Bay and beaches. The Village Green, the town's park, features two large playgrounds for all ages, and open fields for practicing a little ball. On the bayside just outside of the village on the north side, you'll find Crandon golf course and tennis courts, which are open to the public for reasonable rates. And if you feel like catching some dolphin antics, you can visit the Miami Seaquarium nearby. The drive from here to Matheson Hammock is about 30 minutes in light traffic.

\$\$ / \$\$\$ - Silver Sands Beach Resort

Quaint motel-like resort with that simple natural Hemingway style right on the beach.

(305) 361-5441

<<http://www.silversandsbeachresort.net>>

\$\$\$\$ - The Ritz-Carlton

(305) 365-4500

<<http://www.ritzcarlton.com/en/Properties/KeyBiscayne/Default.htm>>

MIAMI BEACH aka "SOUTH BEACH"

One of the most famous places in Miami, known for its Art Deco style, neon lights, and trendy nightlife. The main veins of Ocean Drive, Collins Ave., Washington Ave., Alton Drive and Lincoln Road feature hundreds of shops, services, stores, restaurants, hotels, nightclubs, bars, and, of course, the beach. The drive from South Beach to Matheson around 40 minutes in light traffic, but the people-watching and hard-core party life-style of Miami Beach make it worthwhile when you feel like a trendy, urban adventure.

\$ / \$\$ - The Clay Hotel

shared or private rooms available, good location

(305) 534-2988

<<http://www.clayhotel.com/>>

\$\$ - The Clinton Hotel South Beach

Trendy rooms; close to nightlife.

(305) 538-1471

<<http://www.clintonssouthbeach.com>>

\$\$\$ - Loews Miami Beach Hotel

Classic Miami Beach Hotel, modern art deco and resort-style beachfront.

(305) 604-1601 * Toll Free: (800) 235-6397

<<http://www.loewshotels.com/en/Miami-Beach-Hotel>>

\$\$\$ - Avalon Hotel

Located directly on busy Ocean Drive, this art deco-style hotel is an original Miami Beach classic.

<<http://www.avalonhotel.com>>

(305) 538-0133 * Toll Free: (800) 933-3306

