

The Best Restaurants in Coconut Grove

Known for its lush greenery, historic charm, and eclectic mix of dining and entertainment options, Coconut Grove is one of Miami's most beloved gems. When it comes to food and cocktails, the Grove is as iconic as it gets, with no shortage of anything you can dream up. So, without further ado, here's a peek into the area's very best.

The Best Brunch in Coconut Grove

Glass & Vine

Glass & Vine's monumental garden would make it worth the mention alone, but along with their menu, their spot on our list is guaranteed. Dive into raw delights like branzino crudo or tuna tartare, or opt for classic brunch favorites like a breakfast sandwich or benedict. Up for something a bit sweeter? Try their cornflake-crusted French toast or chicken and Belgian waffles. Hungry for a main dish in lieu of a brunch one? Glass & Vine has those too. Options include seared salmon, half-roast chicken, spicy rigatoni, and more.

Glass & Vine is located at 2820 McFarlane Rd, Miami, FL 33133. For more information, visit their official website.

GreenStreet Café

Looking for a Grove spot with serious staying power? With over 30 years under its belt, this Coconut Grove icon may not label itself as a brunch spot, but we consider its breakfast game (which runs until 2:45 p.m.) as good as brunch and delicious to boot. Picture this: a sprawling terrace that's perfect for people-watching, a menu bursting with french toast, pancakes, omelets, and all things eggs, plus classic brunch cocktails like mimosas and bloody marys, as well as frozen cocktails and mocktails.

Greenstreet is located at 3468 Main Hwy, Miami, FL 33133. For more information, <u>visit</u> their official website.

Isabelle's

Nestled within the Ritz Carlton, Isabelle's serves up an epic brunch, complete with bottomless mimosas, bloody marys, and bellinis for \$39. From classic benedicts to their iconic amaretto French toast and chicken and waffle tacos, every bite is an equally good reason to float out of bed and over to Isabelle's. If you can, try to snag a seat in the outdoor garden—it's green and gorgeous, and you'll be sure to spot some furry friends (you can even bring your own!).

Isabelle's Grill Room and Garden is located at 3300 SW 27th Ave, Miami, FL 33133. For more information, visit their official website.

Le Bouchon Du Grove

This may be one of the Grove's most charming brunch spots, but with so many amazing ones, it's hard to say for sure. You'll be greeted with a complimentary glass of champagne as soon as you take your seat, which will make what you're about to eat all the yummier. While technically brunch isn't served, any one of their breakfast dishes could moonlight as brunch-ables. Expect what feels like an endless menu of omelet and egg dishes, as well as mains like filet mignon, rack of lamb, duck legs confit, steamed mussels, and a bunch of other seriously good French eats. Be sure to leave room for dessert because their tarte tatin and crème brûlée are both without match.

Le Bouchon du Grove is located at 3430 Main Hwy, Coconut Grove, FL 33133. For more information, <u>visit their official website</u>.

Sadelle's

Major Food Group's Sadelle's knows a thing or two (or 50) about brunch. While their bagel tower steals the show (perfect for group munching), Sadelle's all-day menu is a brunch lover's dream. Get ready for a feast of benedicts, eggs galore, epic sandwiches, fluffy pancakes, decadent French toast, and oh-so-much more. Feeling extra fancy? Dive into their caviar section or sprinkle some luxury on any dish with a dollop of caviar. Don't just take our word for it—Harper's Bazaar and Cosmopolitan both named Sadelle's an "essential" brunch spot. Seconded.

Sadelle's is located at 3321 Mary St, Miami, FL 33133. For more information, <u>visit their</u> <u>official website</u>.

The Best Lunch in Coconut Grove

Amal

If you're a fan of Byblos or Meet Dalia, then Amal might be right up your alley. From the same team as the aforementioned restaurants, Amal offers up sharable Lebanese plates in chic digs and makes for a classy lunch spot. On the menu, you'll find all the traditional Mediterranean dips, including hummus, babaganoush, labneh, and muhammara; and hot and cold mezzes like tabbouleh, grape leaves, fried kibbeh, and falafel. For something a bit heartier, there are also skewer platters, lavash wraps, and more. Dessert-wise, the requisite baklava is always available (and delicious), but so are less-common items like date cake, chocolate halva mousse, and rice pudding.

Amal is located at 3480 Main Hwy Suite 100, Miami, FL 33133. For more information, visit their official website.

Chug's Diner

From its humble beginnings as a pop-up sensation to its current status as a beloved permanent fixture, Chug's Diner, manned by the genius of chef Micheal "Chug" Beltran (the chef behind Ariete), offers a Cubano experience unlike any other. Whether you're dining indoors or out, prepared to be wowed by an eclectic array of mouthwatering snacks like malanga latkes, duck croquetas, pan con bistek sandwich, and more. On the list of entrées, you'll find everything from pollo a la Milanese to short rib boliche which will go perfectly with flavorful sides like maduros, tostada, and, of course, rice and black beans.

Chug's Diner is located at 3444 Main Hwy Suite 21, Miami, FL 33133. For more information, <u>visit their official website</u>.

Eva

Come to Eva for an unforgettable Mediterranean-style bistro experience that's equal parts charming and delightful. With a menu chock-full of Mediterranean classics and a tantalizing raw bar, the sprawling eatery offers ample indoor and outdoor seating amidst stunning décor—perfect for a leisurely weekend indulgence. And speaking of weekends, do note that lunch is only available Friday through Sunday, starting at noon. Foodwise, you'll find traditional dips like hummus and spicy feta; "garden" items like Moroccan spiced carrots and herbed rice; pita wraps; shrimp saganaki; Greek sausage; short rib kebabs, and much more.

Eva is located at 3015 Grand Ave #120, Coconut Grove, FL 33133. For more information, visit their official website.

LoKal

If burger and beer are your lunch jam, then you'll want to grab an extra big spoon for this one. Kick off your meal with an appetizer like French onion dip, Florida alligator strips, or fried pickles, and then choose from a variety of burgers and sandwiches that will send you over the moon. There are several vegetarian options for the

non-meat-eaters in the house, so no one gets left behind. If you don't get to save room for dessert, then at the very least, bring it home: their Guava bread pudding will make you wish you were bathing in it.

LoKal is located at 3190 Commodore Plaza, Miami, FL 33133. For more information, visit their official website.

The Last Carrot

This local community gem serves up healthy fare that's vegetarian-friendly and full of flavor. From pita sandwiches and veggie burgers to refreshing salads, smoothies, and freshly squeezed juices, there's something to satisfy every craving. Here, the secret sauce literally lies in the secret sauce—the Last Carrot's by-now-legendary herb dressing, a cult favorite you must get your hands on when you're having lunch here. Trust us on this one.

The Last Carrot is located at 3133 Grand Ave, Miami, FL 33133. For more information, visit their official website.

The Best Italian Restaurants in Coconut Grove

Bellini

Think of Bellini as a little love letter to Italian cuisine. While everything here—from their langoustine carpaccio to their veal chop—is delicious, their pastas and risottos are the real showstoppers. Try one, at the very least, or try all (our suggestion), across multiple visits. Expect classics like lasagna Bolognese, cacio e pepe, and gnocchi, and anticipate excellence because that's just what you'll get.

Bellini is located at 2988 McFarlane Rd, Miami, FL 33133. For more information, <u>visit</u> their official website.

Mister 01 Extraordinary

We'd be remiss if we didn't include at least one pizza spot in this section. Mister 01 Extraordinary has a few locations (all extraordinary, as implied by the name), but CocoWalk's is the ideal spot to kick back and enjoy some of their fan favorites. Whether you get experimental with their Coffee Paolo pizza, featuring—you guessed it—coffee (as well as gorgonzola, honey, and spicy salami), or opt for something more traditional like their simple margherita, you win.

Mister 01 Extraordinary is located at 3015 Grand Ave Suite 165, Miami, FL 33133. For more information, visit their official website.

Pauloluigi

Pauloluigi may not be a sit-down restaurant (takeout only), and you will be forced to wait until you get home to dive into whatever deliciousness you've picked up, but it will do the job. While this place may be most beloved for its addictive white pizza with ricotta and mozzarella (a must-try), it also serves up a variety of other dishes worth a try. Items like chicken piccata, baked ziti, stromboli, and minestrone are staples that will hit the spot any day.

Pauloluigi is located at 2859 Bird Ave, Coconut Grove, FL 33133. For more information, visit their official website.

Zucca

If the words salumi, formaggi, antipasto, and pasta make you drool, then Zucca's got the goods to back it up. Speaking of formaggi and salumi, you'll find enough options to truly thrill you. You'll want to try everything, but definitely these few things: the grilled octopus over a black squid ink chickpea puree, the tagliatelle with wild mushrooms and black truffle caviar, the Chilean seabass fillet with celery root velouté and black rice. For dessert, the panna cotta with saffron and passion fruit and the house tiramisu will blow your mind.

Zucca is located at 162 Alcazar Ave, Coral Gables, FL 33134. For more information, <u>visit</u> their official website.

The Best Sushi in Coconut Grove

Midorie Miami

Don't let the budget-friendly prices or minimalist digs fool you; Midorie Miami (owned by the same team behind Wabi Sabi) serves up some of the tastiest sushi around. From omakase options and a variety of bowls to maki, nigiri, sashimi, and temaki, you'll find something that floats any proverbial boat. An omakase option for only \$50 is challenging to find anywhere else, but here you have it. It's called the Chirashi and comes with twelve pieces of sashimi. Thank us later.

Midorie Miami is located at 3444 Main Hwy, Miami, FL 33133. For more information, visit their official website.

Omakai Sushi

Come to Omakai when you want to thoroughly indulge without breaking the bank. They have several options to choose from (including a vegan one), but two of them are simple and fulfilling enough: Oma Bite, which comes with an appetizer, a sashimi special, three pieces of nigiri, and a hand roll for only \$20; Oma, which offers the

same but with six pieces of nigiri and two hand rolls (\$32). For those who want the full shebang and are open to surprises, order the Omakai Experience, for which the chef chooses 15 pieces for you.

Omakai Sushi is located at 3304 Mary St, Miami, FL 33133. For more information, <u>visit</u> their official website.

Sushi by Scratch

This high-end omakase concept is a Michelin-starred L.A./Austin import that's wildly creative and fun. The space is small, offering only a 10-seat counter with three seatings per night, and it's usually booked, so make sure to grab a reservation well in advance if you plan on checking it out. The price per person is \$185; however, you do get a complimentary welcome cocktail and a 17-course dinner that sends you into a dervish whirl of happiness. It's worth it.

Sushi by Scratch is located at 3540 Main Hwy, Coconut Grove, FL 33133. For more information, <u>visit their official website</u>.

Sushi Garage

This CocoWalk eatery is great for a casual night out. Sushi Garage serves up tapas-style plates with a variety of traditional Japanese bites, including, of course, sushi. If you go during their happy hour, which runs daily from 5 to 8 p.m., you can snag several of their sushi/sashimi offerings for only \$4.50, a few rolls for \$6.50, quite a hefty listing of dishes for \$9 and \$11, \$7 specialty cocktails, and half off all alcoholic beverages.

Sushi Garage is located at 3015 Grand Ave, Coconut Grove, FL 33133. For more information, visit their official website.

Varsol Sushi Bar

Entering Varsol may be an unassuming experience, but dining on their patio feels like meditating in a zen garden while munching on glorious things. Hot appetizers like gyoza, Hamachi kama, and wok specials deserve special attention, in addition to their extensive menu of sushi, sashimi, temaki, and signature rolls. Everything here is good, but it can get busy, so make sure you make a reservation.

Varsol Sushi Bar is located at 3423 Main Hwy, Coconut Grove, FL 33133. For more information, <u>visit their official website</u>.

The Best Tacos in Coconut Grove

Aida Mexican Food

Aida doles out upscale Mexican food that's as delicious as it is pretty, not to mention creative. Their menu is lengthy but fear not since you can't go too wrong with anything you order. From traditional mains, tacos, and costras to some pretty creative items like an Aztec lasagna made with pink shrimp and poblano sauce, you'll find something worth your while.

Aida Mexican Food is located at 3306 Mary St, Miami, FL 33133. For more information, visit their official website.

Bartaco

Bartaco has multiple locations, but its Coconut Grove locale stands out for its pristine white and green, Art Deco-style décor and its two interior levels with a wraparound second floor that surrounds a massive light-filled atrium. Their scratch-made menu features fan favorites like duck birria, pork belly, and baja fish tacos, along with taco bowls, rice bowls, salads, and more—all of which are gluten free. Definitely leave yourself a tiny bit of breathing room so you can try their churros with chocolate and vanilla sauce.

Bartaco is located at 3112 Commodore Plaza, Miami, FL 33133. For more information, visit their official website.

El Taquito

Wherever locals are regulars, you know you've come across a must-try spot. El Taquito is just that, straightforward, affordable, and delicious. Kick off your meal with a plate of nachos (several options are available), then sink your teeth into at least a couple of their tacos, which are served individually, and wrap it up with absolutely anything else from their menu that piques your interest. From flautas and enchiladas to quesadillas and fajitas, El Taquito dishes out everything you'd want in a Mexican spot.

El Taquito is located at 3410 Main Hwy, Miami, FL 33133. For more information, <u>visit</u> their official website.

Koko

Koko, from the team behind Bakan in Wynwood, focuses on wood-fired Mexican eats in an absolutely gorgeous setting. Think enough wood, floral patterns, murals, and cacti to help you totally forget you're still in Miami. As for the menu, expect traditional items like queso fundidos, seafood cocktails, tacos, and enchiladas. Koko's menu also

features Los Insectos, with items like Chicatana ants salsa, pan-fried agave worms, crispy grasshoppers, and more. Aside from that, Koko is a true tequila and mezcal lovers' paradise with an extensive menu of cocktails made from each.

Koko is located at 2856 Tigertail Ave, Miami, FL 33133. For more information, <u>visit their</u> official website.

The Best Cafés in Coconut Grove

Berries in the Grove

The breakfast items here are must-tries. Take, for instance, their waffle platter, which comes with Belgian waffles, two eggs, and your choice of bacon, ham, turkey, pork sausage, or chicken apple sausage with syrup—they hit the spot and are iconic. But Berries in the Grove also offers plenty of other great options, including skirt steak, chicken or tofu stir fry, Chimichanga wrap, and so, so much more for you to sink your fork into.

Berries in the Grove is located at 2884 SW 27th Ave, Miami, FL 33133. For more information, <u>visit their official website</u>.

Calista Café

This adorable Greek café is the perfect spot to spend an afternoon relaxing in a beautiful place. You'll find more coffee options (both hot and cold) than you know what to do with, as well as several baked goods options like chocolate croissants, custard phillo pie, ham and cheese croissants, and cheese and spinach pies. They also have tons of great breakfast and lunch options like a gyro wrap, lentil salad, moussaka, and so much more.

Calista Café is located at 3333 Rice St, Coconut Grove, FL 33133. For more information, visit their official website.

Judith's Market

What started off as offerings you could only catch at the local Farmer's Market soon turned into a warm and inviting brick-and-mortar location known for its sweet ambiance and delicious offerings. From sandwiches, croissants, and crostinis to cheeseboards, soups, and pizzas, this café serves up a vast array of options. As for coffee options, there's no shortage of tasty brews.

Judith's Market is located at 3870 Grand Ave, Miami, FL 33133. For more information, visit their official website.

The Best Bars in Coconut Grove

Botanico Gin & Cookhouse

As implied by its name, Botanico is an absolute mecca for gin lovers, with over 150 gins to choose from (and an abundance of gin cocktails to match). Botanico is also home to a state-of-the-art wine cellar with a vast selection of wines for those who prefer vino and an eclectic menu featuring a little bit of everything. From goat cheese dip and baja fish tacos to burgers and branzino, all palates will find something worthy of pairing with all that booze.

Botanico Gin & Cookhouse is located at 3015 Grand Ave, Coconut Grove, FL 33133. For more information, visit their official website.

The Commodore

This charming bar located inside the Ritz Carlton in Coconut Grove features an amazing happy hour that runs daily from 5-7 p.m. Go there then to sip on \$8 cocktails and nosh on bites like chorizo Manchego croquetas as you enjoy a beautiful fireplace that runs all year round! Weekends in the evening, The Commodore also often features live entertainment—icing on the cake.

The Commodore is located at 3300 SW 27th Ave, Miami, FL 33133. For more information, visit their official website.

Happy Wine in the Grove

Happy Wine is a genuinely adorable spot for a date night, especially if you and your date are wine aficionados. With over 3,000 wine labels and a variety of Mediterranean-style tapas, Happy Wine doles out plenty to get happy about. You'll find a ton of tapas like truffle mushroom risotto, beef carpaccio, burger sliders, bacon-wrapped dates; salads; bocadillos, and steaks. Happy Wine also offers happy hour Monday through Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. and Fridays from 4 to 6 p.m., with \$8 tapas, \$8 glasses of sangria, \$6 draft beers, and half-off wines by the glass.

Happy Wine is located at 2833 Bird Ave, Miami, FL 33133. For more information, <u>visit their official website.</u>

Sipsip

Rum fiends should run, not walk, to Sipsip. The eatery/bar serves up a variety of tiki-style cocktails, rum punch, beers, and wines on a sweeping rooftop. The menu may be secondary to their boozy focus, but even though it's small, it's mighty. Expect

options like conch fritters, smoked fish dip, baby lettuce salad, oysters, fish tacos, and shrimp sliders.

Sipsip is located at 3000 Florida Ave, Miami, FL 33133. For more information, <u>visit their</u> official website.

The Taurus

The Taurus has become a true Grove staple with its stream of live sports, standup comedy shows, cocktails, and a pretty incredible bar food menu created by the neighboring Ariete and Chug's Diner. You'll find no shortage of libations to enjoy at any time, as well as a happy hour that runs daily from 5 to 8 p.m. featuring drink specials like two-for-one house liquors and two-for-one draft beers. As for the food, expect tasty and hefty dishes like barbecue nachos, a smoked brisket burger, a "moo-less" burger (vegetarian), and more.

The Taurus is located at 3540 Main Hwy c103, Miami, FL 33133. For more information, visit their official website.

The Best Restaurants on the Water in Coconut Grove

Bayshore Club

Situated at the picturesque locale that once housed the iconic Scotty's Landing, Bayshore Club offers a sweet blend of nostalgia and modern charm. The sprawling indoor/outdoor space welcomes guests to enjoy a vast array of seafood-centric dishes curated by chef Jeff McInnis, including items like crab causa, grilled fish tacos, and blackened Mahi. A little further from the restaurant, Bayshore Club features "the lawn," with cozy lounge seating, private cabanas, and a bunch of games like ping pong and cornhole, all set against the backdrop of scenic Miami views.

Bayshore Club is located at 3391 Pan American Dr, Miami, FL 33133. For more information, visit their official website.

Monty's

Waterfront views make everything taste more delicious, and it's no exception at the famed Monty's. Try to grab a table outside to get to the best views you can and then throw yourself into their incredibly packed menu. Think soups, raw bar items, tacos, burgers, sandwiches, and a ton of seafood options. As for the drinks, there's a lot to choose from, making it far too easy to try the next and next and next cocktail. No one's judging here.

Monty's is located at 2550 S Bayshore Dr, Miami, FL 33133. For more information,

Regatta Grove

The newly opened Regatta Grove, located right in Coconut Grove's Regatta Harbor, features four eateries from Michelin-starred and James Beard Award-nominated chefs including JJs from chef Jeremy Ford serving up tacos and burgers; Sunny Side Aussie Bites and Ice from chef Janine Booth of Root & Bone; Tackle Box, a seafood spot from chef Jeff McInnis; and The Piefather from chef Jose Mendin of Pubbelly Sushi, offering up- you guessed it-pizza. With one acre of waterfront property featuring three outdoor bars, Regatta Grove is an ideal spot to take in the stunning views and indulge in bites from some of Miami's finest chefs.

Regatta Grove is located at 3415 Pan American Dr, Miami, FL 33133. For more information, visit their official website.