

Beyond South Beach: 4 neighborhoods to explore in Miami

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A trip to Miami inevitably includes a stop in South Beach.

But if the trendy neighborhood just isn't your scene, you're in luck. Off-the-beaten-path areas beyond the Ocean Drive, Lincoln Road and Collins Avenue drags offer their own vibrant arts and culture, food and entertainment.

For your next weekend getaway, here are a few cool neighborhoods to see beyond SoBe.

WYNWOOD



(Credit: Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau)

With its grand graffiti murals, art galleries and trendy cafes, the Wynwood Arts District is Miami's hipster haven. The crown jewel of this creative hub just north of downtown Miami, is the Wynwood Walls (2520 NW Second Ave., thewynwoodwalls.com), a rotating "museum of the streets" created in 2009 by late developer Tony Goldman and co-curator Jeffrey Deitch. The provocative murals made by acclaimed street artists like Shepard Fairey, Futura and Swoon are free and open to the public.

For a taste of Wynwood, take the Wynwood Food Art Tour (\$69; miamiculinarytours.com), a 2 1/2-hour walking tour with stops at several foodie favorites including Wynwood Kitchen and Bar (2550 NW Second Ave., 305-722-8959, wynwoodkitchenandbar.com), Made In Italy Gourmet (10 NE 27th St., 786-360-5671, madeinitalygourmet.com) and Fireman Derek's World Famous Pies (2818 N. Miami Ave., 786-449-2517, firemanderekspies.com). For more innovative art, designer shops and fashionable restaurants and lounges, visit the neighboring Miami Design District, which, like Wynwood, hosts monthly art walks.