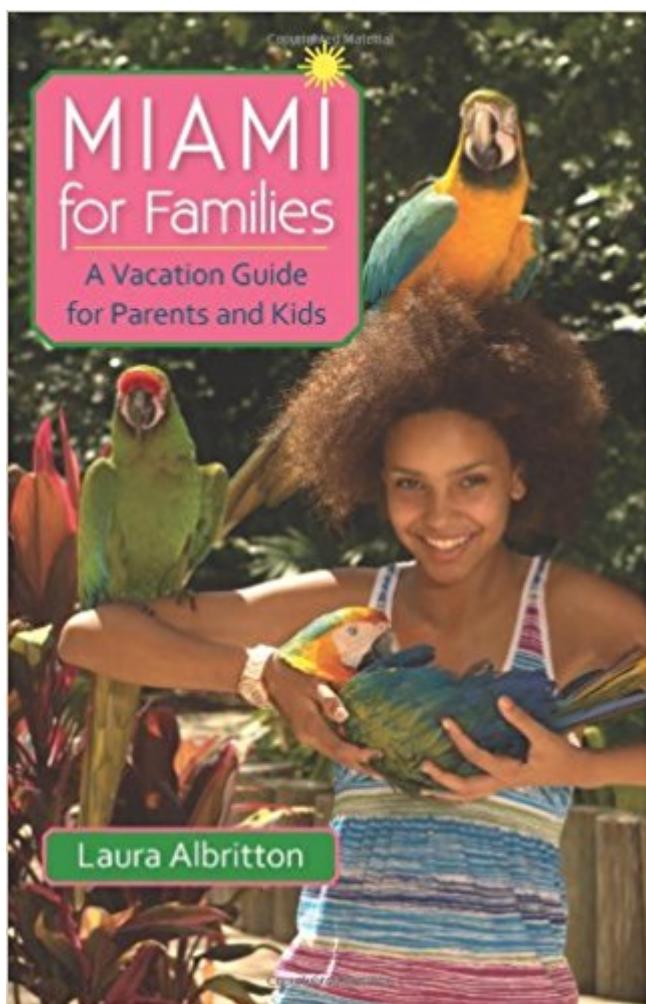


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# Miami For Families: A Vacation Guide For Parents And Kids



## Synopsis

From Miami's famous beaches to the Art Deco district to the Cuban cuisine of Little Havana, Albritton delivers an excellent resource for families looking to get the most out of their visit to Miami. Intelligently written, this book is a guide for not only every budget, but every family. Albritton gives great advice about what to do on rainy days, where to see alligators in the Everglades, and where to stop along those quirky islands to the south, the Florida Keys.

•Brad Bertelli, author of *Snorkeling the Florida Keys* "Beautifully written, well organized, and essential. My advice for anyone visiting the Miami area: don't leave home without this book."

•Connie May Fowler, author of *Before Women Had Wings* and *How Clarissa Burden Learned to Fly* "Albritton parcels out Miami's sun-dappled, hammock-lined splendor in kid-size portions, with a smart take on what attracts kids and, more important, what parents will enjoy alongside them."

•Susanna Daniel, author of *Sea Creatures and Stiltsville* "Provides excellent and accurate information and has certainly taught me a thing or two about visiting Miami with a child—despite having lived here for over a decade."

•Joanna Johnson, University of Miami "Miami can be a great family-friendly destination with a surprising variety of activities, from kayaking with manatees off Key Biscayne and hand-feeding macaws at Jungle Island to paddleboarding, windsurfing, and golfing. In *Miami for Families*, Laura Albritton, mother and long-time Miami resident, divides the metropolis into eight manageable neighborhoods, with helpful text boxes on deals, splurges, and inside scoops, so you can easily organize your trip and maximize family fun while avoiding the common headaches of rush-hour traffic and lack of diaper-changing facilities. Sites, activities, and restaurants are all selected with the particular needs of parents traveling with children in mind and rated by their age appropriateness. Whether you're traveling with an infant or a rowdy teenager, Albritton takes the guesswork out of planning your trip."

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Laura Albritton is a freelance writer who lives in Miami with her family.

My family and I recently moved to Miami a few months ago. I am a SAHM of three kids under the age of 5 and we HATE staying inside so I was in dire need to find the family friendly spots. Prior to moving we had never spent any time in the area. I needed a starting pointÃ¢â€¢â€¢â€¢ this was it!! This book is awesome! I planned our first trip to the beach based on this book and many other outings. Yesterday I again picked it up to read more on a new park we wanted to check out. Laura Albritton hasn't steered us wrong yet! My favorite part about it is that she writes about parking, directions, child friendly restaurants and pricing (parking, restaurants etc). I also love that it is up to date!

I always thought of Miami as beaches, clubs and of catering to a "party" crowd. While that exists, this vacation guide for families highlighted so many pleasant surprises, and showcased the depth that Miami has to offer beyond that image. I searched for guidebooks that hit that "sweet-spot" for families, and though there were a few hits for older books, this one did the trick perfectly. The authors blend of Miami history by area, with things to do for all members of a family including children made for riveting reading, and created a sense of excitement of the places to see and go to. I found the maps very useful for getting a sense of scale and what can be accomplished within a time frame for "little feet", interspersed with ideal locations for the inevitable food stops when the family members start to get cranky for fuel. The author's perspective obviously comes from the point of view of having to cater to younger and more grown up tastes and succeeds in satisfying both. Personally I'm looking forward trying out the suggested eating spots as well as going to Fairchild Tropical Gardens, Jungle Island, the Zoo and maybe hitting the keys if there is enough time. I'm suggesting this book to other friends with families who I know are heading to Miami

Clearly written by an actual mom on an actual budget who knows how to get the most out of an

investment of time and money in South Florida. Fresh organization with wonderful pop-up additions I've never seen in a travel book before -- "Rainy Day," "Splurge," and especially "Necessities" (where to find diapers at 3 AM? Thank you!) Reading this book is like traveling with an old friend who knows just what you ought to see and how to make it as easy and fun as possible for every member of your family.

This new guide to Miami for Families by Laura Albritton is really unlike most city guidebooks: Like others, it's informative with directions on how to navigate Miami and the surrounding areas. In addition, I especially like the 'Inside Scoop' and 'Rainy Day' ideas in each chapter. Those give me ideas of things to do that I wouldn't normally know about. The 'Splurge,' too, is important since occasionally a family wants to do something extraordinary - with or without kids. Besides all the superb ideas about traveling in Miami, this book is a much better read than most travel guides. The writing style is dynamic, literate, and fun. I will plan a trip to Miami around "Miami for Families" and can't wait to start!

I didn't want a guide to Miami that just listed a whole lot of places, one after the other. Some of the books I looked at contained an overwhelming amount of info. This one is cheerful, informative, well curated, and actually is organized (by neighborhood) in a way that I can plan a family trip without panicking. Different and better than most. A+ maps, A+ pictures. Glad I got it.

A great resource for anyone traveling to Miami. The tips on venues for entertainment, dining, and eating were wonderful. I especially liked the the maps and history.

A Christmas gift for my hard-to-please Daughter-in-Law. She loves it! Thank goodness.

This is a wonderfully focused and superbly written book, up to date and helpful in so many ways. The information is well organized, with just the right amount of details, and the "Further Afield" chapter shows us that Miami can be more than just beaches, restaurants, and shops. The photography, in particular that by Zickie Allgrove, is terrific. This is the best Florida guidebook since Joy Williams' legendary look at the Florida Keys.

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