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National Geographic Traveler: Miami And The Keys, Fourth Edition (National Geographic Traveler Miami & The Keys)



Synopsis

This exciting city dubbed "the Gateway to the Americas" is the leading financial hub of the region and an international mecca where more residents speak Spanish than English. Author Mark Miller introduces readers to the astonishing diversity of ethnic neighborhoods, where homeland languages and customs are preserved in restaurants, shops, and markets, explaining much of the city's vibrancy and appeal. Nearby are inviting beaches as well as wetlands and jungles and an archipelago of coral isles leading to raffish, bewitching Key West. Miller guides readers through Miami's districts--downtown, Little Havana, Little Haiti, Miami Beach, Key Biscayne, Coconut Grove, Coral Gables, and South Miami--then to Biscayne and Everglades National Parks and to the Keys, suggesting walks and drives throughout. Features include the famed "New World" cuisine, South Beach's renowned art deco, and the city's Jewish heritage, as well as insider tips from National Geographic experts and experiential sidebars on snorkeling, diving, and fishing in the Keys. Travelwise includes all essential practical information and a large selection of insider's hotels, inns, and restaurants.

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Customer Reviews

MARK MILLER graduated from Stanford University, entered journalism as a newspaper copy boy, and subsequently reported for Reuters and CS Radio, where he also produced documentaries. Miller has contributed to National Geographic books and publications since 1977, his assignments ranging across North America from Alaska to Florida's Dry Tortugas, as well as to the Caribbean

and Europe. He is a partner in 12 Films, a documentary film production company. The author lives in Los Angeles, CA.

This is a beautifully illustrated book with a nice history/background section and good ideas for different sites to see in the Miami/Keys area. The only downside is that some of the descriptions of the places to visit are so inaccurate that I wonder if the authors actually visited them before writing the book. For example, the Lowe Art Museum is described as a place where "You could spend a day here and not see everything on show". This simply isn't true -- it's a beautiful but very small museum with about nine rooms, a couple of which are bordering size-wise on tiny. An hour is probably sufficient for a quick browse through all the exhibits of the Lowe -- two hours if you stop to thoroughly examine every single artifact. I ended up keeping the book because the pictures are gorgeous and it contains some interesting background history to various sites and Miami in general. But I found the info too untrustworthy to use as my primary guidebook to Miami and the Keys.

I used this for planning a trip to Miami Beach, Everglades, and Key West. Lots of good information, recommendations and specifics like phone numbers. Not too much to wade through.

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