



Miami Beach Calendar of Events

AUGUST 2011

Holidays

Ramadan (Aug.1)

MIAMI SPICE RESTAURANT MONTH (Aug. 1- Sep. 30) - During August and September, more than 90 of Miami's top restaurants will offer three-course meals featuring signature dishes created by world-renowned chefs. (Lunch \$22, Dinner \$35) Various restaurants throughout Miami-Dade County, 305-539-3000, www.ilovemiamispice.com.

SEPTEMBER 2011

Holidays

Labor Day (Sept. 5)

Rosh Hashanah (Sept. 29)

XVI I INTERNATIONAL BALLET FESTIVAL OF MIAMI (Aug. 26 – Sep. 18) – An internationally recognized ballet festival featuring performances by world-renowned dance companies from Europe and North, Central and South America. More than 120 dancers from 25 different ballet companies are invited to perform. Various locations throughout Miami-Dade County. 305-358-5885, www.internationalballetfestival.com.

Fashion's Night Out (Sept. 8) – Fashion's Night Out is back! For the third year in a row, celebrities, designers, and stars will perform and mingle with shoppers as they take party in FNO-exclusive events and snap up special designs. www.fashionsnightout.com.

PUBLIX ESCAPE TO MIAMI TRIATHLON (Sep. 25) - The Publix Escape to Miami Triathlon Weekend boasts the most unique and challenging course in Florida, and some might say the country. Margaret Pace Park, 1745 N. Bayshore Drive, Miami, FL 33132. 305/278-8668, <http://www.willyoufinish.com>

'DIG THE BEACH' VOLLEYBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (Sep. 11-12) – The 'Dig the Beach' Volleyball Series is the oldest and largest series in the southeastern United States, with nine tournaments and the National Championship held in Miami Beach with more than 200 teams. Lummus Park Beach, 10th Street and Ocean Drive, Miami Beach, FL 33139, 561-241-3801, www.digthebeach.com.

OCTOBER 2011

Holidays

Yom Kippur (Oct. 8)

Columbus Day (Oct. 10)

Halloween (Oct. 31)

MIAMI ATTRACTIONS MONTH (Oct. 1- 31) – Miami has attractions that offer countless choices — from historic to adventuresome, natural to man-made. Attractions so exotic they beckon to be explored. Just imagine swimming with dolphins, penguins in the sun and hand-feeding giraffes — just a few. During Miami Attractions Month visitors can access printable coupons to save even more on a Miami vacation with free admission deals, adults at children prices and other admission discounts. Various attractions throughout Miami-Dade County, 305-539-3000, www.EveryonesAKid.com.

JUNIOR ORANGE BOWL FESTIVAL (Oct. 1 – Jan. 1 2011) – More than 17,000 children from over 50 countries participate in a variety of tournaments and contests. Golf, tennis, chess, gymnastics and creative arts contests are among the events that comprise the festival. 305-662-1210, www.jrorangebowl.com.

COLUMBUS DAY REGATTA 2010 (Oct. TBD) -- More than 200 sailboats race on Biscayne Bay from north to south on Saturday, and from south to north on Sunday. 305-858-1733, www.columbusdayregatta.net.

MIAMI CARNIVAL PARADE AND FESTIVAL (Oct. 11) – Traditional West Indian-style carnival and parade featuring Caribbean music, costumes, food, arts and crafts and more. Parade starts at noon on NE 27th Street at NE 2nd Avenue and proceeds to Bicentennial Park. Festivities continue until 11 p.m., Bicentennial Park, 1075 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, FL 33132, 305-653-18771, www.miamicarnival.net.

SOUTH FLORIDA THEATRE FESTIVAL 2010 (Oct. 12-26) -- Twenty seven of South Florida's premier performing arts organizations present an array of live theatre productions - including drama, comedy, musicals and family-friendly plays. Various theaters throughout Miami-Dade County. 954-557-0778, www.southfloridatheatre.com.

MIAMI INTERNATIONAL WINE FAIR (Oct. 16-17) – Guests will have the opportunity to taste 1,500 different wines from 20 countries around the world. Miami Beach Convention Center, 1700 Convention Center Dr., Miami Beach, FL 33139, 305-777-2255, www.miamiwinefair.com.

WINE ON HARVEST MOON (Oct. 23) – Enjoy fine wine, fine food and fine art under the golden light of the Harvest Moon over Biscayne Bay at the Deering Estate at Cutler. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72nd Ave., Miami, FL 33157, 305-235-1668, ext. 263, www.deeringestate.org.

SUNNY ISLES BEACH JAZZ FEST (Oct. 15-17) – Annual festival celebrates the extraordinary sounds of jazz music, featuring world-renowned jazz entertainers and notable local artists performing amidst the backdrop of the Atlantic ocean. Samson Oceanfront Park, 17425 Collins Ave., Sunny Isles Beach, FL 33160. 305-792-1908 www.sunnyislesbeachjazz.com.

NOVEMBER 2011

Holidays

Veteran's Day (Nov. 11)

VMP Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony (Nov. 17)

Thanksgiving (Nov. 24)

MIAMI MUSIC FESTIVAL (Nov. 12-14) - The Miami Music Festival and its emerging artists' conference return this November with a new and expanded schedule, new venues and more new music than ever. The MMF will again feature acts in a wide variety of genres from Florida, around the U.S. and around the world, performing for the music industry, the press, the local community of music fans and visitors to Miami. In 2010, the festival will add shows in major theaters, two daytime, multi-stage sessions and use of more clubs throughout the city. www.miamimusicfestival.org.

SANTA'S ENCHANTED FOREST (Nov. 3- Jan. 1) – One of the world's largest Christmas theme park and carnival. Offers more than 100 rides, shows, displays, games and food for the family to enjoy. Be amazed by a 92-foot tall Christmas tree, hundreds of themed displays, pony rides, a petting zoo and more than 3,000,000 lights. All rides, shows and parking are free with paid admission. Tropical Park, 7900 SW 40 Street, Miami FL 33155, 305-893-0090, www.santasenchantedforest.com.

80th Anniversary Ruby Jubilee (Nov.12) - Come celebrate with Miami Lighthouse as we commemorate 80 years of service to the blind and visually impaired community at the Biltmore Hotel. Enjoy the musical talents of Jose Feliciano, international singer and guitarist, sixteen-time Grammy nominee and eight-time Grammy winner.

MIAMI SHORT FILM FESTIVAL (Nov. 13-20) –This festival focuses on motivating directors, screenwriters, actors, and producers to make their films and share them with fellow film makers and industry professionals. The ultimate goal is to bring exposure to independent up-and-coming filmmakers. As a result, the festival has showcased over 500 high quality films from around the world representing over 26 countries. Various theaters throughout Miami-Dade County. 305-854-2229, www.miamishortfilmfestival.com.

MIAMI BOOK FAIR INTERNATIONAL (Nov. 14-21) – One of the nation's largest outdoor book fairs. Thousands of book lovers attend readings and discussions featuring prize-winning, best-selling and emerging authors from the U.S. and around the world. Miami-Dade Community College, Wolfson Campus, 300 NE 2nd Ave. Miami, FL 33132, 305-237-3258, www.miamibookfair.com.

FORD CHAMPIONSHIP WEEKEND – NASCAR (Nov. 18-20) – Enjoy four days of racing excitement, with the Ford 200 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Finale; Ford 300 NASCAR Busch Series Finale; and Ford 400 Chase for the NASCAR Nextel Cup Finale. Homestead-Miami Speedway, 1 Speedway Blvd., Homestead, FL 33035, Ticket Office: 866-409-RACE, www.homesteadmiamispeedway.com.

WHITE PARTY WEEK 2010 (Nov. 25-29) – An unparalleled week of fund-raising parties and events culminating with the legendary White Party. More than 15,000 party-goers enjoy six days and nights of nonstop entertainment in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Various locations throughout Miami-Dade County, 305-576-1234, Ext. 257, www.whiteparty.org.

THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE (Nov. 25) – Annual parade featuring more than 70 floats and marching bands takes place at 10 a.m. Thanksgiving morning. The festival runs through the weekend from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and features carnival rides, dancing, singing, food and crafts. On NE 125th Street between 6th and 12th Avenues, North Miami Area, 305-893-6511, ext. 2228.

DECEMBER 2011

Holidays

Hanukah (Dec. 21)

Christmas (Dec. 25)

New Years Eve (Dec. 31)

ART MIAMI 2010 (Dec. 1-5) – This annual modern and contemporary art fair features approximately 90 galleries from Europe, Asia and the Americas. Art Miami – with an emphasis on galleries showing mid-career and established artists, in addition to spaces reserved for emerging, cutting-edge artists – provides unprecedented access to Miami's exciting art market. Covered tent located at corner of Northwest Second Avenue and 22nd Street, Wynwood, FL 33127, 888-772-8926, www.art-miami.com.

ART BASEL MIAMI BEACH (Dec. 2-5) – This international art show and American sister event of Art Basel in Switzerland is recognized as the most important annual art show of its kind in America. Two hundred leading art galleries will exhibit 20th- and 21st-century art works from more than 1,500 artists. In addition to Art Basel itself, there will be many ancillary events at art facilities and other public venues around the community. Miami Beach Convention Center, 1700 Convention Center Dr., Miami Beach, FL 33139, 305-674-1292, www.artbasel.com.

MIAMI CITY BALLET: THE NUTCRACKER (Dec. 17-23) – George Balanchine's classic ballet, performed with beautiful sets, costumes, music and internationally known dancers. Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, 1300 NE Biscayne Blvd., Miami, FL, 305-929-6722, www.miamicityballet.org.

BAYFRONT PARK'S NEW YEAR'S EVE (Dec. 31) – Free annual New Year's Eve event featuring a concert performance and midnight fireworks display. Gates open at 7 p.m., the show starts at 8 p.m., and the fireworks are at midnight. Bayfront Park Amphitheater, 401 N. Biscayne Blvd., downtown Miami. www.bayfrontparkmiami.com.

BIG ORANGE NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION (Dec. 31) – A City of Miami tradition, the 35-foot neon Big Orange (one of the nation's official time balls) will rise 400 feet to the top of its home site, the Hotel InterContinental Miami. Fireworks and a laser show round out the festivities. The Big Orange will start its climb at 6 p.m. Hotel InterContinental Miami, 100 Chopin Plaza, Miami, FL 33131, 305-539-3000.