

5 Reasons To Stay At The Gabriel Hotel In Downtown Miami

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Headed to Miami? There are many, many options of where to stay in the different parts of the city. But don't overlook the downtown area, where new

bars and restaurants are popping up, and where you have easy, centralized access to the city's attractions and neighborhoods. Looking for something fresh? Here are five reasons to consider staying at [The Gabriel Hotel](#) in Downtown Miami.

The Rooms and Views

The view from The Gabriel is interesting in that the east-facing rooms provide an expansive lookout over many parts of the city - the downtown skyline to the south, the cruise ship ports straight out in front, and then the island of Miami Beach off in the distance.



View of the intracoastal from the lower floors of the Gabriel Hotel. ©2019 SMITH PHOTOGRAPHY INC.

You can also see both the intracoastal waterway as well as the Atlantic Ocean. This mix means you get multiple perspectives on Miami and its parts - the cruise industry, the beach, the city streets - each playing its own key role in the city's overall identity.



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"When we decided on what type of cuisine to offer, it was originally based on all the Latin American flavors that the city has to offer," said Chef Fabian Di Paolo. "From Mexican to Colombian to Peruvian, for example, Miami is a melting pot of cultures that we wanted to highlight in our dishes. I then combined these flavors with the culinary experiences from my travels throughout the Mediterranean to create CVLTVRA's Latin-Med fusion concept."



Rooftop pool at the Gabriel Hotel in Miami. ©2019 SMITH PHOTOGRAPHY INC.

Order drinks or food to your poolside lounge, or hit up the hot tub on the eastern edge that overlooks the intracoastal waterway, Miami Beach, and the cruise ship ports.

Centralized Location to Wynwood, Downtown, and American Airlines Arena

If you're in town to see a concert or a Heat game, then the Gabriel is in the perfect location. You can see the American Airlines Arena from the hotel, making it very easy and convenient to walk right over. It's also within a reasonable distance of other main attractions, including Miami Beach (10-15 minute Uber ride) and Wynwood (same). Of course, you can simply step out the front door and walk easily to the bars and restaurants in downtown Miami.



The artwork of the Gabriel Hotel in Miami. ©2019 SMITH PHOTOGRAPHY INC.

Sexy Art and Design

If you're feeling frisky in Miami, the Gabriel wants to celebrate it. Located throughout the hotel you'll find some sexy and limit-pushing art, reminding you that Miami is classy, but certainly no city of innocence.

In the lobby, look for the picture with three girls licking a heart-shaped taffy, and on the 14th floor (pool level) you'll find some partially-nude, beach yoga photos. All have been curated in a stylish way - i.e. there's no outright nudity

to worry about, should you be traveling with your parents - but it definitely sets the tone should you find yourself on a weekend getaway.

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