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# Miami

Yacht Charter Guide

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Miami Yacht Charter
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MIAMI

# Overview

Miami yacht charter is skyline presence and deep-harbour berths - Island Gardens on Watson Island, MIA door-to-deck in 15-25 minutes, and optional Upper Keys or Bahamas extensions. Holiday and show weeks densify slips; we hold them before you fly.

Miami yacht charter - Island Gardens berths, Atlantic days, MIA transfers and APA with Blue Ocean Club.

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WHEN TO GO

# Season & rhythm

- How a Miami-Florida week actually runs.: Harbour nights, Atlantic day runs, optional Keys or Bahamas extension.
- Island Gardens / FTL: APA open, MIA or FLL transfer, berth confirmed.
- Coast cadence: Atlantic swim days, South Beach tender, optional Upper Keys.
- Tables locked: Miami and Lauderdale dining held against berth nights.
- When to take Miami vs Lauderdale.: Miami buys skyline; FTL buys yacht-service density.
- Island Gardens: Downtown Miami megayacht harbour.
- Fort Lauderdale: Yacht Capital berthing cluster.
- Keys: Thin-water contrast when draft allows.

ON THE WATER

# Cruising grounds

**Miami & Government Cut**
Skyline sails, South Beach and Stiltsville.

**Fort Lauderdale ICW**
New River, Las Olas and megayacht density.

**Florida Keys**
Biscayne to Key West - reef and backcountry.

**Toward Bahamas**
Gulf Stream hops to Bimini and beyond.

QUAY NIGHTS

# Marinas & berthing

### Island Gardens Deep Harbour, Miami
Downtown Miami megayacht marina on Watson Island. - Max LOA ~120 m - Draft ~7 m - Gateway MIA - Transfer 15-25 min from MIA - Peak lead: 8-16 weeks holidays / shows

### Palm Harbor Marina / Fort Lauderdale complex
Fort Lauderdale 'Yacht Capital' berthing cluster. - Max LOA ~100 m - Draft ~6 m - Gateway FLL - Transfer 15-25 min from FLL - Peak lead: 6-14 weeks peak

### Ocean Reef Club / Key Largo yacht access
Upper Keys private club marina - membership/guest rules. - Max LOA ~50 m - Draft ~3.5 m - Gateway MIA - Transfer 70-90 min from MIA - Peak lead: Guest rules often outweigh lead time

### Key West Bight Marina
Key West harbour for end-of-Keys weeks. - Max LOA ~40 m - Draft ~3.5 m - Gateway EYW - Transfer 10-20 min from EYW - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

DAY WATER

## Anchorages

### No Name Harbor, Key Biscayne
Protected hook near Miami.

### Elliott Key
Biscayne National Park overnight.

### Rodriguez Key
Key Largo approaches.

### Newfound Harbor / Big Pine
Lower Keys quiet overnight.

### Dry Tortugas (expedition)
Far west fort overnight - weather window.

SHORE TABLES

## Restaurants

### Casa Tua / Miami Beach classics
Held against Island Gardens nights.

### Lauderdale yacht-harbour restaurants
Convenience on FTL services nights.

### Keys waterfront casuals
Upper Keys lunch culture on day-hooks.

DAY ASHORE

## Beach clubs

### Nikki Beach Miami
Miami Beach
South Beach club day.

### The Surf Club / similar
Surfside
North Beach exclusive sand.

### Fort Lauderdale beach clubs
Fort Lauderdale
Las Olas sand day.

DOOR TO DECK

## MIA / FLL to the gangway.

We choreograph Miami and Fort Lauderdale airports into Island Gardens and Yacht Capital berths.

### MIA / FLL
Match gateway to first berth - do not cross-town by default. MIA  Island Gardens 15-25 min FLL  Palm Harbor / FTL cluster 15-25 min

### Chauffeur to quay
SUV briefed on marina security and luggage. Island Gardens meeting point Night-before hotel on late international arrivals

Door-to-deck options confirmed against your embarkation slot - see embark utility below.

NUMBERS - FLORIDA

## Florida fees & APA - the short version.

US sales tax and local tourist taxes rather than EU VAT - itinerary matters.

### Tax
Confirm Florida sales tax / local tax treatment for your charter itinerary with yacht management.

### APA
Peak winter often 25-35%+ once fuel and harbour berths are honest - confirm band before contract.

### Berths
Indicative marina ranges on request - draft until agent confirms.

WITHIN THIS COAST

## Local guides

### Miami
Miami is a core Florida & Miami charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Island Gardens Deep Harbour, Miami - Day-anchor: No Name Harbor, Key Biscayne - Table: Casa Tua Cucina / Miami

### Fort Lauderdale
Fort Lauderdale is a core Florida & Miami charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Palm Harbor Marina / Fort Lauderdale complex - Day-anchor: Elliott Key - Table: Joe's Stone Crab

### Florida Keys

Florida Keys is a core Florida & Miami charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Ocean Reef Club / Key Largo yacht access - Day-anchor: Rodriguez Key - Table: Burlock Coast

BEFORE YOU FLY

## FAQ

**Where do we berth in Miami?**

Island Gardens Deep Harbour is the primary downtown megayacht base.

**MIA transfer?**

Typically 15-25 minutes chauffeur.

**Lead time?**

8-16 weeks for Christmas, Art Basel-adjacent and show weeks.

**Fort Lauderdale instead?**

Choose FTL when Yacht Capital services matter more than skyline.

**US tax?**

Sales/local tourist taxes rather than EU VAT - confirm itinerary treatment.

**Keys day?**

Yes when draft and weather allow - Upper Keys contrast from Miami density.

**What does it cost to charter a yacht in Miami?**

Yacht charter cost in Miami depends on LOA, season and hull class. As an indicative band, crewed motor yachts often sit from the mid five-figures per week upward before APA (typically ~25-35% of base for fuel, berthing and provisions), VAT where applicable, and crew gratuity. We set an honest range before contract - not a fake nightly rate.

**What does APA usually cover on a Miami charter?**

Fuel, berthing, food and beverage, and most guest concierge extras. Tax context for Miami: Confirm Florida sales tax / local tax treatment for your charter itinerary with yacht management. We set an indicative APA band before contract.

OPERATIONAL

## Mooring notes

**Island Gardens Deep Harbour**

Downtown Miami megayacht marina on Watson Island. 8-16 weeks holidays / shows. Art Basel, Boat Show adjacent weeks and Christmas densify. Primary Miami presence embark.

**Palm Harbor Fort Lauderdale**

Fort Lauderdale Yacht Capital berthing cluster. 6-14 weeks peak. FLIBS and peak winter densify. Services-led Florida embark.

**Ocean Reef / Key Largo access**

Upper Keys private club marina - membership/guest rules. Guest rules often outweigh lead time. Holiday densification. Keys contrast - confirm access early.

*Berth fees, APA budgets and event lead times are indicative and move with LOA, season and harbour policy. Blue Ocean Club confirms live figures in writing before deposit. Not a substitute for captain pilotage or marina contracts.*

ENQUIRE

## Begin a conversation.

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