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## InterContinental Miami

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Telegraph expert rating

Miami, Florida, United States

" Occupying coveted real estate at the foot of the Miami River and Biscayne Bay downtown, the InterContinental is one of Miami's original luxury business hotels. With its sprawling lobby, Spanish restaurant and buzzy bar, it also attracts leisure travellers and Miami's post-work crowd. "

By Shayne Benowitz, destination expert
Location
The InterContinental is located at the edge of downtown at the foot of the Miami River and Biscayne Bay. Brickell, the city's financial district, is just across the river and both neighbourhoods have more dining and nightlife options than ever before, including upscale restaurants like Zuma, Coya and Quinto La Huella to laidback bars like Pawnbroker and The Corner. The neighbourhood is also home to the landmark Peréz Art Museum Miami, the American Airlines Arena and the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts. South Beach, Wynwood and the Design Districts can be accessed in a 20 minute drive.


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## Style \& character

The InterContinental has gone to great lengths to stay modern with a $\$ 30$ million renovation, updating both the lobby and guest rooms, and adding a digital canvas to the 34 -storey façade, which projects the silhouette of a sexy dancer at night. The centrepiece of the sprawling marble lobby is an abstract stone sculpture by Henry Moore with ample seating and an open floor plan leading to the hotel's Toro Toro bar and restaurant. Typically bustling with hotel guests and business people, it has a touch of old-fashioned sophistication without feeling tired.

## Service \& facilities

A mature luxury hotel brand; service at the InterContinental is professional, friendly and courteous with an excellent concierge team. Popular for both gala events and business conferences, it has ample meeting and ballroom space. A rooftop pool features an adjacent fitness centre, jogging track and spa.

| $\theta$ Bar | $\theta$ | Fitness centre |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\theta$ | Laundry | $\theta$ | Parking |
| $\theta$ | Pool | $\theta$ | Restaurant |
| $\theta$ | Room service | $\theta$ | Spa |
| $\theta$ | Wi-Fi |  |  |

## $7_{/ 10}$ Rooms

Rooms are traditional in a palette of subdued blues, creams and wood accents. They're very comfortable and spacious with marble bathrooms and panoramic windows offering views to Biscayne Bay and Miami's port. For design enthusiasts, you won't find much to get excited about, but you'll sleep comfortably.

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## $7_{/ 10} \quad$ Food \& drink

Toro Toro is the hotel's marquee restaurant by Mexican chef Richard Sandoval serving modern, tapas-style, pan-Latin cuisine. From lomo saltado empanadas to ceviche and grilled octopus, it also features a Brazilian-style churrasco grill with prime cuts of meat. The restaurant has a buzzy bar perfect for a pre-dinner cocktail and breakfast is served here with everything from eggs Benedict to pancakes. There's also an on-site Starbucks for grab-and-go coffee and snacks.

## 8/10 Value for money

Rates from $\$ 279$ ( $£ 222$ ) in low season; and from $\$ 359$ ( $£ 285$ ) in high. Breakfast not included, costs from around $\$ 15$ ( $(£ 12)$. Free Wi-Fi.

## Access for guests with disabilities?

Yes. Accessibility is available in rooms, swimming pool and common areas.

## Family-friendly?

Yes. With a sprawling lobby and spacious rooms, the hotel is familyfriendly.

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