

# Miami, Florida

## "The Land Of Palms And Sunshine"

Miami, famous for its location and equable climate, is the fastest growing city in the South. Eager to welcome, it beckons those, who would leave Winter behind, and play a while in Miami. Those who once visit it continue to do so, bring others and ultimately settle there, building their own homes. You can work, as well as play here. Important local industries are constantly maturing. Farms of the most productive sort mosaic the rich acreages hereabouts and this part of Florida is helping feed the nation. There is something of vital consequence, aside from vacationing, it is the substantial foundation of thrift that gives Miami an unwavering calm, very proud in her own future. She is sure to go ever forward.

The climate is born of the true tropic zone. Miami will continue a place of flowers and birds and sunshine and balmy warmth when it is winter elsewhere. From December to March year in and year out, Miami's thermometer registers the sort of unvarying climatic joy that makes the straw hat and the sport suit an identifying uniform of the city.

Miami has one of the greatest seaports in the world, commercially, and for pleasure craft. To the eastward of the city lies beautiful Biscayne Bay, unparalleled for scenic investiture and natural provision for harbor facilities. It is snugly landlocked, protecting it from deep ocean swells. On the ocean side of the bay, Miami Beach proves what can be done with a mere strip of uncultivated sand. Appreciating the value of the beach section, as an ocean playground and as a supplementary home suburb, Miami has consistently encouraged developments here, until now, in the full blossom of its attractive features, it represents a self-supporting unit, with the finest roads, architecturally adapted homes, a bustling little business community.

Miami claims primorship over Biscayne Bay, for directly facing the city, it unfolds its more complete beauty. And in this immense aquarium fish of many kinds and colors are visible against the pearl white sandy bay floor. There are more than seven hundred different varieties of fish to be caught in this territory and off this coast. There are fishing docks where professional boatmen await your call. From Royal Palm Park float the softened cadence of music. Headlights gleam on the motor cars that glide over the causeway and faintly, like the echo of a cathedral organ, sounds the distant boom of the surf.

Miami wants shipping. It wants commercial boats from every port of the Seven Seas. Uncle Sam has met her at least half way, in a realization of this ambition. Thus we now have the Government Cut, reaching 3 7-10 miles, from Ocean and jetties, to the municipal docks. It is a straightway course, officially charted and of sufficient depth—18.9 feet, at mean low tide, and to be still further deepened to accommodate the largest vessels.

There is a climatic distinction in being "the most southern city on the mainland of the United States," and Miami can, of course, lay claim to this. The sub-tropical zone is the zone of what is truly perpetual sunshine. Florida is but sixty miles wide, as a peninsula, due east and west, at this point. The warmth-bringing Gulf Stream, passes within 3½ miles of the Miami shore. Excessive heat is not known, and the soft rains generally occur at night. Miami is famed for the luxuriant growth of her royal palms and her fruitful coconut palms are everywhere and in fine condition.

The trip down the East Coast of Florida over the Dixie Highway by motor is the most beautiful

trip in America. And so on, almost before we know it, "The Tamiami Trail," will connect Miami with the West Coast.

More than 70,000 people represent the fixed winter population. No less than 150,000 tourists visit Miami in a season. Yet, the city is not congested. It has 55 miles of paved streets, about 60 miles of oiled macadam, and 600 miles of superb rock-surfaced, oil coated boulevards, radiating in every direction. The splendid "Ingraham Highway" leads you to the Royal Palms State Park, with its deep jungles, its scientific display of the fauna and bird life of Florida, and such a kingdom of palms as is rarely seen anywhere. Each season finds some famous band as an afternoon and night concert feature of the tropic Royal Palm Park, a great open, coconut palm sheltered park, swept by breezes from Biscayne Bay and located in the very heart of the city. There are many excellent roads running out from Miami, and leading to scenic farms, citrus fruit groves, rivers, lakes, Indian camps, island parks and resorts, beaches, and to other Florida pleasure places, notably Palm Beach and intermediate points, each remarkable for some scenic feature.

Miami is the cross of railroad operations, evidenced by the fact that the Florida East Coast Railway has its shop and yards in the city. It is the starting place of the wonderful Oversea Railway route to Key West.

In Miami there are accommodations of every sort to fit in with the specific needs, desires and purses of the visitor. The hotels are commodious in size, pretentious in appearance and beautifully designed inside to provide a maximum comfort, luxury, and pleasurable entertainment.

The church-goer will be highly pleased with the religious atmosphere of Miami. All denominations are represented.

Miami Beach has several wonderful golf courses and nothing quite like them can be found elsewhere in Florida. The game of golf is played in Miami under most picturesque conditions. The hotels have their own tennis courts and the city has built several fine tennis playgrounds within easy walking distance. At Alton Beach a remarkably fine polo ground has been constructed and there are daily contests.

Miami Beach is located on a narrow, yet attractive peninsula. There are casinos, bathing pavilions, shore resorts and exquisite little bathing places all along the ocean front, from the jetties northward, to primeval mangrove studded roads that mean "a bathing beach of your own." Each pretty place has its own bathhouses, casino, restaurant, salt water pools, and amusements for the children and there is surf and pool bathing every day in the year. Linking the beach with Miami is a giant causeway spanning Biscayne Bay and giving speedy access to the Atlantic Ocean. This impressive macadam boulevard, flanked by palms and flowers, with ample space for pedestrian walks, two-way automobile concourse, and the very latest type of electrified trolley. It is constructed on concrete arches at its terminals, through which the bay currents may sweep at will and the boats pass unhampered.

The city has progressive newspapers, and the visitor can secure his hometown newspaper or periodical almost as rapidly as if he were at home.

Tourists enjoy our Mid-Winter County Fair held in March, with exhibits and entries from the surrounding countryside. It is just another episode on the calendar of events.