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11 Things to Do in Winter in Miami and New Orleans

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Whether you're fleeing south in winter for some Florida sun or bound for The Big Easy for a cultural jolt, Roami loves helping you live like a local to make the most of your travels. Winter is no different, especially in Miami and New Orleans! From NOLA's hidden speakeasies to just the right vibes at South Beach, we've narrowed the bottomless winter bucket list to a few can't-miss experiences. From the white sands of South Beach to ghost tours in NOLA, read on to experience optimal wintertime in our best southern destinations. Plus, get some tips on the where and when for Miami fun and the Voodoos and don'ts of visiting New Orleans. Roamers, your Roami winter story starts now!



New Orleans: Where Winter's Soul Finds You

New Orleans in winter is a playground for the senses. Escape the humdrum holiday and dive into a world of festive merriment with Mardi Gras madness, off-the-beaten-path adventures, ghost tours, and more. Here's Roami's Big Easy wintertime bucket list.

- Embrace the Enchantment:** Witness the dazzling LUNA Fête festival of lights amidst NOLA's Celebration in the Oaks (from Thanksgiving through the New Year) in City Park. Revel in festive cheer at New Orleans Christmas Fest, and ring in the New Year with lively street parties and stunning fireworks. We recommend catching that last one from your heated [Roami at The Brandywine](#) rooftop pool.
- Unleash Your Festive Spirit:** Immerse yourself in New Orleans's iconic festival any time or

year with a Mardi Gras World Museum tour. Or, book your Roami for mid-February's Fat Tuesday to witness the festival's grand parades and costumed merriment! Festivities run early January through early March to sweep you away with infectious energy, NOLA-style.

- **Wander Beyond the Usual:** Explore the historic French Quarter and Garden District with a local guide, uncover hidden gems on a guided food tour, or delve into NOLA's fascinating history with a cemetery tour or a spooky ghost walk. Enjoy French Quarter's Bourbon Street revelry and duck out to your Roami at Factors Row before things get too crazy; it's a quick, four-block jaunt away. Imbibe in historic New Orleans with drinks (no longer illicit!) at speakeasies like Old Absinthe House in the French Quarter or Bywater's N7.
- **Discover the NOLA's Rich History:** New Orleans's fascinating history is always a can't-miss, and museum visits are a nice break from wintertime festivities. The National WWII Museum is a must-see for history buffs. At the same time, the Ogden Museum of Southern Art shows off the region's artistic past. New Orleans Museum of Art (NOMA) boasts an expansive collection exploring hundreds of years and several continents and features a can't-miss French and American art exhibit.
- **Embrace Your Playful Side:** Jump into more New Orleans fun. Get your groove on at a jazz club or a lively burlesque show, test your wits in a thrilling escape room, or soar above the water on a flyboarding adventure in Lake Pontchartrain! Remember to hit the action on Frenchmen Street with live music performances, dancing, and diverse culinary delights. Then whip up a meal for the crew back at your posh Roami at The Lola vacation rental.

Miami & Miami Beach: Where Winter Escapes the Ordinary

Disconnect to reconnect in sunny Miami, where art, culture, and good vibes await. Along with sun and fun activities on Miami's beautiful beaches (winter's cooler temps means this is THE time to enjoy Magic City), visiting Miami connects you with a vibrant cultural tapestry of neighborhoods like Little Havana, Little Haiti, and Wynwood. Here's how you can craft your unique Miami winter odyssey with Roami.





- Beach Bliss:** Picture yourself sunbathing on warm sand, strolling along the refreshingly crisp air, and swimming in crystal-clear waters. Whether you've booked a downtown Roami or one on Miami Beach, you're always close to surf, sand, club-hopping fun, or the solitude of your Roami balcony. Book mid-February to catch The Miami International Boat Show. We recommend [Roami at The Carmela](#), just one block from pristine Miami Beach.
- World-Class Art Scene Amidst Palm Trees:** Dive into Magic City's dynamic art scene, discovering the Wynwood Arts District and the annual Art Basel Miami Beach event—a haven for global artists and enthusiasts alike. Explore the vibrant South Beach architecture from a vintage convertible ride, or capture those Instagram-worthy moments on a leisurely bike ride. Book your Roami in mid-January to enjoy the Art Deco Weekend Festival, an annual three-day event celebrating the city's unique art deco architecture. And, of course, tour The Miami Museum of Contemporary Art any time of year!
- Festival Season, Gourmet Edition:** Indulge your inner foodie at the world-renowned South Beach Wine & Food Fest near the end of February. Or, book a Roami downtown to enjoy the heart of the city's food scene. Catch the International Chocolate Festival at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden toward the end of January.
- Nightlife That Heats Up as the Weather Cools Down:** Groove to the beats of cutting-edge DJs, sway to live music in cozy cocktail bars, and discover Miami's eclectic nightlife scene.

your fellow roammers. Dress up and get down in South Beach's popular live music venues and downtown Miami clubs; there's endless winter fun and special events. The Brickell neighborhood's nightlife is another hotspot, and Roami at The Ralston puts you minutes from it all.

- **Immerse Yourself in Miami's Culture:** Wander through the opulent Vizcaya Museum and Gardens, get inspired by the vibrant Wynwood Walls murals, or sip a cup of Cuban coffee while salsa dancing in Little Havana. For the quickest access to all these, book Roami at Metro Park.

- **Escape to the Everglades:** Take a kayak or walking tour through the unique ecosystem of Everglades National Park, spot fantastic wildlife on an airboat ride, and lose yourself in the wonders of nature. Winter's warm weather (but not too warm) is excellent for a day trip to the Everglades to explore hiking trails and go at your own pace.

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Curious about other parts of South Florida? Check out Roami's, a West Palm Beach or Fort Lauderdale vacation rental, for more winter fun. Feeling really adventurous? Combine New Orleans and Miami Roami stays into one incredible road or train trip, exploring places like Canaveral National Seashore along the Atlantic Ocean or aquatic preserves, national forests, and other sites along the Gulf of Mexico!

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Now, find your perfect winter escape with Roami's Miami and New Orleans vacation rentals and embark on your unforgettable winter escapade. There is limited availability, so contact our team to help find your perfect match. Warm up to winter's best experiences--Roami-style!

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