

A VISIT TO THE MIAMI BEACH ANTIQUE SHOW
 JANUARY 31 TO FEBRUARY 4, 2013

KICKING OFF THE SEASON UNDER PALM TREES!

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Every year at the end of January the Miami Beach Antique Show calls us across the pond – to come and visit in Florida, where as usual for this time of year it is much warmer and sunnier than back home. The lovely weather, the gentle sea breeze blowing across the city and the marvellous sandy beaches close by might make the visitor hesitate to enter the colossal Miami Beach Convention Center, making it necessary to bear in mind that South Beach and North Bay will still be there on Tuesday – but the Antique Show will not!



The Miami Beach Antique Show is the biggest indoor antique fair worldwide.

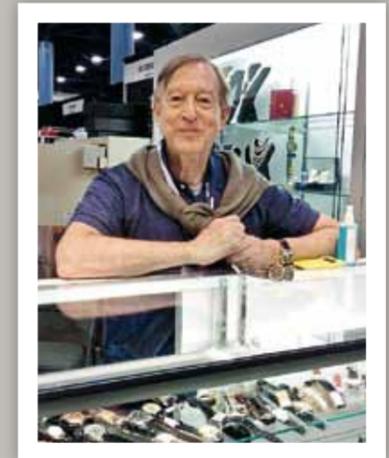
Nearly 900 exhibitors, usually registered traders from 22 countries of the world, bring their treasures to Miami Beach to present them to the discerning collectors. The range of items on offer is as varied as the collectors themselves. At the Miami Beach show you see it all – be it the classic Hermès “Kelly Bag” or bronze busts, antique spectacles, tobacco tins, glass flasks, antique garments and shoes, crystal chandeliers or elephant tusks, old muskets or even a glass table made from an aeroplane’s radial engine!

Equally extensive is the range of clocks, pocket watches and highly sought-after wristwatches (mainly Rolex and Patek Philippe), that are on show. Of course there is also

a great variety of jewellery from all periods to see and buy. Loose diamonds and precious stones are on offer in a separate high security hall.

So, it is not just the lovely climate that has been calling the international traders and auctioneers to Miami Beach for over 50 years now! The timing of the fair early in the year makes it one of the best opportunities to catch any upcoming collectors’ trends.

Its favourable geographical position at the crossroads between North and South America provides the show with an enormous and very diverse trading area; the majority of the most important US American traders come to Miami to exhibit their wares. The variety on offer covers everything



from small collector’s items for a few dollars to exclusive assets worth several million dollars; so we are almost always able to find some interesting and outstanding pieces for our upcoming auctions.

MIAMI AND MIAMI BEACH

Miami Beach is a small island in the Atlantic Ocean that is connected to the mainland and the city of Miami by four bridges. No location on the island is further than a mile away from the endless sandy beaches that are continually approached by the waves of the ocean. Well worth the visit is Miami Beach’s Art Deco Historic District, one of the largest continuous urban areas with houses built in the typical architectural style of the nineteen-twenties and thirties.

Miami itself has a lot to offer of course. The district north of 8th Street – which is usually referred to as “Calle Ocho” (Spanish for 8th Street) and for a good reason – breathes the Cuban way of life and is called “Little Havana”.





The ocean is ever present here, the sound and smell of it permeates the city which expands nearly a 100 kilometres along the coastline as far as Palm Beach in the north. Life is dominated by the ocean, which can be rather stormy and quite chilly around this time of year. Those who don't have good sea legs and would rather not go on a deep-sea fishing trip can hire a convertible and discover the beauty of the Florida Keys – small islands like pearls on a string which are connected by bridges and extend Florida's coastline by a good 100 kilometres.

GOING OUT IN MIAMI BEACH

Miami Beach has an incredibly varied range of excellent restaurants, which profit from the freshness of the seafood and get their particular flair from the influence of the Cuban and Bahamian cuisine.

The **Osteria Del Teatro** in Miami Beach's Art Deco District serves typically Italian dishes but with a special twist: Martin Perez stirs the pot in this restaurant and he lovingly interlaces the traditional European delicacies with Hispanic elements. Easy to see why he is a multiple award winner!

Michael's Genuine Food & Drink organic restaurant places its emphasis even more than usual on the freshness and quality of their ingredients. The menu takes the guest to all corners of the world and plays creatively with fish, meat and vegetables – and a magnificent home-brewed beer is served!

You will of course also find a **Smith & Wollensky Steakhouse** in Miami Beach. The ninth restaurant of this New York restaurant group attracts its clientele with its breathtaking location on the Southern tip of Miami Beach at South Pointe Park and has a magnificent view over the Port of Miami with its large cruise ships.

An authentic Turkish restaurant in North Miami (on the mainland) pampers its customers with its marvellous Mediterranean cuisine; the **Mandolin Aegan** Bistro is a fixture in the area and has its place in a quiet side street between Design District and Historic Buena Vista, where you can unwind over dinner in the shade of the lovely bougainvillea trees.

The best Chinese restaurant in town is indubitably **Hakkasan** in the Hotel Fontainebleau in South Beach: this is a branch of the famous avant-garde London restaurant which is praised continuously by the local reviewers for its contemporary Cantonese cuisine.

Of course the biggest insider's tip for all occasions is **Fifi's Seafood Restaurant** in Miami Beach. An unpretentious true culinary delight thanks to excellent ingredients and the exceptional skills of a young and enthusiastic team. Don't miss the seafood paella!

THE ORIGINAL MIAMI BEACH ANTIQUE SHOW

At the Miami Beach Convention Center
www.originalmiamibeachantiqueshow.com

Next show: January 30 – February 3, 2014

Opening hours: Thursday – Sunday 12 pm – 8 pm, Monday 12 pm – 6 pm
 5 day ticket: 20US\$

RESTAURANTS

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Fifi's Seafood Restaurant

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2201 Collins Avenue,
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