

## OLDIE BUT GOODIE

Miami's most historic neighborhood offers a glimpse of the city's past—and its bright present



Colorful wares on offer at The Bazaar Project, a concept shop

In the 1800s, settlers from the Bahamas docked their ships on a swampy sandbar along Biscayne Bay, just south of what is today the urban enclave of Brickell, and built up the lush, tropical homesteads that would eventually prompt residents to dub it Coconut Grove. In the 1960s, the Grove, as it came to be known, was a hippie hotbed, attracting creatives and musicians; later, families were drawn to its quiet residential streets. Today, the leafy community is attracting fresh waves of attention, thanks to the new eateries, boutique hotels, and stylish shops that have cropped up along its strollable blocks. Here's how to spend a day in Miami's most laid-back neighborhood. **AYESHA KHAN**



Krüs Kitchen, a restaurant, market, and wine store

### GREAT OUTDOORS

Head to **Peacock Park**, named for the exotic birds that once roamed its grounds—and its first residents, Charles and Isabella Peacock. Free fitness classes and paddleboard rentals abound; on Sundays, the **Coconut Grove Foodie and Farmers Market** sets up shop in the church next door, where vendors sell artisanal goods and handicrafts.

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Miami's first specialty roaster, **Panther Coffee**, introduced third-wave coffee to the city when it opened in 2010. Order the signature vanilla cream cold brew, made with fresh vanilla beans, then pick up lunch next door at **Krüs Kitchen**, an eclectic food market and restaurant; the prosciutto-and-truffle stracciatella sandwich is a must.

### BACKSTORIES

Visitors flock to the Gilded Age halls and manicured lawns of **Vizcaya Museum and Gardens**, but **The Barnacle Historic State Park** is equally compelling. The former estate of Ralph Middleton Munroe, one of the Grove's earliest residents, features his carefully preserved 1891 home, the oldest in the county, beneath an ancient tree canopy. Afterward, stop at **Miami City Hall** (Pan Am's former seaplane base) and marvel at Art Deco adornments, like the globe motif set in the terrazzo floor.

### RETAIL THERAPY

The Grove's personality shines on store shelves. Browse jewelry, apparel, and decorative objects made by local and international artists at **The Bazaar Project**, a gallery space by local design curator Yeliz Titiz Melchiorre, or load up on Pan Am memorabilia while chatting with owner Stephen Licata, an aviation buff, at **Palm Produce Resortwear**.

### BARHOPPING

Since opening last fall, **Mayfair House Hotel & Garden** has made quite an impression with its Sonoran restaurant (Miami's first), **Mayfair Grill**, and rum-centric rooftop bar, **Sipsip**. Switch spirits across the street at **Botánico Gin & Cookhouse**, which has a long list of gin-forward cocktails and small bites to match.

### AFTER HOURS

Located above Krüs Kitchen, **Los Félix** is a funky fine-dining Mexican eatery featuring effervescent art and regular DJ sets. After dinner, a nondescript door reveals **Bodega**, a speakeasy where snacks, drinks, and debauchery are served until 3 a.m.



A Mesoamerican-inspired dish at Los Félix