

Southeast Getaway Travel Newsletter

Spring has Sprung

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Tropical Gardens Galore in Miami FL



Sprawling across 2,054 square miles of land, Miami is a huge and cosmopolitan city. Attracted by year-round warmth and sunshine, thousands of visitors pour into the area with the hope of capturing a little sun and relaxation. Greater Miami's list of attractions is long and varied, the city really does have something for everyone! Some of the more popular attractions are Viscaya Museum and Gardens, Little Havana, Museum of Science and Space Transit Planetarium, and the Miami Metro Zoo. Biscayne Boulevard is a prime spot for shopping. It features the Bayside Marketplace—a shopping experience in the Tropical style. Shopping is also excellent at the Cocowalk shopping and entertainment complex.

[For more information on Miami](#)

Miami's boutique hotel, The Grand Bay offers a European ambience in exclusive Coconut Grove located just minutes from downtown Miami, near beaches and 6 miles away from Miami International airport. Leisure amenities include a courtyard pool, Jacuzzi, sauna and fitness room. Enjoy elegant, Italian cuisine at Bice or the casual favorites offered at the poolside bar and grill. Room service is also available. The Grand Bay Hotel has 177 beautifully decorated guest rooms. Springtime blossoms everywhere on the grounds of this grand hotel.

[For more information on the Grand Bay Hotel](#)



The Marriott Doral Resort and Spa is situated on 650 tropical acres. The 692-room resort is an oasis of serenity and beauty within easy access to one of America's most dynamic cities. Referred to as the "Kingdom of Golf" Doral boasts five championship 18-hole golf courses, providing the ultimate challenge for golfers of all skill levels. Highlighting these five courses is the acclaimed Blue Monster golf course, which annually hosts the PGA Tour's Ford Championship at Doral, one of professional golf's premier events. The European inspired spa at Doral combines classic Italian villa charm with a thoroughly modern selection of more than 100 treatments and services. The resort offers a wide variety of recreational amenities designed to entice the whole family. Located in the heart of the resort, the Blue Lagoon Aquatic Recreation Area pumps more than one million gallons of water daily through its multiple pools. Guests can also enjoy tennis, fishing, biking and jogging.

[For more information on Marriott Doral Golf Resort and Spa](#)

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Dear Customer,

It's finally here! Spring has sprung in all its glory in the South. This is by far the most spectacular time of the year. Azaleas, daffodils, pansies, poppies and so much more all splendidly lining roads and beautiful homes. The temperature is pleasant and everyone is busy with a renewed sense of purpose and desire.

The plantations and gardens in the South are a sight to be seen. Enjoy a wonderful day walking through gorgeous gardens that seem to go on forever. Enjoy a picnic with your family or a day at the beach. There are so many choices it is so hard to decide which ones to write about. Rest assured, you can travel almost anywhere in the South for an escape weekend or extended stay and marvel at Spring in all its grand splendor.

• Orange Beach, AL

Something magical happens when you visit Orange Beach on the Alabama Gulf Coast. The moment you arrive, the world starts to fade away. Maybe it's the sound of waves gently lapping the shore or the smell of coconut oil. Perhaps it's the white sand beach and sparkling emerald water. Suddenly building sandcastles moves to the top of the "to-do" list. This, and more, awaits the visitor to this seaside town.



No matter how long a visit, there is plenty to occupy every hour of the day. Putter around a bit on one of the championship golf courses or cast a line for deep-sea adventure on a charter fishing trip. Travel back in history with a visit to Fort Morgan, the site of the Civil War Battle of Mobile Bay. Visitors can even commune with Mother Nature as they hike through one of the many wildlife areas and gaze at gators and shorebirds in the process. Now it's time to get packing for Orange Beach. It's a place where visitors can slow down, let loose, rediscover themselves and their loved ones. It's Alabama's Gulf Coast, and it will cast its spell over you.

[For more information on Orange Beach](#)

Hilton Garden Inn Orange Beach hotel is on a private white sand beach on Alabama's Gulf Coast. Near Gulf Shores the hotel is between Mobile and Pensacola. Championship golf courses, fishing, water sports and outlet mall shopping are all nearby. Deluxe accommodation with private balconies, friendly service and a relaxed atmosphere await guests. Certain to please the leisure traveler or busy executive an array of special amenities including complimentary high-speed Internet access. An indoor-outdoor pool/whirlpool/fitness center and 24-hour complimentary business center are also available. The Gulf Breeze Cafe serves freshly prepared breakfasts. Everything right where you need it!

[For more information on the Hilton Garden Inn](#)

For more Accommodations

• Plan Ahead Events

Memphis in May: The Beale St. Music Fest Three days with four big stages on 33 acres overlooking the Mighty Mississippi on historic Beale St. 60 top artists One Outrageous Party! May 5-7

Memphis in May: BBQ Championship The Superbowl of Swine The College of Pig Knowledge. The Largest BBQ contest on the Planet! May 18-20, 2006

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Spoletto Festival USA, Charleston, SC "Alluring, romantic, and surprising, Charleston is incomparable always, but especially during the annual Spoletto Festival USA...the totality of the experience persists in memory long after the season's last note has sounded." The Boston Globe May 26-June 11

[For more information on Charleston](#)

For Charleston Accommodations

• Little Gem of the South: Vicksburg, MS



Located on the bluffs of the Mighty Mississippi Vicksburg is a great vacation destination. From historic homes, romantic carriage rides and fascinating architecture to unique boutiques, delectable dining and exciting night life. Vicksburg has it all! Follow a sunken road back in time to visit an 1820's plantation founded by the Vick family who founded Vicksburg and passed down through four generations to the present owners. Over 750 azaleas lead you down the formal driveway to a formal entrance flanked by four 160-year-old magnolias.

The Vicksburg Battlefield Museum houses a Civil War diorama recreating the battles of the Siege of Vicksburg with 2500 miniature soldiers, the world's largest collection of Civil War gunboat models, a thirty minute presentation of "The Vanishing Glory" a documentary about the Siege of Vicksburg in a theater constructed just for the movie, models of U.S. Navy vessels named for Mississippians, a collection of paintings by Herb Mott, sculptures by Dan Rickardson, and an assortment of maps, clothing, photos and relics of interest.

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