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Miami's old-fashioned cocktail bars, dives, and wine bars blend harmoniously with the Magic City's snazzy new craft-cocktail bars, vinyl-listening bars, and glitzy rooftop bars because each species serves the same purpose: to bring together a community.

Even in a city that seems to grow by the minute, and one in which word of new arrivals spreads on Instagram or TikTok, these establishments offer more than libations. They're communal spaces where locals and visitors alike converge to unwind, celebrate, and sometimes even partake in meaningful conversations.

This sense of belonging and camaraderie at Miami's best bars, whether they opened in 2023 or 1963, transcends time and trends. These bars ground the community's vibrant spirit in tradition while embracing its contemporary pulse.

From Wynwood to Coral Gables to Miami Beach to Coconut Grove and beyond, we proudly present "Bar Exam 2024: The Top 100 Bars in Miami."

¡Salud!

— Nicole Lopez-Alvar, Food Editor

The Gibson Room

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When Michael Beltran saw a space become available just a few short blocks from where his grandparents lived in Miami's Shenandoah neighborhood, the chef knew he had to turn it into something wonderful. The Gibson Room is a dark, sophisticated place that offers upgraded versions of classic cocktails like its namesake (a martini garnished with a pickled onion in lieu of an olive) while listening to live jazz. That in itself would make this lounge noteworthy. But Beltran's food menu takes it up several notches with offerings like a trout tartine, grilled oysters, and oxtail-and-shrimp ramen. Plus, what other cocktail lounges offer Sunday brunch? It's no surprise that Michelin recently added this classy venue to its Florida Guide.