



Keep this guide handy when you're looking for the best restaurants to eat at the bar.

We love a good bar. It's our happy place where great conversation, food, and cocktails can co-exist with friends or a date. We also love that it's an opportunity to make new friends with our neighbors and the people behind the bar.

There's something about the bar experience that is more intimate than when you're at a restaurant table. Maybe it's the informality of being at the bar that allows you to loosen up and feel at home or the time spent in close proximity to those next to you and those behind the bar.

It's also nice to know that you can still be spontaneous and show up last minute because 100% of these restaurants don't require reservations at the bar.

Of course, some bar settings are trickier to get into than others. Regardless, we'll point out what to do to increase your chances of grabbing a seat at the busier bars of these restaurants. Check out this list of our favorite spots to grab a full meal at the bar.

THE GIBSON ROOM

Neighborhood: Coral Way

Address: 2224 SW 22nd St

Cuisine: New American, pub

Good for: Eating at the bar, date night, eating alone, drinks and bites, eating at the bar, late-night munchies, live music

Chef Michael Beltran and Ariete Hospitality Group have transformed The Mighty on Coral Way into The Gibson Room. It's dark, mysterious, and a great spot to sit at the bar and listen to live music.

For the best chances of grabbing a seat at the bar, we recommend stopping before 7 PM, on weekdays. Friday & Saturday are harder to predict and busier, however, we would still stop by before 7 PM.

This neighborhood tavern hosts vinyl nights, live music programming with elevated cocktails, and pub-style dishes with a Miami twist. Stop by for the generous-sized **Chicken Schnitzel**. This one can be shared and it comes with heirloom tomato, salsa verde, fried egg, and buquerones.

Other favorites included the **Grilled Oysters** with garlic butter, parmesan, parsley, and the double smash **Burger** with BBQ pickles, special sauce, American cheese, and shaved lettuce. We recommend washing down your meal with a **House Gibson Martini** with gin vermouth, sherry, and onions.

The kitchen is open from 5 PM - 11 PM on weekdays and 5 PM - 1 AM Thursday - Saturday. They also recently launched brunch with a vinyl DJ on Sunday from 11 AM - 3 PM if you want to sit at the bar for a **Frita Benedict** or **Corn Beef Hash**.

