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1. Art Deco Weekend

Every January, Art Deco Weekend features antiques and collectible vendors, antique cars, a Saturday morning parade, a series of lectures and films, musical attractions, a dog promenade and guided tours of colorful Art Deco buildings. Started by the Miami Design Preservation League in 1976, the three-day event draws tens of thousands of people. Info: 305-672-2014, www.mdpl.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=section&id=7&Itemid=69

2. Miami International Boat Show

Check out yachts, speedboats and sailboats at this annual show at the **Miami Beach** Convention Center, 1901 Convention Center Dr. This year's show (Feb. 17-21) featured an appearance of Russell Newberry, star deckboss from the Discovery Channel's

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on-the-water clinics, equipment demos, diving lessons and a bait rigging station. Admission is \$16 for adults. Info: 305-673-7311, www.miamiboatshow.com

3. **Miami Beach International Fashion Week**

The world's fashion elite flock to the **Miami Beach** Convention Center every March for the largest International and Hispanic fashion event in the United States. International designers present their latest collections in women's day and evening wear, men's wear, swimwear, jewelry and accessories, with hundreds of international media, jet-setters and fashion royalty arriving to attend the shows. The event closes with the Miami Moda & Music Awards, a celebrity fashion and entertainment awards show featuring special guest designers and international recording artists. This year's show is March 3-6. Tickets to events start at \$25. Info: 954-476-5761, www.miamifashionweek.com

4. **Miami Beach** Festival of the Arts

The annual free event showcases the work of 150 artists in an outdoor street festival at Ocean Terrace (East of Collins Ave between 73rd and 75th Street). This year's show (April 9-10) will feature exhibits of paintings, sculpture, glass, ceramics, jewelry and photographs. Info:

5. Fourth of July

The city celebrates every year with free music and fireworks at 8th Street and Ocean Drive. Come early and bring beach chairs and towels. The fireworks start at 7:30 p.m. Info: 305-673-7000, www.miamibeachfl.gov

6. South Florida International Auto Show

See Lamborghinis, Ferraris and many more of your favorite cars at the annual International Auto Show at the

Miami Beach Convention Center, 1901 Convention Center Dr., every fall. The auto show showcases more than 1,000 new car, truck, van and SUV models from more than 40 of the world's leading manufacturers. This year's show (Oct. 28–Nov. 6) marks the event's 40th anniversary, so a special greenway with rides is planned. Info: 305–981–1448, www.sfliautoshow.com

7. Sleepless Night

Look for a return of this free night of cultural experiences on Nov. 5, thanks to a two–year, \$200,000 grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. From dance performances and sculpture gardens to live bands and streets parades (with free shuttle service in between), the 13–hour innovative cultural affair starts at 6 p.m. and continues until sunrise the next day. Info: www.sleeplessnight.org

8. Art Basel **Miami Beach**

Art Basel **Miami Beach** combines an international selection of top galleries with special exhibitions, parties and events, featuring music, film, architecture and design. One of the most prestigious art festivals in the world, it takes place every December at the Miami Beach Convention Center, 1901 Convention Center Dr., with satellite events and parties throughout Miami–Dade County. Info: 305–673–7311; www.artbaselmiamibeach.com

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