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## Celebrate Black History Month: Things to see and do in Miami

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Every Saturday in February, there will be tours of Miami's historical black neighborhoods, such as this tour of Overtown.

It only comes around one month a year, but it is an opportunity to celebrate the contributions that African Americans have made to American history. From lively panel discussions to musical and dance performances and even cultural programming on TV, Miami.com has compiled the Ultimate Black History Month Guide of things to see and do in Miami.

PBS Black History Month programming

PBS releases a lineup of new shows and online content celebrating the African American experience past, present and future.

“American Promise” - Monday, Feb. 3, 10 p.m. to midnight

“Alice Walker: Beauty in Truth” - Friday, Feb. 7, 9 to 10:30 p.m.

“Spies of Mississippi” - Monday, Feb. 10, 10 to 11 p.m.

“Jazz and the Philharmonic” - Friday, Feb. 28, 9 to 10:30 p.m.

“Becoming an Artist” - Friday, Feb. 28, 10:30 to 11 p.m.

For info: [www.pbs.org/about/news/archive/2014/black-history-month](http://www.pbs.org/about/news/archive/2014/black-history-month)

Black History Month “Old Historic Trolley Tours” presented by The Miami Black Heritage Cultural Experience

Every Saturday in the month of February (Feb. 1, 8, 15 & 22) - 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. from the Historic Ward Cultural Tourist Center at 249 NW Ninth St. Sponsored by the Black Hospitality Initiative and the Black Archives History & Research Foundation of South Florida.

Cost: Ages 13 and up \$10; 6-12 \$5 | Tickets: [MiamiBlackHistoryTours.eventbrite.com](http://MiamiBlackHistoryTours.eventbrite.com)

Info: Petra, [pbrennan@gmcbv.com](mailto:pbrennan@gmcbv.com) or call 305-539-3097

## Florida Memorial University Homecoming

When: Feb. 3-9

Where: FMU, 15800 NW 42nd Ave., Miami Gardens

Event lineup: [www.fmuniv.edu](http://www.fmuniv.edu)

## Black History Month: Is it still relevant in the 21st Century?

When: Feb. 3, 6 p.m.

Where: Nova Southeastern University, 3301 College Ave., Room Parker 202, Fort Lauderdale

Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences presents a discussion led by Professors David Kilroy and Gary Gershman about the continuing relevance of Black History Month in the 21st century.

Info: David Kilroy at 954-262-8021 or [dkilroy@nova.edu](mailto:dkilroy@nova.edu)

## Black Affairs Advisory Board Black History Month Kickoff

When: Feb. 4, 12:30 p.m.

Where: Stephen P. Clark Government Center (lobby), 111 NW First St.

## Live Music with Positively Africa

When: Feb. 4, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Where: Nova Southeastern University Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center, 3100 Ray Ferrero Jr. Blvd., Fort Lauderdale

Celebrate Black History Month and attend a lively and enchanting duo who will perform songs, movement, and demonstrate authentic instruments. Free and open to the public. Call 954-262-5477 for more information.

## Soweto Gospel Choir

When: Feb. 5, 8:30 p.m.

Where: Adrienne Arsht Center Knight Concert Hall, 1300 Biscayne Blvd.

Experience a powerful tribute to Nelson Mandela by the two-time Grammy Award-winning spectacle of soulful voices, enticingly colorful clothing, and magnificent choreography. As ambassadors of Nelson Mandela's 46664 organization, which advocates for social justice and AIDS awareness, the choir continues to inspire hope, praise and worship world-wide.

For tickets: [www.arshtcenter.org/Tickets/Calendar/2013-2014-Season/Live-at-Knight/Soweto-Gospel-Choir](http://www.arshtcenter.org/Tickets/Calendar/2013-2014-Season/Live-at-Knight/Soweto-Gospel-Choir)

### HistoryMiami's Museum Forum "Civil Rights in Miami"

When: Wednesday, Feb. 5, 6 to 7 p.m.

Where: North Dade Regional Library, 2455 NW 183rd St., Miami

Panelists: H.T. Smith, Dr. Enid Pinkney, Thelma Gibson and Garth Reeves Sr.

Take part in a fascinating panel discussion with local pioneers in civil rights. This is a perfect opportunity to understand the history of civil rights and connect the dots between the past and current civil rights issues. Presented by HistoryMiami in partnership with the Miami-Dade Public Library System with the support of the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs, the Cultural Affairs Council, the Mayor and the Board of County Commissioners.

Info: 305-375-1492 and [www.historymiami.org](http://www.historymiami.org)

### Black History Month Celebration & Film Screening: "The Black Miami"

When: Feb. 6, 7 p.m.

Where: The Black Archives Historic Lyric Theater Complex, 819 NW Second Ave., Miami

Sponsored by Commissioner Audrey Edmonson (District 3)

For info: 305-636-2390 or visit [Theblackarchives.org](http://Theblackarchives.org) or email [baf@theblackarchives.org](mailto:baf@theblackarchives.org)

### "Lyric Live" at The Historic Lyric Theater Complex "Amateur Night at its Best"

When: Feb. 7, 7 p.m.

Where: Lyric Theater, 819 NW Second Ave., Miami

Presented by The Black Archives History & Research Foundation

Cost: \$10 - \$25; Details: 305-636-2390 and [Theblackarchives.org](http://Theblackarchives.org)

### Black Heritage Festival

When: Feb. 8, Noon to 4 p.m.

Where: Betty Ferguson Recreational Complex, 3000 NW 199th St., Miami Gardens

Sponsored by Commissioner Barbara Jordan (District 1) and Mayor Oliver Gilbert of Miami Gardens

### Eighth Annual Gospel Explosion and Soul Food Tasting

When: Feb. 8, 5 to 9 p.m.

Where: MDC North Campus, Lehman Theater, 11380 NW 27th Ave., Building 5

Part of the college's month-long Black History Month celebration, the popular Gospel Explosion will feature the inspirational talents of local choirs, solo singers and praise dancers from the tri-county area. Free and open to the public.

#### Black History Parade/Festival

When: Feb. 8, 10 a.m.

Where: Starts at South Miami City Hall, 130 Sunset Dr.

Route begins on 59th Place (Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd.) and ending at 5800 SW 66th St., Bethel-Gibson Community Center (Murray Park)

#### Black History Month Celebratory Event

When: Feb. 8, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Where: Miramar Cultural Arts Center Arts Park, 2400 Civic Center Pl., Miramar

Features arts and crafts, workshops, performances, soul foods and guest speakers, including actress JoMarie Peyton, WPLG news anchor Calvin Hughes and WTVJ news anchor Jawan Strader plus Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream Wall" on which you can leave messages, quotes, drawings, poems and stories.

#### Black History Month Panel Discussion with Bishop Victor T. Curry

When: Feb. 11, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: MDC North Campus, 11380 NW 27th Ave., Room 2151, Building 2

Presented by Miami Dade College North Campus, the panel discussion will explore the significant role that African-American churches played during the Civil Rights movement. Bishop Victor T. Curry, pastor of the New Birth Baptist Church Cathedral of Faith International in Opa-locka, will serve on the panel and broadcast it live on his gospel radio station, WMBM. Guest panelists include Pastor Caesar Lamb of the Spirit of Christ Church and Dr. Phyllis Baker, a retired MDC faculty member.

Free and open to the public. For info: 305-237-1061

#### Historic Virginia Key Presents The Black History Month Drive-in Films: "Red Tails"

When: Feb. 12, doors open 6:45 p.m., movie 8 to 11 p.m.

Where: Blue Starlite Beach at Virginia Key, 4020 Virginia Beach Dr., Miami

Tickets: [bluestarlitemiami.vbotickets.com/events](http://bluestarlitemiami.vbotickets.com/events)

#### 3rd Annual "South Dade Gospel Fest"

When: Feb. 16, 5 p.m.

Where: South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center, 10950 SW 211th St., Cutler Bay

Sponsored by Commissioners Lynda Bell (District 8) and Dennis C. Moss (District 9)

Tickets: \$5 adults; Ages 17 & under \$1

Info: 305-375-4606 and [www.miamidade.gov/baab](http://www.miamidade.gov/baab)

African Art Exhibit "Civil Rights for All - The 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

When: Feb. 20, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Where: 200 South Biscayne Blvd., Suite 4900

Featuring U.S. Attorney Wifredo Ferrer and art exhibit curated by Babacar M'Bow of Multitudes Gallery. Sponsored by the Caribbean Bar Association and White & Case, LLP. RSVP: [caribbeanbarassociation@gmail.com](mailto:caribbeanbarassociation@gmail.com)

Umoja A Black History Month Celebration

When: Feb. 20, 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Where: N'Namdi Contemporary, 177 NW 23rd St.

A La Mode Boutique, in partnership with Inimitable Events, Fierce Simplicity, and N'Namdi Contemporary Gallery, present "Umoja." Umoja is the Swahili word for unity and is the day built around the principle of striving to maintain unity in the family, community, nation and race. The evening will feature a showcase of African-American art, literature, music, dance, culture, live vocal performances, spoken word, a live band, and more. Refreshments provided.

Tickets: \$5 at [shopalamodeboutique.ticketleap.com/umojanow](http://shopalamodeboutique.ticketleap.com/umojanow)

Genesis: The Idea of Origin in Haitian History

When: Feb. 21, 5 to 8 p.m.

Where: Haitian American Historical Museum & Archives, 645 NE 127th St., North Miami

Featuring Osemwegie Ebohon Royal Collection of Bronze from Benin

Info: 786-597-6100 or [www.haitianhistory.org](http://www.haitianhistory.org)

Macy's Celebrates Black History Month: Eras of Black Style

When: Feb. 22, 2 p.m.

Where: Macy's Aventura, 19501 Biscayne Blvd.

A salute to 10 decades of African American Style with a discussion featuring journalist and style expert Constance White, singer/actress Demetria McKinney, and hosted by Neki Mohan. Following the discussion enjoy a reception and fabulous fashion. Plus, with any

\$50 or more purchase during the event receive your preview copy of “Constance White presents the Queens & Kings of Style.”

RSVP: [macysbhmaventura.eventbrite.com](http://macysbhmaventura.eventbrite.com)

Black Heritage Festival: Passport to the African Diaspora

When: Feb. 22, Noon to 5 p.m.

Where: Gwen Cherry NFL/YET Center, 7090 NW 22nd Ave.

Sponsored by Commissioner Jean Monestime (District 2)

Info: 305-694-2779

Historic Virginia Key Presents The Black History Month Drive-in Films: “The Butler”

When: Feb. 26, doors open 6:45 p.m., movie 8 to 11 p.m.

Where: Blue Starlite Beach at Virginia Key, 4020 Virginia Beach Dr., Miami

Tickets: [bluestarlitemiami.vbotickets.com/events](http://bluestarlitemiami.vbotickets.com/events)

10th Annual Delancy Hill Black History Month Celebration

When: Feb. 27, 6 p.m.

Info: 786-777-0184 and [www.delancyhill.com](http://www.delancyhill.com)

Historic Virginia Key Presents The Black History Month Drive-in Films: “Remember the Titans”

When: Feb. 27-28, doors open 6:45 p.m., movie 8 to 11 p.m.

Where: Blue Starlite Beach at Virginia Key, 4020 Virginia Beach Dr., Miami

Tickets: [bluestarlitemiami.vbotickets.com/events](http://bluestarlitemiami.vbotickets.com/events)