

# The Ringling: Discover Miami & Art Basel Miami Beach

Monday, December 4th - Thursday, December 7th

**The Ringling**  
THE JOHN & MABLE RINGLING MUSEUM OF ART  
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You are invited to join Steven High, Executive Director, The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art and Christopher Jones, Stanton B. and Nancy W. Kaplan Curator of Photography and Media Art to an immersive art experience during Art Basel Miami in South Beach highlighted by VIP access to **Art Basel Miami** art fair. This experience will highlight a combination of the must-see art Miami has to offer the week of the fair with private visits to artist studios and collector homes. Miami's art scene has boomed in the last several years as more artists, collectors and galleries migrated south. This tour will offer a broad and deep view of one of the most engaging art scenes in the US today.



This Miami experience will take members from the trendy, design-focused **Wynwood area** developed by Craig Robins to the hip emerging artists' studios who call Miami home. Collector visits will not only include the famous **de la Cruz** and **Rubell** private museums, but also the seldom seen private homes of well-known collectors. The tour will include select highlighted museum and gallery exhibitions at locations such as the **Perez, El Espacio 23, The Bass** and **Nina Johnson**.

We will stay at the conveniently located hotel, The Betsy. The Betsy is a four-star luxury hotel in South Beach, Florida. It's been honored by Travel + Leisure as one of the best hotels in the world. It features 130 rooms, two pools, two restaurants, and a library. It was recently renovated in 2017. Designed by Art Deco pioneer L. Murray Dixon in 1942, it is the only remaining Florida-Georgian structure on Ocean Drive. As much as possible, The Betsy uses sustainable products and a "green solution." During your stay, you can expect nothing but pure happiness.



*Our Miami & Art Basel experience is priced at \$6300 per person in a double room sharing and \$7700 for a single traveler and includes all transportation, lodging, and specific meals during your trip. This trip is limited to 20 guests and your booking is requested by August 31, 2023. A minimum of 16 guests is required to operate this trip.*

*No refund will be provided for cancellations within sixty days of the trip's start date. If the client has another patron to fill a spot a substitution will be allowed. After the trip has commenced, no refunds are available, even if the client does not partake in all of the trip's activities or leaves the trip early. We highly recommend trip insurance offered when booking.*

*All programming may change and is subject to availability of hosts, collectors and artists.*

On **MONDAY**, please plan to arrive by 11am at The Betsy Hotel where we will depart as a group to our kick-off lunch at the **Mandolin Aegean's** outdoor patio. After lunch we will explore Miami's famous Wynwood neighborhood starting with the **Rubell Museum**. Shortly after Mera and Don Rubell married in 1964, they started visiting artists' studios and collecting art in New York, when Mera was a Head Start teacher and Don was in medical school. They now have two private museums in Miami and Washington D.C. rivaling anything in contemporary art.

We will continue our day with an outdoor tour of the **Wynwood Walls** followed by a visit to **The Warehouse**, home of the dynamic Margulies collection, which continues to acquire emerging artists alongside its blue-chip foundation around Eliasson, Fabro, Heizer, Kiefer, Merz, Noguchi, Serra, Stella, and Franz West.

The day will continue with a **collector home visit** and **dinner** with a special guest, such as Clare McAndrews, noted for her annual art market outlook.

On **TUESDAY**, we will enjoy a curator-led tour and VIP access of **Design Miami** on their vernissage day. We will walk through the fair to learn about the renaissance in collectible furniture, one of the hottest categories at Sotheby's and Christie's.

After brunch at the always-hopping **Swan**, will tour the **Craig Robins collection**, which comprises over 1200 pieces of contemporary art and innovative design. This multifaceted collection is exhibited within the Dacra headquarters in the Miami Design District. Other highlights include acquisitions by Kara Walker, Isabelle Albuquerque, Celeste Dupuy-Spencer, Chase Hall, Mario Ayala, Hell Gette, Rafa Esparza, Hugh Hayden, and Shyama Golden.

This will be followed by a private tour of the **de la Cruz Collection**. In the late 1980's, Rosa and Carlos de la Cruz started collecting from their home which they opened to the public by appointment only. It was in the early 2000's that Rosa and Carlos started planning and building the present de la Cruz Collection, a 30,000 square foot museum which opened in 2009. The collection is filled with blue-chip artists with particular depth in black and woman artists.



We will end the day with a collector home visit, and dinner with guests from the auction world, such as David Rothschild, SVP Sotheby's Private Sales in Palm Beach and New York.

On **WEDNESDAY**, we will visit a **local artist studio** to see the talent emerging in Miami. We will go from the studio to the gallery to visit the **NADA art fair**, which includes cutting edge contemporary galleries. Our focus will be on highlighted booths at the fair. After lunch, we be one of the first in the door to tour **Art Basel Miami Beach** with our VIP access on the invitation-only first day. Our tour will focus on highlights of the fair, important curatorial themes and artists tied to The Ringling collection. We will visit both mega-galleries, international leaders, and leaders in emerging artists. At our final dinner, we will welcome guests from the gallery world, including several owners or directors of leading galleries.

On **THURSDAY**, we will head to the beach to walk through **Untitled** art fair. A fun and approachable set of emerging artists. You may find yourself wanting to do some shopping. After a casual lunch, we will enjoy curator-led tours of the best museum exhibitions on view for Art Basel week, likely at the **Bass** and **Perez** museums.

