

[The City of Aventura](#) is located to the north of Downtown Miami, east of Miami's main thoroughfare, Biscayne Boulevard. Aventura begins on the right side of Biscayne Boulevard at NE 175th Street, goes up to 215th, and stretches east just to the Intracoastal Waterway, which divides it from the communities of Sunny Isles and Golden Beach (north of Miami Beach)—they front on the Atlantic, Aventura ends at the Waterway.

Aventura was named after the original group of condominium developments in the area, developed during the late '70s and '80s as high-rise residential by Oxford Development Company. At the time still mostly swampland, the area was known as "Biscayne Gardens". With the opening of [Aventura Mall](#), the nation's 5th largest, in 1983, the enormous success of the Mall encouraged explosive growth in the area, and caused the closure of stores in the then popular and competing "The Mall at 163rd Street".

"Aventura", also the Spanish word for "adventure", has had its share of colorful adventures, let's say pink and turquoise adventures . . . Once a renowned boatbuilding area, Aventura is where the sleek and super-fast racing boats shown on the popular "Miami Vice" TV show (1984-89) zoomed along the Intracoastal in what was dubbed, at the time, "Thunder Row" (NE 188th Street). This is where the "Cigarette" style racer was founded by powerboat builder Don Aranow. The adventure ended badly however, and at Thunder Row's peak in 1987, a rival boat builder, Ben Kramer, gunned Aranow down just outside his office on Thunder Row. Kramer eventually pleaded No Contest. This area is now undergoing development and offers some of the nicest condos in Miami.

Ten years later, on November 7, 1995, the City of Aventura was incorporated, and by U.S. Census estimates in 2006, had a population of 30,000.

Known in Miami as a wealthy suburb, the impressive 2-story, 2.4 million square foot Aventura Mall attracts residents from all over South Florida, as well as a large number of tourists. Although Aventura is known for its substantial and diverse Jewish population with many Americans from the Northeast (New York, New Jersey, etc.), Aventura has also had an influx of Hispanic Jews (especially Mexican, Cuban, and Venezuelan), as well as Jewish immigrants from Brazil, France, Russia, Canada, and Israel. Reflecting the cultural diversity that is South Florida, Aventura's diversity also boasts residents from Colombia, Cuba, and Romania.

Aventura offers residents free and fee courses for all age and a variety of activities at the Community Recreation Center. There are seven parks: [Founders Park](#) offering [The SplashPad](#), [Arthur I. Snyder Memorial Park](#), [Veterans Park](#), [Waterways Park](#), [Waterways Dog Park](#), and the [Don Soffer Exercise Trail](#) a 3-mile lap around the [Fairmont Turnberry Isle Resort](#) Golf Course. The beauty of the area, excellent schools, and the affluent lifestyle attracts more residents each day and Aventura's future looks bright.