

## 6 Quirky Monuments to Enjoy in the Miami Sun



“Seated Ballerina” by Jeff Koons; Photo Credit | ©Lisa Morales



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For the culturally curious tourist, a trip to Miami can mean much more than sun, sand and nightlife. World-class art shares a place in the sun at some of the city’s hottest spots. So put on your jogging shoes, find the perfect cappuccino, shop, or relax poolside, and enjoy some of Miami’s most recent acquisitions.

## Daniela Wicki's *Ad Infinium*

Enjoy even more shopping and dining at Miami's hottest new spot, [Brickell City Centre](#). *Ad Infinium*, a 33 ft. sculpture by Peruvian Miami-based artist Daniela Wicki, was recently installed at the porte cochère of REACH, the first of two residential towers located at the Brickell City Centre. Wicki has created a one-of-a-kind work that invites the viewer to look up and focus their attention on the power of shapes. "The movement that is inherent to the work comes with a sense of calm, much like watching Miami's ocean waves crash into the shoreline and back out again," she said. "The sculpture floats, thus, not covering or obstructing the wall but rather working with it and being light enough to see through it."

[Brickell City Centre, 68 SE 6th St, Miami, FL 33131](#), +1 305 606 5392



'Ad Infinium' by Daniela Wicki | © Courtesy of Brickell City Centre

## Jesus Rafael Soto's *Penetrable BBL Blue 2/8*

Climb the steps from the park to the entrance of the [Pérez Art Museum Miami](#) to see Jesus Rafael Soto's *Penetrable*. The work is a long-term loan, and is one of the sculptures exhibited outside of the museum. Soto is considered to be a significant contributor to the kinetic and optical art movement. The viewer will be able to immerse themselves between long, flexible plastic tubes, becoming one with the artwork while enjoying 360 degree views of the museum grounds, downtown Miami and Museum Park.

[Perez Art Museum Miami, 1103 Biscayne Blvd, Miami, FL 33132](#), +1 305 375 3000



## Thierry Noir's paintings on two segments of the Berlin Wall

Head north to Miami's Little River District and enjoy a coffee on the terrace of [Ironsides Kitchen Pizza & Café](#), which overlooks two segments of the Berlin Wall repainted by Thierry Noir during Art Basel Miami in 2013. In 1984, Noir painted over one kilometer of the Berlin Wall while dodging authorities. His work was meant to protest the wall's existence rather than beautify it. His simple lines and basic yet vivid color scheme made it easy for him to paint quickly and avoid arrest. This became Noir's trademark style and he is considered a key contributor to the modern street art movement.

[Miami Ironsides, 7610 NE 4th Ct, Miami, FL 33138, +1 305 438 9002](#)



Thierry Noir, untitled paintings on two segments of the Berlin Wall | © Lisa Morales

## Jeff Koons' *Seated Ballerina*

A little further northeast, Jeff Koons' *Seated Ballerina* is a stunning centerpiece located on the pool terrace of the [Oceana Bal Harbour Condominium](#). Although seated, the sunlight reflects and dances off the sculpture's mirror-polished stainless steel, which has been painted with transparent colors. Visible from Collins Avenue, Koons' *Pluto and Proserpina* majestically stands in the breezeway between Oceana's two buildings. Both works were purchased by Eduardo Constantini, Oceana's developer and founder of the [Museo de Arte Latinoamericano de Buenos Aires](#).

[Oceana Bal Harbour, 10201 Collins Ave, Bal Harbour, FL 33154, +1 786 414 2929](#)



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## Xavier Veilhan's Le Corbusier

Discover luxury shopping and fine dining destinations at [Miami Design District](#)—a neighborhood committed to the fusion of design, fashion, architecture and art. *Le Corbusier* can be found on the second level of the outdoor retail promenade. It is a tribute to architect, designer, painter and city-planner Charles-Édouard Jeanneret, better known as Le Corbusier. The fiberglass sculpture was originally on top of one of Le Corbusier's most famous buildings, Cité Radieuse located in Marseille, France. The Design District hosts a variety of events for all ages as well as an outdoor local produce and specialty foods market, every Wednesday from 3:00 p.m to 8:00 p.m.

[Miami Design District, 3841 NE 2nd Ave #400, Miami, FL 33137, +1 305 722 7100](#)

Xavier Veilhan's "Le Corbusier"; Photo Credit ©Lisa Morales



## Jaume Plensa's *Looking into My Dreams, Awilda*

*Looking into My Dreams, Awilda* finds its permanent home at Museum Park, [Perez Art Museum Miami](#). The 30-acre park is located adjacent to PAMM and the Patricia and the Phillip Frost Museum of Science, slated to open in May of 2017. It is a welcome urban oasis for residents and tourists who want to enjoy a peaceful morning walk or jog with unobstructed views of Biscayne Bay. Prior to Miami, *Awilda* was originally exhibited in Rio de Janeiro and then traveled to Millennium Park in Chicago. The sculpture pays homage to Yemanjá, a divinity of the sea, and Plensa stated: "For *Awilda*, Miami is the perfect place to live. Water is the main public space in the world."

[Museum Park, 1075 Biscayne Blvd, Miami, FL 33132](#)



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