



Best Places to Spend Time at MIA

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(L-R) Me with Jeff Yablun, HMSHost; George Tinsley, Jr., Tinsley Family Concessions; Dave Shula, President, Coach Don Shula, Founder, and Mary Anne Shula, CEO, Shula's Steak Houses, LLLP; and Jose Abreu, Director, Miami-Dade Aviation Department | Photo: Miami-Dade Aviation Dept.

SHULA'S BAR & GRILL - Why?

- **Good Food on the Upscale Side**
- **Friendly Service**
- **Fun Atmosphere**



Shula's Bar & Grill is a new concept created by the Shula Family of restaurants. Named in honor of legendary Hall of Fame Coach Don Shula, Shula's Bar and Grill at the Airport combines mouth

watering hamburgers, signature appetizers, cocktails and wines offered in a comfortable yet energetic environment. This concept was made especially for Airports and creates a new modern energy space where you can count on getting great food from a legendary restaurant brand. The restaurant has an all-day menu which includes breakfast, lunch and

dinner. **Here is their menu**, so that you can plan ahead. Incidentally, I found out that there is a new chain being launched by the Shula's called Shula Burger! Get ready belly!



BEAUDEVIN -- Why?

- **Amazing Wine List**
- **Elegant**
- **Light International Menu**

You've already heard us talk about Beaudevin as it is one of our stops in the morning, afternoon and evening which allows us to easily contribute to the MIA economy. Until just other day I had not eaten there because, honestly, I could not manage to get my eyes beyond the wine list. If you are interested in

something on the lighter side and a bit more sophisticated with more of an emphasis on the wine, this would so be the place for you. I ordered the *Capicola & Mozzarella* open-faced sandwich with shaved parmesan, cornichon, fresh basil, olive oil on artisan bread. See the **menu for Beaudevin** and plan on ordering something to share for the table as well if you are very hungry.

[More about Beaudevin](#)



Admirals Club Gate D-30 Photo: MIA-DADE Aviation Dept.

ADMIRALS CLUB - Why?

- **Exclusive**
- **Great for Delays**
- **Free Beer, Wine and Internet**
- **Take a Shower**

Why am I bothering to mention something about an airline club? Well, since the Admirals Club started offering complimentary beer, wine and internet access for members it has become a bit more of a value. If you are not a civilized

traveler, please pass over this section as peace and quiet are also a major benefit of the club. Have I mentioned that I just discovered the beauty of enjoying cocktails while traveling in the last 10 years? What was I doing before?

To me, sipping beer and wine, in moderation of course, makes travel so much more civilized and allows me to tolerate so much more as I travel around on The Jetiquette Campaign. The Admirals Club is truly an oasis and I especially love the club located at Gate D-30. You'll feel as if you've just touched down in the Emerald City with its very interesting interior that includes green marble and everything else emerald too. There's lots of space and quiet hiding places and if you do the math, you'll quickly agree it's well worth the annual fee. This is for you if you fly often and plan on enjoying a cocktail and internet access before and between flights in the MIA club and any other of the more than 40 locations. Of course if you are someone who always cuts it close when catching flights, save the money to apply to cocktails in the concourse.



Duty Free Americas -- Why?

- **Because!**
- **Many More Brands**
- **Lot's of Locations**
- **Great Prices Even When Flying Domestic in Many Cases**

Going international, don't miss out on the best pastime of all, the great duty free at MIA. Flying

domestically has not stopped me from enjoying the selection at the Duty Free Americas Shops at MIA either. Of course there are alcohol, tobacco and some imported luxury goods that are off limits; but domestic passengers are free to purchase cosmetics, fragrances and most wine. One of my favorites, Kiehl's which is a shop-within-shop located at the DFA location in Concourse D. I love the samples they slip into your shopping bag too!



Map out your MIA stopover now!

People Watching

Of course, if all else fails...you can take a break and watch the people after riding the new train, enjoying the delicious food, dropping from shopping and sipping cocktails for hours. Miami Airport is sure to

provide the ultimate in human entertainment from celebrity sightings to ***Ripley's Believe it or Not!***

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