



Travel Addicts...last week, I was perched up in one of Miami's hottest hotels, the W Miami located in Brickell...

The weather... a perfect 80ish, the sun and wind meshing together to create a perfect chill scene in downtown Miami. The W Hotel Miami is considered a 4.1 outta 5 Stars... I would give it 4.5.... The hotel displays great artwork, up tempo vibe, and an awesome rooftop; it also has it lows too... I will discuss both in my review.

Let's start with the awesomeness of the W Miami... It's located on Brickell Ave, next to the Miami River Walk.... My check-in was flawless; the front desk assistant reviewed my account, expressed salutations for being a SPG Lifetime Gold, and a current Platinum Member. (I gotta give a shout-out to the outside bell-hops... before I got completely outta my Uber, they had my bags waiting on me).

My room gave me a great view of Brickell Ave, and all the hi-rises in the area, a nice view of the drawbridge that leads into downtown Miami... The inside of the room is amazing, the sectional couch felt/ look like an Ikea piece, the desk situated so you get maximum sunlight when you are working from it. The bed, you already know it's heavenly and comfortable. The balcony overlooked Brickell Ave; in both directions. The bathroom airy & well-designed, with a picturesque view of the water and the expensive yachts parked along the river wall. The added surprise, was a well stock bar & fridge, with a microwave, another kool item located in the room, is the Bose blue-tooth sound speaker attached to the night stand, it filled the room with big sound, as I stood outside on the balcony listening to my playlist. The hotel itself shares a space with a condominium; they utilize separate elevators, until you need to go to the rooftop pool lounge. Speaking of that rooftop pool lounge... Out of the W Hotel Rooftops in the United States, this is my number #2... (Washington DC W Hotel #1)... The view is "LIKE THAT"... the music could be more representative of a rooftop with that view & vibe, its ok...

The W Hotel Miami Rooftop... is laid out for the chill times, or the most unearthly party scene you can get at 500 feet... The staff was on professional point (Bartenders "Like That"... Special shout-out to Odette). The ground on the rooftop is covered in artificial grass; I enjoyed that grassy feeling between my toes, while looking across the Atlantic Ocean, it was something different. What surprised me is, I always carry my cigars with me, when the bartender (Odette) saw them, she immediately ask, do you need me to cut your cigar for you, (I replied YES!!!) and where will you be relaxing at, I will bring you an ashtray (It was a real cigar ashtray too). Private rooms on the rooftop are available; I noticed two of them, one large room, and then a smaller room, with couches and a view of the ocean. The rooftop is the best feature of the W Hotel Miami!!!

Ok... now it's the not so good about the W Hotel Miami...

Brickell Ave, is full of activity and noisy most of the day, so quiet time is not happening (lol)... you not sleeping with the balcony door open on those warm nights. The W Miami Hotel, didn't have a courtesy vehicle either (Boooooo). The most shocking piece of the "Not so Good"... is integrated to the best attribute of the W Hotel... The Rooftop Pool Lounge closes at 5pm... Yeap 5pm... WTH!!! I was floored in every direction!!! ☹...

The W Hotel Miami (Brickell) is my choice for a nice upscale stay, if you want to stay outside of South Beach... I will stay there again in 2017. My rating is 4.5 stars... great property, service and staff!!!

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