



Miami Beach 1988-1995

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- Black and white photographs that capture the colorful characters of Miami Beach in the early '90s

Each Christmas between 1988 and 1998, photographer Barry Lewis traveled to South Beach, Miami, to trade the harsh London winter for a tropical paradise. There he photographed the diverse (and eccentric) people who made up the community: fashionistas, newly-arrived Cubans (following the Meriel exodus in 1980), Jewish retirees from New York, drag queens and the gay population who flocked to ultra-cool Ocean Drive for the party scene. Lewis' images capture the vibrancy of an area coming back to life after years of crime, drugs, and violence.