

Miami New Year's Eve events

Celebrate the arrival of 2015 with champagne toasts, themed parties, special dinners and dancing at these top Miami New Year's Eve events



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On December 31, Miami **nightlife** sizzles even hotter than usual, but there's more to New Year's Eve events in Miami than velvet ropes and bottle service. From a samba-centric celebration to a not-so-traditional Jägermeister midnight toast, check out these cool twists on ringing in 2015 in the 305. If you need inspiration for where to kick off the night's revels, consult our roundup of the city's **best bars**. Can't stop, won't stop? Fine —just resolve to ditch that, along with 2014's other **most overused words and phrases**, in the morning.

Best New Year's Eve events in Miami



Samba sizzle

Maybe it's because the population of Brazilians per capita in Doral is greater than anywhere in Miami or because our winter feels very much like Brazil's summer, but New Year's Eve here calls for some serious samba. To get into the rhythm, warm up with live salsa and merengue played by Images and top-40 hits spun by DJ Willymix. Just after the free Piper-Heidsieck toast at midnight, it'll be time to shake your stuff alongside a professional samba troupe. *The Living Room, Trump National Doral, 4400 NW 87th Ave. Wed Dec 31 9pm. \$50 and up. Tickets at trump-national-doral.ticketleap.com.*

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Radio daze

Bring your best dance moves to the Radio Bar and boogie into the New Year with beats by DJ Christa Marie and an open bar from 9pm–1am (\$75). The perfect choice for the champagne-averse, Radio will be toasting 2015 with shots of Jägermeister at midnight. *Radio Bar, 814 1st St between Jefferson and Meridian Aves, Miami Beach (305-397-8382). Wed Dec 31 6pm–5am. Free.*



Toasting and tasting

Start the night with a complimentary glass of Voirin-Jumel champagne and feast on a four-course Italian chef's tasting menu, featuring wagyu carpaccio, saffron risotto and the evening's two à la carte specials: veal osso buco and whole orata (sea bream). Opt for a wine-paired meal for an additional \$40. *Macchialina Taverna Rustica, 820 Alton Rd, Miami Beach (305-534-2124). Wed Dec 31 6pm–midnight. \$75.*

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All white on the night

A Royal White Affair will welcome the New Year with aerial performers, 18th-century maidens in full Marie Antoinette regalia, music by DJs Tony G, Chris Valencia and Malone, and a champagne open bar (9pm–midnight) courtesy of Perrier-Jouët. All the action takes place poolside. *Ritz-Carlton South Beach, 1 Lincoln Rd, Miami Beach. Wed Dec 31 8:30pm–2am. \$99 and up. Tickets at blancnye.com.*

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Have a (Big Orange) ball

Take part in Miami's most enduring New Year's Eve tradition (and the city's answer to New York City's ball drop) by joining the crowds downtown for live musical performances and Miami's signature Big Orange countdown. Rumor has it that this year's special guest will be Mr. 305 himself, Pitbull. *Bayfront Park, 301 N Biscayne Blvd. Wed Dec 31 8pm. Free.*

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Downtown

Go loco with locals

Okay, it's not quite *Cheers*, but you're bound to find someone who knows your name at Sidebar's locals-minded celebration. The Little Havana bar's usual open-door, no-cover policy stands even on New Year's Eve, though there will be the option for a \$30 open bar from 11pm to midnight, inclusive of a champagne toast. *Sidebar, 337 SW 8th St, Little Havana (786-703-6973). Wed Dec 31 8pm–5am. Free.*



Fiesta and fireworks

It would be hard to find a better view of the (free) fireworks display in South Beach than from a ringside seat at Jalapeño. Without set seating times, you'll have all night to dig into a three-course meal of crab croquettes, grilled steak and chocolate mousse, among other dishes—topped off with a champagne margarita. *Jalapeño Mexican Kitchen, 530 Ocean Dr, Miami Beach (305-532-4747). Wed Dec 31 6pm–2am. \$60.*



Speakeasy up

Whether you choose to pop in for a pre-countdown three-course dinner or make Tongue & Cheek your main destination for a five-course meal and dancing, the Prohibition-era vibe will reign throughout the night. The party kicks off with a Krug Grande Cuvée toast, followed by dinner choices ranging from Kobe beef to poached main lobster and live jazz played through the stroke of midnight. *Tongue & Cheek*, 431 Washington Ave, Miami Beach (305-704-2900). Wed Dec 31 6pm & 9pm. \$75 and up.

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Live large and prosper

Make sure 2015 abounds with good fortune by diving into Tamarina's special five-course Italian Prosperity Feast, built around caviar, truffles and other decadent ingredients symbolizing wealth and well-being for the coming year. In addition to a complimentary welcome cocktail (the Calends Fizz, signifying abundance), wine pairings and open-bar options (including festive liqueur limoncello) will be available for both seatings. *Tamarina*, 600 Brickell Ave (305-579-1888). Wed Dec 31 7pm & 9pm. \$95-\$150.

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Bogie down!

Of all the rooftop joints in all the towns in all the world, you'll want to walk into this *Casablanca*-themed affair atop the 50th floor of the Viceroy hotel. Don festive 1940s garb for three hours of open bar, passed hors d'oeuvres and a dance floor undoubtedly packed with Bogie and Bacall doppelgangers. You'll also enjoy 365-degree views of downtown Miami and the city's fireworks display. *FIFTY Ultra Lounge*, Viceroy Miami, 485 Brickell Ave (305-908-1194). Wed Dec 31 8:30pm-5am. \$100 and up. Tickets at fifty-ultra-lounge.ticketleap.com.