

## WELCOME TO THE **MIAMI** INSIDER COLLECTION

Truly memorable meetings and events with authentic local flavor – that is the inspiration behind the InterContinental Insider Collection.

Our network of hotels and resorts is global; our knowledge and expertise local, giving planners guaranteed choice, range and depth to add to any meeting or conference. Each hotel offers its own bespoke selection of services which are firmly rooted in their location and are responsibly guided by our partnership with National Geographic's Center for Sustainable Destinations.

The options are limitless, the local knowledge rich, the service professional and faultless, the delegate experience enriching and rewarding every time.

Sample for yourself some of our wonderful Miami experiences.

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### INSIDER LOCATIONS

Choose an InterContinental venue for your event and a world of possibilities opens up. As locals, your hotel team hold the key to a side of your locality tourists never see. What and who they know gives you an exclusive mix of authentic venues and experiences to play with.

### INSIDER SPEAKERS

Bring your event to life with an inspirational speaker – someone who can really strike a chord with your delegates and enrich their experience beyond measure. Fascinating and engaging, motivating Insider Speakers range from celebrities and cultural experts to sporting heroes. Whatever their passion, they all have a local connection and you will discover that their unique insights and local know-how make your event one to remember.

### INSIDER COMMUNITY

There's nothing quite like immersing yourself in the community to gain an added depth and understanding to your experience in a new destination. Insider Community has been designed to benefit local people and create truly memorable and meaningful experiences for your delegates too.

### INSIDER INTERACTIONS

This team-building experience will help your delegates connect with each other as never before. Using the unique character, heritage or geography of your destination to inspire interaction, each experience, whether based on or off-site offers an original way to engage delegates and motivate them to build effective working relationships.

### INSIDER BREAKS

With Insider Collection even your breaks are fulfilling experiences. From serving up a delicious lunch of provincial dishes for a taste of regional cuisine to spending some quality time with your Concierge team to get their best insider tips, a few minutes out of your busy schedule becomes a whole experience in itself.

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## ENRICHING EXPERIENCES FOR OUR GUESTS AND OUR ENVIRONMENT

We believe that a responsible meeting is not only what you experience in the meeting room but also knowing that your hotel respects the destination around it.

We're proud to partner the leaders in geotourism, the National Geographic Center for Sustainable Destinations. Our ambition is that guests enjoy enriching experiences that reveal what makes a place truly special – its heritage, culture and tradition – and the importance of protecting it.

At InterContinental we use a holistic approach to being a responsible business: to work from the grass roots up, recognising each individual hotel team as the experts best placed to use their local knowledge for developing community and environmental initiatives that meet the specific needs of the destination. This Insider Collection gives delegates access to some of these unique experiences, and for those meetings that stay in the meeting room, you can be assured our hotel is working behind the scenes to protect what is special about the place for fellow travellers.

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## DINE WITH THE STARS

Offer a unique lunch, reception or dinner experience to your delegates. Board a luxury yacht, docked at the front of the hotel and treat your delegates to a guided tour of the multi-million dollar mansions of the stars who have made Miami their home. Yachts are available to suit any size group from 6 – 400 delegates and the hotel will cater to your every food and beverage need.

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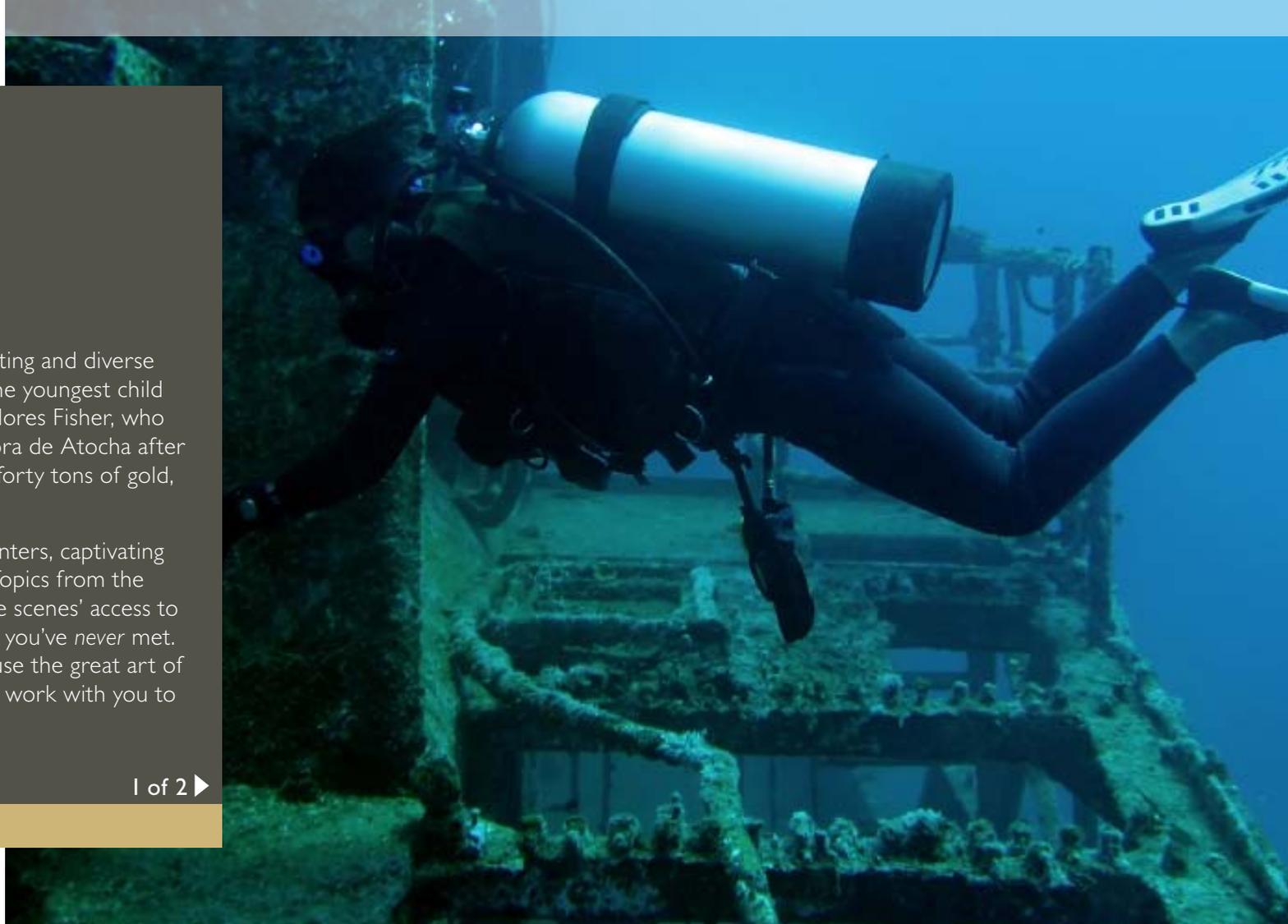
## TOPICS FROM THE EDGE

Topics from the Edge offers talks from an exciting and diverse range of speakers, including Taffi Fisher Abt, the youngest child of world famous treasure hunters Mel and Dolores Fisher, who discovered the shipwreck of the Nuestra Senora de Atocha after a 17 year search, culminating in a find of over forty tons of gold, silver, and copper.

From treasure hunters to expert hurricane hunters, captivating anthropologists to modern-day Indian chiefs, Topics from the Edge uses trusted relationships and 'behind the scenes' access to bring you some of the most fascinating people you've *never* met. Leading extraordinary lives, our speakers will use the great art of storytelling to take you into *their* world. Let us work with you to find the right speaker for your event.

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## MEET MARINE SCIENTIST DR. ELLEN PRAGER

Delegates will be fascinated and inspired by world-renowned marine scientist and author Dr. Ellen Prager. Widely recognized for her expertise and ability to bring complex scientific ideas and discoveries to the layman, she is the chief scientist for the Aquarius Reef Base program in Key Largo, FL, which includes the world's only undersea research station. She is also a freelance writer, and consultant for clients such as the world-renowned Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science at the University of Miami, the President's U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, and Celebrity Cruise Lines. Dr. Prager has built a national reputation as a scientist and spokesperson on earth and ocean science issues and is a much sought after speaker for public-oriented events.

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## PELICAN HARBOR SEABIRD REFUGE STATION

For over 30 years, the Pelican Harbor Seabird Station has worked to help injured seabirds. During this tour delegates will get to meet the inspiring staff of the Seabird Station and learn how they perform miracles on a daily basis. They will see the operating table and x-rays of birds in trouble; hear the procedures set up to handle incoming injured birds. They will also have the opportunity to ask questions of the station's management. Then to cap off a great visit, we will gather for the daily 4:00 pm feeding. A feathered m el e will erupt as dozens of birds compete for their daily fish dinner. Their antics and excitement will leave you with a smile on your face. This tour is definitely an animal lover's treat!

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## MIAMI DAILY BREAD FOOD BANK

Here is an opportunity for your delegates to work as a team and contribute to a very worthwhile local project. The Daily Bread Food Bank was founded in 1981 and works to reduce hunger by reducing waste. Every month around 1.8 million pounds of food donations from farmers, processors, grocers and restaurants are distributed through a network of not-for-profit agencies to hungry South Floridians, including children, the elderly, the unemployed and the working poor, the disabled, the homeless, and victims of natural disasters, illness and violence.

Much of what is done at Daily Bread Food Bank depends on volunteer help in the warehouse. Your delegates are invited to help sort, check and repackage the donated goods ready to send out to the needy.

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## HELP SAVE THE VIRGINIA KEY BEACH WETLANDS

This activity offers corporate groups the opportunity to combine team building with philanthropy in the improvement of the South Florida community.

Participants will help in the restoration of wetlands, a coastal hardwood hammock and beach dunes. This ongoing project marks the turnaround for historic Virginia Key Beach, located on the last undeveloped barrier island west of downtown Miami. The setting offers unique vistas of the turquoise waters of Biscayne Bay and the Atlantic, as well as the high-rises of South Beach and Key Biscayne in the distance. This restoration will prove that Virginia Key can once again be a glimpse into the past, a splendid beachside park and natural reserve. Delegates will receive a huge sense of satisfaction from helping with such a prestigious and vital project for Florida.

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## TAKE THE LATIN CHALLENGE

Deco Productions present a Latin Experience that will allow your guests to enjoy some of South Florida's favourite activities hands-on or by observing the masters at work. This activity will motivate, challenge and bring your group together in a way they've never shared before, building camaraderie and spirit through friendly competition.

Different stations will be available for your guests to enjoy at leisure after dinner. At each one they are welcome to learn and practice the techniques observed and taste their own creations or engage in a friendly domino competition or dance-off!

Stations include cigar rolling, Dancing the Salsa with the Stars and Dominoes. Many experiences built into one exciting activity, something never to be forgotten.

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## TAKE A TASTE TOUR

Gateway to the Caribbean and South America, Miami offers an incredible selection of tropical drinks and fine rums. Delegates will experience our rich history and cultural diversity through a 'Taste Tour' with our Rum Ambassador around the Caribbean, Central and South America to discover some of America's finest sipping rums. An interactive 'mixology' session will provide hands-on experience of creating some of Miami's most popular drinks. Finally, in the 'Quick Fire Challenge' teams create Miami's next hottest cocktail. The winning drink will be served as a welcome cocktail at your reception. This is a fun teambuilding exercise, a way to learn something new and create a memorable experience for all! This experience can be adapted to your individual needs.

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## EXPERIENCE THE EVERGLADES BACKWATER TOUR

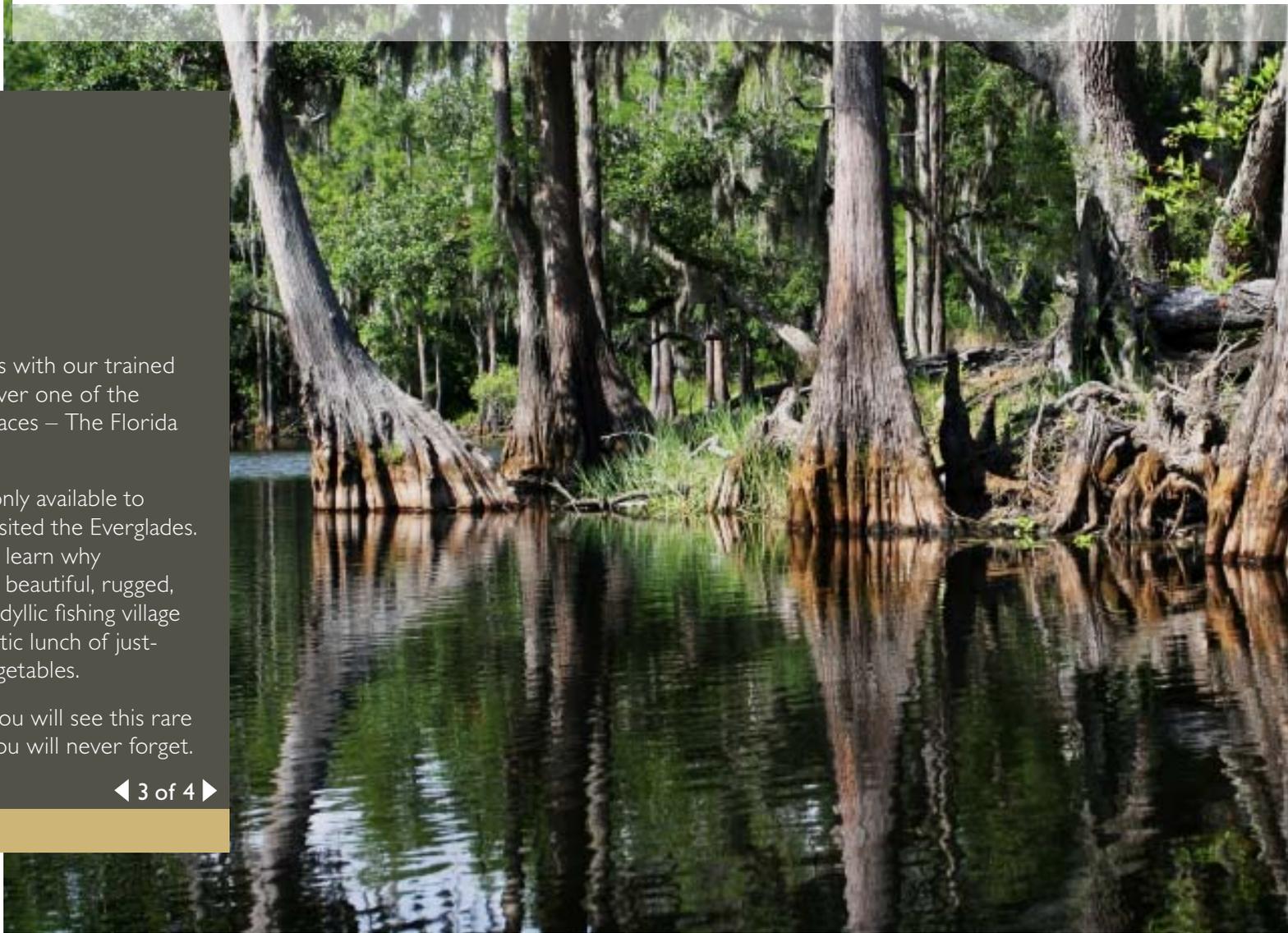
Explore the wild backwaters of the Everglades with our trained field biologists and naturalist guides and discover one of the world's most threatened and beautiful wild places – The Florida Everglades and Big Cypress Preserve.

Join the trek at trail's head for an experience only available to 0.1 percent of all the people who have ever visited the Everglades. Wade in clear knee-to-waist deep waters, and learn why conservationists have described this area as "a beautiful, rugged, subtropical landscape". Later at a remote and idyllic fishing village in the heart of the Everglades enjoy an authentic lunch of just-caught seafood and fresh-from-the-ground vegetables.

Through the eyes of our expert field guides you will see this rare and unusual ecosystem come alive on a trip you will never forget.

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## GO ON AN HISTORIC SOUTH BEACH SCAVENGER HUNT

Put your teamwork and collective creativity to the test whilst discovering the best the Art Deco District has to offer with our Historic South Beach Scavenger Hunt. This hunt is just the thing to bring your group together.

Our Emcee provides the rules and distributes all the materials needed. Teams must work together to find the places and the objects within the designated search area. Along the way they will be challenged with riddles, perform physical feats, and more! Points are awarded for each object found and extra credit points given for creativity in some of the challenges. The team to return to the designated finish area on time with the most points wins. Delegates will be laughing and reminiscing for a long time to come.

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## CAFÉ CUBANO

Miamians start their day with a Cortadito, which in Spanish literally means 'small cut'. They also take an espresso topped with steamed milk. Perk up your delegates and offer these action stations at your morning or afternoon breaks with guides to the various styles of Cuban coffee, Café con Leche, Cuban Espresso and Colada. Goes perfectly with our 'Little Havana' break.

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## LEARN CEVICHE

Ceviche is what's 'hot' in Miami cuisine. Order our Ceviche Station for your reception and during your morning break, our expert Chefs will have interactive stations demonstrating how to make this simple and flavorful dish. Stations will have recipe cards for your guests to take home and delight their friends and families with their new found culinary skills.

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## THANK YOU

Contact us to learn more about the Miami Insider Collection and how we can help you create a truly memorable experience with authentic local flavor.

Whichever Insider Collection experience is right for you, you can be assured that it reflects the best principles of Responsible Business, a commitment demonstrated by our partnership with the National Geographic Center for Sustainable Destinations.

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