

Florida Spotlight: 11 Must-Try Steakhouses in the Sunshine State**By Beth Landman**

We're in Miami to cover the South Beach Wine and Food Festival - but that's not the only hot thing happening in the Sunshine State. The steakhouse is not a new concept, but in South Florida it's one that's reached critical mass. No matter the economic climate, high-end meat palaces are prospering from Miami to Palm Beach. In Boca Raton alone there are five within minutes of each other and each has a fierce and loyal following. Click through the slide show to check out 11 of the meatiest must-try options.

**Prime**

We have gotten used to selecting our fish at Greek estiatorios; now Prime has a butcher's table where you can pick out your own choice cut of meat. The restaurant is a shining example of how Delray has morphed from a casual spot to a serious restaurant destination. Lighting is courtesy of Italian crystal chandeliers; marble floors and much of the furnishing is also Italian. Beef is not only prime as the name promises; it's steroid, chemical, and growth hormone free. Hand picked from a ranch in Colorado, it's seared at 900 degrees. There is a sushi bar that turns out an oversized lobster and avocado roll, and, as a nod to Florida tradition, an early-bird bargain dinner for two at \$55 is available from 4-7 nightly (Saturday until 6).

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