

Art, Music, Food, and Adventure: Welcome to Miami!

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I recently visited the Hyatt Regency Miami, where QDET2 will be hosted. As a member of the events committee, I was excited to see the hotel and nearby neighborhoods. I had the opportunity to meet with the hotel's events coordinator and see the conference space. Most of our events occur on the ground level of the hotel, which opens to a patio along the Miami River.



This is a great place to start some of your Miami adventures. There is easy access to the [Miami Riverwalk](#), which extends about a mile from the Bayside Marketplace and ends at the Riverwalk Metromover station, next to the Hyatt. Along that mile of riverside pedestrian walkway are many cafés, restaurants, and public art projects. There's also a convenient [water taxi](#) pick-up spot along the river, just behind the hotel, that can take you to Miami Beach.

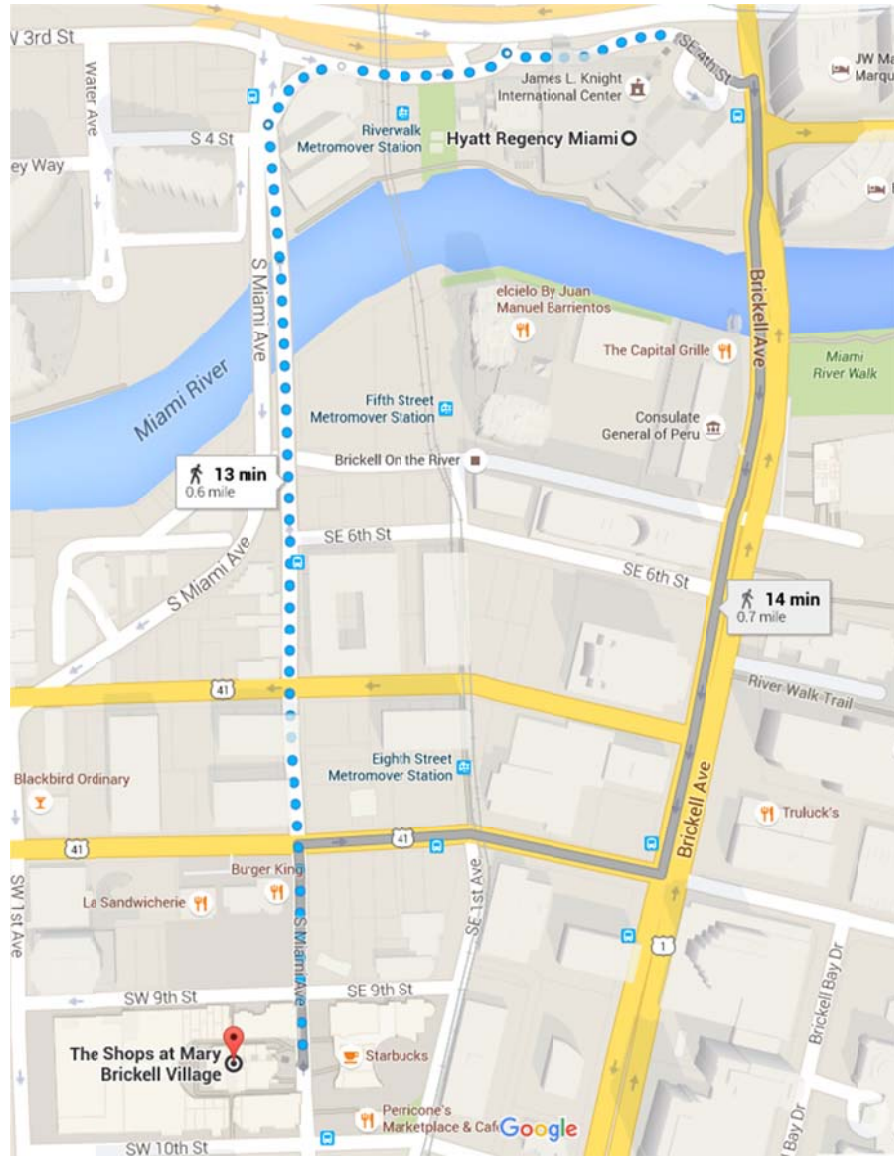
Located adjacent to the hotel is the Knight Center Metromover station. The [Metromover](#) is a free, fully automated train system that loops through downtown Miami, if you're interested in venturing farther from the hotel.

If you'd like to try out Miami with a group of your fellow conference-goers, plan to join the events committee for a pub crawl through the nearby [Mary Brickell neighborhood](#).



Don't worry if you're not the kind who enjoys traipsing from one watering hole to the next. Mary Brickell also has shops and restaurants you can explore. The pub crawl will be casual, and attendees are encouraged to break off into smaller groups and explore on their own.

The Mary Brickell neighborhood is just over a half mile from the Hyatt and easily accessible via several Metromover stations.



The neighborhood has a variety of bars and restaurants, including [Barú Latin Bar](#), [Cuzco Cocina Peruana](#), [Taverna Opa](#), [Burger and Beer Joint](#), and [Blue Martini Lounge](#).



Just around the corner from the Shops at Mary Brickell Village are more bars and restaurants, including [RedBar](#), which specializes in comfortable seating and cocktails.



If Mary Brickell seems a bit too far from the hotel and you are into jazz, you can visit [Le Chat Noir](#)—just a few blocks from the hotel and right under the Miami Avenue Metromover station.



Our time in Miami will be well spent learning from colleagues and presenting our own scientific research, but the events committee hopes you will make time to go out and enjoy the mild weather and local atmosphere Miami offers!