

# South Florida, USA

## January 2023

With three years of covid pandemic and its negative side effects (travel restrictions, testing, extremely expensive rental cars, hotels, flights and long queues at airports) finally behind us, it was time for an overseas spotting trip with my dad to the Sunshine State of Florida. We spent one week in the Miami-Fort Lauderdale area in mid-January, taking advantage of the relative low sun angle ("winter light"), calm and sunny weather (after hurricane season) and mild temperatures (mostly 15-25 degrees Celsius). We booked a flight with Aer Lingus for just 475 EUR per person (including luggage and meals), which was quite convenient as we passed US customs/immigration at a quiet Dublin rather than at a busy Miami International.

### 11+19 January 2023 Dublin EIDW

A6-EGW	Boeing 777-300ER	Emirates
D-AIUT	Airbus A320-200	Eurowings Discover
G-EIRH	Airbus A321-200N	Aer Lingus
N837MH	Boeing 767-400ER	Delta Air Lines
N840MH	Boeing 767-400ER	Delta Air Lines
TC-LSC	Airbus A321-200N	Turkish Airlines
TF-ICO	Boeing 737-8 MAX	Icelandair

Plus: Aer Lingus A320-200/A320-200N/A321-200N/A330-300

### 11+12+17+18 January 2023 Miami International KMIA

10-08802	CH-47F Chinook	US Army
4X-EDH	Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner	El Al
9H-AMD	Airbus A321-200	Sky Cana (Avion Express Malta)
9Y-JAM + 9Y-SUR	Boeing 737-8 MAX	Caribbean Airlines
A6-ECT	Boeing 777-300ER	Emirates
A7-BEW	Boeing 777-300ER	Qatar Airways
A7-BFE	Boeing 777F	Qatar Cargo
B-LJF	Boeing 747-8F	Cathay Pacific Cargo
C-FOIJ	Boeing 767-200ERBDSF	Cargojet
C-GAJU	Boeing 757-200PCF	Cargojet
C-GAAJ + C-GVIJ	Boeing 767-300ERBDSF	DHL (Cargojet Airways)
C6-BFX	Boeing 737-700	Bahamasair
CC-DBJ	Airbus A320-200N	Sky Airline
CP-2791	MD-10-30F	TAB
CP-2881	Boeing 767-300ER	BoA Boliviana de Aviacion
CS-GLJ	BD-700-1A10 Global 6500	Netjets Europe
CS-TUH+I+J	Airbus A330-900	TAP Air Portugal
D-AIHV	Airbus A340-600	Lufthansa
EC-LUX	Airbus A330-300	Iberia
EI-EAV + EI-EIL	Airbus A330-300	Aer Lingus
EI-IFE	Airbus A350-900	ITA Airways
ET-AVN + ET-AWE	Boeing 777F	Ethiopian Cargo
F-GKXS	Airbus A320-200	Air France
F-GSQL	Boeing 777-300ER	Air France
G-VKSS + G-VNYC	Airbus A330-300	Virgin Atlantic
G-VOWS	Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner	Virgin Atlantic
HB-JND	Boeing 777-300ER	Swiss
HK-5353 + 5366	Airbus A320-200N	Viva
HL8285	Boeing 777F	Korean Air Cargo
HP-3310DAE	Boeing 767-300ERBCF	DHL

HP-3410DAE	Boeing 767-300ERBCF	DHL
LV-GIF	Airbus A330-200	Aerolineas Argentinas
LX-SCV	Boeing 747-400F	Cargolux
N1373A	Boeing 767-300ERBDSF	Amazon Prime Air
N154C	Gulfstream IV-SP	Corporate Air
N203CK	Gulfstream G450	Circle K
N235DX	Gulfstream G650	Corporate Air
N241BC	Embraer 145EP	IBC Airways
N261PJ	Cessna 208B EX	Fly The Whale
N261PW	Gulfstream G550	Executive Fliteways
N302JE	CL-300	Jet Edge
N317MM	Learjet 60	Florida Jet Service
N351CM	Boeing 767-300ERBDSF	StratAir (Northern Air Cargo)
N361FL	Convair 5800	IFL Group
N371CM	Boeing 767-300ERBDSF	DHL (ABX Air)
N379CX	Boeing 767-300ERBDSF	Northern Air Cargo
N381TA	Cessna 208B EX	Tropic Ocean Airways
N384CF	Learjet 35A	Medway Air Ambulance
N390CM	Boeing 767-300ERBDSF	DHL (ABX Air)
N452PA	Boeing 747-400F	Atlas Air
N541VL	Airbus A320-200N	Volaris
N563WA	Boeing 767-300ERBCF	Northern Air Cargo
N564FX	CL-350	Flexjet
N605KW	Boeing 767-200ER	Eastern Airlines
N622QS	Cessna 680A	Netjets
N631BC + N651BC	Saab 340A/F	IBC Airways
N702GT	Boeing 777F	Polar Air Cargo
N859GT	Boeing 747-8F	Atlas Air
N873UP	Beech 350i	Wheels Up
N957AM	Boeing 737-800	AeroMexico
N999UP	Mitsubishi MU-2B-60	Bohlke
PR-XMQ	Boeing 737-8 MAX	GOL
SE-RSE+F	Airbus A350-900	SAS
TC-LJS	Boeing 777F	Turkish Cargo
TC-LLH	Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner	Turkish Airlines
VP-CIW+X+Z	Boeing 737-8 MAX	Cayman Airways
XA-AMA+M	Boeing 737-800	AeroMexico
XA-EME + XA-EST	Boeing 737-400SF	Estafeta
XA-UYR	Airbus A300B4-600RF	AeroUnion

Plus:

- \*Air Canada: A321-200/B737-8/CS300
- \*Alaska Airlines : B737-900
- \*American Airlines: A319-100/A321-200/A321-200N/B737-800/B737-8/B777-200/B777-300/B787-8/B787-9/
- \*American Eagle: Emb175
- \*Amerijet: B757-200F/B767-300F
- \*Avianca: A319-100/A320-200/A320-200N/A330-200
- \*Avianca Cargo (Tampa): A330-200F
- \*Copa Airlines: B737-800/B737-9
- \*Delta Air Lines: A320-200/A321-200/B737-800/B737-900/B757-200
- \*Frontier Airlines: A320-200N
- \*Global X: A320-200
- \*iAero Airways (Swift Air): B737-300/B737-400/B737-800
- \*JetBlue: A320-200
- \*LATAM (LAN): A320-200/A320-200N/B767-300/B787-8
- \*LATAM Cargo: B767-300F

\*Southwest: B737-700/B737-800/B737-8

\*Spirit Airlines: A319-100/A320-200N/A321-200

\*United Airlines: A320-200/B737-800/B737-8/B737-900/B737-9

We spent a total of about 2.5 days at Miami International. Photo opportunities are great throughout the day with eastern winds. With western winds, the opportunities are not ideal, so on those days we went to some other airports (e.g. Fort Lauderdale). Traffic is dominated by American Airlines/Eagle, but there are plenty of other aircraft to see as well.

The two most popular spots are:

1. "Eldorado": suitable from sunrise till early afternoon. You will catch traffic arriving (and occasionally departing) at runway 9, which is all Latin American/Caribbean traffic, most widebody freighters (except Amerijet) and some of the European widebodies. The latter arrive in the mid/late afternoon only, so the light is not ideal for that. There is now a roll of barbed wire on top of the fence, making it more difficult to photograph departing aircraft without getting the fence in the bottom of your pictures.

2. "The Holes": suitable from late morning till sunset. The five photo holes have been relocated a couple of hundred feet a few years ago, but are still great for arrivals on runway 12 and departures on runway 8R. You will mainly see the domestic traffic and some of the European widebodies, as well as some bizjets and small cargo traffic in the distance (runway 8L). Beware of the heathaze when taking photos of aircraft taxiing to runway 8R: this is only doable a couple of hours before sunset. Parking your car is possible at the parking lot a little further down the street.

More details about the various photo spots can be found in the Scramble Airfield Guide and at Spotterguide.net.

#### **14+16 January 2023 Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood KFL**

9H-VJJ + 9H-VTE	BD-700-1A10 Global 6000	VistaJet
C-FJGG	Learjet 60	Image Air Charter
C-FJOU	Airbus A321-200	Air Canada Rouge
C-FKRF	Boeing 737-800	Westjet
C-FRYV	Boeing 737-8 MAX	Westjet
C-FUWS	Boeing 737-700	Westjet
C-GBHO +C-GITP	Airbus A319-100	Air Canada Rouge
C-GEZN	Airbus A321-200	Air Transat
C-GLVU	Boeing 737-8 MAX	Swoop
C-GOIJ	Airbus A321-200NLR	Air Transat
C-GSHU	Embraer 550	Air-JPL
C-GTCY	Airbus A321-200	Air Transat
C6-AIR	Cessna 208B EX	Trans Island Airways
C6-BFW	ATR 72-600	Bahamasair
C6-BFZ	Boeing 737-700	Bahamasair
C6-CAL	Piper PA.23-250	Cherokee Air
C6-SAW	Embraer 145LR	Western Air
HP-1855CMP	Boeing 737-800	Copa Airlines
N101CN	CRJ 200LR	Contour Aviation
N109WE	Piper PA.34-200T	
N11GJ	Learjet 35A	Global Jetcare
N123S	Embraer 505 Phenom 300	
N143LJ	Learjet 55C	
N15GX	BD-700 Global Express XRS	Oracle
N1977H	Embraer 135BJ	Jet Edge
N200NC	Cessna 550	private
N207RW	CRJ 200LR	XOJet (Contour Aviation)
N210CM	Cessna 560 Ultra	Aitheras Aviation Group
N235LJ	Learjet 35A	Reva Air Ambulance
N244BC	BD-700-1A11 Global 5000	

N245TX	Learjet 45	Haskin Aviation
N248HA	Cessna 750	Liberty Jet Management
N259CA	Cessna 680+	Soulbird (Oklahoma Aviation)
N269AF	Pilatus PC-24	PlaneSense
N302AK	BD-700-1A10 Global 6000	Eagle Aircraft & Transportation Mgmt.
N305ZA	Beech C90A	Zulu Air Charter
N322SG	Boeing 747-400	Atlas Air
N330PJ	CL-300	Reynolds Jet
N333ZP	Mitsubishi MU-2P	Gillen Diesel
N342RC	Cessna 421C	
N346CC	Cessna 560XLS+	Cato Corporation
N360QS + N366QS	Embraer 505 Phenom 300	Netjets
N374QS	Embraer 505 Phenom 300	Netjets
N379DB	Cessna 525B	Private Jet Center
N401FT	Gulfstream G400	EJS Aviation Services
N402ZK	Cessna 402C	Air Florida
N404PG	Cessna 402?	Air Florida
N423MG	Pilatus PC-12	
N426PF	CL-604	
N448CA	Piper PA.42-1000	
N450FJ	Gulfstream G450	Thrive Aviation
N450PU	Gulfstream G450	
N45WL	CL-601	
N47SB	Cessna 680A	
N493TM	Beech 400A	Delta Private Jets
N497TM	Beech 400XP	Delta Private Jets
N4BN	Embraer 505 Phenom 300	Universal Hyundai
N510FR	Gulfstream III	Oneflight International
N52SM	BAe 125-1000A	MAC Air Group
N53WG	Gulfstream IV	Alliance Aviation Group
N558BD	CL-604	Mark Solomon
N574QS	Cessna 560XLS	Netjets
N5861B	Learjet 45	Skyward Aviation
N607KT	CL-650	Solairus Aviation
N65CM	Piper PA.31-350	
N680KR	Cessna 680	
N702GH	Gulfstream IV-SP	Starjet
N703VL + N7837A	Boeing 737-700	Avelo Airlines
N707WE	Gulfstream IV-SP	Alliance Aviation Group
N714TS	Learjet 60XR	Gama Aviation
N725JA	Cessna 560	Justice Air
N744VG	Boeing 747-400	Virgin Orbit
N745MC	BAE 125-800XP	
N758PM	Falcon 7X	AmeriSave
N784QS	CL-350	Netjets
N801QS	Cessna 700	Netjets
N801XT	Boeing 737-800	Avelo Airlines
N803SC	Cessna 560 Ultra	
N805LC	Cessna 550	Special Services Corporation
N80MH	Falcon 2000	
N80Q	Falcon 900EX	
N814SY	Boeing 737-800	Sun Country Airlines
N819SH	Cessna 560 Encore	Silverhawk Aviation
N827SY + N834SY	Boeing 737-800	Sun Country Airlines
N850LT	Socata TBM-850	
N8577M	Beech 95-A55	
N857ST	Gulfstream IV-SP	Pentastar Aviation Charter

N85D	BD-700 Global Express	
N888QD	Embraer 550	Mia Jets
N889TD	Falcon 900EX	
N914BD	Gulfstream G650ER	Dillard's
N91FP	Cessna 510	Jet There
N924CN	CRJ 200LR	Contour Aviation
PP-AMK	Falcon 2000LX	Master Administradora
PP-PPN	Falcon 2000LX	Colt Taxi Aereo
PR-BBS	Boeing 737-700 BBJ1	Banco Safra
PR-CGI	Gulfstream G550	Trop Comercio Exterior
PR-PCH	Falcon 2000LX	Chibatao Navegacao e Comercio
PS-MAM	Gulfstream G550	Force One Participacao
XA-ATJ	Embraer 500 Phenom 100	Arrendamientos y Transportes Turisticos
XA-RWS	Embraer 135BJ	Redwings
XB-DMR	Embraer 500 Phenom 100	
YV1617	Aero Commander 690D	
YV3130	IAI 1126 Galaxy	Cerveceira Polar

Plus:

\*Air Canada: A330-300/CS300

\*Alaska Airlines : B737-800/B737-900/B737-9

\*Allegiant Air: A320-200

\*American Airlines: A321-200/A321-200N/B737-800

\*Delta Air Lines: A321-200/A321-200N/B737-800/B757-200/B757-300

\*FedEx: B767-200F/B767-300F/Ce208

\*Frontier Airlines: A320-200N/A321-200

\*JetBlue: A320-200/A321-200/Emb190

\*Silver Airways: ATR 42-600/ATR 72-600

\*Southwest: B737-700/B737-800/B737-8

\*Spirit Airlines: A319-100/A320-200/A320-200N/A321-200

\*United Airlines: A320-200/B737-700/B737-800/B737-8/B737-900/B737-9/B757-200/B757-300

We spent two days at FLL, which offers a nice and balanced variety of North-American airlines that visit the airport almost exclusively with narrowbodies. Also a fair amount of bizjets can be seen here.

The airport has two runways and both of them offer good photo opportunities throughout the day, regardless of wind direction.

The southern runway is mainly used by JetBlue, Spirit and General Aviation. The Greenbelt Park offers great views along the runway. A ladder is not needed here.

The northern runway, which is busier and offers a better variety of airline traffic, has two great spots. The Ron Gardner Aircraft Observation Area is an excellent place with easterly winds. You can photograph both arriving traffic and aircraft that are taxiing to the beginning of the runway and lining up for departure. Unfortunately the Observation Area does not have any photo holes, so you will need to stand on a guardrail or use a ladder. Beware that it is not allowed to place your ladder directly against the fence. Also you should keep in mind that a fair share of photos of arriving aircraft may be ruined by departing aircraft taxiing in front of you and their jet exhaust. This issue can be avoided when standing along the W Perimeter Road.

On the east side of the airport, in between the terminals, the Hibiscus Parking Garage offers spectacular views. With westerly winds, you are able to take photos of aircraft landing on the northern runway with the skyline of Fort Lauderdale in the background. Taxiing aircraft can also be photographed nicely, regardless of runway direction. Beware that the APU exhaust of parked aircraft at the gates may ruin some of your photos. More details about the various photo spots can be found in the Scramble Airfield Guide and at [Spotterguide.net](http://Spotterguide.net).

### 13 January 2023 Marathon KMTB

10-08802	CH-47F Chinook	US Army
(10-)20306	HH-60M	US Army
(14-)20686	HH-60M	US Army
N106FW	Aero Commander 500S	Florida Fish&Wildlife Conservation Com.
N127KF	Beech 360	
N1630W	Piper PA.46-350P	
N2020	Cessna 525C	Aircraft Services Group
N21EP	Piper PA.46-500TP	
N237LV	Cirrus SF50 G2+	
N247AJ	Cessna 550B	Separation by Design
N313PB	Robinson R66	Keys Helicopter Tours
N338KC	Socata TBM-930	Kinsley Construction
N421CX	Cessna 421C	Patriot Disaster Specialist
N421RG	Cessna 421C	
N441DS	Cessna 441	
N47PW	Cessna 560	
N595GG	Robinson R44	Keys Helicopter Tours
N602TP	Piper Aerostar 602P	
N715FX	Cessna 208B	FedEx
N729QS	CL-350	Netjets
N7694C/"111467"	Beech C-45G	private
N769RF	CL-300	RJ Finlay & Co
N795GA	GA-7 Cougar	private
N821PP	Cessna 525A	Ritz-Craft
N900EF	Falcon 900EX	private
N910TF	Falcon 2000LXS	Tyson Foods
N917FH	Cessna 680A 45	North Aviation

Besides the two major airports mentioned earlier, we also visited some General Aviation airports. On Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> there was a cold front approaching from the northwest, so in order to avoid it we drove south to the Florida Keys to enjoy the sunshine as long as possible. We spent a few hours at Marathon airport, which has one runway with all ramps and hangars located on the south side. There are several small roads and parking lots along the runway/taxiway from where you can take photos. A ladder is needed though to get a clear view above the fence. On the east side you will find a small aviation museum.

### 13 January 2023 Homestead General Aviation KX51

N150PA	Convair T-29B	Charterlines
N342GR	Piper PA.34-200	Pilot Training Center Homestead
N378MM	Piper PA.31-325	private
N62899	Piper PA.31-350	Precise Construction Services
N709NC	Beech E90	
N750VL	PAC 750XL	Skydive Miami
N797RA	Cessna 414A	

Homestead GA is one of the smaller General Aviation airports in the area, but a visit could be worthwhile because of the stored Convair and a skydive club which operates a PAC 750 (and sometimes Cessna 208). Photo opportunities from outside the fence are quite limited though.

### 13 January 2023 Kendall-Tamiami Executive KTMB

"931"	Douglas B-26B Invader	Cuba AF
9334	MiG-21	Polish AF
C-FASV	Embraer 545	Airsprint
HH-JBD	Beech 18 Tradewind	
N104RF	BAe 125-800XP	

N13WP	Piper PA.31-310	
N145MR	Beech F90	
N155ER	Learjet 55ER	Air Medical Charters
N1705C	Cessna 680A	Cofino Stahl Y Compania
N225FM	Bell 407	HMC Helicopter Service
N236AE	Saab 340B	American Eagle
N239DG	Beech 95-B55	private
N270MF	Falcon 200	MFW Aeronautics
N27712	Piper PA.31	
N2820G	SA26AT Merlin IIB	
N29872	Piper PA.31-310	
N336LV	Cessna 336	private
N391JM	Cessna 560 Ultra	
N402EM	Beech C90	private
N406SD	Cessna F406	
N414PF	Cessna 414A	
N444AD	Beech 200	45 North Aviation
N450NX	Pilatus PC-12/47E	
N456PF	Beech 200	Civic Construction
N469BB	Learjet 35A	private
N46WE	BAe 125-1000B	
N507EC	Cessna 550	
N54075	Piper PA.23-250	private
N54155	Piper PA.23-250	
N551DA	Cessna 550	
N564TJ	Cessna 560 Ultra	
N578GC	Cessna 208B	Tropic Air Express
N58KM	Piper PA.23-250	private
N602JR	BAe 125-400A	Easy Foods
N6042F	Beech 76	
N6277B	Aero Commander 500	private
N644BB	Robinson R44	Airman Helicopter
N727AT	IAI 1124 Westwind	
N744RD	Learjet 60	Hera Flight
N777TN	Piper PA.31-310	
N80FM	Cessna 650	
N814SG	Beech 400A	
N820CT	BAe 125-700A	
N829DA	Piper PA.31-350	
N8596Y	Piper PA.30	
N875AZ	BAe Jetstream 31	SAP Servicios Aereos Profesionales
N880HP	BAe 125-850XP	Corporate Aviation Group
N888YK/"22"	Yak-52	
N901SS	Gulfstream G150	
N9371C	Piper PA.34-200T	
N972EX	Boeing 737-500	Edge Aerodynamix
N987GC	MD-87	
XB-RPY	Gulfstream IIB	Alcance Global Jet Services
YV2715	Bell 222B	
YV2750	Aero Commander 681B	
YV3383	BAe 125-700A	
YV586T	BAe 125-400A	
ZS-TLK/N52AP	Embraer 120ER	

Tamiami Exec is located southwest of Miami. Like many other executive airports in South Florida it is packed with bizjets and bizprops, some of which are in bad shape. We did a counter-clockwise tour along the aprons and hangars with the help of the Scramble

Airfield Guide. Except near spot 2 we did not find any suitable spots for photography along the taxiways or runways. Furthermore it is quite difficult to photograph aircraft at the aprons without clutter as the aircraft are packed tight sometimes at unfavourable angles. Unfortunately none of the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue helicopters were parked outside the hangar, which are normally easy to photograph from outside the fence. All in all the airport is a great place for number crunchers, but photo opportunities are quite poor.

### 15 January 2023 Hollywood-North Perry KHWO

1416	HH-52A Seaguard	US Coast Guard
N1018Q	Cessna 310H	Broward Community College
N1074U	Piper PA.34-200	Phoenix East Aviation
N150FE	Boeing 727-22F	Broward Community College
N242PA	Piper PA.31-310	
N311AN	Beech A60	
N4907T	Piper PA.34-200	
N490KM	Cessna 414 private	
N5226Y	Piper PA.23-250	
N56755	Piper PA.34-200	Wayman Aviation Academy
N593RG	Piper PA.34-220T	private
N676TG	Beech 95-B55	
N68310	Cessna 310R	BioCollections Worldwide
N73N	Partenavia P.68C	
N74LL	Cessna 500	Bytelogics
N79AK	Piper PA.31-310	
N806NV	Robinson R44	
N8199J	Bolkow Bo 105S	
N856BC	BN-2B-21 Islander	Broward County Mosquito Control
N8801G	Cessna 340A	
N9058N	Aero Commander 681	Broward Community College
N9247L	Piper PA.31-350	Jets Aviation
N934JP	Cessna 402B	Wayman Flight Training

On this Sunday visited some of the General Aviation airports north of Miami, as we already covered those in the south on Friday. We started the day at North Perry. Lots of small single engine aircraft can be found at this airfield as well as some twins. In the northeast corner you will find the Broward Community College. Some aircraft are stored here, including a Seaguard without rotorblades and a former FedEx B727. Photo possibilities from outside the fence are limited, but a quick ramp tour at the Community College was no problem, even on a Sunday morning.

### 15 January 2023 Pompano Beach KPMP

8P-DCA	Beech 99	TIA 2000 - Trans Island Air
C-FJMM	Piper PA.34-220T	Valamon
C6-FUZ	Dash 8-300	Trans Island Airways
LV-FPW	BAe 125-800XP	
N100JL	Cessna 421	private
N257BC	EC-135T2+	Broward County Sheriff
N312EC	Aero Commander 500	private
N316WH	Cessna 560 Ultra	
N349MC	IAI 1124 Westwind	
N412QK	Bell 412	
N4471N	Robinson R22	
N45XT	Learjet 45	
N463MA	Gulfstream IV	
N522VR	Gulfstream IV	
N53WT	Cessna 414A	



N605RA	Gulfstream IV	
N646SC	Piper PA.31P	
N651LS	CL-604	LS Energia
N700CF	Socata TBM-700A	
N70FL	Piper PA.31-350	
N763LD	SA226T Merlin IIIB	private
N801GJ	Learjet 55	GoodJet
N8052A	Piper PA.44-180	
N850LC	Socata TBM-850	Landoll
N881BG	CL-601-3A	
N910MX	Socata TBM-910	private
N925HW	Pilatus PC-12/45	
N957MD	Beech A100	private

Pompano Beach has a triangular runway system with all hangars and aprons located on the south side. The airport is spotter-friendly as it is very open with no or very low fences and you can drive your car right up to the tarmac. On the west side of the field the Daher-Socata factory is located. On the east side you will find the Sheltair FBO as well as a corrosion corner with more than a dozen of stored aircraft.

### 15 January 2023 Fort Lauderdale Executive KFXE

IGM-628	Cessna 550	Ecuador Army
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This is one of the busiest bizjet airports in the country, comparable with Van Nuys in Los Angeles and Teterboro in New York. Unfortunately the story is quite similar to that of Tamiami: lots and lots of interesting aircraft, but poor photo opportunities. We drove around the entire airport but we did not find many good spots to take photos without clutter. On the west side there is an Aircraft Viewing Area where you can photograph the arriving aircraft in the morning, but this is only useable with easterly winds. The busy Jet Runway Café offers some views on the ramp through glass, but on the left side of the building you may be able to photograph the occasional taxiing aircraft in the afternoon. A ladder will be needed, but as mentioned in the Scramble Airfield Guide, don't expect to be hanging out there for long without attention from the security patrols.

As our main focus was on photography on this gorgeous sunny day, we decided not to log all the tailnumbers as this would have taken several hours. I only noted the one military aircraft that we saw during our drive around the airport.

### 15+17 January 2023 Opa-Locka KOPF

FAD3074	UH-1H-II	Dominican Republic AF
FAD3075	UH-1H-II	Dominican Republic AF
C-FJOL	Learjet 60XR	Flightpath Charter Airways
(D4-CCF)	Boeing 757-200	Cabo Verde Airlines
N104EJ	BAe 125-800XP	Empyrean Jet
N120CU	EC-120B	
N144PK	Gulfstream IV	Prime Jet
N15460	Sikorsky S-76C	LifeFlight (PHI Air Medical)/ Nicklaus Children's Hospital
N15MA	Douglas DC-3C	Florida Air Cargo
N16VJ	Cirrus SF50 G2	VeriJet
N219GM	Beech 58	private
N228MH	Cessna 551	SkyBlue Jet Aviation
N230AS	Piper PA.31-325	National Air Charters
N271SE	Douglas DC-3C	Florida Air Cargo
N3095M	Cessna 500	
N315JE	CL-300	Jet Edge
N342GS	Convair C-131F	Conquest Air
N343GS	Convair C-131F	Conquest Air

N345GS	Convair C-131F	Conquest Air
N389SR	BAe 125-800XP	
N414QS	Embraer 505 Phenom 300	Netjets
N484FM	Falcon 900	Alaska Utah Aviation
N502FX	CL-350	Flexjet
N567NC	Boeing 767-300ER	Azur Air
N627QS	Cessna 680A	Netjets
N63XF	Gulfstream G650ER	Comcast
N702AB	Cessna 680	
N702SE	Cessna 208B	Florida Air Cargo
N705GB	Douglas DC-3C	Atlantic Air Cargo
N721GK	Cessna 550B	Gryphon Air
N72SM	CL-350	Select Medical
N753P	Sikorsky S-76C	PHI Air Medical
N781P	Sikorsky S-76C	LifeFlight (PHI Air Medical)/ Nicklaus Children's Hospital
N809TR	MD-82	Caribbean Sun Airlines
N831HS	Cessna 525B	Mountain Aviation
N839N	Embraer 505 Phenom 300	Nicholas Air
N866BP	Cessna 525B	
N909MT	Embraer 135BJ	
N925JD	Embraer 505 Phenom 300	
N965CE	MD-83SF	Everts Air Cargo
T7-JBJ	BD-700-1A10 Global 6000	Elitavia
VH-FFI	BD-700-1A10 Global 6000	Fortescue Metals Group
XA-AVO	BAe 125-700A	

The "good old days" at Opa-Locka are now almost gone: the airport has been transformed into another executive airport. Nearly all of the classic aircraft have disappeared and so have the photo opportunities from outside the fence. We did find a new spotting place: at the cul-de-sac just east of the new Bombardier Service Center near runway 27R. Arriving bizjets can be photographed here with approx. 300-500mm (depending on the size). So instead of logging tailnumbers, we spent a couple of hours here on Sunday afternoon (the aircraft that we photographed are mentioned in the above log). We were also fortunate to photograph the nicely coloured LifeFlight S-76 on the apron and on Tuesday we had an appointment with Conquest Air to photograph their Convairs with radial engines. Together with the Dakotas from Florida Air Cargo they fly cargo to the Bahamas on a daily basis. Their operations were temporarily augmented with a MadDog from Everts Air Cargo.

All in all we had a wonderful week and came home with lots of sunny photos. If you are purely into photographing airlines or logging bizjets, Miami is a great place to be during the winter time, but if you like some more variety then places like Phoenix or Los Angeles are probably a better choice.