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PUNTINO: Miami Restaurants are Bringing In the Business! ITALY LOVES FLORIDA!



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The Miami Restaurant, [Puntino Downtown](#), in the heart of Downtown, caters to a local business crowd during business hours and serves up traditional Italian fare in a lively atmosphere until 11pm.... drawing patrons from as far away as Palm Beach and Pinecrest! Downtown Miami seems to be growing by leaps and bounds, with new restaurants opening up and flourishing!

Jazz performer [Leo Casino](#) spiced up [Prosecco Night at PUNTINO](#) last night.

Reality show participants from Italy, touring the entirety of Florida in a camper (their Florida adventures filmed and taped for TV syndication in Italy "FriendsTour") were there, sipping *Berlucchi*... invited by the Italian Chamber of Commerce. They were on their last leg of a month long trek. From New Orleans, they had travelled the perimeter of Florida's two coasts... literally... from Tallahassee to Key West and up the other side. Not surprisingly, Florida was the location chosen for FriendsTour's month-long 'coast to coast' scheduled to air on Italian Cable TV's "SKY" Reality Show. Why Florida? Florida... is



the number one state ...enticing Italian vacationers and second home buyers to the United States!

Between the jazz music and the buzz of excitement over the [Reality Show 'FriendsTour'](#) I felt as though I were somewhere between New Orleans and Italy! Miami is quite the melting pot of diversity and culture! Oysters, caviar, cheeses, prosciutto, stuffed pizza ... the hors'doevres and Berlucchi certainly add to the mix.

[Puntino Downtown](#) serves both lunch and dinner (somewhat of a novelty in Downtown Miami). The lunch menu offers reasonably priced antipasti, insalate, panini, and pizza & pasta (\$5-\$10 for the most part). Yes, they deliver! **Downtown Miami is on it's way to becoming a mini New York (with restaurant deliveries to your doorstep!)** The dinner menu is more varied but similarly priced ... with a nice array of appetizers, and freshly made specialties, meat, fish, cheese selections, dolci, espresso.... and Italian wines. Neighborhood feel... nice atmosphere... warm service... Worth trying! For dining reservations in



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