



CRYPTO.COM RACE WEEKEND

Miami Race Weekend 2026

May 1 to 3, 2026 · Miami International Autodrome · Race 6 of 2026 · Sprint Weekend

19 TRACK CORNERS	3.36 MILES PER LAP	220+ TOP SPEED (MPH)	100K+ RACE DAY FANS
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HeliFlite Charter: Arrive in Under 10 Minutes

Race weekend in Miami means one thing for ground traffic: complete gridlock. With 100,000+ fans converging on Miami Gardens, road travel from South Beach or Downtown can exceed 90 minutes each way. HeliFlite eliminates that entirely.

As a returning transport provider of the Miami International Autodrome Race Weekend, HeliFlite operates dedicated charter flights directly to the Miami International Autodrome. Land just steps from the track, with seamless transfers delivering you to the Paddock, Paddock Club, Palm Club, or 72 Club.

Every charter is entirely private. No shared rides, no published schedules. It's just you and your guests, your aircraft, and your preferred departure time. Each helicopter accommodates up to six guests and is twin-engine, dual-piloted, and appointed with advanced noise-canceling executive cabin technology: quiet enough to hold a conversation, comfortable enough to arrive fully relaxed.

TRAVEL TIME: HELIFLITE VS. GROUND

HELIFLITE CHARTER 10 MINUTES <i>Direct flight, Watson Island Sea Plane Base (X44) to Autodrome</i>	BY CAR OR RIDESHARE 90+ MINUTES <i>Typical race weekend, Miami Beach to venue</i>
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DEPARTURE POINTS

DEPARTURE POINT	FLIGHT TIME
Watson Island, Miami	~10 min

Miami Opa-Locka (OPF)	~10 min
Miami Int'l Airport (MIA)	~10 min
Fort Lauderdale (FLL)	~15 min
Palm Beach (PBI)	~30 min
Anywhere in South Florida	Custom

THE HELIFLITE DIFFERENCE

- Twin-engine, dual-piloted aircraft at the highest safety certification standard in commercial helicopter operations.
- Executive noise-canceling cabin for up to 6 passengers, quiet enough for calls and conversation without headsets.
- Direct landing at the Miami International Autodrome with golf cart transfer to your hospitality suite.
- 100% private. Your charter, your timeline. Seat up to 6 passengers. Aerial footage of the track available upon request.

The Race

Now in its fifth year, the Miami International Autodrome Race Weekend has established itself as one of the most electrifying stops on the global motorsport calendar. The Miami International Autodrome is a 5.41 km, 19-turn circuit winding through the Hard Rock Stadium complex in Miami Gardens, delivering street-circuit thrills at permanent-track standards.

2026 marks the series' first full season under the sport's new technical regulations: smaller, lighter cars with 50% hybrid power delivery and engines running on 100% sustainable fuel. Expect closer racing and more genuine overtaking than ever before.

Miami will also be the only American venue hosting a Sprint event in 2026, meaning fans get competitive on-track action across all three days.

Beyond the racing, Miami brings a festival atmosphere unlike any other race weekend. Live concerts, world-class hospitality, celebrity appearances, and the unmistakable energy of South Florida in spring.

The track passes a makeshift marina and beach, giving it a visual character no other circuit on the calendar can match. Walking the upper deck of Hard Rock Stadium, you can see every corner of the circuit.

Previous entertainment has included Ed Sheeran, Kaskade, Don Omar, and John Summit. The Paddock Club's two-story permanent facility offers prime views of pit lane and the start/finish line.

RACE WEEKEND SCHEDULE (EDT)

FRI	SAT	SUN
MAY 1 · SPRINT QUALIFYING	MAY 2 · SPRINT & QUALIFYING	MAY 3 · RACE DAY
12:30 PM Practice 1 (FP1)	12:00 PM Sprint Race 4:00 PM Main Race Qualifying	4:00 PM Main Race (57 laps)

4:30 PM Sprint Qualifying (SQ1 to SQ3)

Post-race Track invasion and podium ceremony for all ticket holders

TICKET OPTIONS

TIER	PRICE	INCLUDES
Campus Pass	From \$75	Grounds access, fan zones, food and entertainment with no assigned seat. Best for soaking up the atmosphere.
Grandstand	From \$75/day	Assigned seats in Beach Grandstands (Turns 11 to 12) and others. Great views of the passing zones.
Paddock Club	Premium	Two-level permanent facility above pit lane with prime views of the start/finish line. The global standard for premier motorsport hospitality.
The 72 Club	Premium	Hard Rock Stadium's premier football suite transformed into a private motorsport viewing lounge for the weekend.
Grandstand+	3-Day	New for 2026. Includes Thursday Opening Night party, Stadium Club access, offsite parking with shuttle, and complimentary Heineken daily.

Beyond the Race

MIA Marina Dry-docked yachts on the inside of Turns 6 to 8. One of Miami's most photographed race-weekend features and a uniquely South Florida touch.

Paddock Access Miami remains the only venue of its kind where spectators have unobstructed views directly into the team village. An unmatched level of access anywhere on the motorsport calendar.

Art and Installations Hard Rock Stadium transforms with racing-inspired murals, sculptures, and interactive installations by local Miami artists throughout the full campus.

Dining and Hospitality World-class food and beverage across all campus zones. The new Grandstand+ tier includes Stadium Club access and complimentary Heineken each day.

Support Racing 2026 features the series debut of McLaren Trophy America alongside Porsche Carrera Cup North America, delivering three full days of multi-class on-track competition.

Frequently Asked Questions

When exactly is the 2026 Race weekend?

The 2026 Miami International Autodrome Race Weekend runs Friday May 1 through Sunday May 3 at the Miami International Autodrome, Hard Rock Stadium complex, Miami Gardens. It is the sixth race of the 2026 World Drivers' Championship season. Race day is Sunday May 3 with lights out at 4:00 PM EDT.

What is a Sprint Weekend and why does it matter?

A Sprint Weekend means competitive on-track action across all three days, not just Sunday. Friday includes Sprint Qualifying to set Saturday's grid. Saturday features the Sprint Race, a shortened race of roughly 100 km that counts for championship points, followed by full Main Race Qualifying. Sunday delivers the main race. Miami is the only American race with this format in 2026, making the full three-day ticket especially worthwhile.

How does traffic compare to a helicopter charter?

Miami regularly ranks among the most congested cities in America, with commuters averaging 93 hours in traffic annually even outside major events. On race weekend, with over 100,000 fans traveling to Miami Gardens, road times from South Beach or Downtown Miami routinely reach 60 to 90 minutes each way. Rideshares drop off at a school 15 to 20 minutes walking distance from the gates. By HeliFlite charter from Watson Island, the flight is under 10 minutes and you land steps from the track entrance with a golf cart transfer directly to Paddock-level hospitality.

Where does the helicopter land at the Autodrome?

HeliFlite lands directly at a designated helipad inside the Miami International Autodrome circuit complex. Golf cart transfers meet each flight and take you to your specific access point within minutes: the Paddock, Paddock Club, Palm Club, or 72 Club. There is no shuttle, no long walk, and no waiting in general traffic queues.

Where can HeliFlite pick me up in South Florida?

HeliFlite operates out of Miami's Watson Island Seaplane Base (2 miles from Downtown, 4 miles from Miami Beach), Miami Opa-Locka Executive Airport, Miami International Airport, and Fort Lauderdale. Our helicopter also serves Palm Beach, Naples, and Orlando. Custom pickup locations throughout South Florida can be arranged.

How many passengers can fly on a single charter?

Our dual-engine executive helicopters accommodate up to 6 passengers per flight along with luggage. Every charter is private, your party only with no shared flights. For larger groups, multiple aircraft can be dispatched simultaneously. Pets are welcome on private charters.

What makes HeliFlite different from other helicopter services?

HeliFlite operates exclusively twin-engine, dual-piloted aircraft at the highest safety certification standard available in commercial helicopter operations. Our executive cabins feature noise-canceling technology, making conversation and calls possible in flight without headsets. We have been a previous transport partner of the Miami race weekend and have transported VIPs, announcers, and broadcast crews. Our aerial footage has appeared in global motorsport broadcasts. We bring operational experience that charter-broker services cannot match.

Where should I stay for race weekend?

Miami Beach and Downtown Miami are the most popular bases, both well-served by Watson Island for HeliFlite departures. Fontainebleau Miami Beach is the landmark luxury property. The Four Seasons, 1 Hotel South Beach, and Faena Hotel are other top-tier choices. Book well in advance as race weekend hotels sell out months ahead. The Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Hollywood, 15 minutes from the track, serves as an official partner property with race-week programming.

Can I watch the podium ceremony after the race?

Yes. Miami permits all ticket holders to enter the track for a post-race track invasion and podium ceremony, which takes place on the opposite side of the stadium from the main straight. Check the campus map at the event for the podium ceremony location.

What should I know before attending?

Noise: Racing cars at this level are extremely loud. Ear protection is recommended, especially for the Sprint and main race.

Sun and heat: Miami in May is warm and sunny. Sunscreen, a hat, and consistent hydration are essential. Hospitality suites provide shade and climate control.

Bags: One bag per person, maximum 12" x 6" x 12". Clear bags are recommended for faster security screening.

Parking: Stadium parking is sold out for 2026. Ground-level options including Brightline to Aventura and satellite lots are available but involve significant wait times on race day. This is the primary reason HeliFlite clients choose to fly.

Zone access: The campus is divided into eight ticketed zones. Confirm which zones your ticket covers before race day.

Ready to Fly? Book Your Charter Now

Charter availability for race weekend is limited. HeliFlite has operated at the Miami International Autodrome since 2022. Book early to secure your flight.

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