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**Miami is a city that's identified by its celebrities.** Whether they're homegrown like Gloria Estefan, transplanted like Matt Damon or manufactured by the E Channel, like the Kardashians. For those who may want a break from the more common celebrities, then taking advantage of the Historical Museum of Southern Florida's tour guru is a must <http://www.hmsf.org>. Dr. Paul George is the local celebrity who will inform and entertain with his tales of Miami and all things historical.

**Dr. George conducts tours in Miami and its surrounding areas, including a 3 hour cruise of Biscayne Bay.** The highlight

of the tour is the neighborhood known as Stiltsville. It's comprised of 7 homes today, but just as recently as 1992, before Andrew, there were 20 homes scattered just a few miles off Miami's shores. Dr. George will discuss the days when Stiltsville had residents, what happens out there today and the issues facing this deteriorating landmark going forward. He will also share stories of the more infamous figures who chose to take up residence in Key Biscayne (politicians and mobsters alike).

**Along with a close-up look at the remaining homes in the water, the tour affords one the opportunity to get a postcard's view of the Magic City.** According to Emporis.com <http://www.emporis.com>, Miami's skyline ranks as number 6 in the U.S. A breath taking look, from the water, of the impressive collection of skyscrapers, while Dr. George engages his guests with interesting and unexpected facts is a great way to spend the morning.

**Dr. George's passion for the U.S.'s southernmost metropolis is second to none.** His dedication to infusing a little culture and history into a city that is usually defined by everything but, makes him a refreshing new kind of celebrity

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