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The tenth edition of *Roadfood* by Jane and Michael Stern is out now (£18.99, Clarkson Potter). BA Holidays are ATOL protected, offering a 24-hour helpline and a low deposit scheme. Book your ultimate foodie fly-drive at ba.com/florida



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Swiss, hot-pressed on Cuban bread. The must-eat dessert is Tres Leches – white cake sopped with milk, evaporated milk and condensed milk and crowned with sweetened whipped cream. There isn't any outdoor seating, so use your tailgate or dashboard as a makeshift dining table. havanacubanfood.com

| → | **BOB ROTH'S NEW RIVER GROVES**

5660 Griffin Road, Davie

Bob Roth's is not a full-service restaurant, but the juice and smoothie bar is grand, and there are excellent breakfast and lunch sandwiches as well as an inviting coffee menu. The main reason to eat here is suggested by the lime-green colour of the menu. Bob Roth's makes some of the best Key lime pie in all of Florida. Or if pie is not your thing, how about a Key lime milkshake, served with crumbled Graham crackers? A fun place to buy souvenirs, honey, jam and, of course, fresh fruit. newrivergroves.com

| → | **EL PALACIO DE LOS JUGOS**

5721 West Flagler Street, Miami

There are a handful of Palacios de los Jugos in Miami. Combining produce stand and eatery, they offer one of the most authentic Cuban food experiences in town. Orange, mango, watermelon, papaya and pineapple juices are squeezed on the premises. Breakfast, lunch and dinner range from basic sandwiches to splendid knife-and-fork fare, all served in abundance and at very reasonable prices. elpalaciodelosjugos.com

| → | **JOE'S STONE CRAB**

11 Washington Avenue, Miami Beach

A landmark restaurant with a staff of consummate pros, Joe's is a timeless taste of South Florida, open since 1913. Its fabled stone crabs are plump, juicy and easy to extract from their coral-pink claws. These beautiful hunks of food are expensive (Damon Runyon once quipped, "they sell by the karat") but no other shellfish meat is quite as sweet. There is a full menu of lobster, shrimp, and oysters; but it's stone crabs on which the reputation of this grand old place was built. joesstonecrab.com

plump as lobster tails. There's drawn butter for dunking, but it seems like gilt for the lily, for few seafoods are as inherently buttery as these glistening creatures. dixiecrossroads.com

| → | **FRANK N' STEIN**

395 NW Dixie Highway, Stuart

A block off the main drag of Route One, one-of-a-kind Frank N' Stein offers "warm buns and cold beer". It's nothing fancy or exotic, but the quality of all-beef Sabrett hot dogs and of no-bean chilli to top them is first rate. Side the franks (or an overstuffed sub sandwich) with thin-cut French fries and a frosty mug of draft beer.

| → | **HAVANA**

6801 Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach

This is a fine sit-down restaurant where you can enjoy steak and seafood meals, but road-trippers should know about the 24-hour walk-up window serving Cuban sandwiches, *medianoches* (a Cuban on sweet bread), and a wonderful 'Especial de West Palm Beach': ham, turkey, bacon and