

# MAGAZINE

## City style South Beach, Miami

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### Miles of pristine beaches, Art Deco architecture and buzzing nightlife



#### LA PIAGGIA BEACH CLUB

There is so much artful posing by the toned twentysomethings at La Piaggia that lunch here is enough to give you neckache. Do eat in-between gawking, though – tuna carpaccio, octopus salad and old-school prawn cocktail make for perfect poolside nosh. 1000 South Pointe Drive (00 1 305 674 0647; [lapiaggiabeach.com](http://lapiaggiabeach.com)).



#### CASA TUA

Behind manicured hedges is the most intimate Italian restaurant in town. Casa Tua looks and feels like a family home, complete with photo album-style menus. Couples dine outside by candlelight and an unfailingly chic crowd resides at the 18-seater chef's table. 1700 James Avenue (00 1 305 673 1090; [casatualifestyle.com](http://casatualifestyle.com)).

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#### ART DECO WELCOME CENTRE

The geometric patterns and dramatic colours of Art Deco have long been synonymous with Miami. Take a tour around some of the most acclaimed buildings and some lesser-known beauties with a knowledgeable guide to discover more – did you know, for example, that the discovery of King Tut's tomb was a major influence? 1001 Ocean Drive (00 1 305 672 2014; [mdp.org](http://mdp.org)).



#### THE WEBSTER

You don't come to Miami specifically for the shopping – with so much else to do, your consumer urges are generally sidelined in any case. And yet it would be almost rude not to head to the Webster, a boutique spread over three floors stocking an edited vision of American and European designers – think Balmain, House of Harlow and Margiela – in a classic Art Deco building. So it's culture, really. 1220 Collins Avenue (00 1 305 674 7899; [thewebstermiami.com](http://thewebstermiami.com)).



#### W SOUTH BEACH

Play like you belong in the playground of the rich and richer at the hippest hotel on the strip. Each enormous room has its own terrace, with floor-to-ceiling windows and views of the Atlantic. And if you fancy a bit of exercise, there are tennis and basketball courts on the roof. 2201 Collins Avenue (00 1 305 938 3000; [wsouthbeach.com](http://wsouthbeach.com)).



#### COCO DE VILLE

South Beach has a dense concentration of nightspots. Away from the hotel clubs, the new trend is for exclusive lounges. Coco de Ville's one tiny room, holding 150 people at a push, is based around a pumping dancefloor that never empties. 2377 Collins Avenue (00 1 305 604 6545).



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