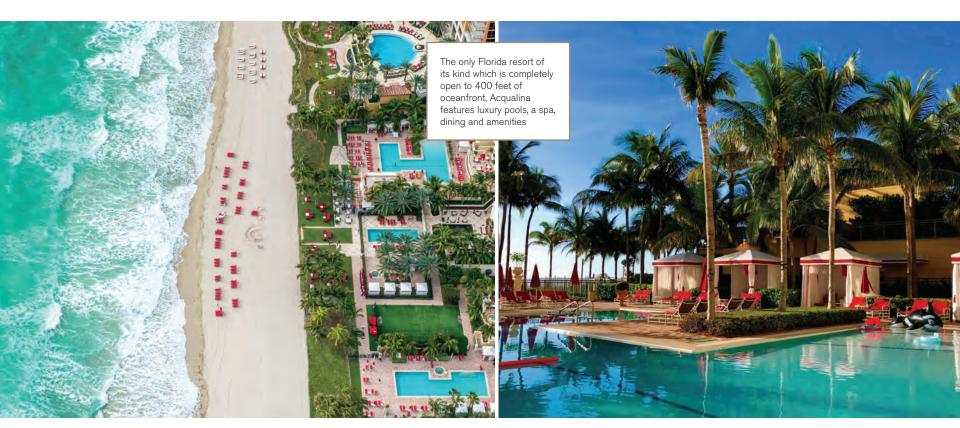


ACQUALINA RESORT & RESIDENCES ON THE BEACH

The five-star luxury experience in South Florida

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hose seeking a respite from the frozen onslaught that is the coming winter need look no further than a luxurious escape to Florida's Acqualina Resort & Residences on the Beach, located on nearly five acres of prime oceanside property in Sunny Isles, between Miami and Fort Lauderdale.

A recipient of the coveted Forbes Travel Guide Star Award and the prestigious AAA Five Diamond Award, this 98-room resort is the epitome of elegance, service and style, where guests can immerse themselves in the glamorous South Florida lifestyle.

Designed to be reminiscent of a Mediterranean villa, from its grand porte cochère entrance to its luxurious guest rooms, to its charming bistros and dining, and outdoor amenities, Acqualina Resort is the absolute manifestation of "playing to your strengths" in that it is Florida's only resort of its kind to be built completely open to the ocean and

completely free of barriers between it and 400 feet of glistening Atlantic shoreline.

The 51-storey tower contains 54 guest rooms and 44 suites, with standard rooms beginning at nearly 750 square feet, rising to three-bedroom suites of more than 2,300 square feet, with some select guest rooms and suites featuring full gourmet kitchens.

Acqualina Resort features a full suite of dining options and amenities to make it a true destination of elevated elegance. The resort features New York City's acclaimed Italian restaurant, Il Mulino New York, which features authentic cuisine from Italy's Abruzzi region. With a diverse, eclectic and tapasstyle menu, using only the freshest ingredients, KeuH brings Japanese fusion cuisine to Acqualina, while Costa Grill is the ultimate outdoor dining locale, ideal for midday respites under umbrellacovered tables.

Guests at the resort can also escape to and

indulge in the award-winning Acqualina Spa by ESPA, the first branded ESPA in the United States. Featuring skilled therapists, his-and-hers relaxation lounges with Himalayan salt walls, a Roman waterfall spa and a heated jet pool, ESPA offers meditative and restorative treatments based on Ayurvedic principles.

Acqualina Resort features three additional swimming pools, including the Beach Club Pool with private cabanas, the adult-only Tranquility Pool and the Recreation Pool for the resort's aquafitness classes. To avoid the Florida heat, chilled towels and iced fruits are presented hourly.

Acqualina Resort & Residences on the Beach is the winter-escape destination offering luxury and style, as we can attest to during our stay there for our cover shoot in Miami. It was an opportunity to indulge in *la dolce vita* — Acqualina style.

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