



ACQUALINA RESORT & RESIDENCES ON THE BEACH

17875 COLLINS AVE., SUNNY ISLES BEACH

About the resort: The five-star Mediterranean-style oasis remains one of South Florida's most luxurious beachfront destinations. Acqualina's "Guest Experience Managers" can enhance any stay by curating your getaway experience—from coordinating shopping lists to booking dining reservations to customizing the private bar. Speaking of dining, standout Il Mulino New York once again is serving its traditional Italian cuisine seven days a week (the restaurant also is open for breakfast and lunch). In addition, registered dietitian Staci Shacter has collaborated with the resort on the Acqualina Diet—healthy dishes (think cauliflower pizza with Buffalo chicken and arugula or sautéed zucchini and squash noodles) that are featured on the menu at Costa Grill, gourmet Mediterranean cuisine under the palms and adjacent to the beach. Enhanced "Acqua Experiences" give families a variety of activities from which to choose, including private abstract painting by the sea.

Isn't that special: The resort, which reopened June 15, is offering a Summer Getaway special that includes 15% off the best available rate, complimentary valet parking and free internet access. There's a minimum two-night stay requirement in the deluxe Intracoastal room category (or above). ... The Acqualina App gives guests the chance to order food, book cabanas, reserve amenities (and much more) online.

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AFTER MONTHS OF STARING AT THE SAME WALLS, LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE THINKING ABOUT WEEKEND ESCAPES, ESPECIALLY ONES THAT DON'T REQUIRE AIR TRAVEL. RESORTS THROUGHOUT SOUTH FLORIDA—THRILLED TO SAFELY OPEN THEIR DOORS AGAIN TO GUESTS—ARE HAPPY TO OBLIGE

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NOTE: All the resorts featured have implemented new policies regarding hygiene, cleanliness, social distancing and other post-COVID strategies; because many spas and fitness centers were suspended at press time, those offerings are not referenced.