



Acqualina Resort & Spa named Best Waterfront Hotel

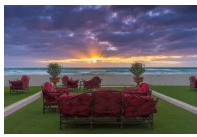
This is Acqualina's second straight win

Whether by a lake or the sea, there's something special about vacationing on the waterfront. Nominated by a panel of hotel and travel experts, each of these waterfront properties sets the scene for a memorable and relaxing vacation.



ACQUALINA RESORT & SPA Sunny Isles Beach, Fla.

Located on the Florida Riviera, this award-winning Miami resort's setting resembles an all-inclusive villa, with a vast tropical beachfront and luxurious extras like fresh fruit and homemade biscotti delivered to the rooms, a marine biology-based program and heavenly spa access. Lavish accommodations boast stunning views, while three pools add to the appeal.



The top 10 winners in the category Best Waterfront Hotel are as follows:

1. Acqualina Resort & Spa - Sunny Isles Beach, Fla.
2. Mirror Lake Inn Resort & Spa - Lake Placid, N.Y.
3. Halekulani - [Honolulu](#)
4. WaterColor Inn - Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.
5. Ludlow's Island Resort - Cook, Minn.
6. Opal Sands Resort - [Clearwater Beach, Fla.](#)
7. Prince Waikiki - Honolulu
8. Four Seasons Resort Hualalai - Kailua-Kona, Hawaii
9. Lake Pointe Inn - McHenry, Md.
10. The Pearl Hotel - Rosemary Beach, Fla.

A panel of experts partnered with 10Best editors to pick the initial 20 nominees, and the top 10 winners were determined by popular vote. Experts Marla Cimini ([USA TODAY](#)), [Eric Grossman](#), Gerrish Lopez, Eileen Ogintz ([Taking the Kids](#)) and Christopher Parr ([Pursuitist](#)) were chosen based on their knowledge of the American hotel scene.

Congratulations to all these winning properties!

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[Eric Grossman](#) is a travel and food writer who has visited more than 50 countries. Always up for an adventure, Eric is constantly searching for new and inspiring experiences, with a keen interest in luxury travel and urban exploration. Memorable experiences have run the gamut from discussing the future of food with Ferran Adrià to sharing a stage with Coldplay.

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EILEEN OGINTZ



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