

## MIAMI, FLORIDA

## Acqualina Resort & Spa

This grand dame in the mellow Sunny Isles Beach district is one of the few hotels in Miami with direct beach access, making it popular with visiting VIPs who'd rather avoid the city's bustling promenades. An opulent Italianate lobby of marble, chandeliers, and vaulted ceilings fronts four al fresco swimming pools of varying sizes and a series of manicured gardens studded with bold-red sun loungers. Beyond, a pristine slice of beachfront beckons. The outdoor precinct may be Acqualina's headline attraction, but there's plenty going on inside, too: think destination dining at three restaurants (including an outpost of glam New York group Il Mulino) and day-length treatments at the Mediterranean-tiled spa. And a welcome addition: the high-tech AcquaMarine activity centre is a boon for those with kids in tow. www.acqualinaresort.com. >>

