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Introducing Bal Harbour, the secluded Miami enclave you need to know

Luxury hotels, designer shops, glamorous restaurants and a secluded beach – what's not to love?



While many might be more familiar with the well-heeled Bal Harbour because of its fabulous shops (stores including Assouline, Lalique and Wolford reportedly bring in more revenue per square foot than Rodeo Drive, and it was the first place in the US to have a Louis Vuitton and Prada outside of New York City), it's worth knowing that this beautiful Miami enclave is also the home to four outstanding hotels: Beach Haus Bal Harbour, The Ritz-Carlton Bal Harbour Miami, Sea View Hotel and St Regis Bal Harbour Resort. It also has an enviable location between Miami and Fort Lauderdale International Airports, with Miami Beach just 15 minutes away, making it the perfect base for exploring everything this picturesque destination has to offer.

Originally built in 1929, Bal Harbour was envisioned as an elegant, exclusive and sought-after community, with nine resorts lining the beach in its earliest iteration. By the 1950s, celebrities had started to arrive, including Frank Sinatra (to be found propping himself and his Rat Pack up at the bar at the Americana Carnival Supper Club), Guy Lombardo and Count Basie. Fast-forward to today, and Bal Harbour and its secluded slice of golden-sand beach is a haven of designer shops, luxury hotels and glamorous restaurants. It's easy to assume that Sinatra et al would approve.

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Unsurprisingly, Bal Harbour caters to everyone thanks to its four hotels, with couples, families and groups of friends guaranteed to find the perfect space. For those who like a touch of sophisticated European glamour, look no further than the beautiful white façade of the Sea View Hotel, which has been here since Bal Harbour's earliest days. With all the amenities you need for a family holiday, it has dedicated beachfront service, so you can enjoy lunch on a sun lounger or a drink by the pool. If you prefer to have the option of self-catering, then the Beach Haus Bal Harbour is ideal, with two-bedroom rooms that come with kitchenettes, making them perfect for longer-term stays too. Couples will love the romance of the Ritz-Carlton Bal Harbour, Miami, as well as its ocean-to-table food philosophy and expansive spa. Finally, there's the peerless St Regis Bal Harbour Resort, where five-star luxury meets family-friendly experiences and all 213 of its rooms and suites boast oceanfront views.



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Of course, excellent food is a must for the discerning guests of Bal Harbour, and luckily there's no shortage of places to eat, with 10 restaurants and bars spread across the hotels, and six in the shopping mall. Head to the Artisan Beach House for a chic menu of global seafood dishes, La Gourmandise does a fabulous French-American inspired afternoon tea, and Atlantikós specialises in traditional Greek sharing dishes. There are plenty of waterfront options too, so you can make the most of the sunset.

One of the standout elements of a stay at Bal Harbour is the arts offering, which includes complimentary access to Miami's top museums and art collections including the Rubell Museum and Pérez Art Museum Miami via the [Unscripted Art Access Program](#). There is also VIP access to events during Art Basel Miami Beach, one of the most prominent and important events on the international art world calendar. But you'll also just encounter artworks by walking round the area, with colourful and thought-provoking sculptures along the beach path and jetty.

So if you've been tempted by a trip to Miami but are struggling to find the right place to stay, then look no further than Bal Harbour – it's got it all.

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