

FOUNTAIN OF LUXURY

Take a break from the West Coast for a trip to übersexy Miami and its most alluring hotel. *By Elise Edwards*



MORE MIAMI MUSTS

Prime One Twelve: Suave financiers and Hollywood celebs frequent this steakhouse serving up perfectly cooked rib eyes and decadent fried Oreos.

Michael's Genuine Food & Drink: Located in the up-and-coming Design District, this spot is known for its revolving menu, sustainable fare and fresh ingredients.

Casa Tua: Although the upstairs houses an exclusive members-only club, the downstairs restaurant is outstanding and open to the public.

David's Café: A budding mini-chain known for its authentic café con leche



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"If you create a stage and it is grand, everyone who enters will play their part." One step inside acclaimed architect Morris Lapidus' iconic Fontainebleau Miami Beach and it's clear his words ring true. Thanks in part to a spectacular \$1 billion renovation and expansion in 2008, the resort has maintained its opulence and original Art Deco heritage (which once attracted the likes of the Rat Pack, Elvis and Lucille Ball) while taking on a modern sense of style and sophistication.

The 22-acre oceanfront resort is situated on Collins Avenue in the heart of Miami Beach, where you'll find everything from the high-end shopping of Bal Harbour to award-winning

restaurants such as Wish. But with 11 restaurants and lounges overseen by chef Thomas Connell, formerly of The Ritz-Carlton, foodies won't be disappointed by staying on property. Not to miss are the 50-day dry-aged Niman strip steak at Gotham Steak and the spaghetti with fresh tomato and basil at chef Scott Conant's celebrated Italian eatery Scarpetta—whose sister restaurant on this coast anchors the offerings at the Montage Beverly Hills.

The resort's expansion brought two new luxury guest towers that aim to spoil with flat-screen TVs, granite countertops and oversize spa tubs. But you're not limited to in-room luxuries. Seek

out a Vichy shower or oceanfront suite with soaking tub for two at the property's impressive 40,000-square-foot spa, Lapis. Or get an Ultra Cabana at the 21-and-over Arkadia pool, where you'll have a personal attendant, bottle service, Internet access and more. Round out your decadent experience at one of the property's nightlife destinations. LIV boasts ultra-VIP private skyboxes and DJs spinning everything from rock to house music. Much like Miami itself, it's a true people-watcher's paradise. So leave the City of Angels for a little while and head to the other coast for an indulgent getaway you won't soon forget. fontainebleau.com