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placed throughout the interior and stairwells. Onsite dining includes the mouth watering selections of Shula's On the Beach, recognized as one of America's top 10 steak houses and featuring a vast array of steak and seafood options. The resort is located within minutes of Greater Fort Lauderdale's numerous attractions including Las Olas Boulevard and cultural events.
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Acqualina [Miami Beach]

A 2010 recipient AAA Five Diamond Hotel on Miami Beach, Acqualina is a quintessential resort for unforgettable beachside romances, weddings and proposals. Acqualina is pleased to introduce Tatiana Echeverri, the resort's dedicated Proposal Concierge. With the job requirement of making dreams come true, Echeverri serves as a mentor in executing the marriage proposal of a lifetime.

On Bended Knee... Nestled between the Intracoastal Waterway and the Atlantic Ocean, the resort's Mediterranean-inspired 51-story tower features 97 lavish guest rooms and suites, which are perfect for carrying out a traditional, post-dinner proposal with a Veuve Clicquot and rose petal turndown. For more ambitious proposals with additional surprise and extravagance, Echeverri is prepared to flawlessly execute a memorable occasion. Echeverri is available for every guest, and can

be called hours or even months ahead of time to make all the arrangements. Past requests have entailed dropping a four-carat diamond ring into a cosmopolitan, inserting a ring into a piece of cake and arranging for a "will you marry me?" to be scrolled in the sand and outlined with votive candles during a beach-side dinner. Echeverri once even had her team follow a female guest around the hotel with cards and roses, eventually leading her to a beachside table for two topped off with a proposal.

Celebrations... Honeymooners can enjoy Acqualina's most romantic package. With a three night stay requirement, the Honeymoon package includes an intimate beachfront dinner for two, daily continental breakfast for two, bottle of champagne, flower petal welcome amenity and two 50-minute ESPA treatment. Packages are based on availability. Call for rates.

About the Resort... Acqualina is a spectacular property infused with romance and old-world European elegance, providing the perfect backdrop for special occasions of any kind. Located on 4.5 beachfront acres with 400 feet of stunning Atlantic Ocean coastline, Acqualina features a 20,000-square-foot. ESPA oceanfront spa, two oceanfront restaurants including the acclaimed Il Mulino New York, three oceanfront swimming pools and an innova-

tive marine biology-based AcquaMarine children's program.

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Cheeca Lodge & Spa [Islamorada]

After an extensive renovation and re-opening in December 2009, the Cheeca Lodge & Spa, located on a 27-acre private estate features a chic West Indies decor, classic Florida Keys architecture and its original porte-cochere entrance.

A highlight of Cheeca's 212 beautifully appointed guestrooms, suites and bungalows are the 62 new Premier Oceanfront and Island View Suites that will offer over 840 square feet of living space, floor-to-ceiling glass walls opening to panoramic ocean or island views, expansive private lanais, open-air round tubs for two with dramatic overhead tub fillers, and marble and glass rain showers for two.

Romance Package: Soak in the tub of your dreams. A signature feature of the resort's new Premier Suites, the tubs are by turns spacious, romantic and boast spectacular ocean and sunset views. Located on the balcony of each new Suite and more like a private spa than a mere tub, the outdoor tubs-for-two are 60 inches round, hold 55 gallons of just-right temperature water at an ideal depth of 20.5 inches, and, for added drama, have a cascading water spout feature. A picture-frame arch draped by soft curtains provides an inspiring view of the ocean and Cheeca's famed purple sunsets. Fresh sea breezes? No extra charge!

Valentine's Package: The three-night package includes accommodations in a Premier Suite, champagne, chocolate-covered strawberries and scattered rose petals upon arrival, breakfast in bed for two daily, a couples massage, and a sunset cruise. Available February 12-15, 2010, the

Heart of the Keys Valentine's Package costs \$3,472 including taxes and fees.

800-327-2888 | www.cheeca.com

Amelia Hotel at the Beach [Amelia Island]

This family-owned hotel provides guests with a memorable beach getaway. In addition to Amelia Island's romantic offerings including carriage rides and horseback riding on the beach, guests of this intimate oceanview hotel can enjoy their Hearts and Flowers Package that includes a daily hot continental breakfast; dinner for two in historic downtown Fernandina; rose petal turndown; chocolate covered strawberries; chilled champagne with keepsake flutes and fresh baked cookies. www.ameliahotel.com

Little Palm Island [Torch Key]

Imagine the most romantic and private oasis in Florida. In the world, there are only a few locales fit for celebrating the most important moments of your life. Little Palm Island Resort & Spa is one of those exceptional places where island beauty, ambiance, service, and cuisine come together to create a highly customized and unforgettable event. Located three miles offshore and accessible only by boat, Little Palm Island has implemented new levels of service and luxury at its island resort like the new Premium Bungalow Suites and the Chef's Table. The newly redesigned Premium Bungalow suites have the finest fixtures and furnishing and are also one-bedroom suites featuring a king size bed, separate living room, private outdoor shower and private verandah overlooking the ocean. Each 550-square-foot suite is fully air conditioned and has an I-Home docking station, guaranteed beach dining and more. The Chef's Table offers a once-in-a-



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