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A suite escape

Live the ultra-luxe life in Miami

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Miami is constantly evolving and reinventing itself. For travellers, the coastal Florida destination offers the best of a beautiful beach escape and a city getaway across diverse cultures and a buzzing nightlife.

Miami, which recently ranked fourth on Lonely Planet's Best in Travel 2019 guide for the Top Cities to visit next year, is also becoming increasingly renowned for its flavourful food scene and a multitude of art, museums, events and shops.

For discerning clients looking for a memorable place to spend the night with endless experiential moments, some of the city's most extravagant accommodations can be equally unique and diverse – attracting celebrities like Gerard Butler, Chrissy Teigen, and John Legend, to name but a few recent a-listers.

From over-the-top services like beachside foot baths to a tradition dating back to Napoleon Bonaparte, here are a few options for an ultra-luxurious stay in Miami.

ACQUALINA RESORT & SPA

Claim to fame: located in Sunny Isles, the five-star luxury oceanfront resort has such a nice stretch of beach, even rivals from other properties in the city raved about the quality of the sand.

Don't leave without: trying one of the resort's signature coconuts from Thailand.

Relax: for a twist on a relaxing massage, the Sound Care Ritual at the 20,000-square-foot Acqualina Spa by ESPA is a therapeutic treatment, which at the core combines massage techniques with musical healing. Afterwards, there's relaxation lounges, crystal steam rooms, Finnish saunas, Himalayan salt walls, and experience showers.

It's all about the experience: along with taking advantage of the resort's three oceanfront pools or chilling on beachfront signature red lounges, Acqualina offers a variety of programming called Acqua Experiences. Options range from outdoor painting lessons to private three-hour yacht cruises with The Charter Agency.

Stay a little longer: those in the market for a more permanent property in Miami can even purchase an apartment in the adjacent The Estates at Acqualina buildings, now under construction. The \$38 million penthouse comes complete with a Rolls-Royce Cullinan and a Lamborghini Aventador.

Accolades: Forbes Travel Guide Five-Star Award and the AAA Five Diamond Award.

