

# 11 things to do the next time you visit Surfside



The views are sublime from the new Four Seasons Surfside.



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Surfside has taken to calling itself Miami's "uptown beach town." Nestled between North Beach and Bal Harbour, it has a decidedly small town, retro appeal with Harding Avenue's compact commercial district lined with old-timey facades and an oceanfront community center boasting free access to swimming pools and fitness classes.

It's a family friendly destination full of unexpected quirks and charms. And as of late, it's home to some of Miami's most expensive real estate with residential units at **The Surf Club** by **Four Seasons** listed upwards of \$20 million.



Whether you come to sip Champagne at a historic club once frequented by Sinatra or to nosh on corned beef at a newfangled Jewish delicatessen (or both!), there's plenty to discover on Surfside's stretch of beach.

## Where to Stay

### 1. Four Seasons Surfside



Inside a luxurious guest room at the Four Seasons designed by Joseph Dirand.

When **Four Seasons Surfside** opened last spring at the historic Surf Club, it was a game changer for this sleepy, seaside town. At once, it revived Old Florida opulence of bygone days when Elizabeth Taylor and Winston Churchill rubbed elbows here, while also ushering in unprecedented luxury inside a glitteringly modern expansion by Pritzker Prize-winning architect Richard Meier.

The club's original ballroom has been transformed into **Le Sirenuse**, the legendary Amalfi Coast restaurant by the Sersale family, with a lavish **Champagne Bar**, all finished in a palette of creamy limestone and marble with mossy green upholstered chairs, brass accents and the original dark wood vaulted ceiling.

**The Spa** is a singularly luxurious experience in Miami from the peaceful marble hammam to Biologique Recherche facials and the intuitive hospitality where moments of delight await around every corner. And the rooms, with interiors by Joseph Dirand, are like dreamy jewel boxes lined in pale green marble and sun-bleached hardwood with fluffy white beds and frameless glass balconies floating in the clouds. *Current rates from \$995.*