



# DESTINATION ART DECO

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If you live in South Florida you've most likely been a visitor in Miami Beach. If not, it's just a quick jaunt down I-95 or The Turnpike, and with summer settling in, it's an exceptional time to take this road trip. The hot weather lends itself to bodies of water, ice-cold drinks and air conditioning. With chic hotel rates slipping into "low season," Miami Beach is the perfect place for a summer vacation.

Beyond offering a beach break on a hot day, Miami Beach also gives visitors a thorough lesson in art history.



The Art Deco District was the first 20th-century neighborhood to be recognized by the National Register of Historic Places, including 800 historical structures built between 1923 and 1943. If you're not familiar with the



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attributes of Art Deco, these are the characteristics to look for: pastel colors, porthole windows, ship-like railings, sleek curves, glass blocks, shiny chrome, and gleaming terrazzo floors.

I was in Miami last month attending a ProExport Colombia convention on the US-Colombia Free Trade Agreement for the



Okeechobee Livestock Market and had the pleasure of staying in a very cool Art Deco hotel. The Clinton is a chic, historical Art Deco boutique hotel located at 825 Washington Avenue, in the heart of the Art Deco district.

Upon check-in at The Clinton guests are presented a drink ticket for happy hour, which can be enjoyed from 7-9pm in one-of-four private cabanas at the hotel's

refreshing pool, amidst lounge chairs on pool pillars, or in the restaurant.

The Clinton is an intimate property offering guests 88 rooms with four different room types: standard, queen with a balcony, double bed and five recently renovated suites. The suites are all dressed in white, which gives them a light, airy, romantic feel. The suites also have open-aired verandahs with Jacuzzi bathtubs that overlook a reflecting pool.

With a great price-point for a South Beach locale, low season room nights can be found starting at \$100, and during high season rooms are \$200-and-up. The Clinton also has a variety of special deals for the summertime, including offers for AAA members, Facebook fans, and Florida residents among others. To find out more information on the property and other special offers, please visit the hotel website: [www.clintonsouthbeach.com](http://www.clintonsouthbeach.com).

