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The Tides South Beach

1220 Ocean Drive, South Beach, Miami, FL 33139, | [United States Of America](#)

From **£182** per room per night

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The Tides is a South Beach legend. A masterpiece in design, it's all subdued sandy colours with a lovely laid-back beach theme. It's the perfect, cosy yet classy beach hotel with great ocean views, a bijou pool, and a super-friendly welcome.

The rooms are relaxing yet funky: a perfect blend of neutral colours and edgy pieces. They come with all the usual huge flat-screen TVs, snazzy radios and luxurious honey-hued bathrooms, but also cool zebra skin carpets, original 30s flooring, leather armchairs and polished petrified wood coffee tables. All in addition to a jaw-dropping big blue view.

The best of the bunch is the palatial two-bedroom suite. Known as the Penthouse, this top-floor 2,000-square-foot suite comes with 360-degree vistas of South Beach and downtown Miami, a soft monochromatic colour palette and vintage one-of-a-kind pieces, as well as a retro dining room set for eight people, a living room, den and a large kitchen.

Downstairs, it's pretty hard not to be instantly smitten with the La Marea restaurant's décor, with its wall of glorious (fake) tortoise shells, cream leather pod chairs and white shag carpets. The terrace's plush sofas are the perfect place to watch the world go by while enjoying the balmy breeze and the surreally bright green welcome cocktail – a tropical coconut and melon Tides martini. All part of the finest South Beach experience.

What's hot?

- The super-friendly staff (especially Francesco)
- The views over South Beach
- The décor – unmistakably Miami
- The morning coffee and muffins

What's not?

- Like most Art Deco hotels in Miami, it doesn't come cheap

Need to Know: The Tides South Beach

- Number of rooms:** 45
- Check-in/check-out times:** 3pm and 12noon
- Room service:** Yes
- Swimming pool:** Yes
- Spa:** No
- Dogs welcome:** Yes

Eating & drinking: La Marea restaurant and outdoor bar offers great food, great wine and great people-watching. Try the chef's Hamatschi Parfait and lemongrass yellowtail with jasmine rice.

Near to? Right on Ocean Drive, at the heart of South Beach. It's a quick walk to Collins and the pedestrian shopping area at Lincoln.

Distance to nearest train station/airport: The hotel is a pretty straightforward 25 minutes by cab to/from MIA.

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Best room: The decadent two-bedroom suite

Best dish: Pan-seared sea bass with Gouda cheese potato gratin, roasted plum tomato basil salsa, saffron *beurre blanc* and onions

Fashion/design credentials: The Tides is another design gem by American interior design darling Kelly Wearstler

Who stays here? Recent guests include Cameron Diaz, Brook Shields, Nicole Richie, Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera, Sting, Janet Jackson, Jamie Foxx and Cindy Crawford



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