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Viceroy Miami

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From **£190** per room per night

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The **Viceroy Miami** is where J-Lo stays when she's in town. And that pretty much sums it up – it's all about designer cool with bold decor and a lot of glamour. From the sleek lobby to the cool **rooftop pool** dotted with pristine white sun loungers, oversized cabanas, a huge fireplace for cosy evening drinks and Starck-designed animal cut-out lanterns, every little detail screams, 'Miami Chic'.

Each of the 162 rooms is a design-lover's dream with their contemporary Asian vibe and lacquered, leather and silk furnishings. Renowned interior designer Kelly Wearstler has sensitively decked them out with a palette of emerald green, onyx and slate to complement the heavy dark wood furniture. Combine that with luxurious marble bathrooms, smartly equipped kitchenettes and iPod docking stations and you have a seriously cool place to stay - elegant and refined yet also super-practical.

The hotel's sleek hideaway restaurant, Eos, is up on the 15th floor. Aside from its edgy décor of lime silks and deliciously clashing orange wicker-style chairs it's also known for its Michelin-starred chef and modern exotic eastern cuisine. If all the wining and dining gets too much, there's always the pool. Or rather pools. In true Miami style, there's a selection - from the 300ft infinity pool to the rooftop pool at Club 50 on the skyscraper's 50th floor. Alternatively, you can just dance the night away in the late-night lounge, cocktail in hand as you gaze out on the stunning 360-degree views over Biscayne Bay.

What's hot?

- The cool design
- The 28,000 square-foot Starck spa and fitness centre – impressive stuff
- The infinity roof pool

What's not?

- The window-less corridors are a little bit stuffy
- There's no area to enjoy an alfresco aperitif at the restaurant

Need to Know: Viceroy Miami

Number of rooms: 162 rooms and suites

Check-in/check-out times: 3pm and 11am

Room service: Yes

Swimming pool: Yes

Spa: Yes. A glorious Starck-designed spa extravaganza with a 5,000 square-foot water lounge with a floating library, reflecting pond, hot and cold plunge pools, all with edgy rococo-style furniture in silver, gold and white. In the 10 treatment pods you can experience anything from 'raindrop therapy' using essential oils like basil and peppermint to ordinary massages.

Dogs welcome: Yes

Eating and drinking: Don't miss the rooftop bar for a late-night cocktail, or the EOS restaurant where you can sample the Camaroli Riso Italiana with lobster, saffron, tomato, caviar and egg yolk

Near to? The Viceroy Miami is set in hip Brickell, on the edge of Miami's financial district, overlooking Biscayne Bay, home to restaurants, shops and the new Ghery 'New World Centre' concert hall. It is also just a short drive from South Beach, the Design District, Coconut Grove, Coral Gables and other Miami area attractions.

Getting there: The Viceroy is ideally located just a 15-minute taxi ride away from Miami International Airport. There'll be plenty of taxis available on arrival.

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Best room: The two-bedroom Residences. Styled by TUI LifeStyle, they feature spacious balconies, Sferra linens and robes, spacious bathrooms, WiFi, 42-inch flat-screen TVs and daily housekeeping.

Best dish: For something light, try the signature smoked octopus with pineapple, spicy sopesata, and citrus yoghurt

Fashion/design credentials: The communal areas were designed by the legendary Philippe Starck, while US interiors darling Kelly Wearstler designed the hotel interiors

Who stays here? J-Lo is a big fan; luxe-lovers and sybaritic spa junkies make up the rest of the guest list



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