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Location, Location, Location
Solara Surfside

The only thing better than heading to warm, sunny Miami Beach in the dead of winter is spreading out in your own full-service resort suite during your stay. The Art Deco-styled **Solara Surfside** is situated right on the sparkling Atlantic Ocean. And while you may not have heard of Surfside, you'll really enjoy exploring this little-known Miami Beach community.

Solara Surfside is only six blocks away from the downtown district of Surfside's Harding Avenue, where savvy locals enjoy walking to great restaurants, galleries, boutiques and more. Of course, you may never want to leave the resort once you discover its pool with ocean view, gorgeous beach and immense 1- and 2-bedroom suites, many with escapes from every window and outdoor terraces. Kick off your shoes — you have arrived at the beach.



Solara's crisp, white Art Deco exterior carries through to its beautifully designed lobby, a fun place to meet up with friends. Arrive by moonlight and you'll be mesmerized by the gently swaying palms and the lights on the resort's architectural façade.

Time at this inviting Bluegreen resort is all about rejuvenating at your own pace. Start your day with a hot coffee and a long beach walk, or hit the fitness room, then pick up some fresh local seafood for lunch on your terrace. **Solara's** ocean-facing pool area is eye candy that soothes all the senses, with its cool breezes, hot sun and the sound of waves rolling onto the beach.

In-room Internet access and a business center are there for those who need or want them. Barbecue grills, volleyball and a hot tub add to the ways you can unplug and enjoy Miami's perfect temperatures and oceanfront setting. Pick a book if you like to read; the suites at **Solara** have numerous cozy places to read or enjoy the ocean views. And there's so much floor space you'll feel like you're in your own Atlantic beach home.

While people-watching, shopping and clubbing are great in Beach Beach, you may prefer to save the drive and explore the lesser-known environs of charming Surfside, or the nearby shopping mecca of **Del Harbour Shops**, bursting with designer boutiques. A great new find in Surfside is the recently opened Damsel Gallery on Harding Street, featuring up-and-coming artists from Europe, while the Food Gang restaurant and gourmet company will ring a bell with fans of the TV show, "Top Chef." **La Solara** is owned by two sisters who grew up in Paris; its flame-roasted chicken and French fare works. David & Saul boutique fills a Harding corner window with beautiful sandals, while **Nicole's Haute Couture** has colorful necks of beautiful cocktail dresses. Café Ragazzi is always buzzing by five.



No matter what you and your friends or family are interested in, cosmopolitan Miami has choices galore. Want to try deep-sea fishing, or visit a few world-class galleries? No problem. Do sports, animal parks, live music, design showrooms, biking along the ocean, flamenco dance performances, inviting and affordable restaurants, snorkeling; there are but a few of your options in sunny Miami, and **Solara Surfside's** concierge will gladly help you with reservations or logistics. Be warned though, once you really start to unwind, you may decide you don't have to get home as quickly as you thought.