Art Deco Miami Beach

Explore the architectural and aesthetic backbone of South Beach on this stroll past the colorful buildings of Miami’s Art Deco Historic District.

Start: Art Deco Museum
Distance: 1.2 miles
Duration: 2 to 3 hours

**Take a Break...** Lunch at the 11th St Diner, a gleaming aluminum Pullman car that was imported in 1992 from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

1. Start at the Art Deco Museum at the corner of Ocean Dr and 10th St for an exhibit on art deco style.

2. Head north along Ocean Dr. Between 12th and 14th Sts you’ll see two deco hotels: the Carlyle, boasting modernistic styling, and the Cardozo Hotel, featuring sleek, rounded edges.

3. At 14th St peek inside the sun-drenched Winter Haven Hotel to see its fabulous terrazzo floors, made of stone chips set in mortar that’s polished when dry.

4. Turn left and down 14th St to Washington Ave and the US Post Office, at 13th St. It’s a curvy block of white deco in the stripped classical style. Step inside to admire the wall mural, domed ceiling and marble stamp tables.

5. Continue half a block east to the imposing Wolfsonian-FIU, an excellent design museum.

6. Continue walking Washington Ave, turn left on 7th St and then continue north along Collins Ave to the Hotel of South Beach. L. Murray Dixon designed the hotel as the Tiffany Hotel, with a deco spire, in 1939.

7. Turn right on 9th St and go two blocks to Ocean Dr, where you’ll spy nonstop deco beauties: the middling Ocean’s Ten restaurant boasts an exterior designed by deco legend Henry Hohauser.