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Sophie Winkleman at Soho House West Hollywood

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# TRAVELER'S NOTEBOOK

## THE NEW BAL HARBOUR

**FLORIDA** Freshly built hotels, the increasingly chic Bal Harbour Shops, cultural initiatives to rival many cities—this is not your grandmother's Bal Harbour. The one-square-mile village is becoming the thinking person's South Beach. Here's our take:

● **7 A.M.** Order breakfast at the **Sea View Hotel** (doubles from \$165; 9909 Collins Avenue; 305-866-4441; [seaview-hotel.com](http://seaview-hotel.com)), a classic Floridian beach resort.

● **8 A.M.** Attend a free **yoga or Pilates class** on the beach ([balharbourflorida.com](http://balharbourflorida.com)), and mingle with the town's insiders.

● **9 A.M.** Take a long, long beach walk while the sun is still low. Or hop onto the free Bal Harbour shuttle to check out **Canyon Ranch Hotel & Spa**, the **Fontainebleau** hotel, and the **W South Beach** (close to the Bass Museum of Art). The bus also goes to **Lincoln Road**.

● **11 A.M.** Hit one of the highest-grossing malls per square foot in the country (9700 Collins Avenue), a lushly landscaped open-air affair with shops like **Lauren Merkin**, **Cartier**, **Tory Burch**, and **Chanel**. The national Salon de Louis Vuitton series was launched here in June; the mall itself will be hosting events during Art Basel Miami in December.

● **1 P.M.** Order the salad at **La Goulue** (305-

865-2181; [lagouluebalharbour.com](http://lagouluebalharbour.com)) or the lobster linguine at **Carpaccio** (305-867-7777; [carpacciobalharbour.com](http://carpacciobalharbour.com)). Stephen Starr of Buddakan is also opening a Japanese restaurant in the mall this season.

● **3 P.M.** Have an extra drink. Then back to shopping—or the beach.

● **5 P.M.** Sample the mall's free **sunset activities**, such as readings and art walks; modern interpretations of Shakespeare from the Miami-based YoungArts foundation; dance by Miami City Ballet; blues, soul, and gospel by the Overtown Music Project; or edgy dance, theater, and music by Miami Light Project.

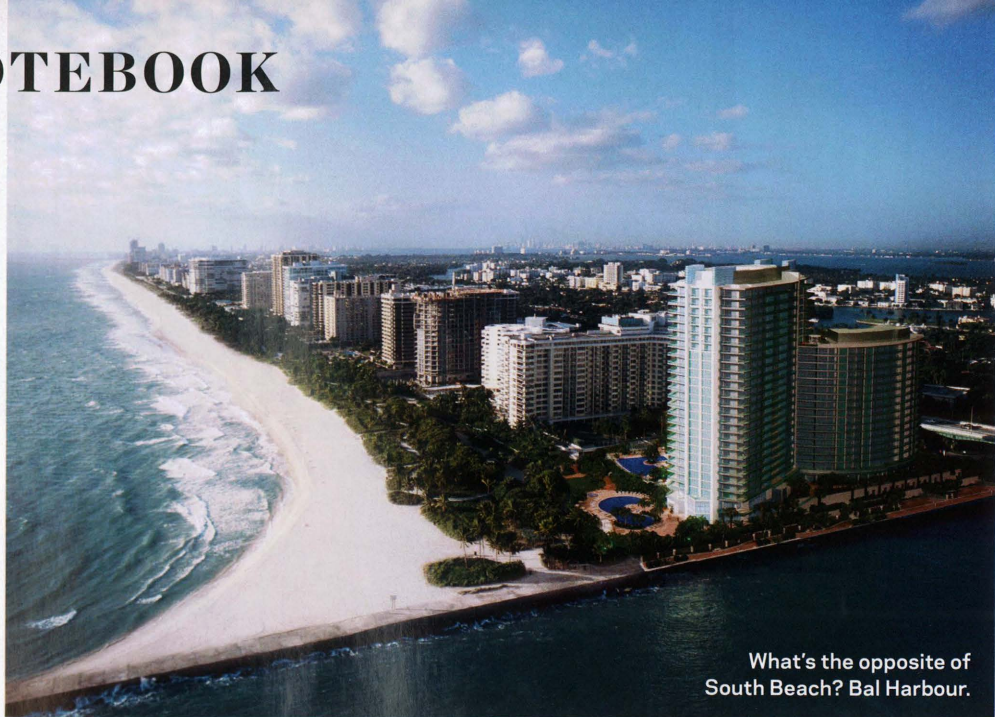
● **6 P.M.** Have a bite at **One Bal Harbour**

**Resort & Spa** (doubles from \$300; 10295 Collins Avenue; 305-455-5400; [oneluxuryhotels.com](http://oneluxuryhotels.com)), the newest hotel on the shore. The übercool property has a beach club designed by Hernan Arriaga, who has done interior-design work for the Hermès family. The club hosts up-and-coming bands such as the youthquake cult group Surfer Blood.

● **7 P.M.** Grab a sofa for a free **screening** on the beach. The lineup includes films from the Miami International Film Festival and the Museum of Contemporary Art's Optic Nerve contest.

● **BEDTIME** Open your hotel windows and inhale the clean ocean air.

TOM AUSTIN



What's the opposite of South Beach? Bal Harbour.



Dahlia prints at Le Bristol's new brasserie.

## Paris's Latest Flavor

**FRANCE** The **Hôtel Le Bristol** is soaring with a fresh spirit after a remake of the adjacent early-20th-century building into a new wing housing a brasserie called the **114 Faubourg**. Here, exuberant tangerine walls, violet banquettes, and gilded columns set the stage for couples and deal makers to try out such dishes as Oeuf King Crab with ginger-lemon mayonnaise and mille-feuille with Bourbon vanilla. In **Gastronomic Restaurant**, the hotel's three-Michelin-star dining room, Nicolas Sarkozy is often spotted at lunch, where he orders chef Eric Frechon's signature mini macaroni stuffed with artichokes, truffles, and foie gras. Just as chic are the twenty-six guest quarters, decorated in French period style with floral prints and, for some, an exquisitely framed view of the Eiffel Tower. *Rooms from \$1,000. 112 Rue du Faubourg St.-Honoré; 011-33-1-53-43-43-00; [lebristolparis.com](http://lebristolparis.com).*

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