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ART ESCAPE

Our top picks for a stay in Palm Beach County, Florida

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The sunny society mecca has everything you want in a winter escape: beautiful beaches, luxury hotels, charming restaurants and unlimited arts and culture.

CURATED CULTURE

Planning a trip but not sure where to start? Get an itinerary specifically tailored to your interests, courtesy of the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County's **Cultural Concierge** program. palmbeachculture.com, 561-214-8082.



PALM BEACH CLASSICS

Already one of the Florida's oldest (1941) and finest museums, the **Norton Museum** recently underwent a \$60 million renovation to expand its collections, including Chinese art you'll find nowhere else. norton.org.

Henry Flagler, one of the founders of Standard Oil, built the 55-room mansion "Whitehall" as a wedding gift for his third wife in 1893. Now the site of **Flagler Museum**, his opulent former abode is one of the largest historic homes in the country and offers a glimpse into early Palm Beach society. flaglermuseum.us.



CONTEMPORARY ART

The **Boca Museum of Art** is a feast for the senses, with modern and contemporary art exhibitions that are daring, diverse and thoughtfully executed. Bonus: there's a great sculpture garden too. bocamuseum.org.

For edgy work from regional artists and beyond, the **Cornell Art Museum Old School Square (1)**, housed in a 1913 schoolhouse, is worth the short drive to historic Delray Beach. oldschoolsquare.org.



OUTSIDER ART

More than 100 sculptures join more than 300 species of tropical palms at the historic house, studio and garden that make up the **Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens (2)** and **Norton House**. A must for both art and

nature lovers. ansg.org.

Tea ceremonies, Japanese culture courses, bonsai gardens and exhibitions from Japanese artists can be found at **Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens**. There's also interesting wildlife roaming the 16-acre gardens - see how many iguanas you can spot! morikami.org.

PERFORMING ARTS

For Washington residents with homes in Palm Beach, the **Kravis Center for Performing Arts** is Kennedy Center South. With more than 800 annual events, this cultural staple is home to the Miami City Ballet and the Palm Beach Opera. kravis.org.

WHERE TO EAT

■ Ta-boo

A Palm Beach institution, you'll want to visit Ta-boo to chat with owner Franklin deMarco as well as people watch and munch on the famed Cobb salad. The cozy eatery is located on Worth Avenue, perfectly placed for a little high-end shopping after lunch. taboorestaurant.com.

■ Avocado Grill (3)

Fresh, locally-sourced ingredients and avocado margaritas keep guests coming back to this imaginative restaurant in funky West Palm Beach. avocadogrillwplb.com.

■ Pistache French Bistro

With classic but casual Palm Beach sophistication and updated French fare, brunch at this modern bistro in downtown West Palm is a must. Don't miss the grilled chicken paillard and seasonal salads. pistachewplb.com.

WHERE TO STAY

Tideline Ocean Resort & Spa (4) looks out over the Atlantic Ocean with stunning balcony views, a top-notch spa and stellar seaside dining. tidelinesort.com. **WL**