

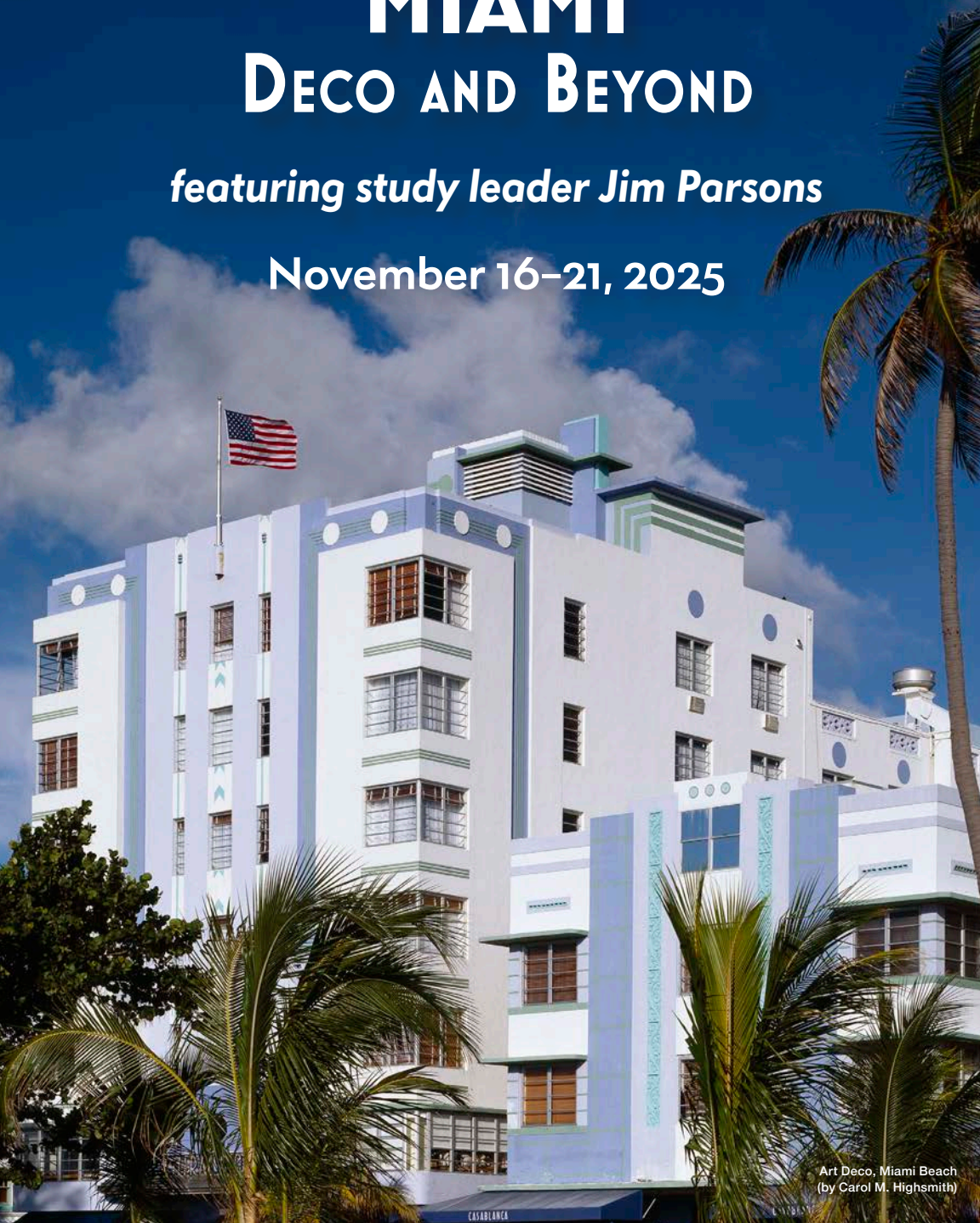


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MIAMI DECO AND BEYOND

featuring study leader Jim Parsons

November 16–21, 2025



Art Deco, Miami Beach
(by Carol M. Highsmith)

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This November, as winter begins to settle in, join National Trust Tours and Art Deco expert Jim Parsons for five culture-filled days in sunny, one-of-a-kind Miami, following the city's meteoric rise and constantly evolving identity through its stunning diversity of architecture.

We start at the city's "ancient" early 1900s roots with palatial Vizcaya and charming Coconut Grove, then examine the boomtown Mediterranean Revival towers, theaters, and houses of the 1920s. Miami Beach's glorious 1930s Art Deco heritage (including our hotel), among the finest collections in the world, signals the area's rise as a major coastal getaway. We'll take a careful look at burgeoning preservation efforts related to the "MiMo" movement (Miami Modern) of the 1950s and 1960s that produced iconic buildings at the beach and on the mainland. A morning in vibrant Little Havana - including lunch and a show - tells the story of region's Cuban community from their arrival in the 1960s. Meanwhile, the last 25 years have seen a surge in dynamic new architecture, and we'll see fine buildings by local firm Arquitectonica, Renzo Piano, Cesar Pelli, and Zaha Hadid. Your touring will be enhanced by specialist lectures by architecture expert Jim Parsons, an architecture-focused cruise on Biscayne Bay using a privately chartered boat, upscale meals at carefully chosen restaurants, and free time to enjoy the beach, pool, or local shopping.

Travel with Jim Parsons

Jim Parsons is the co-author of four award-winning books on Art Deco architecture and has documented buildings and urban landscapes in communities large and small. He is an architectural historian, writer and preservation advocate with more than 20 years of experience bringing historic places to life through interpretation and public engagement. Jim combines deep knowledge with a storyteller's instinct, helping travelers appreciate not just a place's beauty, but the history and ideas that give it meaning. As Programs Director for Preservation Houston, he leads tours, lectures and preservation-focused travel that connect people to the architecture and history of Houston and cities nationwide.



Stay at the Tony Hotel South Beach

Housed in a 1939 Art Deco gem, this mid sized hotel is one of the anchors of Miami Beach's Art Deco district, with an enviable location just a block away from the fine sands of the beach and the cafes and scenery of Ocean Drive. A four-star property, the hotel is named after legendary Miami Beach developer Tony Goldman, who made this building one of his first preservation/reclamation projects, and whose family are still the owners. The hotel boasts a rooftop pool, a delightful courtyard restaurant, beautiful Art Deco styling, and all guests have a reserved lounge chair and towel at the beach a short walk away. All in all, a great base for architecture lovers in the heart of South Beach!



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

A Warm Welcome to Miami Beach

Upon arrival in Miami, transfer independently to the four-star Tony Hotel South Beach, a 1939 Art Deco gem that was lovingly restored by famed Miami Beach preservationist Tony Goldman and is still owned by his family. After a welcome briefing and introductory talk by study leader Jim Parsons, we board a privately chartered boat for a 90-minute cruise on Biscayne Bay for a unique perspective on Miami's architectural wonders – from Art Deco palaces to contemporary downtown towers and museums to the endangered Miami Marine Theater. This evening, celebrate our arrival in magical Miami during cocktails and dinner at a great neighborhood restaurant. (D)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

The Many Architectural Faces of Miami Beach

Our morning today is dedicated entirely to South Beach. Today one of the world's glitziest getaway destination, in the 1980s the area was blighted and ignored. One of America's great preservation success stories saw its relaunching, with the superb Art Deco district at its heart. We will visit the Art Deco Museum and enjoy an in-depth tour of Art Deco highlights throughout the South Beach area with Jim Parsons and an expert guide. After a delightful terrace lunch together, we then heard to the northern part of Miami Beach to examine its unique architectural heritage over the decades. Admire the serene Art Deco Bass Museum exterior and its colorful sculpture park, see

the great Fontainebleau and other landmark buildings by Morris Lapidus, and discover new contemporary gems like Herzog & de Meuron's famed Lincoln Road parking garage (2008) and Frank Gehry's New World Center (2011). Dinner and the evening are on your own today. (B,L)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Miami's Resurgent Urban Core

Today we discover the city of Miami's historic downtown core, viewing both historic landmark architecture and vibrant 21st-century creations. We will drive along Brickell Avenue for a look at several key buildings from Miami's post-1980s boom plus the fascinating "Miami Circle," a rare archaeological site dating back about 2000 years that came to light only in 1999. In downtown, we'll examine early 20th-century

architectural treasures – with visits to the Freedom Tower (1925), the Olympia Theater (1926), and the Art Deco Dupont Building (1939). Lunch together at a lovely downtown fine dining restaurant, then spend the afternoon at two of Miami's most important works of 21st-century public architecture, the Adrienne Arsht Performing Arts Center (2006) and the Perez Art Museum (2013). Independent dinner and evening in Miami Beach. (B,L)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Little Havana & The Design District

Jim Parsons will give a second architecturally focused talk this morning. Late in the morning, we head out to Little Havana, declared a national treasure by the National Trust in 2017. Until the early 1960s, the neighborhoods were simply called Shenandoah and Riverside, but after Castro's revolution thousands of Cubans fled for the U.S., and "Little Havana" quickly

became the center of their community. See Domino Park, learn about unique facets of the Cuban-American existence, and see great examples of early Miami architecture. A fun "lunch and show" at the classic Ball & Chain is a great finale to our Little Havana visit. In the afternoon, the revitalized Design District beckons, offering a cornucopia of architectural and artistic delights, from the 1963 International-style Bacardi Buildings to the quirky 1969 Gumerick Chapel to the colorful Wynwood Walls and splashy cutting-edge architecture. Return to South Beach for a free evening. (B,L)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Miami's Tropical Roots

Start the day with a bus tour through the prettiest corners of old Coral Gables, the boom-time suburb built in the 1920s largely in Mediterranean Revival Style. We then

visit the incomparable Vizcaya, Miami's first great architectural project – the enormous bayfront mansion and garden built in 1916 for wealthy tycoon John Deering. Enjoy a VIP tour focused on the building's architecture and beautiful decorative arts. We end the morning with a quick stroll in picturesque Coconut Grove, home to some of Miami's oldest houses. You then have the choice to remain in Coconut Grove or return to the hotel in South Beach, with lunch and the afternoon on your own. For those who wish, an optional trip to the Wolfsonian Museum will be offered in the late afternoon. Tonight, we toast five great days of architectural adventure in Miami during a festive farewell dinner in South Beach. (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Farewell Miami

Breakfast is included, with independent transfers to local airports for flights home. (B)



Vizcaya (by Marc Averett)



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