



Great shakes: clockwise from top left, show off your Latin dance moves at one of Calle Ocho's 'cultural' Friday nights; the Biltmore and its giant swimming pool; room at the trendy Redbury hotel

with *crème fraîche* and caviar), and there's always lovely music and beautiful details (flowers floating in water in glass vases, scented candles). Regular events include wine tastings and weekly karaoke nights (I'll never forget the time Lenny Kravitz walked out in the middle of my rendition of *Walk on the Wild Side*. Crushing!). *South Beach*; 00 1 305 673 1010, casatualifestyle.com; mains around £35.

New kid on the block: **Lippi**

After knocking it out of the park with his Biscayne Boulevard outpost of the international culinary sensation Zuma, the restaurateur Tunu Puri recently opened another Miami restaurant, Lippi. He snagged the acclaimed chef Philippe Ruiz from The Biltmore Hotel, which made the locals take notice. These days, it's on everyone's hit list for power lunches and splurge dinners. The Mediterranean menu is seafood-heavy (langoustine *a la plancha*, ceviche, black cod), plus a little bit of everything else (the wagyu beef and truffled scrambled eggs are the biz). Puri's third Miami venture, an outpost of London's popular Coya, opens up along the street later this year. *Brickell*; 00 1 305 579 1888, lippirestaurants.com; mains around £23.

Old favourite: **The Webster**

This three-floor fashion emporium is Miami's answer to Colette in Paris or Milan's 10 Corso Como. Owner/buyer Laure Heriard Dubreuil sells Chanel, Valentino and Lanvin alongside

emerging designers such as Tori Praver and Del Toro, and regularly hosts some of the most fashionable parties in town. Stars including Katy Perry and Kim Kardashian have dropped thousands of dollars at a time on shoes, clothes and jewellery, and Pharrell Williams loves the boutique so much that he's been known to post photos of himself there on the internet. Their end-of-season sales (around June and February) are legendary – try to be first in line. *South Beach*; thewebstermiami.com.

New kid on the block: **The Redbury**

Hollywood hospitality hotshot Sam Nazarian just debuted his first Redbury hotel concept outside of Hollywood – right across from the SLS South Beach hotel he opened in 2012. It has 69 rooms, with a glitzy, mid-century modern/Rat Pack feel: Frank, Dean and Sammy would have dug the record players and vinyl collections in every room. There's a 1,115sq m rooftop pool and party space, and chef Tony Mantuano (of Chicago's Michelin-starred Spiaggia, Obama's favourite restaurant) is at the helm of the hotel's Italian eatery, Lorenzo. *South Beach*; 00 1 855 220 1776, theredbury.com/southbeach; doubles from £191, room only.

Old favourite: **Exhale Spa**

Ever since the Miami outpost of Exhale Spa opened at the Epic hotel in 2010, it's been considered the loveliest and most comfortable spa in town. Await your treatment lying on hot marble slabs in the steamy, detoxifying

hammam, then sip delicious tea in the dimly lit relaxation room. Exhale's offerings range from acupuncture, reiki and cupping, to manis and waxing, to exceptionally effective massages and facials. Book José Sarazen, for a strong deep-tissue massage, followed by an hour-long facial by Shakira's go-to girl for facials, Shareese Logan. Ask for the 'Illuminate', which uses rosemary, honey, algae and citrus to purify pores, enhance collagen and prompt proof-of-age requests at South Beach's nightclubs. *Downtown Miami*; 00 1 305 423 3900, exhalespa.com.

New kid on the block: **Seasalt and Pepper**

Until Seasalt and Pepper opened last December, waterfront dining on the Miami River had been limited to a few very casual seafood joints. You'll fall in love with this elegant indoor-outdoor brasserie – it's breathtaking – and was outfitted with sleek, nautical-inspired, wood-heavy interiors by Miami's king of whimsical hospitality design, Stéphane Dupoux. During the city's annual art fair, Art Basel Miami Beach, you could run into rock 'n' roll royalty there – Steven Tyler and his three daughters, Liv, Mia and Chelsea, were spotted happily dining on seafood casserole, lobster risotto and grass-fed ribeye amid flickering candlelight and stunning views of the river. *Miami River*; 00 1 305 440 4200, seasaltandpepper.com; mains around £17. n