

BAL HAROUR

(a little over 2 minutes long)

Bal Harbour is a small village that is the gem in the tip of the Miami Beach crown. It sits at the northern end of the peninsula, stretching from Biscayne Bay to the Atlantic.

You can reach Bal Harbour from any direction.

The **East**, if you're lucky enough to arrive by boat.

North, crossing the bridge at Haulover Beach Park,

West, over Biscayne Bay along Broad Causeway which features a drawbridge

or from Miami Beach, to the **South**.

Driving north along scenic Collins Avenue, Miami Beach's main thoroughfare, you know you've crossed into Bal Harbour when Collins makes a bend to the left, widening the oceanfront portion of land to the east.

Almost the first thing you see is the entrance to **Bal Harbour Shops** to your left--The Village of Bal Harbour's biggest attraction, since the Shops opened in 1965.

Long before South Beach had exclusive shopping, Bal Harbour was, and still is, the first name in South Florida luxury shopping--where the movie stars who are in town come to shop.

Insert **map**

http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/6/69/Bal_Harbour.gif

Panoramic Shot of Bal Harbour from the Haulover area looking south, and showing the Bay on the right and the Atlantic on the left.

Show any boat in the Haulover inlet (stationary shot)

drive across the bridge at Haulover (moving shot)

scenic shots of Biscayne Bay to either side of the bridge (or anything picturesque but not Bay Harbor Islands-that is a different community)

(moving shot) along Collins Avenue (near 95th-96th Street before the "big bend (where the mural used to be) film the approach and the bend to the left (stay on Collins) as it straightens out again.

The Shops are on the left of the median but there is a famous sign that is nicely landscaped.

Drive into the shopping center
try to get the uniformed guards in the shot
I think they wave as you enter
(they have safari style hats)
any shots of the mall exterior showing the store names

Ranked the number one most productive shopping center in the country (based on size), the stores range from Tiffany to Bvlgari, Escada to Prada.

The most exclusive shopping south of Palm Beach, Bal Harbour Shops was the first un-enclosed mall built in a courtyard style with a 2-story open center to let in light, and ocean breezes. This open center gives the mall a unique tropical feeling, and stays surprisingly cool even on the hottest days.

The tropical garden setting offers several popular restaurants where you can dine and people watch.

Bal Harbour is the total escape into luxury. The town itself has that vacation feel and offers two beautiful hotels, The Sea View, and The Regent (opened in 2008 on the site of the iconic Sheraton Bal Harbour)

Incorporated in 1946, the village of Bal Harbour offers residential homes, gated communities, low-rise apartments, and high-rise and oceanfront condos.

The Village itself also offers shopping and fine dining in adjacent Sunny Isles Beach.

Bal Harbour gives you that South Florida luxury vacation feeling with a small town appeal.

more store names or front windows or names on bags people are carrying

(long shot looking up) interior courtyard showing length of mall, palm trees, and open sky above (or looking down or whatever angle(s) is cool)

Something shady or associated with keeping cool tropical plants, flowers, fountain?

Restaurant tables and chairs (no people) showing some pretty plants (for garden look)

(Shots of the two hotels)
the Regent is just across the street from Bal Harbour Shops (so you could get it from across the street in the shopping center parking lot or cross the street to the median. (Sea View is 9909 Collins just to the north of the Regent) (beachside would be nice)

homes (anything north of 96th street), gated communities, low-rise apartments (across the street from ocean), oceanfront condos

(Sunny Isles Beach is along Harding Avenue as you cross 96th headed south)