Tour a gorgeous hacienda Spanish style retreat overlooking Biscayne Bay

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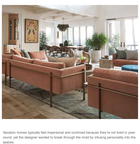
This hacienda Spanish style vacation home was remodeled by KitchenLab Interiors, located in Coconut Grove, a lush bayside community of Miami, Florida. Hugging the Biscayne Bay shoreline, the home is surrounded by tropical vibe – banyan trees, palms, and lux oasis mingle along quiet residential streets.

The owners, who reside in Chicago most of the year, desired a comfortable and casual vacation home where they might be just the first of many friends to arrive. Upon purchase, the home was in need of a complete overhaul. Step by step, square feet's were completely reimagined, where every detail and thought of, from the furnishings to the last beams and cushions. The home includes four guest bedrooms, seven bathrooms, and the owner's suite.

Prior to the renovation, the new owners could not get past all the brown. With a large collection of art, they felt the home needed a lighter palette, so the design team had to be able to do so anything without worry. To address this, the designer used plenty of brown and indoor/outdoor fabrics to ensure durability. A third of this house is outdoors, under a covered loggia.

The designer refers to this project as just the designing a boutique hotel – each guest room was designed to feel inviting and comfortable while anticipating every need from the moment they arrive. Although the home is spacious, it feels cozy and is the perfect place to drive outdoors. An abundance of vintage rugs, lighting, and accessories was used throughout.



Vacation homes typically feel impersonal and cookiecut because they're not lived in year-round, yet the designer wanted to break through the mold by infusing personality into the spaces.

KitchenLab Interiors brought together the team including an architect and builder that we have featured many times on Kindesign. The exterior was completely redone, and the original exterior doors were also part of the scope. All the brown stucco flooring on the main level was replaced with French limestone.

Partial renovations were given to all of the guest baths, including new tile, countertops, lighting, and accessories. Best of all was the home's laundry, butlers'kitchenette, butler's pantry, and kitchen dining area along with the main bathroom.

What We Love: This hacienda Spanish style home provides its owners with a fabulous retreat, and a comfortable environment for their family and friends. The guest bedrooms are decorated with comfortable furnishings that invite you to enjoy your tropical surroundings. From the fabulous loggia, one can enjoy fresh ocean breezes and tranquil waterfall views where guests may never want to leave this outdoor oasis!

Talk Up: What elements in this Florida vacation home do you find most inspiring and why would you like to visit?

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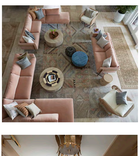

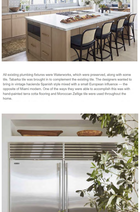

All existing plumbing fixtures were Waterworks, which were preserved, along with some tile. Tatuamb tile was brought in to complement the existing tile. The designer wanted to bring in vintage hacienda Spanish style mixed with a small European influence – the opposite of Miami modern. One of the ways they were able to accomplish this was with hand-painted terra cotta flooring and Moroccan Zellige tile were used throughout the home.

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