



ST REGIS

BAL HARBOUR

BAL HARBOUR TIMELINE



1940

WWII begins – Founder Robert Graham leases land to US Air Corps for \$1 a year; rifle range and barracks are built to train soldiers and prisoner-of-war camp houses German prisoners.

AUGUST 14, 1946

Bal Harbour incorporated into a city; need 25 registered males residing in area and Stanley Whitman is one of them.

The Village was first called “Bay Harbour.” Then the “b” was taken from “bay” and “al” from “Atlantic” to create “Bal,” signifying city running from bay to Atlantic Ocean.



1957

Bal Harbour Shops is vision of Stanley Whitman, who purchases 16 acres originally planned for gas station and grocery store.

Bal Harbour Shops open. Stanley Whitman lives with his family in the barrack apartments. 30 upscale NY based tenants are first to move in.



1971

Neiman Marcus opens its first store outside Texas at Bal Harbour.

2002

The Shops are named most profitable U.S. shopping center in terms of sales per square foot; trend continues over the years.

NOVEMBER 18, 2007

Sheraton Bal Harbour is imploded to build The St. Regis Bal Harbour.

2009

Lanvin opens its first freestanding boutique in the U.S.

1929

Miami Beach Heights, Detroit-based real estate development corporation, purchases raw land.

Urban planners Harland Bartholomew & Associates hired to design master plan.



1945

Air Corps leaves the barrack buildings, and they are converted into apartments.

DECEMBER 1946

The first hotel in Bal Harbour, Kenilworth by the Sea, opens.



1948

Sea View Hotel opens.

DECEMBER 1, 1956

Hotel Americana, built by Tisch family, opens as one of the area’s most glamorous resorts.

Bal Harbour becomes America’s Riviera, magnet for era’s top entertainers – Count Basie and Guy Lombardo have drinks at Ivanhoe’s Pump Room Lounge, Frank Sinatra and Rat Pack frequent Americana’s Carnival Supper Club.



1980

The Americana Hotel becomes Sheraton Bal Harbour.

2006

Bal Harbour Shops become America’s highest concentration of luxury jewelry and watch brands with 25,000 square feet. Graff Jewelers and Audemars Piguet join roster that includes Cartier, Van Cleef & Arpels, Bulgari, David Yurman, Chopard, Tiffany & Co.

2008

Regent Bal Harbour opens.

Bal Harbour Shops break global industry records by exceeding \$2,000 per square foot.



JANUARY 19, 2012

The St. Regis Bal Harbour Resort opens.