

Pelican Hill is SoCal's Own Tuscany

Festa dell'Autunno welcomes Fall with Italian flair



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The Resort at Pelican Hill

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Come October, most Houstonians are ready for a respite from Summer and her tendency to stick around after the love is gone. Come October, we pant for Autumn and her cooler temperament. Come October, we've earned a short get-away, anyway. Come October, come to Pelican Hill on the coast of California's Newport Beach. Come celebrate life at the Festa dell'Autunno.

The Resort at Pelican Hill

Aside from the cooler climate — which in October ranges from lows in the 60s to highs in the 70s — the resort's aesthetic alone is enough to get your mind set on cool. Situated on 504 acres on the Pacific Ocean and built in the style of Italy's Andrea Palladio (the most acclaimed architect of the High Renaissance and celebrated for his churches, villas, palaces and other grand edifices), Pelican Hill has been internationally heralded for its emphasis on detail unprecedented in the resort world.

Just as in Tuscany, Pelican Hill nestles into the hillside along the sea, both engaging and complementary of the natural setting. The resort's full range of distinctive Palladian elements include rows of arched porticos, barrel-vaulted ceilings, multi-story entry rotundas, graceful corniced columns and courtyards, flowing fountains and archways framing vivid vistas of the sea. Pelican Hill boasts numerous awards for its consistent reputation of indulging guests with

the finest of everything. The resort features villas with magnificent coastal views and an unparalleled array of appointments, luxurious bungalow guest rooms and suites with private terraces, an iconic "Coliseum Pool" with tiered decks and luxurious cabanas, and more.

Festa dell'Autunno

Over the weekend of October 10-12, visiting guests and locals will experience authentic Italian cuisine, live entertainment, art and children's activities at The Resort at Pelican Hill like nothing they've experienced before. The Resort at Pelican Hill, So Cal's very own Tuscany by the Sea, celebrates its fourth annual Festa dell'Autunno and you and your family and friends are invited.

The highlight of the three-day series of events, an Italian Street Festa on Saturday, Oct. 11, features regional Italian cuisine, wine tasting, live music, traditional flag performances, visual arts and "Motori Italiani" automobile exhibitions. Open to locals and Resort guests alike, Pelican Hill's festive autumn series of events, dining and entertainment includes:

Guest Chef Wine Dinner at Andrea Ristorante, Friday, Oct. 10, 6–10 p.m. — Savor a multi-course dinner inspired by the freshest autumn ingredients, paired with Italian wines and presented by guest chef Massimiliano Mascia from Ristorante San Domenico, one of Italy's finest Michelin Star restaurants in Imola; \$195 per person



Festa Executive Chef



Festa Flag Procession



Festa Pizza Maker



Festa Stilt Walkers



Festa Motori Italiani



Festa Flag Performer



Plein Air & Chalk Artists



Ocean North Course 17th Hole

Italian Street Festa, Saturday, Oct. 11, noon–5 p.m. — From regional Italian cuisine and wine to live music and visual arts, experience a traditional celebration of the harvest season along the Resort’s olive tree-lined Bungalow lanes; \$120 per adult, \$55 per child under age 12

Festa dell’Unitá, Saturday, Oct. 11, 6–10 p.m. — Celebrate the flavors of autumn with a festive al fresco dining experience, with lively music and dancing in a rustic outdoor setting; \$140 per person.

Carnevale dei Bambini at Camp Pelican, Saturday, Oct. 11 — Pelican Hill’s children’s retreat presents Festa dell’Autunno weekend activities for locals and guests alike. Designed for ages 4–12, Camp Pelican’s Children’s Carnival includes special afternoon and evening sessions:

- Afternoon Session from noon–5 p.m. — Children learn traditional Italian dancing, create their own artistic masterpieces of hand-decorated flags and Venetian masks, and dress up in classic Renaissance-style costumes for a Street Festa procession under the guidance of Italian flag performers; \$95 per child.
- Evening Session from 6–10 p.m. — Resort chefs teach the art of pizza making, from rolling dough and making sauce to grating cheese and adding toppings. This interactive evening of fun with food also includes popcorn and a movie; \$75 per child.



Spa Treatment Room

Under the California Sun Jazz Brunch, Sunday, Oct. 12, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. — Festa weekend concludes with an ocean-view outdoor brunch, including endless Prosecco mimosas and performances by a jazz trio; \$100 per adult, \$40 per child under age 12.

Festa Weekend Bungalow Package, Available Oct. 11, 2014 — Enjoy the complete Festa dell’Autunno experience with a Bungalow stay along Via Capri, two adult tickets to Saturday’s Italian Street Festa and two adult tickets to Sunday’s Under the California Sun Jazz Brunch. Receive a special Festa dell’Autunno weekend welcome amenity with their compliments; starting from \$775 per night, plus applicable taxes, for double occupancy garden-view Bungalow guest rooms.

Pelican Hill is a sanctuary of beauty and sophistication that sets a new standard and gives guests the perfect place to play. “Andrew Harper’s Hideaway Report recommends Pelican Hill as an ‘Opulent Seaside Retreat,’” said Pelican Hill Resort Managing Director Giuseppe Lama. “If you prefer the best summer escape available, then look no further than Newport Beach’s own Tuscan Seaside Village’ for luxury and value.”

Event tickets and accommodation packages are available for purchase at pelicanhill.com/festa. **For reservations and information by phone, please contact Pelican Hill’s Festa reservation specialists at 855-55-FESTA.** Advance purchase recommended, as ticket quantities are limited. All pricing is inclusive



Bungalow Interior



Villa Interior



Crystal Cove Beach Experience

of tax and service charges, unless otherwise noted

Golf. For golfers, there's the acclaimed Tom Fazio-designed Pelican Hill Golf Club, offering 54 holes of golf unlike any that you've ever played before. The course encompasses 36 championship holes on the Ocean North and Ocean South courses and 18 holes at nearby Oak Creek Golf Club. To further enhance your game, add Pelican Hill's unmatched service and amenities: professional forecaddies, luxurious locker rooms, practice facility, shoe attendants, club cleaning service, golf shop and golf academy.

Special golf offer: If you're traveling with a junior golfer, the resort offers a complimentary junior golfer (ages 8-18) evening round with each full-paid adult evening round, exclusively for same-day tee time bookings. And your golf cart is included; \$90 per evening adult round.

Spa. The Spa at Pelican Hill — Newport Beach's only Forbes Five Star Spa. Evoking a 21st century wellness philosophy, this 23,000-square-foot retreat echoes the same distinctive Palladian accoutrements and refinement as the resort itself. Guests encounter a 28-foot-high Palladian rotunda; flowing water and a tranquil relaxation room; 22 private treatment rooms; men's and women's Acqua Colonnades with herbal steam rooms, saunas and a regal Roman bath. Full service salon services, a boutique, a spacious fitness center and yoga room. The Spa at Pelican Hill recently introduced the Spa Suite. This luxurious Suite

offers a sumptuously appointed relaxation room, where couples and small groups may unwind in their own personal lounge. Available for reservation by the hour or for a full day, the Spa Suite is the perfect escape for romance, celebration or special occasions.

Lodging. Accommodations at Pelican Hill also are extraordinary and lavished with luxury. Aside from the 204 Bungalow guest rooms and suites which offer relaxing and comfortable spaces, including wood-beam ceilings, Italian limestone fireplaces, deep soaking marble tubs and more, there are 128 awe-inspiring Villas which take inspiration from the charming hillside villages of Italy.

Dining. For foodies, treats abound for any and every impulse or occasion, but at Andrea Ristorante, the resort's signature restaurant, guests can enjoy classic Italian cuisine and al fresco dining. Andrea sources the perfect ingredients and implements time-honored practices and preparations to recreate the best of Italy. Diners savor salads made with 100-year-old Balsamic vinegar, delicate milk-fed veal dishes, exquisite pastas made in a one-of-a-kind temperature-controlled Pasta Room, sublime artisan-style gelato made in the Laboratorio del Gelato, and wine from a 2,000-bottle collection predominantly from Italy and notably a number of vintages exclusive to Andrea. ●

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The new Toyota Sienna is sleek, comfortable, roomy, efficient and oh so versatile. You can load one up with 7-8 people in three rows of seats and still have almost 40 cubic feet of cargo volume available. Accessing all those seats is made easy with large sliding doors and enough headroom for the youngsters to literally walk into the vehicle. For golf outings they are great. Roomy captain's chairs allow for four adults and the rear cargo area can easily handle four sets of clubs plus luggage. Entry and exit is convenient yet the front seats sit high enough to give the driver excellent all around visibility. The seating is both roomy and comfortable and features like cooled leather seating is available.



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