

Pelican Hill

An Italian Escape in Beachy Southern California



experience the Italian Street Festa on Saturday with traditional art, Motori Italiani auto exhibits and, of course, fabulous food and wine to savor. More food and drink to follow Sunday morning at Festa dell' Autunno's final event, Under the California Sun Jazz Brunch—an unmissable meal overlooking the expansive Pacific Ocean. Whether an Italophile or just a lover of good food and wine, Festa dell' Autunno is a romantic and festive weekend where, for a short while, one can pretend that Tuscany isn't too far away.



a beautiful resort at which to escape, but also an exceptional culinary experience.

Though the palm trees, the emerald green golf course and the breathtaking ocean views at Pelican Hill Resort couldn't be more Californian, the luxury five star hotel seems to transport one from sunny Newport Beach to an enchanting Italian getaway. Perhaps it is the signature Coliseum Pool—a perfect circle 136 feet in diameter overlooking the ocean—the Roman-styled architecture with elegant pillars and red tile roofs, or the property's extraordinary olive trees that have been the inspiration for their own brand of olive oil. However, nothing says "Viva Italia" more than the hotel's famous annual food and wine festival, Festa dell' Autunno, that brings travelers from all over the world to this serene destination.

Aside from the festival, however, dining at Pelican Hill is far from limited, and its 504 acre property offers six restaurants and cafés for your choosing. After a round of golf, visit Piccolo at the Villa Clubhouse for some smaller, refreshing bites, or enjoy an exquisite al fresco dinner at Pelican Grill and Andrea. Make sure to stop by the Great Room Social Lounge, especially if hitting the sheets at 10 p.m. doesn't quite cut it for you: The Social Lounge is open until midnight from Thursday to Saturday with DJs, dancing and boutique wines from Andrea Bar. For something quick, the Caffé and Market is the perfect spot for a morning coffee and little something to take on the go as well as a gourmet salad, sandwich and Italian-style, Resort-made gelato (remember: Calories don't count on vacations!). With the abundance of fresh and delicious places to dine, Pelican Hill is not only

But don't worry; the carbs won't hold you down for long, especially with Pelican Hill's pristine fitness center that offers everything from yoga therapeutics to Zumba to sports conditioning. Treat yourself to a massage at the Spa afterwards, but make sure you're ready to go by dinner hour—you won't want to miss an al fresco meal made even more spectacular set against the sunsets at this remarkable resort.



Festa dell' Autunno, complete with flag performances, live music and dancing, Bocce Ball and endless Prosecco mimosas, will host its sixth annual harvest season from October 7 to 9 to celebrate Italian culture. Enjoy multiple courses of a fine Italian, autumn-inspired dinner with wine pairings by Andrea Chef Marco Criscuolo and guest Chef Filippo Gozzoli from the Armani Hotel Milano on Friday and Saturday night, and



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clockwise from top: Wine and dine with friends on the Villa Terrace; perfect the game with golf instructor Glenn Deck; the circular Coliseum Pool is perfectly perched for ocean views; room service with a view in the Villa Upstairs master four-bedroom; Italian Street Festa celebrates with flag performance **photos:** Courtesy of Pelican Hill.