

## Heaven on the Hill

The Resort at Pelican Hill's inspirational nod to Italy is embedded in every inch of its architecture, design and detail. It's an artistic, ultra-luxury masterpiece. It's romantic. And it's nice to know it's just over an hour's drive from L.A.

### MUST STAY:

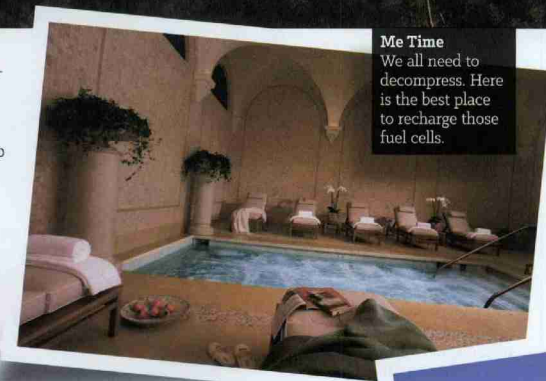
The private villas and bungalow guest rooms and suites at **The Resort at Pelican Hill** in Newport Beach are spacious (villas range up to 3500 square feet) and elegantly appointed with fine furnishings, handsome artwork, and soothing, warm earth tones. A very attentive staff from reception to engineering. When the TV sound system wasn't working, help arrived within minutes. The rooms feature soaring ceilings, romantic Italian limestone fireplaces, plush feather-topped beds, and deep soaking tubs with separate marble walk-in showers. Every room has an ocean view. **Travel tip:** When checking in, ask for a room with a full ocean view. [pelicanhill.com](http://pelicanhill.com)

### Just Pinch Me

Hot coffee, the fireplace, the ocean view, the morning paper. Am I dreaming?

### Me Time

We all need to decompress. Here is the best place to recharge those fuel cells.



### MUST SPA:

The **Spa at Pelican Hill** is one of the most elegant, relaxing and full-service spas in Southern California. In a nutshell, there are 22 large treatment rooms, women's and men's Acqua Colonnades, relaxation lounges, a fitness center, wellness classes, personal training, salon, day packages, balanced wellness retreats, spa cuisine and a boutique. Voted "#1 Spa in California" by *Condé Nast Traveler* magazine. [pelicanhill.com/spa](http://pelicanhill.com/spa)





## MUST PLAY:

Words or photos can't express the splendor of the golf courses at Pelican Hill. Yes, there are two. These Tom Fazio-designed par-72 gems have greens so beautifully manicured you'll feel like you're putting on a pool table. We rented the pro shop's state-of-the-art TaylorMade woods and Titleist irons (\$80 rental fee—including two sleeves of balls). Even a hacker like me can pause to enjoy these glorious ocean views. Grab a forecaddie to assist with the lay of the land. Get to the pro shop early to change your shoes in the plush locker rooms and hit a bucket of balls off the real grass practice range.

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### Eye on the Prize

Sean cranks a drive deeper into the fairway than his dear old dad.



### Wheely Big Show

Chef creates a decadent risotto with shaved parmesan dish right at your table.



### Cool Pool

Take a dip in the 136-foot-diameter Coliseum Pool or chill in one of the private cabanas.

## MUST DINE:

Even if you aren't staying at the resort, you must have din-din at **Andrea**. Crazy delicious dishes served in a warm, romantic environment with stunning ocean views. Northern Italian dining at its finest. Indulge in dishes employing fresh local ingredients and grab a bottle from the long list of award-winning wines. Try their traditional risotto, tossed in a decadent parmesan wheel right at your table (Guaranteed you'll want to order a parmesan wheel when you get home). **Total coolness:** visiting the back-of-house pasta room where pasta chef Julia Holland makes 17 different varieties of pasta every day. [andrearb.com](http://andrearb.com)



## MUST VISIT:

The Resort offers a complimentary shuttle to this gorgeous beach and will set you up with chairs, umbrellas, and towels. **The Crystal Cove Beach Experience** stretches out across 3.5 miles of beautiful coastline part of the state park that bears its name. Swim, surf, kayak, boogie board or stroll the sandy beach. Explore tide pools, jog or cycle along trails that meander through the canyon. Perfect place to capture your Snapchat moments!

