

Fabulous Fall Getaway

Sun-drenched Southern California climate



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When September rolls around, Houstonians are ready to feel the chill of the fall's first cool front. Summer is over; the kids are back in school; and we can begin to plan our next getaway. One place that always brings the best of any season is Southern California, and after a long hot summer in H-Town, there may be no place lovelier than Newport Beach and no destination more alluring than The Resort at Pelican Hill.

As if the cooler climate weren't enough (fall temperatures range from lows in the 60s to highs in the 70s) from the moment of arrival, you'll experience a place like no other. The Resort at Pelican Hill is inspired by the work of 16th century Italian architect Andrea Palladio, best known for his grand homes across the Venetian countryside. Resembling its Tuscan counterparts, the Resort nestles into the hillside along the sea, making the most of the natural setting.

Distinctive Palladian elements include elegant corniced columns and courtyards, rows of arched porticos, barrel-vaulted ceilings, multi-story entry rotundas, flowing fountains, and archways framing vivid vistas of the sea. The sun-drenched climate of Southern California, like the Italian Riviera, allows for indoor spaces to open up to the outdoors and panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean.

Pelican Hill has been internationally heralded for its emphasis on detail unprecedented in the resort world, including an unparalleled array of appointments, luxurious guest rooms and suites, an iconic "Coliseum Pool" with tiered decks and luxurious cabanas, a grand spa experience and the acclaimed Pelican Hill Golf Club. The resort's unfailing reputation of indulging its guests with the finest of everything has garnered Pelican Hill multiple industry awards.



NEW AT PELICAN HILL RESORT

Newport Beach Wine & Food Festival Package

Escape to Pelican Hill for a Bungalow stay with two tickets and round-trip coach service to the Newport Beach Wine & Food Festival on either Saturday, September 30 or Sunday, October 1. Bungalow stays available Sept. 29 through October 2 starting from \$625 per night, excluding tax and service charges. Rates based on double occupancy.

3D My Swing Evaluation

The Golf Academy debuted this new instruction this year. Using the most advanced 3D equipment in a wireless outdoor environment, this two-hour evaluation focuses on your swing and how your body moves. Better than video analysis, this personalized 3D motion study provides quantifiable data about the angles, speeds and velocities of your golf swing. Certified PGA Golf Instructor Tim Mitchell and Glenn Deck, Golf Magazine “Top 100 Teacher in America,” evaluate the 3D data to better understand and improve your swing. \$400 per student per session; advance booking required.

Apple Harvest Specials

When apples are picked at just the right time, they’re flavorful, juicy and crisp as an autumn breeze. So for the Apple Harvest Specials at Coliseum Pool & Grill, fresh apples are plucked at their peak from Southern California’s Julian orchards. Taste the difference in the à la carte menu specials, house-made warm apple cider, seasonal gelato and, of course, delectable apple pie. Available beginning in mid-September.

White Truffle Menu at Andrea Ristorante

Andrea Ristorante celebrates an exquisite delicacy from Alba, Italy, with seasonal à la carte dishes. Heralded as “the diamond of the kitchen,” white truffles still maintain haute cuisine status in the culinary world. À la carte servings available at market price, based upon availability. Available October through December.

Autumn Aromatherapy Massage

Featuring a seasonally inspired blend, this 50-minute experience combines gentle massage techniques with beautiful essential oils sourced from all over the world. Designed to warmly stimulate your body, mind and spirit, The Spa at Pelican Hill’s autumn aromatherapy blend features nutmeg, clove, vanilla and sweet orange. Available in October and November for \$190 from Mondays-Thursdays, or \$210 Fridays-Sundays.

Pumpkin Spice Facial

Pumpkin works wonders on your skin, thanks to its incredibly high amount of vitamin A along with over 100 other beneficial vitamins and phyto-nutrients. Pamper your face with this seasonal 50-minute Pumpkin Spice Facial



Bungalow Guest Room



Golf Clubhouse

that helps reduce fine lines and wrinkles, acne and hyper-pigmentation. Featuring a Pumpkin Apple Spice peel for exfoliation, this treatment promotes smoother, younger looking skin by increasing the rate of cellular turnover and renewal. Available October through December for \$190 Mondays-Thursdays, or \$210 Fridays-Sundays.

GOLF

For golfers, there’s hardly anything more captivating than a resort that features an acclaimed Tom Fazio-designed course, like the Pelican Hill Golf Club. This course offers a truly unique golf experience. The Ocean North course features panoramic views from every hole, while the Ocean South course takes you closest – with three holes directly on the coast. Then add to that the unmatched service and amenities available at Pelican Hill Golf Club – professional forecaddies, impeccable practice facilities, plush locker rooms, shoe attendants, club cleaning service, golf shop and golf academy – and you’ve got yourself a game. Review their 3D swing evaluation.



Tom Fazio Designed Pelican Hill Golf Club

THE SPA

The Spa at Pelican Hill — Newport Beach’s only Forbes Five Star Spa — has been an award-winning destination since its inception. Every moment, with every touch, the Spa works in concert with your intention, and your visit will be carefully crafted based on your focus: Replenish by restoring balance, detoxifying and rejuvenating; Invigorate by strengthening, energizing and immune boosting; or Relax by de-stressing, unwinding and centering. With 22 treatment rooms, men’s and women’s Aqua Colonnades, relaxation lounges, fitness center, wellness classes, personal training, salon, day packages and

more, this 23,000-square-foot retreat echoes the same distinctive Palladian accoutrements and refinement as the resort itself. Ask about their new Autumn Aromatherapy Massage and the Pumpkin Spice Facial.

LODGING

Accommodations at Pelican Hill are super luxurious and comfortable. Each of the 204 one-story Bungalow guest rooms and suites offers hand-hewn wood-beam ceilings, Italian limestone fireplaces, deep soaking marble tubs and private terraces (most with ocean views and adjacent parking.) The Bungalows are a spacious 847 to 1,634 square feet. Scenic pathways

and residential-scaled streets, all lined with Italian-inspired landscaping, invite guests to stroll to dinner, walk to the Coliseum Pool or simply explore the breathtaking grounds of the Resort.

The 128 awe-inspiring Villas are set in an exclusive, gated enclave and are a more intimate way to enjoy The Resort with a private clubhouse and pool, butler service and dedicated staff. With inspiration from the charming hillside villages of Italy, the Villas range from 2,193 to 3,581 square feet and offer two, three or four bedrooms and expansive ocean view terraces. These accommodations are perfect for families or friends to get together.



Spa Acqua Colonnade



Villa Accommodation

DINING

At Andrea Ristorante, the resort's signature restaurant, guests can enjoy classic Italian cuisine and al fresco dining. 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 1,200-bottle collection predominantly from Italy, and notably a number of vintages exclusive to Andrea. Ask about their seasonal à la carte dishes.

EXCLUSIVE PRIVILEGES

Request VIP status and enjoy privileges such as savings on rooms, at Resort restaurants, Resort boutiques, the Spa, the Golf Club, Camp Pelican Kid's Club, coach service and more.

- Crystal Cove Beach. Below the Resort sits one of the most beautiful beaches the West Coast has to offer. Distinguished as a National Natural Landmark, its three miles of pristine beach are excellent for strolling and exploring the many tide pools, as well as a swim, surf or dive into the ocean.

- The Crystal Cove Beach Experience includes complimentary coach service and chairs and umbrellas, including a beach bag equipped with towels and water from Pelican Hill, making for a seamless day.

- Dining at Crystal Cove includes The Beachcomber Café (a vintage beach house on the sand with a large ocean view deck and Bootlegger Bar). Perched up on the bluffs, Ruby's Shake Shack has a casual menu and all-outdoor seating to take in the panoramic views.

- Bluff-Top Trails at Crystal Cove Beach offer guests a place for jogging, biking, hiking and picnics with incredible views of the Pacific.

Tom Donovan, The Resort at Pelican Hill's Managing Director, said, "In an idyllic coastal setting unlike any other, The Resort at Pelican Hill is a complete luxury resort destination, with expansive ocean views, spacious Bungalow and Villa accommodations, three popular restaurants, two Fazio-designed golf courses, a Five-Star spa, the iconic Coliseum Pool



Andrea Ristorante



Crystal Cove Beach

and the finest team of hospitality professionals who focus on personalized details and gracious, thoughtful service delivery every day."

GETTING THERE

Pelican Hill is perched on the coastline just south of Newport Beach and is a 15-minute drive from Orange County's John Wayne Airport. General resort information is available at 855-467-6800 or at pelicanhill.com. ●