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2019 **STYLE GUIDE &**
EQUIPMENT PREVIEW

The Resort at Pelican Hill

Newport Beach, CA

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The Destination

The best year-round climate almost guarantees outdoor enjoyment with a fresh ocean breeze in Newport Beach. The seaside city between Los Angeles and San Diego is populated by the well-heeled. Businesses cater to distinguished tastes while the diverse coastline and elevated terrain soothe all spirits.

The Venue

Celebrating its tenth birthday, this five-star retreat was voted Best Luxury Golf Resort. Italian Renaissance architect Andrea Palladio mastered a palatial setting which transports guests to the Mediterranean. Exceptional service includes a butler when staying in the exclusive Villas, perched the highest on the hillside. Bungalows are equally elegant, and an elevated view of the Pacific Ocean is delivered from almost every resort angle. Pampering in the Spa at Pelican Hill with Acqua Colonnades is unsurpassed.

Restaurants serve views as well as culinary treats. Piccolo prepares delectable small shareable plates for resort guests only, while the Coliseum Pool and Grill sits above the largest circular pool in the world, welcoming all for casual dining day or night. Grab and go at two Caffes or hang out at the Pelican Grill by the clubhouse where locals' Bentleys, Ferraris and Aston Martins are on display. Sunsets pair well with fine wines and cocktails. Risotto is artfully prepared tableside in a cheese wheel at Andrea and a pasta room is temperature controlled for the production of all in house pasta. Cooking lessons are offered.

The Golf

Lessons from Glenn Deck and his team are held high above the driving range with a vast ocean view. He knows this has been the best office for over 20 years. His lessons are uniquely personalized and simple because Glenn's motto is, "The more you think, the more you stink."

Implement Glenn's tips on two beautiful ocean courses with excellent conditioning. Tom Fazio's designs are perhaps his most fabulous, laid out so that every one of the 36 holes has at least a glimpse of the Pacific in one of the most affluent zip codes of southern California. The tee box of 18 on the Ocean South Course has the broadest view of the sea looking back, the grandest view of the resort's Tuscan architecture looking forward and the greatest challenge for shots to get over ravines to the green on this difficult par 4 as onlookers judge the show from the resort verandas.



Photos: Courtesy of Pelican Hill.



And More

Hourly beach coaches carry guests to Crystal Cove State Park in 5 minutes. A beach bag, chairs and umbrellas are provided. Tan or stroll on the beige sand, swim, surf, eat, or tour the historic beach cottages. Famous tourist attractions are within a short drive and Fashion Island is minutes away for al fresco boutique shopping. How about a boat cruise by homes of the rich and famous at nearby Balboa Island?

Our Takeaway

Our short, upscale stay was worth a month of Sundays. We loved

luxuriating in the spa and lazing in our cushy balcony lounges watching golfers as vessels sailed the ocean blue. By night, cruise lights and those of Avalon sparkled on Catalina Island, seeming to synchronize with stars dancing in the sky. The lavish lifestyle makes this a very worthy splurge.

The Journey

Access is a cinch via John Wayne airport in Orange County where a 15-minute drive transports to the luxury of Pelican Hill. www.pelicanhill.com