

BREAKFAST FOR THREE Some of the fresh, delicious food served at the Coliseum



Cabana heaven

Take your clients to another world – just up the road.

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SEEKING THE PERFECT SUMMER spot to bring a special client or host a small meeting? Reserve a cabana overlooking the pool at The Resort at Pelican Hill's Coliseum Pool and Grille in Newport Coast, and you won't be disappointed.

The view itself is enough reason to go. From the upper deck, which houses the restaurant and cabanas, you can see the pool below, perfectly round and shimmering like a small lake. Beyond that are the sloping hills of the golf course and the deep blue of the ocean in the distance.

Foreign languages float on the air, and well-heeled women walk by holding tiny coiffed dogs. It feels as if you've entered a luxurious Italian villa.

The cabanas are not your *typical* cabanas. Rather than tent flaps and canvas walls, these are actually recessed rooms, half circles open to the light and air and, depending on the day of your visit, sometimes privy to the sound of live acoustic guitar music drifting up from the pool.

Meals at the Coliseum are traditional

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and delicious, made with high-quality ingredients: Reuben sandwiches, cheeseburgers, quesadillas, grilled steak sandwiches, pizza and pot pies. For lighter fare, try the kale-and-sea-scallop salad, maple soy-glazed salmon, spicy chicken kabob or beer salad.

Specialty cocktails, some available by the pitcher, include the Pearadiso, a blend of Grey Goose La Poire (*that's Pear vodka to the plebes*), elderflower, fresh citrus juices and orange liqueur. Another, the Venetian Mojito, is a mix of light Rum, St. Germain, fresh lime, peach puree and fresh mint.

Also offered: organic margaritas, a variety of wines by the glass and craft beer.

So don your best summer resort wear and slip into the cool, curved space of a Pelican Hill cabana. You'll enjoy the food and the surroundings.





1. CABANA RELAXATION If you really want to unwind, you can lean back on a chaise lounge and enjoy the view after lunch, though that may be enlarded with a drink.
2. POOL ENTRY If such an affliction exists, this pool will be the culprit. Only guests staying overnight are allowed to jump in, but everyone can view the tranquil circle.
3. GOLF AND THE PACIFIC While dining in a cabana, you'll have a view of the resort's world-class public course.