

ENCHANTING ESCAPES

# SEASONAL CULINARY AND SOCIAL EVENTS ABOUND AT PELICAN HILL

The award-winning Resort at Pelican Hill in Newport Beach is enticing local residents as well as hotel guests with a new seasonal menu of entertainment, dining and activities from January through March.

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Spacious two- to four-bedroom villas feature elegant living and magnificent views.

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Executive Chef Jean-Pierre Dubray oversees the resort's restaurants and culinary programs.

Set amid 504 magnificent coastal acres with panoramic views of the Pacific, accommodations include 204 luxuriously appointed bungalow guest rooms and suites and 128 exquisite two- to four-bedroom villas with private clubhouse and pool. Among the many amenities are the five-star spa, circular Coliseum Pool with tiered decks and lush cabanas, and 36-hole championship Pelican Hill Golf Club, designed by Tom Fazio. World class dining features Andrea Ristorante which serves authentic Northern Italian cuisine, the Great Room, Pelican Grill, Coliseum Pool & Grill, two Caffés, and Piccolo in the villa clubhouse.

Whether you are a resident seeking a day at the spa, round of golf, social mixers, culinary classes or intend to spend a few days as resort guest, the extensive menu of events has something for everyone.

**1/ The new Great Room Social Hour**, every Thursday and Friday, features live music, entertainment, table games, wine and cheese pairings, small bites and desserts. On select Thursdays from 4–7 pm, the Social Hour includes boutique art exhibits of sculptures, paintings and sketches, and art discussions presented by Dawson Cole Fine Art. Themes include Modern Art & Italy on January 15, Impressionism on February 19, and From Old Masters to Modern Masters on March 19.

**2/ For college football and basketball fans**, the chefs create game day menus celebrating each competing team. Accompanied by chilled brews, California wines, and specialty cocktails, you can catch all the action on two giant nine-foot screens in the Pelican Grill, voted Southern California's Best Sports Bar & Grill by Los Angeles Times readers. NCAA March Madness specials starting March 17 will also feature menu specials inspired by the competing teams.

**3/ For NFL fans**, you and your BFFs can also view the game in the Pelican Grill or in your own private luxury cabana overlooking Coliseum Pool. Accommodating four to 10 guests, game day comes with a bucket of domestic beer, guacamole and tortilla chips, prime beef sliders, chicken wings, parmesan garlic fries and pizza. And on Super Bowl Sunday, the chefs present national championship palate pleasers representing, of course, the two NFL teams.



The Coliseum Pool & Grill overlooks the Pacific.



Pelican Hill's luxurious Bungalow rooms offer every amenity.

**4/ Couples' Etiquette Soirées** on Sunday January 25, February 22 and March 22 from 3 to 5 pm are led by Kathleen Cover, founder and president of The Etiquette School of Beverly Hills and Newport Beach. The two-hour event includes prosecco, hors d'oeuvres, dinner and dessert while learning secrets to good conversation, party planning, and more. You can also join Cover for **Fireside Etiquette Chats** on Friday January 2, February 6, and March 6 from 5–6:30 pm in the Great Room.

**5/ Children's Etiquette Classes** are scheduled Sunday January 11, February 8 and March 8 from 2:30 to 5:30 pm. Kids ages 7-12 can expand their understanding of social, travel and dining etiquette with instruction also by Kathleen Cover.

**6/ Afternoon Tea & Children's Story Time** featuring children's classics is held on select Saturdays. Families are invited from 2:00 to 3:30 pm to enjoy story time, sing-alongs, dancing and more. Join Elsa from "Frozen" on January 17, "The Little Mermaid" on February 21, and "Cinderella" on March 21.

**7/ Romantic Dining Menus for Valentines** include an Italian lovers' four-course menu offered February 13 -15 in Andrea Ristorante, listed among America's Top 10 Most Romantic Restaurants by Gayot and named Southern California's Most Romantic Restaurant by Los Angeles Times readers. Valentine's specials are also offered in the Pelican Grill and Coliseum Pool & Grill.

**8/ St. Patrick's Day** on March 17 features sample flights of Irish brews and bites in the lounge and menus in all dining venues celebrating the cuisine of Ireland.



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**9/ The Pelican Grill's New Tasting Table** invites epicures to gather in front of the restaurant's open-concept kitchen in the main dining room. This interactive, chef-led evening includes watching the chefs prepare the day's prix fixe specialties and passing each course over the counter to the 10 guests seated at an adjacent table.

**10/ Executive Chef's Dinner Show Kitchen** on Friday, March 6 at 6 pm offers cooking demonstrations and a multi-course dinner with music. Mingle with fellow foodies while Executive Chef Jean-Pierre Dubray describes the preparation of cuisine to be enjoyed by all. You also receive a complimentary culinary gift bag with the evening's recipes. ❖

The Resort at Pelican Hill is a 15-minute drive from Orange County's John Wayne Airport and 45 minutes from LAX. For event details, pricing, reservations and driving directions, go to [www.pelicanhill.com](http://www.pelicanhill.com) or phone 1-855-467-6800.



The Pelican Grill Lounge has two nine-foot screens for sports fans.

Pelican Grill's new interactive Tasting Table is next to the open-concept kitchen in the main dining room.

