

Escape *to* ITALY

*The Resort at Pelican Hill brings Italy's
finest to Southern California.*

Imagine a place where the verdant landscapes and grand architecture of classical Italy meet the elegant and serene beauty of the Southern California coast. **The Resort at Pelican Hill** embodies that ideal place with its Italian Renaissance-inspired architecture, Mediterranean landscaping, authentic cuisine, and impeccable service. The Resort at Pelican Hill derived its inspiration from the rich historical traditions of Renaissance Italy and brought them to Newport Coast, creating a perfect marriage between the classical Mediterranean lifestyle and the laid-back elegance of Southern California.

The architecture at Pelican Hill found its roots in Renaissance Italy and in the work of one particular architect—Andrea Palladio, a genius of his time. The Resort even shares its first birthday with Palladio's 500th, having opened its doors in November 2008. Palladio was a quintessential Renaissance man and master architect who spent most of his youth as a stonemason. As a young man, Palladio went to visit Rome where he found life-changing beauty and inspiration in ancient Greek and Roman architecture. Palladio's experiences in Rome helped define his distinct and innovative style as well as his architectural philosophy. This philosophy was based on principles that emphasized grand proportions and perfect symmetry working in harmony with nature.

The Resort at Pelican Hill adopted Palladio's architectural principles with classical designs, graceful proportions, and open spaces all working in perfect harmony with the natural beauty of Newport Coast. Palladian-inspired structures, such as the domed, Greek-inspired rotunda in the hotel lobby, can be found throughout the resort. The Resort's main estate is a flawless example of one of Palladio's most innovative designs, the portico, which was originally used for temples and later modified by Palladio for villas. Next to the main estate is the unmistakable **Coliseum Pool**. The pool is a perfect circle with over a million hand-cut mosaic tiles that line the bottom and glitter amid the lights of the amphitheater surrounding it. Pelican Hill is also home to a grand Palladian-inspired rotunda that is as distinct as it is breathtaking. Both the rotunda's location overlooking the Pacific Ocean and its sheer beauty make it an ideal place to hold weddings and other ceremonies.

The Resort's architectural inspiration comes from Palladio's statement that: "Beauty will derive from a graceful shape and the relationship of the whole to the parts." This maxim is evident in the way that Pelican Hill's beauty is comprised of two major parts: the bungalows and the villas. Pelican Hill's 204 bungalows combine the Palladian-inspired features of loggias, Tuscan columns, and tiled roofs with the comfort and intimacy of a quaint Mediterranean village setting that transports guests straight into the heart of Italy.



Cabana Dining at the Coliseum Pool



Resort Entrance



Acqua Colonnade



The resort's 128 ocean-view villas are the perfect example of Palladio's ideal structure, combining the grand with the practical in perfect harmony. The villas also come fully equipped and have a personalized staff, making them a true Mediterranean home away from home.

The simple, elegant landscaping of Pelican Hill also has roots in Renaissance Italy. Mature olive and cypress trees line the walkways and courtyards of the resort, creating the image of a seaside Italian village in the heart of Southern California. **The Golf Club** at Pelican Hill embodies the Palladian ideal of finding harmony with nature. Designed by Tom Fazio, Pelican Hill's two golf courses—Ocean North and Ocean South—overlook the Pacific Ocean, allowing golfers to enjoy an undisturbed view while playing on the 36-hole championship course. The Golf Club also features a magnificent bridge modeled after an ancient Roman aqueduct that connects the Clubhouse to the courses.

The Spa at Pelican Hill is a truly unique and personalized experience. The first sight guests will encounter upon entering the spa is its large Palladian rotunda surrounded by a serene water wall. From there, they will be led into one of the spa's 22 treatment rooms for individualized care, or head to the Acqua Colonnade to try the herbal steam rooms and soaking tubs.

Pelican Hill also stays true to both its Italian and Southern California roots with its vast array of dining choices. The tastes and smells of Tuscan cooking are brought to Newport Coast at Pelican Hill's **Andrea Ristorante**. Under the guidance of chef Luigi Fineo, Andrea adheres to the culinary traditions of Italy with their always fresh, always authentic Italian cuisine. At Andrea, diners can get a taste of Tuscany with the restaurant's hand-made pastas, artisan-style gelato, and imported Italian wine as they watch the sunset over the Pacific Ocean. Available exclusively to Resort guests, **Piccolo** at the Villa Club offers a globally inspired menu of small plates. Guests can enjoy tapas-style portions of everything from Asian to Italian cuisine in a relaxed atmosphere with a picturesque view of the resort. Other dining options at Pelican Hill include the **Caffè** and espresso bar, the **Pelican Grill** at the Golf Club, and the **Coliseum Grill**.

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