



CALIFORNIA'S BEST KEPT SECRET

SITUATED ON WHAT MANY CONSIDER CALIFORNIA'S MOST PRISTINE LAND, THE NEWPORT BEACH COAST IS WHERE DONALD BREN, CHAIRMAN OF THE IRVINE COMPANY, DECIDED TO BUILD THE MASTERPIECE THAT IS PELICAN HILL RESORT.

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BY THE NUMBERS

36

Holes of golf

5

Restaurants

45

Minutes from Los Angeles

1 MILLION+

Tiles laid at the bottom of Pelican Hills' Coliseum Pool

When stepping foot onto the property, you may need to remind yourself that you did not just magically arrive at an Italian seaside village: You are just 45 minutes south of Los Angeles.

Recently voted “#1 Resort in United States” by the readers of *Condé Nast Traveler*, Pelican Hill Resort did not spare a detail in the Andrea Palladio-inspired architecture that distinguishes the Mediterranean-style resort. The Coliseum pool, 136 feet in diameter, is the largest circular pool in the United States; over one million glass tiles have been cut and laid to perfection, a process that took six months to complete.

There are five unique dining experiences, all complete with ocean and golf course views. The signature restaurant, Andrea Ristorante & Bar, offers authentic Italian cuisine. Led by Chef Luca Cesarini, Andrea offers exquisite pastas made in a one-of-a-kind temperature-controlled pasta room. The wine room is fortified with more than 1,200 bottles, assuring you the perfect match to your dish.

The five-star Spa at Pelican Hill is equipped with 22 private treatment rooms designed for quiet comfort and deep relaxation matched by luxurious locker rooms with every amenity needed. The array of facilities covers 23,000 square feet and includes men’s and women’s herbal steam rooms, saunas, whirlpools, and soaking tubs; a state-of-the-art fitness center; full-service salon; a barber chair lounge, and a boutique. You are guaranteed to have a truly first class spa experience at The Spa at Pelican Hill.

In the early 1990s, almost two decades prior to the opening of the grand Pelican Hill Resort, Pelican Hill was known strictly for its spectacular golf; the 18-hole Ocean South Course, as well as the 18-hole Ocean North Course. The 36-hole masterpiece, designed by famed course designer Tom Fazio, includes dramatic architecture on its stunning natural seaside setting, which covers 400 acres of land with breathtaking views of the Pacific Ocean.

The South Course is known as one of the most scenic golf courses on the West Coast. The stretch of holes from #11 to #13 will leave you so close to the ocean that you might be tempted to take a break at the Crystal Cove Beach, located just below the par 3, 12th green. The South Course is a par 70 that plays 6,580 yards from the tips, however with five sets of tees, this course will



accommodate all levels of golfers. Prices range from \$235-\$325 including forecaddie

The challenging North Course is not lacking in beauty. Although it sits further from the Pacific, the panoramic views are extraordinary. Surrounded by some of the most spectacular homes in the country, this par 71 course stretches to 6,945 yards from the furthest set of tees. With a difficult course rating of 73.3, this links-style course with dramatic elevation changes and well-guarded putting greens will be sure to challenge even the best of golfers. Prices range from \$235-\$325 including forecaddie

In 2005 Tom Fazio voyaged back to Pelican Hill, as he explained it, "to re-perfect all 36 holes in a location that is one of the most spectacular in golf." Along with many on-course perfections, a new 44,000 square foot luxurious clubhouse was built, as well as a state-of-the-art practice facility which includes the Glenn Deck Golf Academy.

At the end of your fun-filled day, whether it was spent at the spa, the golf course, the amazing Crystal Cove Park Beach, or shopping at the nearby Fashion Island Mall, you can call for your complimentary coach transportation back to your luxurious Bungalow or Villa. There are 204 Bungalows on property that range from 847 to 2,486 square feet. They are lavished with appointments including fire places, 40" flat screen televisions, Bose surround sound, marble tubs, and more. Prices range from \$395-\$745 per night. If you are looking for more space or just added privacy, one of the 128 Villas are for you. The 2-, 3-, and 4-bedroom Villas, range from 2,200 to 3,581 square feet and are located just to the north of the main resort behind its own gate with a private pool and clubhouse. The Villas feature a comprehensive and personalized 24/7 service program of amenities, pampering, and individual attention not to be matched by any resort in the world. Prices range from \$895-\$1,900 per night. Although not for sale, the villas are frequently rented by executives for extended stays.

With the Pelican Hill Resort recently celebrating only its third anniversary, this resort could be California's, if not the United States' best kept secret. With something for everyone in the family, Pelican Hill Resort is not only a convenient golf getaway but the perfect family vacation. 🌿

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