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# *Pelican Hill*



*The Resort at Pelican Hill is one of those experiences that anyone with a destination “Bucket List” of places to travel and golf would want to get to sooner rather than later.*

Often compared to Pebble Beach in Northern California, Pelican Hill in the Newport Coast section of Southern California compares only if you want equally breathtaking ocean views, two golf courses instead of one, more amenities and outstanding accommodations and weather that is normally more inviting than its Bay area counterpart.

Originally built in the early 1990s, the two golf courses at Pelican Hill—the Ocean North and the Ocean South—drew immediate acclaim as world-class golfing venues, but it wasn't until just four years ago when the accompanying resort was opened that this destination on the So Cal coast took on the distinction of being one of the world's top golf vacation spots. Condé Nast Traveler ranked it as the #1 U.S. resort last year—and for good reason.

Not only did the resort's developer—The Irvine Company—build a multi-faceted facility that resembles a Tuscan seaside village inspired by the 16th century Italian architect Andrea Palladio, both golf courses were shut down for two years and renovated with a breathtaking 44,000-square foot clubhouse and restaurant added for good measure overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

The resort is really a small city on 504 acres consisting of 204 bungalows and 128 villas accessed by small streets that wind around some of

the most spectacular ocean views on the West Coast. Guests are greeted upon arrival by a clubhouse lobby and Great Room under a 28-foot rotunda complete with hand-cut and carved Italian limestone fireplace and flanked by 17th-century Flemish tapestries. The compelling view while checking in is the Coliseum Pool, which is the largest circular pool in the world at 136 feet in diameter and is dazzling with its radiant blue bottom created by 1.1 million hand-cut glass mosaic tiles and amphitheater of terraced decks. The pool offers private cabanas, sunbathing areas and dining to go with those fabulous ocean views.

In addition to the stunning architecture and attention to design detail, the level of service at the Pelican Hill resort is equally world-class. A personal travel designer plans and arranges every aspect and detail of an upcoming visit, from pre-shipping golf clubs to the resort to scenting the suite with the preferred aromatherapy. Once at the resort, the highly trained, around-the-clock staff – from butlers to concierges, even chefs to cook personal meals – attend to guests' every need, completely customize the experience, and create a truly one-of-a-kind stay.

In the Villas, the resort's signature lodging, guests can enjoy luxury, ocean-view home accommodations for daily rental or longer term. The two-, three- and four-bedroom Villas feature every imaginable ultra-lux-





ury appointment and the most thoughtful, comprehensive and personalized service program of amenities, pampering and individual attention that you could ask for.

Ranging from 2,200 square feet to 3,581 square feet, the spacious Villas offer expansive terraces with dramatic ocean views, dining areas, personal butlers and staff available at any time 24/7. The appointments immerse guests in the absolute finest of everything, including hand-hewn wood-beam alder ceilings and limestone fireplaces;

sumptuous beds with 500 thread-count linens; luxurious baths with fine toiletries from Gilchrist & Soames; marble walk-in showers and deep-soaking tubs; wine cabinets and gourmet kitchens with Sub Zero refrigerators, Wolf® oven and cook-top, professional cookware from Cuisipro; 60-inch flat screen HD TVs, Bose sound systems, MP3 ports, and wireless Internet and private one- or two-car garages.

As an exclusive privilege for Villa guests only, the 10,000-square-foot Villa Clubhouse is a serene escape from the everyday world with its understated, relaxed elegance, personally tailored service, light-bathed living room, private gourmet dining, radiant blue pool created by hand-setting 300,000 hand-cut glass mosaic tiles, luxurious cabanas and stunning vistas of the Pacific.

For those visitors not requiring a full home, the Bungalow Guest Rooms and Suites are equally lavish and range in size from 847 to 2,486 square feet and offer an intimate, residential ambiance. Not one detail is overlooked, including hand-crafted wood-beam ceilings, fireplaces framed by Italian limestone, deep soaking marble tubs, 40-inch flat screen televisions, wet bar, Bose sound systems, MP3 ports, wireless Internet, 500-thread-count sheets, and private terraces with unobstructed

ocean panoramas.

To offer a little more in the way of relaxation and pampering The Spa at Pelican Hill® is a great way to spend some time after a round of golf or before dinner. The 23,000-square-foot spa, with its dramatic 28-foot-high Palladian rotunda, wall of flowing water, 22 private treatment rooms, steam rooms, saunas and whirlpools, offers an array of soothing experiences and treatments that really recharge and rejuvenate. Expanding the traditional definition of a spa, Pelican Hill's complete wellness haven offers complimentary fitness classes and daily beach hikes, weekly art-inspired spa soirees and monthly Balanced Wellness Retreats. Additionally, a full-service salon and Barber Chair lounge cater to guest's nail care, skin care and hair care needs.

For anyone with a culinary bent, Pelican doesn't disappoint. The signature restaurant is Andrea Ristorante with classic Tuscan-inspired dishes rivaling some of the great Italian restaurants in the country, but one of the most popular of the resort's eateries is the Pelican Grill, located within the clubhouse at the Golf Club. It is a great place to unwind after a round, or as a meeting place for happy hour and just having an outstanding meal where the specialties are locally sourced fresh foods. With its comfortable décor, Italian-inspired architecture, terrace with spectacular ocean and golf course views, sophisticated, yet relaxed circular bar with two huge 9' x 6' HD TVs for watching sports events, the Grill has become a popular dining spot for locals.

In the open display kitchen, the master culinary team led by Chef Chang Sivilyay has created an array of innovative fresh seafood, olive-wood-oven pizzas and steak dishes. Combine this with dining al fresco on the terrace – which is equipped with hidden heaters and sunscreens



for year-round comfort –it is the quintessential California dining experience.

Immediately next to the Grill is the sprawling Clubhouse that was constructed as part of the 2007 expansion and resort build out, and has all the amenities of a high-end private club. It has separate men's and women's locker rooms and lounges with a full array of appointments and amenities including shoe service, Caffé II Italian coffee bar, a golf shop offering the latest golf fashions and accessories and an intelligently designed, full-service practice facility conveniently located right outside the clubhouse door featuring an expansive practice tee.

The center piece of it all--the two 18-hole courses--Ocean North and Ocean South, are both ranked on Golf Digest's America's 100 Greatest Public Golf Courses for 2011/2012 and offer some of the best golf you would find anywhere.

Staffed with an able crew of caddies, playing golf at Pelican Hill is indeed one of those rare experiences that beg you to come back for more—and often. Renowned architect Tom Fazio used everything at his disposal when designing these two masterpieces along the Pacific shores conceived in harmony with the dramatic natural coastal environment covering nearly 400 picturesque acres.

Of the two courses, the Ocean South provides the most spectacular ocean views and although playing to only 6,580 yards from the back tees and a slope of 134, is plenty challenging from there or the Blue Tees at 6,323 yards because of the ample bunkering and tour-like green speed. The fairways are pretty manageable on most holes, while the back-to-back Par 3's on the inward nine provide an interesting contrast—that is if you can stop looking at the ocean.



Another memorable view goes with the 558-yard Par 5 17th hole on the Ocean North where the view beyond the green is all ocean. Fazio did an outstanding job of melding his design through the coastal hillsides and canyons that are lush with sagebrush and deep, overgrown chasms.

If top-drawer golf, dining and leisure were not enough to keep one busy at the resort at Pelican Hill, the list of nearby activities available in the surrounding Orange County coastal area is enough to plan several vacations around. Beach outings at Crystal Cove Beach, which is just a short shuttle drive away; hiking and cycling throughout the neighboring Irvine Ranch® open space, parks and trails; surfing, kayaking and other water sports; yachting, sailing, sunset cruises and whale-watching excursions from Newport Harbor; luxury shopping in Fashion Island®, as well as Crystal Cove Promenade™ and Corona del Mar Plaza are all just minutes away.

With the summer golf season in full swing, the cool ocean breezes and the ambience of the Southern California coast make Pelican Hill a prime target to cross off of that bucket list.

For more info: [www.pelicanhill.com](http://www.pelicanhill.com)







## The Golf Academy at Pelican Hill

A visit to The Resort at Pelican Hill would not be complete without some time spent at the Pelican Hill Golf Academy, which offers individual and group lessons in addition to four different half-day schools geared towards specific aspects of the game. The Academy features Putting schools, Chip, Pitch, and Bunker schools, Full Swing schools, and Playing Schools where instructors accompany students along the course, to enhance or improve whatever specific areas need improving.

Private lessons are available at all times to provide customized and individual instruction based on the skill level of any player.

The lesson area at the back end of the driving range offers an excellent private teaching area where Director of Instruction Glenn Deck, who heads up the academy, brings some impressive credentials to the teaching facility. His list of accolades includes being recognized as one of the Top 100 Teachers in America by Golf Magazine and he has been named Southern California PGA Teacher of the Year.

With 25 years as a player and teacher, Deck brings a comprehensive approach to teaching by examining a student's overall physical condition, age and ability and then recommending specific stretching and injury prevention techniques. His philosophy revolved around finding what a player does well and implementing changes to enhance and improve their swing or other aspects of the game as opposed to overhauling one's entire style of play to fit a pre-conceived system.

Some time spent with Deck and his staff during a visit to Pelican Hill can well be the highlight of the trip.

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