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JETSET GIVES YOU A ROADMAP FOR A PERFECT TRIP THROUGH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

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Sometimes in life it just makes sense to follow the buzz. Like when destinations are constantly talked about, raved about, and not only mass-produce attention, ambiance and fun, but open their doors for the ultra-cool at night — and in the case of the golf course we’re showcasing, the mega-connected and extremely affluent during the day.

There is no shortage of four-day winter holidays to take. Caribbean private islands are there to be rented. Wine country villas are waiting to be occupied. Swiss Alps chalets are calling your name. But how about a roadmap for a three-night (or more) Southern California trip for which all you have to do to ensure a great time is show up? The destination will take it from there. You’ll have an absolutely memorable little jaunt you can go on with friends or family, and you’ll visit a trio of cities that have been scientifically proven to be incapable of creating boredom! San Diego. Newport Coast. Los Angeles.

These cities are easy to get in and out of, via commercially or private aircraft, so if you’ve got the time, we’ve got your itinerary. First, jet to San Diego, where the nightlife scene is incomparable; then head north to Newport Coast for a round of golf and spa services at Pelican Hill; and finally, explore your personal style in West Hollywood. Come on, pack a bag or two and let’s roll!

#### **ANDAZ SAN DIEGO**

Let’s begin by jetting to San Diego and staying at the Andaz San Diego, located smack dab in the heart of the historic Gaslamp Quarter. One of the first things that will jump out at you at this very hip boutique hotel is how you check in. There are no counters, no stuffy procedures and no attitude. Just a friendly conversation where you’re welcomed to the property, offered a glass of wine,

free Wi-Fi and VIP passes to the nightclub, while all your needs are catered to as you check in. The hotel has 159 ultra-modern guest rooms and suites, which are studies of style and sensuality. Steps away you’ll find a multitude of clubs and bars in the thriving and electric Gaslamp scene. But all you have to do is take the elevator to the top floor, as the Ivy Rooftop pool turns into a sultry hotspot, with bottle service and premium liquors. It’s personalized service, exceptional amenities and a top-to-bottom vibe of coolness that you get a ticket to, simply by staying there. It’s a sanctuary of chic. Andaz aims to impress, and they always succeed.

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#### **PELICAN HILL**

Pelican Hill is the epitome of a combo of California luxurious cool, off-the-charts pampering, services and amenities, and visual beauty that will absolutely blow your mind.

The property is a three-time AAA Five-Diamond Award winner, *Andrew Harper’s Hideaway Report* selected Pelican Hill as its 2012 “Grand Resort” honoree in the 2012 Grand Awards, and *Forbes* gave The Spa at Pelican Hill five stars as well. Named the No. 1 California golf resort according to *Condé Nast Traveler* readers, Pelican Hill boasts two golf courses that were deemed worthy of inclusion in *Golf Digest’s* list of “America’s 100 Greatest Public Golf Courses.”

The two full courses, the Ocean North and Ocean South courses, are on the property, with an additional 18 holes at nearby Oak Creek Golf Club. Tom Fazio designed all 54 holes, most of which overlook the ocean. To further enhance your game and experience, Pelican Hill offers unmatched service and amenities: professional forecaddies, luxurious locker rooms, practice facility, shoe attendants, club cleaning service, golf shop and a golf academy.



After a round of golf, a visit to The Spa at Pelican Hill is an absolute must. Your visit will be carefully crafted based upon your desired intention or focus. Replenish (restore balance, detoxify, rejuvenate); Invigorate (strengthening, energizing, immune boosting); or Relax (de-stressing, unwinding, centering). The ambience is astounding, and the service is world-class.

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The amenities are numerous, including the on-site Andaz Host — a combination front office agent, bell attendant and concierge who's knowledgeable in local art, music, dance, literature, fashion, shopping, dining, night spots and sights. He or she can provide insider tips, tours and guides for anything on the Strip and beyond.

Complimentary espressos and iced teas are available to guests in the Andaz Lounge. Easy and uncomplicated check-in/check-out experiences feature innovative technology — hosts use small handheld computers or touch-screen laptops in the Andaz



## WEST HOLLYWOOD

If you have never stayed on the Sunset Strip in the heart of Hollywood, this is the place to do it. Andaz West Hollywood has emerged as a sleek re-invention of the Hyatt on Sunset Strip, a 1970s hotspot that gained notoriety as a hangout for hard-partying rockers. Completely gutted and re-imagined, the 14-story, 238-room landmark property is now all about clean, uncluttered elegance and evokes the chic, cosmopolitan feel of its surroundings urban neighborhood.

There's one word to sum up the vibe at Andaz West Hollywood: cool. Not forced and contrived, but real and genuine. The service is exceptional and unique, and you can feel and see the history on the walls and in the air. It's the perfect launching pad to all the fun things there are to do in the area.

Lounge. Room amenities include complimentary healthy snacks and non-alcoholic beverages, replenished once daily.

Andaz means "personal style" in Hindi, and in this spirit, everything at the hotel is about local culture and uncomplicated service. Employees wear "real outfits" versus typical uniforms. In fact, each staff member chooses his or her own "off-the-rack" clothing from local brands Velvet by Graham & Spencer and Vince, reflecting the individuality of each employee. The swimming pool is the highest hotel rooftop pool in Los Angeles, and the views around the pool and outside of it are breathtaking.

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