

VIVA THE VILLA LIFE

THE RESORT AT PELICAN HILL

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The simple fact about a long weekend, vacation or extended stay at the Villas at The Resort at Pelican Hill is that you are going to have an experience you won't find anywhere else in the world. Because of its jaw-dropping views, stunning beauty and ideal setting on the Newport Coast in Newport Beach, California, this five-star, five-diamond destination will stay with you for a long time. But the experience gets even better after you check in and begin to enjoy the service and luxury you will be afforded at every turn.

One of the most alluring features of the Villas at The Resort at Pelican Hill is simply the size of the villas themselves. You will feel like you are staying in your very own ultra-luxurious beach house, with the sights and sounds of the stunning Pacific Ocean always in the background at least, and often times front and center, greeting you from every panoramic view you'll fall in love with and never want to leave.

The two-bedroom villas measure 2,193 feet, while the three-bedroom villas are 2,573 feet. The 3,581 square foot four-bedroom villas are ideal for larger family gatherings, and all villas include expansive terraces, most with dramatic ocean views, and private one- or two-car garages.

The villa appointments include the absolute finest of everything from the interior finishes, materials and furniture to the glassware and china, including: hand-hewn wood beam ceilings, 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; 15-bottle wine cabinets; and gourmet kitchens with Sub Zero refrigerators, Wolf ovens and cook-tops and professional cookware from Cuisipro. The technology offerings are superb, including WiFi, Bose audio systems, MP3 ports, 60-inch HD TVs in the four-bedroom villas and 50-inch units in two- and three-bedroom villas.

Other appealing aspects of the Villas at The Resort at Pelican Hill are the incredible privacy the property provides and the fact you

completely control how you want to enjoy your stay in your luxury villa. If you want to create a gourmet meal in your villa, have at it. And don't worry about any grocery lists, because the around-the-clock butler service will see to it you have access to everything you require or desire. There are numerous dining options on the property as well, including Andrea Ristorante (featuring exquisite Northern Italian cuisine with Tuscan influences that rival top Italian restaurants), The Coliseum Pool & Grill serving American favorites, Pelican Grill, and the Villa Clubhouse which serves breakfast and lunch daily.

You will find that there truly are not enough superlatives to describe the experience that awaits you at The Villas at The Resort at Pelican Hill. The staff is impeccably cast, and your Villa Coordinator will make sure you never find a service need unattended to or out of reach.

Not only is the beauty simply stunning, but the grounds are massive, and you may have to be remind yourself you have not been transported to the Amalfi Coast or South of France. Authentic California foliage and meticulous grounds welcome you with every step you take, and the refreshing, invigorating and therapeutic sea air makes every breath you take a joy.

The Villas at The Resort at Pelican Hill opened in 2008 with a goal of offering unprecedented attention to detail in every aspect of the property and guest experience. If you have not yet discovered this for yourself, book a trip at your earliest convenience and treat yourself to a truly luxurious and incredible vacation in what has a very good possibility of becoming your new second, or third, or fourth or fifth home.

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