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WINTER GOLF GETAWAYS



WINTER FORCES GOLFERS TO BE CREATIVE. But instead of making do with inclement weather, many of us simply escape it. This partly explains the abundance of top-rated golf resorts in temperate locales, a wealth that accumulates with every passing year. This season, the traveling golfer's options are more extensive—and, in the case of the \$1 million Grand South Africa Golf Safari, more expensive—than ever. From a new resort on the California coast to an upstart trail in Vietnam, the 10 getaways featured here are sure to brighten any golfer's winter forecast. ⇒

Taking Flight

PELICAN HILL LOOKS TO FULFILL ITS PROMISE WITH THE LAUNCH OF A NEW RESORT.

PELICAN HILL—with its hilly coastal setting, temperate year-round climate, and two Tom Fazio-designed courses—has the makings of a world-class golf resort. Only one thing is missing: the resort itself. That will change in late November, when the Resort at Pelican Hill opens on the 504-acre Southern California site where Fazio completed two of his finest works in the early 1990s.

Fazio recently returned to Pelican Hill, located about an hour's drive south of Los Angeles in Newport Coast, to update his Ocean South and Ocean North courses. His redesign consisted mostly of reurfing the fairways and greens, adding a few bunkers, and replacing overgrown bushes with low-lying shrubs to open up the courses' ever-present ocean vistas.

Set on a hillside just above Ocean South, the new hotel at Pelican Hill will share the courses' sweeping Pacific views. The resort will open with 332 bungalow and villa accommodations, a 22-room spa, and a 136-foot-diameter, hand-tiled pool backed by a Palladian-style colonnade. The property's Ultimate Golf Experience—which begins at \$1,250 per night and includes a round for two on either

course—should prove worthy of its lofty billing as Pelican Hill finally takes its place among the world's top golf resorts.

—BRUCE WALLIN

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