

Pelican Hill

There's more than an award-winning golf course at Pelican Hill—though the course is as spectacular as you've heard. This fall, foodies will find heaven here on the Gold Coast with a slew of harvest delights. // ERIN CHAMBERS SMITH

Harvest this

In partnership with Temecula Olive Oil, the resort will harvest, press, and bottle olive oil from 750 olive trees on the property October 29 at the **Festa Dell' Autunno**. Guests at the one-day festival will be treated to food and wine tastings, Italian cooking exhibitions, an espresso lounge, strolling musicians, and more festivities.

Take a cooking class

Hosted in one of the resort's private villas, the charming executive chef Jean-Pierre Dubray does all the work (taking the term "class" lightly here), while your private group of up to 12 sips wine on the sidelines and enjoys the action without lifting a pinkie. Feast on the final product with a full-service staff.

Make it a food fest

After the harvesting and cooking, reserve a spot at Andrea. They make all the pasta in-house in a humidity-controlled pasta room with imported flour and water. The chefs source produce from nearby Irvine Ranch, conveniently owned and operated by the resort's developer, Irvine Company.

Don't skip the spa

Keep it seasonal in the spa, where they offer a new massage and body wrap treatment each season infused with a fresh herbs. This fall, it's figs and honey. After a luscious rubdown, take your complimentary scoop of gelato (also infused with the seasonal ingredient) down to your cabana for a pool-side snack.

Send the kids to camp

There are few better places for 8-year-olds than Camp Pelican, a mini resort-within-the-resort. Kids get their own pool; sand pit; supervised activities; a huge rumpus room with chalkboards, game consoles, bean bags, and art supplies; and movie nights with all-you-can-eat pizza, pasta, and gelato.





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- » The bungalows have better views, but the villas come with butlers.
- » Singles might be lonely here, as the resort is spread out over 500 acres and the vibe is less *mingling* and more *leave-me-in-peace*.
- » The pool is impressive and really does look like the Roman Colosseum—get a cabana.
- » Watch for celebs—Rhianna, Brooke Burke, and Eric Dane have all reportedly stayed in the villas.

