

LOCATION 3

where luxury lives



THE GRAND DEL MAR

BY RITA GOLDBERG

There are destination resorts and then there are resorts that are destinations unto themselves. The Grand Del Mar in San Diego can be classified as the latter. Although the resort is located in a city that offers the lure of world renowned attractions and activities, guests checking into this premiere property will most likely leave only once—upon check out—and with the greatest reluctance. The Tom Fazio designed golf course, the 21,000 square foot spa, and award winning dining opportunities are conveniently on site, should you wish to cloister yourself within the lush, rolling hills that define the property's pristine grounds.

There is an apparent exclusiveness that pervades The Grand Del Mar. The long elegantly landscaped driveway signifies entry onto a property of distinction. The instant you arrive, you realize that you have indeed arrived. The vision of the lavishly furnished foyer, reminiscent of old world elegance, transports guests to a vacation

experience of yesteryear. Luxurious touches prevail throughout the property. Burred and gilded wood accents, polished marble and elaborate chandeliers are among the impressive decorative details signifying the resort's opulence. While the resort itself is a sight to behold, the gem of this vacation experience is inherent in its self-contained feature. Everything you need for the perfect get-away is conveniently at hand.


For serious golfers, the Grand Golf Club offers an ideal day on the green. The championship quality course and its surrounding scenic vistas are the centerpiece of The Grand Del Mar resort. The club's fore caddie program, offering a personal course savvy valet to guide, assess and restore terrain, is available for golfers seeking the full service experience.

The spa is another example of an on-site amenity that offers vacationers who want to stay put a great reason to do so. With 11 treatment rooms and more than a dozen different signature ▶

treatments, guests in need of pampering will indeed be satisfied. For a truly unique experience, The Renaissance Treatment, featuring imported Hungarian mineral and nutrient rich mud infused with aromatic essential oils, offers nourishment and healing properties to detoxify and restore wellness. The heated, cocoon style mud wrap is followed by a rosemary-infused, Swiss shower to cleanse and revitalize. This signature treatment is capped off with a gentle lullaby stretch massage to soothe and limber.

At dinner time, it is especially unnecessary to venture off the property. Superb dining at the resort's acclaimed Addison restaurant is a must experience for guests seeking culinary excellence. The seven course tasting menu is a great option for leisurely diners to sample the best of Chef William Bradley's contemporary French cuisine with its unique California flair. The tasting menu features small bites of favorite delicacies such as succulent sea scallops drizzled with sauce vermouth

and poulard roti garnished with melt in your mouth foie gras and black truffle butter. The 2,500-bottle wine room ensures aficionados the perfect pairing to complement each course.

Vacationers in want of a luxurious, easy to enjoy get-away will be sated on every level as guests of The Grand Del Mar. Of course, if you are inclined to spend part of your vacation time in long lines and among crowds for a glimpse of wildlife or dolphin performances, you will especially appreciate returning to this glorious venue to let the real vacation begin. 

*5300 Grand Del Mar Court, San Diego, 818-314-2000,
www.TheGrandDelMar.com*

