



Room with a view

The Grand Del Mar California

Room 319

Golfers are flocking to the terracotta-toned Grand Del Mar resort, which opened last autumn within the Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, in northern San Diego County. It is just eight miles from Torrey Pines Golf Course, which hosts the US Open this month, and has an 18-hole course of its own designed by Tom Fazio. This south-westerly view is from the third-floor terrace of one of the resort's 12 Palazzo Suites. It is a great place to watch the play at hole two (in the foreground) and hole three (up the hill), here bathed in glorious, early-morning southern Californian light. Fringed by sycamore, eucalyptus and pine trees, the course weaves its way through a spectacular 320-acre estate. The resort itself is inspired by the Spanish Revival style made popular by US architect Addison Mizner; here, though, that old-world charm is matched with the latest driving-range facilities at The Grand Golf Club, also home to a French restaurant, Addison. **FRANCESCA SYZ**
CONTACT 5300 Grand Del Mar Court, San Diego County (001 858 314 2000; www.thegranddelmar.com). Doubles from \$430; Palazzo Suites from \$1,325

