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Clubhouse | The Villas at the Grand Del Mar

ROOTS REVIVAL

The Grand Del Mar's villas recall the architecture of Addison Mizner

The Mediterranean-style golf clubhouse at the Grand Del Mar overlooks the only Tom Fazio-designed course in San Diego.

A RESULT OF A CHILDHOOD spent traveling the world with his father, a U.S. minister to Guatemala, architect Addison Mizner's elaborate Mediterranean architectural style incorporated Spanish Revival, Italian, and Moroccan influences. In the 1920s, he designed several homes in South Florida, where his most notable creation is a mansion for Philadelphia-based department store heir Rodman Wanamaker, which later became John F. Kennedy's Winter White House.

Mizner's ornate style may seem out of place in the rugged hills of Los Peñasquitos Canyon, a nature preserve at the northern edge of San Diego, but that was exactly what the developers of the \$270 million Grand Del Mar resort intended. "Our goal was to create something that would set us apart from the other resorts in the area," says Tom Voss, president of Manchester Grand Resorts, the developer of the project. "We didn't want to build a massive high-rise hotel—we wanted it to look like an old mansion with a homey feel."

Upon entry to the 380-acre resort, a winding road takes visitors past the only Tom Fazio-designed golf course in San Diego before leading to the 50,000-square-foot golf clubhouse. Here, guests find a pro shop, locker rooms, and the resort's signature restaurant, Addison's, the highlight of which is the Paul Wyatt-designed wine cellar. Beyond

the clubhouse is the 249-room hotel, which is swathed in Portuguese tile, Italian marble, and Venetian plaster.

In line with the style of the resort are the property's eight 4,000- to 5,000-square-foot private villas, which are available for fractional ownership. Designed by local architect Robert Altevers—whose past projects include the designs of various structures at California's Reserve Club in Indian Wells and Pelican Hill Golf Club in Newport Beach—the villas are priced from \$450,000 for a one-tenth share, plus \$10,500 in annual dues, which includes a golf membership. Each villa features a 1,500-square-foot master suite, a large kitchen with Wolf and Sub-Zero appliances, a media room with a 60-inch television, a baby grand piano, an elevator, an outdoor fireplace, a built-in stainless steel barbecue, and a sunken hot tub.

Outside of the home, owners can enjoy 37 miles of hiking, biking, and horse trails at the adjacent 4,100-acre nature preserve, and the beach is less than four miles away. "Because of the mild weather, we are an all-season resort, so there's no struggle for reservations during 'the best' couple of weeks per year," Voss says. "Owners can play golf, ride horses, mountain bike, and bird-watch all year long." *[Samantha Brooks and Jennifer Lisle]*

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