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# Seaside tranquility at Terranea Resort in Calif.

*Weddings, Honeymoons & Romance*

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The Catalina Point venue offers a private terrace and lawn. Photo Credit: Kirsten Manick

Perched atop Los Angeles' Palos Verdes Peninsula is the Terranea Resort. This picturesque luxury hotel has left 75 of 102 acres of its private peninsula undeveloped, enabling guests to fully take in the pristine, natural landscape.

The resort strives to protect and highlight the environment on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, with its panoramic coastal views; hiking and bird-watching footpaths along the scenic Discovery Trail; educational tours

to highlight the property's ecology and rare flora and fauna; frequent whale, sea lion and dolphin sightings; and temperate weather all year.

Visitors can enlist the help of the adventure concierge, who specializes in excursions that include horseback rides, paddleboarding, ocean kayaking alongside otters, tide-pool explorations and even falconry (encounters with falcons, Harris hawks and Eurasian eagle owls).

The Mediterranean-inspired resort is an ideal retreat from the stresses of life. Decorated with elements such as giant clay pots filled with succulents and cacti; wicker lounge furniture with sky blue accents; and lush gardens, mosaics and palm trees, the Terranea maintains a peaceful ambience. Despite the Mediterranean touches, the resort stays true to its California roots, offering guests a relaxed atmosphere to match the tranquil seascape views. You won't feel out of place in flip-flops or beachy resort wear.

The Terranea features 582 guestrooms and suites, including spacious casitas and villas, and the Bungalows, a collection of accommodations that offer spa and wellness-focused amenities. Each guestroom has a private balcony, most of which overlook the ocean. The rooms also come with four-fixture stone baths, flat-screen TVs and plush beds with rich linens.



**A bedroom in one of the resort's villas.**

For guests looking for a more exclusive resort experience, the oceanview casitas and villas offer premium amenities that include hardwood floors, granite countertops, spacious kitchens, vaulted ceilings, spa baths and indoor and outdoor fireplaces.

With eight dining options, from casual fare to full-service dining, and the Catalina View Gardens farm nearby, the resort is a culinary dreamland. There are four salt-water swimming pools, a full-service spa and salon and a fitness center.

It shouldn't come as a surprise that the Terranea Resort hosts many beautiful, elegant weddings. With 75,000 square feet of lawns, terraces and gardens and 65,000 square feet of indoor wedding and special-event space, the resort offers a variety of ceremony and reception options for every bridal party.

Ceremony venues include a range of outdoor choices, from the popular Catalina Point, with its backdrop of Catalina Island, to the Palos Verdes Grand Ballroom, which can accommodate up to 1,000 guests.

The Terranea has a team of wedding professionals to help plan your event. The wedding party can choose to have a weekend-long celebration that includes a welcome reception, rehearsal dinner and a post-wedding brunch, all of which can be tailored to accommodate special requests.

"From cozy catch-ups with friends and family in the Channel Islands Suite to extravagant receptions in the Catalina Room, each moment can be as relaxed or refined as desired," said Christina Canalez, associate director of catering at the Terranea.

Proposal packages are also available and include choices such as: a Picnic for Two on the Peninsula (\$525); a Garden Tour for Two (\$3,500), in which executive chef Bernard Ibarra guides a private culinary adventure to explore the resort's off-site farmland, Catalina View Gardens, culminating in a dinner under the stars; or an In Suite Proposal (\$15,000), which includes the help of the Terranea's romance concierge.



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The 50,000-square-foot spa features 25 ocean-facing, luxury treatment rooms; private spaces for massages, hydrotherapy and facial rituals; holistic body treatments; and an oceanfront yoga and Pilates studio.

The Terranea's spa treatments are "designed to work the body's own circadian rhythms, with offerings that range from vibrant, invigorating morning treatments to gentle, quieting midafternoon and evening treatments," said Sharon Holtz, the resort's spa director. "These customized offerings encourage guests to reconnect with nature and oneself."

The resort's Radiant Results Facials, ranging from an hour to 90 minutes, utilize an Aroma Radiance Lift Machine that generates "gentle microcurrents for improving muscle tone, plumping and hydration, along with technology for deep cleansing and healing the skin," according to the resort. Other innovative techniques and materials used in treatments include blue mineral sea clay, quartz, volcanic ash and Vichy showers.

Rates for the Terranea Resort start at around \$500 per night. Visit [www.terranea.com](http://www.terranea.com).