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# Terranea Resort: Sustainable Luxury

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*This oceanfront retreat is a superior property designed for those who expect the finest in amenities and hospitality.*



Golf



Villa Living Room



Spa Treatment Room



Spa Pool



mar'sel



bashi Patio

SET AGAINST A RUGGED SOCAL COASTLINE, Terranea Resort is sprawled across 102 acres on the beautiful Palos Verdes Peninsula. The 270-degree views of the Pacific Ocean also offer Terranea Resort guests the unique opportunity to catch both the sunrise as well as the sunset. This is a luxurious haven committed to environmental stewardship and encourages guests to explore its unique ecology and embrace its earth-friendly practices.

Situated on the site of the former Marineland, the tiny 3-inch trees planted almost 50 years ago are now mature and contribute to the overall serenity of the area. There are more than 14 acres of wildlife habitat surrounding the resort with plenty of opportunities to view them in their natural surroundings.

Terranea offers a variety of oceanic activities that are not just recreational, but educational as well. These include kayaking, paddleboarding, and tours to coves and tide pools along the coast, with dolphin and whale sightings as a

delightful addition to the seaside adventures. California Blue and Pacific Gray whales migrate through the waters just 50 yards offshore in plain view nearly year-round, and resort guests can participate in the annual whale count effort through the nearby Interpretive Center's volunteer program.

Land pastimes include bicycling, tennis, plein air painting and archery lessons — and golf enthusiasts can enjoy the award-winning, nine-hole, par-3, links-style executive golf course that offers ocean views from every hole. Children get to relish in amusement designed just for them at a special on-site Kids Club.

There are scenic hiking and walking trails on the property along colorful ocean vistas that stretch from the famous Point Vicente Lighthouse to the north, and the beautiful shoreline to the south. Private Falconry tours give visitors an up-close acquaintance with falcons, hawks and owls. Naturalist-led tour guides take visitors along birding pathways and through the Discovery Trail of the Palos Verdes Peninsula's trail system. The tours help inform guests about the land's ecology and plant species that only grow on the Peninsula and Catalina Island.

The resort's spacious ocean view guest rooms, suites, villas, bungalows and casitas accommodate romantic escapes, family celebrations, girls' getaways, special occasions, weddings and corporate events. The hallways and public spaces feature handiwork produced by local artisans.

There are four swimming pools, including the massive main pool with ample seating and private cabanas, a kids' pool and slide, an elegant spa pool, and the cliffside pool for those 21 and older. All four pools utilize saltwater treatment in place of a fully chlorinated system, which is both environmentally friendly and a healthier alternative for swimmers.

Terranea features a world-class spa with 50,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor oceanfront relaxation areas. There are 25 treatment rooms, a full-service salon, and separate indoor and outdoor spa lounge areas with saunas, steam rooms, whirlpools, cold plunge pools and fire pits. The fitness and wellness center includes cycling and outdoor fitness options, and yoga buffs can participate in invigorating seaside classes.

Mealtimes offer guests an array of distinctive restaurant options with free valet parking if needed.

The restaurant, **mar'sel**, is the prime location for an elegant dinner or a special Sunday brunch. The menu updates seasonally and features locally sourced ingredients, including citrus and herbs grown right on the property. This dining experience offers curated five-course tasting menus created by Chef Fabio Ugoletti.

Another property restaurant, **catalina kitchen**, is named for its brilliant views of Catalina Island and hosts a lively California cuisine dining experience set against a contemporary ambiance.

Celebrating the culture and history of the Palos Verdes Peninsula, **bashi** offers Chinese, Japanese and Southeast Asian recipes that are both fresh and flavorful. An extensive sake list and wide selection of Asian beers enhance the delectable experience. >>



**Nelson's** is a casual, cliff-top eatery offering a coastal cuisine and a socially gracious bar. The laid-back restaurant is surrounded by outdoor fire pits with spectacular views of the seashore.

**The Lobby Bar & Terrace** is a relaxed space where guests can relax with a craft cocktails, fine wine and fresh fare. Live performances take place in the evening hours.

**The Grill** is located at the resort's pool and offers classic favorites and light bites

A large coffee shop, **Sea Beans**, is located at the main lobby courtyard and has everything from gourmet coffee to fresh-baked pastries, quick-grab snacks and decadent ice cream. Lunch and light bites include sandwiches, salads and smoothies.

The resort collaborates with Chefs to End Hunger, a charitable organization redistributing prepared food that otherwise would go to waste. The property regularly donates its safely chilled and unserved food surplus and, since 2017, has donated more than 21,072 pounds of food "waste" to serve 17,560 meals.

The partially used toiletries left behind in the guestrooms are donated to the Midnight Mission in downtown Los Angeles. More than 380 pounds of toiletries were diverted from the landfill in one month alone and sent to those in need. Since the program was launched, Terranea has donated 29,848 rolls of toilet paper and 63,442 bottles of partially consumer toiletries — that's more than 4.4 tons of "waste" diverted from the landfill and donated to those in need.

Besides its fame as an award-winning luxury leisure destination, Terranea Resort observes a long list of sustainable practices in order to protect the surrounding open spaces, improve wildlife habitats and enhance local water quality. Even from its inception, much of the construction of the resort utilized the pre-existing, abandoned structures that were recycled and used to create the property.

Although there's easy access to nearby Los Angeles, Long Beach, San Pedro and excursions to Catalina, there's so much to do right on the property that a full vacation can be enjoyed without ever leaving the resort. You can even bring the dog, and neither of you will ever want to leave. ■

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