



# *The Balboa Bay Club & Resort*

## **THE BALBOA BAY CLUB & RESORT** **Waterfront Paradise on California's Riviera**

The Balboa Bay Club & Resort is set against a stunning California Gold Coast backdrop complete with million-dollar yachts and spectacular bay views. The \$65 million luxury resort opened to the public in the spring of 2003 and is the only full-service waterfront hotel in Newport Beach. Reminiscent of an Italian villa, it epitomizes the ideal coastal retreat.

This world-class destination situated on 15 prime acres has a rich heritage, having attracted Hollywood's elite as well as upscale travelers, honeymooners, and business executives. The 160-room hotel built on three levels shares the same bay-front address as the private 57-year-old Balboa Bay Club, whose star-studded guest register bears the signatures of luminaries including John Wayne, Ronald and Nancy Reagan, Humphrey Bogart, Lauren Bacall, Natalie Wood, and many more.

### **RETREAT TO A TRANQUIL HAVEN**

Visitors approaching from the Pacific Coast Highway are met with the sight of an elegant cupola, the crowning touch on the Presidential Suite's exterior. Valet service awaits at the porte cochere beyond an ornate wrought-iron pavilion covered with red trumpet vines.

Understated elegance pervades the hotel. The lobby features a marble mariner's-compass mosaic at the entry, rich handmade wool carpeting, classical columns, and cool stone floors in hues of beige and taupe. Its focal point is a colorful mural of sailboats off the coast, painted by Newport Beach artist Bill Denham. The space is perfect for relaxing in natural-rattan lounge chairs with plush, upholstered cushions.

Guestrooms feature spacious alfresco patios with chaise lounges and breathtaking Newport Bay or courtyard views. Each is appointed with natural wood finishes and rattan furniture. Plantation shutters, tropical-patterned drapes, and art depicting the beach lifestyle

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complete the rooms. Marble and granite bathrooms with sunken tubs and picture-window-sized, beveled-glass mirrors add to the ambiance. Feather-top beds with crisp down-filled duvets and soft throw pillows offer a night of ultimate comfort.

Additional touches include imported bath amenities and plush bathrobes and slippers. Refrigerators can be stocked with the guest's choice of refreshments and snacks, and 24-hour in-room dining is available. All rooms of the resort have wireless Internet access.

### **RELAX IN A PEACEFUL SANCTUARY**

An intimate gathering place for a good read or afternoon tea, the library invites guests to enjoy cozy seating in front of a fireplace surrounded by mahogany bookshelves containing leather-bound novels and coffee-table picture books. Light refreshments and fare can be enjoyed in this serene atmosphere overlooking the bay.

### **SLIP IN A LITTLE HISTORY**

Duke's Place, a bar and entertainment lounge on the lobby level, is named after the legendary actor John Wayne, a former member and club governor. A nautical feeling is evoked by historical black-and-white photographs of the star in his mariner-themed films. A handsome mahogany-wood bar spans the room. Banquettes and casual rattan chairs surround the cocktail tables, and the seating spills out past French windows onto the grand outdoor terrace overlooking the pristine bay. It's a place to unwind while enjoying a light repast, sipping cocktails, listening to live jazz nightly, or dancing when the mood is right.

### **DINING ON THE WATER**

The First Cabin restaurant is a chic Newport Beach dining destination. Its casually elegant interior showcases views of the yacht-filled harbor from cozy banquettes, alfresco seating, and an adjoining bar fashioned from rich mahogany. The waterfront dining room, open seven days a week for breakfast, lunch and dinner, highlights innovative California cuisine with a Continental flair created by Executive Chef Josef Lageder, who hails from Austria. In addition, an extensive wine list offers the perfect complement. The First Cabin is the recipient of the Award of Excellence from the Distinguished Restaurants of North America (DiRoNA).

### **CELEBRATIONS, MEETINGS AND RETREATS BY THE SEA**

The Grand Ballroom can host everything from an important all-day conference to a lavish wedding banquet. Its elegant design features intricately crafted crystal chandeliers,

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damask wall coverings in gold and cream, Italian-style plush wool carpeting, beveled mirrors encased in mahogany, and high, beamed ceilings accented with crown moldings. The ballroom opens up to the Coconut Grove, a perfect setting for cocktail receptions. The venue, an ideal locale for social events, offers its own service bar, coat check, and unique separate entrance with valet parking.

Throughout the property, handsomely appointed meeting rooms with bay or courtyard views accommodate groups from ten to 200. Meeting spaces come equipped with state-of-the-art sound and lighting, as well as the latest technology such as wireless Internet access.

### **RELAXING SPA SERVICES & UNIQUE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

The full-service resort caters to the Southern California lifestyle with a myriad of recreational activities. Guests of the hotel are granted access to the exclusive private spa located in the Clubhouse at The Balboa Bay Club. Therapeutic offerings include an array of body treatments. Many, such as the *Sea Stone Massage* and the *C and Sea Facial*, reflect the waterfront locale. An extensive fitness center, cozy spa lounges, locker rooms with inviting fireplaces, and a step-by-step relaxation process including hot whirlpools, eucalyptus steam rooms, and dry saunas, complete the experience.

A perfect year-round climate and prime location means that water-oriented activities highlight the offerings – from rentals of the resort’s own electric boat that’s perfect for exploring the bay to harbor cruises and private yacht charters. On land, guests discover the coastal wetlands at the upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve, golf at renowned Pelican Hills Golf Club and play tennis at nearby Balboa Bay Club Racquet Club.

### **GETTING THERE**

The Balboa Bay Club & Resort is a member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts Worldwide. It is the recipient of the Star Diamond Award of The American Academy of Hospitality Sciences and the AAA Four-Diamond Award of Excellence. The Balboa Bay Club & Resort is located at 1221 West Coast Highway, Newport Beach, California 92663. It is 50 miles south of Los Angeles and 85 miles north of San Diego. For transportation and accommodation information, contact The Balboa Bay Club & Resort at 949-645-5000, toll free at 888-445-7153 or on the Internet at [www.balboabayclub.com](http://www.balboabayclub.com).

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