



Historical Timeline

A New Chapter for a Historic Site Along the Southern California Coastline

Magnificently poised along one of Southern California's most scenic and coveted coastlines, in Rancho Palos Verdes, Terranea Resort has emerged as an exceptional resort that embraces its natural landscape and historical setting to deliver a distinctive, classic California lifestyle experience.

Long before the resort's debut in June 2009, this pristine setting served as backdrop to a rich heritage and diverse ecology. Guests today need not look far for remnants of this vibrant past, delicately preserved amid the warm ambiance and breathtaking vistas above the Pacific Ocean.

Early Traces: Once a part of the Channel Islands, the Palos Verdes Peninsula shifted slowly over millions of years and fused to the mainland coast of California. As a result, there is a unique collection of rocks and plant species that can only be found along the Peninsula and on the Islands.

Palos Verdes, takes its name from Cañada de Palos Verdes – or “canyon of green trees.” Prior to Juan Cabrillo's Spanish discovery of the Peninsula in 1542, the indigenous Gabrielino-Tongva Tribe lived prosperous lives as seafarers, traders and fishermen on this land's terraced hills and sheltering coves. Years passed as stewardship slipped from Spanish land grants to private ownership, until the 1913 purchase of 16,000 acres by a consortium of New York investors led by Frank A. Vanderlip.

Vanderlip, considered the founding father of the Palos Verdes Peninsula, built the first homes and grand estates on the land in 1924, inspired by a vision of coastal Mediterranean villages that Terranea has since resurrected. Japanese farming communities, developed in the early 1900's, also influenced and helped cultivate the peninsula's natural character. On the northwest hillside adjacent to Terranea remains one of the last Japanese farms, growing fresh cut flowers and prickly pear.

Hollywood History: Terranea's scene-stealing backdrop has attracted Hollywood film crews since the 1950s, when Lloyd Bridges starred as ex-Navy diver Mike Nelson in the popular TV adventure series, *Sea Hunt*. The popular black and white program was filmed in and around the present resort site throughout four seasons from 1958 – 1961. At the time, the land was home to Marineland of the Pacific. *Sea Hunt* is recognized as the first television series that focused on underwater adventures and provided an early platform for the protection of the Earth's resources.

Since then, Terranea's dramatic landscape and oceanfront setting has been featured in numerous television and feature film productions, including:

- *Fun with Dick 'N Jane* (Jim Carrey)
- *Pirates of the Caribbean 1, 2 & 3* (Johnny Depp)
- *The Aviator* (Leonardo DiCaprio)
- *Pearl Harbor* (Ben Affleck, Kate Beckinsale)
- *Charlie's Angels* (Cameron Diaz, Lucy Liu, Drew Barrymore)
- *GI Jane* (Demi Moore, Anne Bancroft)
- *Con Air* (Nicolas Cage, John Cusack, John Malkovich)
- *Face/Off* (John Travolta, Nicolas Cage, Joan Allen)
- *The O.C.*
- *The Beverly Hillbillies*
- *Hart to Hart*
- *The Lucy Show*
- *The Partridge Family*.

Area Milestones

In 1954 the site became home to Marineland of the Pacific, a seaside animal theme park. When it opened, Marineland was the world's largest oceanarium. Opening one year before Disneyland, many considered it California's first major theme park. It was best known for its performing Orcas or "killer whales."

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes was incorporated in 1973.

Marineland was sold and closed in 1986 when acquired by Sea World in San Diego (which had opened in 1964).

Monaghan Development Company purchased the property in 1987 and began the process to develop a hotel on the site. Monaghan abandoned its efforts in 1994 and property ownership was transferred to the Resolution Trust Corporation.

Jim York purchased the land in 1995 from the RTC and began efforts to have the property approved for residential and hotel use.

The ten-year journey to develop what is now Terranea Resort began in 1997.

- Summer 2002: The City of Rancho Palos Verdes approved the project
- Summer 2003: The California Coastal Commission (CCC) approved the project
- Summer 2004: The City of Rancho Palos Verdes approved the CCC's modification
- Fall 2004: Property was purchased
- March 2007: Groundbreaking for Terranea Resort
- June 2009: Terranea Resort Opens, bringing 700 new jobs to the Palos Verdes community