



**TERRANEA**<sup>®</sup>  
L.A.'S OCEANFRONT RESORT

## CONNECTION TO NATURE

### **It's Natural**

The only luxury Resort destination to grace the Los Angeles coastline, Terranea's architecture and design aim to complement its greatest natural asset - the Pacific Ocean. Rising from the water's edge, Terranea Resort preserves its inseparable relationship with the ocean, protecting and enhancing opportunities to bond with the Pacific. All elements of the Resort will embrace radiant ocean views.

### **Natural History**

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, a unique collection of rocks and plant species can be found only in this area and the Islands.

Over 50 years ago, Marineland of the Pacific planted scores of trees as small as 3 ½ inches. 45 of these now majestic, mature trees were carefully boxed and nursed on site during construction, were replanted and now serve as an integral part connection to Terranea's sense of place and historical context. Species include Coral, Pine, Ficus and New Zealand Christmas trees.

Lowes Destination Development worked diligently to restore, protect and preserve the ecological balance of the area by replacing non-native plants with ones indigenous to the region.

### **Natural Scenery**

The Resort faces south with a predominantly westerly breeze. The natural rise and fall of the land and varied microclimates create many diverse natural habitats that range from lush foliage to native California coastal vegetation.

14 acres of natural habitat ring the site and native plants are used in much of the Resort's landscaping, blending the ecological and aesthetic characteristics of the surrounding terrain.

For twenty years, the Palos Verdes Land Conservancy has been committed to carrying out its mission of "preserving open space and restoring habitat for the education and enjoyment of all." The Conservancy has preserved over 1,200 acres of the Peninsula's wild openland. Additionally, the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve, encompassing more than 1,000 acres of green

space, includes the region above the Resort known as Three Sisters Reserve, creating a natural buffer from the outside world.

## **Natural Life**

It is easy to feel the presence of fauna at Terranea. With its relationship to the surrounding natural environment, the Resort offers opportunities to watch various natural systems from whale migration to the endangered El Segundo Blue Butterfly and a diverse intertidal marine habitat at Terranea Beach Cove.

The Resort's scallop-shaped point extends out into the ocean where one can stand on the secluded bluffs to watch seabirds fly by at eye level and Blue and Pacific Gray Whales migrate 50 yards offshore. The Pacific Gray Whale mesmerizes spectators with up to 2,500 coastal sightings a year while the Blue Whale, the largest animal to ever inhabit the earth, averages only five appearances each year.

## **Naturally**

To further the awareness of this unique ecology, an on-site naturalist conducts guided tours to all points of interest, educating people on the Resort's coastal flora and fauna, like the California crabapple, a rare species that grows only on the Peninsula and Catalina Island.

Walk the Discovery Trail surrounding Terranea and learn about all the indigenous plants and wildlife that make this habitat so very unique. Guide trail interpretive walks are regularly scheduled

Public access programs make the Resort an open and welcoming place for the community. The Palos Verdes Land Conservancy is currently heading up efforts to secure 219 acres north of Terranea to add to the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve, further ensuring the Resort's link with nature. Visitors to the Resort will have access to the many miles of trails through this rugged and spectacular coastal nature preserve.

Terranea Resort is committed to an educational campaign that focuses the attention of guests on environmental issues. As part of that campaign three telescopes have been placed along the scenic bluffs for guests to enjoy the views, while at the same time using the experience as a "teachable moment." To that end, the telescopes have been dedicated to the following non-profit organizations:

- The Palos Verdes Land Conservancy
- Marine Mammal Care Center
- Algalita Marine Research Foundation

It is Terranea's intent to further this exemplary work via informational efforts and donations. With many guests having an interest in the environment, together these efforts can have a positive and lasting impact.

All proceeds from the coin operation of the telescope will be donated to these worthy causes.

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