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## HOLLYWOOD'S PLAYGROUND

## CASA DEL MAR

Originally built in 1926 as the grandest of the opulent beach club hotels and the premier playground for Hollywood A-listers, Hotel Casa del Mar reemerged in October 1999, following a $\$ 50$ million restoration by Edward Thomas Collection, parent company to the property. Today, Hotel Casa del Mar remains one of the most well-appointed addresses on the West Coast, with luxurious décor, sophisticated accommodations, lively public spaces, and an overall indulgent and relaxing ambiance.

Founded with a commitment to extraordinary service and privacy, the beachfront escape provides 129 beautifully appointed guestrooms, including 16 suites; the inviting and eco-minded Sea Wellness Spa; the private, guest-only Palm Terrace Pool; and a variety of dining options that explore the bounty of Southern California's seasonal, farmer's market-driven fare. Signature dining destinations include Catch, offering a modern American take on seafood favorites, and Terrazza



Lounge, featuring live music nightly, an expertly curated list of crudo and Italy-meets-California seasonal small plates. This space opens at the ocean-facing end of the grand lobby lounge, offering guests floor-to-ceiling views of the Pacific Ocean.

Built in Renaissance Revival style by Los Angeles architect Charles F. Plummer, the original "Club Casa" served as both an upscale hotel and beach club to the well-heeled. With plush Oriental rugs, intricately hand-painted ceilings, and heavy bronze statuary, the Club soon became the Pacific Coast's "see and be seen" spot, renowned for its swinging social scene and frequented by many of L.A.'s Hollywood stars and moguls.

Though Club Casa's original furnishings do not remain, the hotel was restored with the historic look and feel of the 1920s. To achieve this classic aesthetic, Los Angeles-based Darrell Schmitt Design Associates and Cheryl Rowley Design, who collaborated on the interior, used soft and simple lighting, as well as elegant materials favored in the 1920 s such as damask and velvet draperies, fruitwood, and bronze furnishings.

The elegantly appointed guest rooms and suites, imparting the ambiance of a chic beach estate, offer a historic sense of place. Most rooms boast views of the Pacific coastline from Palos Verdes to Malibu, while others offer cityscapes of Santa Monica. There are three extravagant, multi-level Penthouse Suites, reminiscent of Mediterranean seaside villas, featuring eclectic Venetian-designed furnishings, a living room with fireplace, a formal dining area, and either one or two bedrooms with separate sitting areas. A single Presidential Suite offers two bedrooms, a living and dining room, guest bath, bar, hydrothermal massage tubs, and a separate shower and vanity.

An intimate retreat within a luxurious, eco-minded setting, Sea Wellness Spa is one of the leading spa and wellness retreats in Santa Monica. Designed by Rachel Winokur of Etta Designs, the spa offers five treatment rooms, including a couple's room, and a yoga studio and fitness room. With a focus on ecoluxury, Winokur utilized green materials throughout the space, including repurposed wood from a 19th-century Amish barn in Western Wisconsin, alongside luxurious touches such as silkworm curtains and original artwork.

This unique spa destination incorporates both revitalizing and health-benefiting spa treatments, as well as a variety of fitness programs for mind and body. Guests may enjoy their treatments in the intimate five-room spa or on the hotel's pool terrace with an ocean view.

For more information or to schedule your stay at Hotel Casa del Mar, visit www.hotelcasadelmar.com.

