







n Santa Monica, the tide tells the time.
Somewhere between sun up and sun down, travel connoisseurs and savvy locals catch some major R & R at Terrazza Lounge inside the Hotel Casa del Mar. Open for breakfast, lunch and small bites in the evening, everything is uncomplicated the closer you get to this way of living.

Think Mediterranean resort vibrations with beach club Rivera decor minus the blue blood attitude. It's Santa Monica after all, so everyone's on their best behavior to win you over. Our pursuit to ferret out cool and "in the know places" brought us to the doorstep of Hotel Casa del Mar, just a crab cake's throw from the beach. This crab cake is much more delectable than the one you make at home, so do savor it more responsibly.

With a sleight of hand, the culinary team here served up a Lobster Club with lemon aioli and Steak Cobb Salad that made two lifelong fans. As the Croque Monsieur, various pizzas and the like passed our table, future returns to this little slice of heaven became inevitable. Yellowtail and Steamed Maine Mussels as a starter made it near impossible to delve into the desserts. Total rookie mistake.

The epitome of beach leisure and everything serene in Santa Monica is at the heart of Hotel Casa del Mar. All recollections of the workplace and your annoying ex become sea washed memories with the warm buzz of a Tequila Honeysuckle. Ask your server for more details on that savory cocktail.

*** Wednesday Nights at Terrazza Lounge starting October 5th: Chef Gemma Gray will seduce hotel guests and tempt locals with wine pairings and various tapas delights. No desperate spin needed to get you in.