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Initially promoted as a fishing and hunting resort, the legendary Hotel del Coronado opened in 1888 and immediately became an iconic architectural landmark in San Diego. Affectionately known as "the Del," it became a mecca for heads of state, celebrities and discerning travelers from around the world, and is famous for the filming of Some Like It Hot, starring the timeless American legend, Marilyn Monroe.

Recently, the Del expanded to create Beach Village at the Del (beachfront cottages and villas), which faithfully captures elements of the classic character and charm of the original architecture, interior decor and landscaping, and strives to deliver a new level of luxury with the exclusive ambiance of a private club.



MORNINGS

Whether you're staying in the main hotel or Beach Village, Coronado beach has something for everyone. Start the morning with a walk, jog or swim along the Pacific. If you're staying at Beach Village, enjoy a beachfront breakfast at the Windsor Cottage. Made-to-order lattes and warm cinnamon rolls taste best when sitting outside, listening to the crashing waves.

Coronado's generally small waves are perfect for learning to **surf** or boogie board, which is great, because board rentals and lessons are available. Bikes for all ages, surreys and deuce coupes are also available for rent. The Coronado bike trail, which runs along Glorietta Bay and the beachfront walk, is safe, easy to navigate and beautiful year-round.



A new addition to the Del experience, is "Del Beach." Taking you back in time, Del Beach adds a sophisticated new dimension to the picture postcard backdrop with crisp white and burgundy striped cabanas on the beach.

At Del Beach, quests and locals alike can rent chaise lounges complete with cushions and terry covers, fringed sun umbrellas, half-moon cabanas for two with built-in sun shades or plush daybeds for lounging in style.









Furthering its beachfront appeal, the resort offers food and beverage service-complete with salads, sandwiches, mai tais and margaritas-on the sand. If you're with the kiddos, try to get a daybed next to the kids play station, so you can sip your margaritas in peace while the kids play.



WEEKENDER

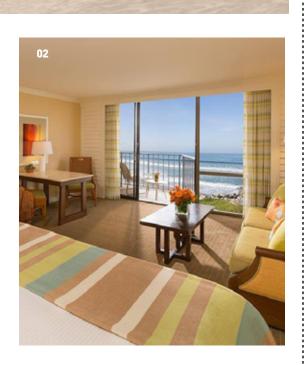
EVENINGS

For dinner, stay on property and try **ENO** Pizzeria and Wine Bar, which offers artisanal Neapolitan style pizzas (think asparagus, roasted red pepper and ricotta) fresh from its outdoor wood-fired oven. Boutique wines by the glass, local craft beer. ar-tisan cheese. exotic chocolate confections and charcuterie round out the menu with a signature dessert: Butterscotch Pudding served with biscotti and finished with sea salt.

Grab a nightcap at **Babcock & Story Bar** and, if you're lucky, enjoy live music by **Gonzo Gonzales**, who usually plays until midnight.

Families will enjoy sitting around a crackling fire pit under the stars, toes in the sand, snacking on the classic combination of marshmallows, graham crackers and chocolate. All equipment is provided, the only question is how many s'mores can you eat?





01 Beach Cottage 02 Room at Hotel De 03 Fire Pit & S'mores 04 Pool at night

the Beach Village's Grown-Up 05 The view Getaway package offers 15 from the Del percent off your stay in a cottage,

villa guest room or suite; \$100 resort credit to spend on dining, a spa treatment, recreational activities or shopping; complimentary continental breakfast daily at the beachfront Windsor Cottage and a personal concierge service.

PACKAGES

Grown-Up Getaway

Close enough, but far enough

away for a romantic getaway or staycation without the kids,

Forecast for Fun

Experience tons of beach fun with this great family package that includes overnight accommodations (threenight minimum stay required); daily breakfast buffet for two at Sheerwater; bike rental for up to four people from PeDel's and a private beach bonfire with s'mores!

PLANNING AHEAD **Getting There**

Nestled on 28 stunning oceanfront acres, the Del is conveniently located just across the bay from downtown San Diego and its many attractions, and only a 15-minute drive from the San Diego International Airport.

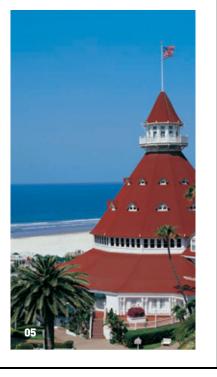
When to Go

Each season has its perks, so year-round staycations at the Del should be on your to-do list.

Book It

Rates start at \$469 a night at the Del and \$1,000 a night at Beach Village. For reservations, call 800-HOTEL-DEL (800-468-3533) or go online at HotelDel.com

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