

# PELICAN HILL®

ON THE COAST *of* NEWPORT BEACH



FEASTING *at* FESTA

TIDE POOL TREASURES

ELECTRIFYING FUN





## *the* GOLDEN TOUCH

*by Debbie Lavdas*

WITH A GENTLE HAND on your back, the therapist escorts you into the Spa, where you're assured that you won't be lifting a finger. Back in the candlelit treatment room, you relish the summer's unique Lavender Body Gelato treatment of blissful botanicals. Afterwards, you're invited to unwind further in the Tuscan-inspired Aqua Colonnade relaxation area and treated with a scoop of homemade lavender gelato.

Feeling like a pampered princess, you reflect on your perfect spa experience—from the gracious therapists to the welcoming treatment rooms to the feeling of floating on air as you shift back to the reality of your day. The beauty is that you can return any time to The Spa at Pelican Hill® and enjoy the exact quality of attention, care and luxurious pampering.

Why so certain? Such stellar regard is virtually guaranteed: This year marks the fifth consecutive year

that the Spa has garnered the esteemed Forbes Travel Guide Five-Star Rating, which ensures each and every visit will be one of gold standards.

“The staff at this Five-Star spa go out of their way to go above and beyond,” said Amanda Frasier, Forbes Travel Guide’s vice president of ratings. “The Spa at Pelican Hill is not only a standout for its immaculate and luxurious facility, but the consistent service provided throughout the entire spa experience is practically flawless.

“For instance, our therapist offered us lunch from the delectable Spa menu while we were having our manicure and staff members brought refreshment refills. Both were especially thoughtful in the midst of having our nails carefully polished.”

The Forbes Travel Guide team anonymously evaluates properties against up to 800 rigorous and objective standards. The unbiased rating provides consumers the insight to make better-informed travel and leisure decisions. The distinguished Five-Star Spa honor was awarded to only 41 spas nationwide and The Spa at Pelican Hill is the only location in

Newport Beach to be awarded this esteemed accolade.

“We are humbled and honored to have achieved this recognition,” said Robin Dunivin, director of spa. “We strive to continually deliver unprecedented experiences, and this is truly an accolade that we celebrate with our guests every day.”

Forbes focuses on the entire guest experience—from the arrival process, to the style of service, to the treatment, as well as the Spa facilities.

“As spas evolve globally and the average spa-goer becomes even more discerning, we seek out facilities that offer a unique sense of place coupled with an interesting and thoughtful menu of treatments,” explained Frasier. “These elements combined with service that’s approachable—but never too casual or too stuffy—make sure everything is excellent from the moment you make a reservation to the time you are escorted out. All factors have to come together at a Forbes Travel Guide Five-Star spa.” 🌿

*For appointments, please call 877.624.6035.*

