

# *Holiday*

## *Event & Entertaining*

### *Guide*





## Luciana's Ristorante Turns Corporate Events Into Italian Retreats

Located just off PCH in picturesque Dana Point, Luciana's Ristorante can turn your corporate meeting or holiday party into an Italian retreat to remember. A mainstay of Orange County's dining scene for 40 years, Luciana's is known for its classic Italian cuisine, warm ambiance, and recent Wine Spectator Award of Excellence honor.

Luciana's has coordinated a variety of corporate and group meetings and events, as well as private parties and celebrations, for decades. The restaurant has several dining areas that create the ideal setting for everything from small meetings to holiday lunches, dinner parties, fundraisers, and more.

The Wine Room, a private dining room, is reminiscent of a Tuscan wine cellar, while the smaller Library Room is partially private and open at one end to the bar. Two outdoor patios as well as a separate, spacious Terrazzo – an enclosed

terrace with a retractable roof to enjoy the blue sky and slight ocean breeze or a starry sky at night – also make Luciana's the destination of choice for corporate events.



Second-generation restaurateur Jorge Luhan II ensures guests feel as though they've stepped into a Tuscan home, offering attentive service, authentic Italian cuisine, and an extensive list of fine wines from Italy, California, and other renowned wine regions.

As Luciana's celebrates its 40th anniversary this fall, Luhan remains dedicated to his family's Italian customs, providing guests with the same unique culinary experience and unparalleled service that guests have come to know and love.

To inquire about booking an event or making reservations at Luciana's, please call (949) 661-6500 or visit [lucianas.com](http://lucianas.com).



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## Chef Jessica Roy Defines Garden-to-Table Dining in Corona Del Mar

Nestled within Sherman Library and Gardens, one can find 608 Dahlia Restaurant led by Owner and Executive Chef, Jessica Roy.

Born and raised in Orange County, Chef Jessica Roy enjoys celebrating fresh, California flavors and presentation in her cuisine. She is passionate about gardening, cultivating healthy food and utilizing seasonal ingredients. When opening her first restaurant concept, 608 Dahlia, Chef Jessica Roy wanted to bring these passions and a true Garden-to-Table experience to her guests. Since opening her restaurant in July 2021, Chef Jessica has been dedicated to cultivating an expansive backyard garden oasis, which fuels the creative direction of the seasonal menus. When sourcing other ingredients, Chef Jessica supports local purveyors and prioritizes small, eco-conscious businesses. Chef Jessica deeply cares about her community and is proud to have a Level One Certified Green Restaurant.

Chef Jessica Roy brings over a decade of professional cooking experience to 608 Dahlia including time spent working in the Three Michelin star restaurant Alinea in Chicago, Illinois and two National TV cooking competition wins on TNT and The Food Network.

A true powerhouse dedicated to her craft and vision, Chef Jessica Roy is always at 608 Dahlia cooking and running the restaurant or at her home garden and kitchen developing the next phase of her Garden-to-Table restaurant and business.

Guests can visit 608 Dahlia during operating hours Wednesday-Sunday 11am-2pm. Reservations are encouraged through the restaurant website: [www.608Dahlia.com](http://www.608Dahlia.com) or by phone, (949) 220-7229. 608 Dahlia also hosts private evening events; for more information contact [events@608dahlia.com](mailto:events@608dahlia.com).



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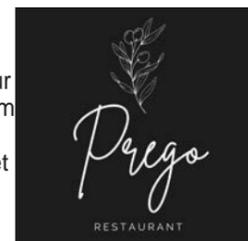
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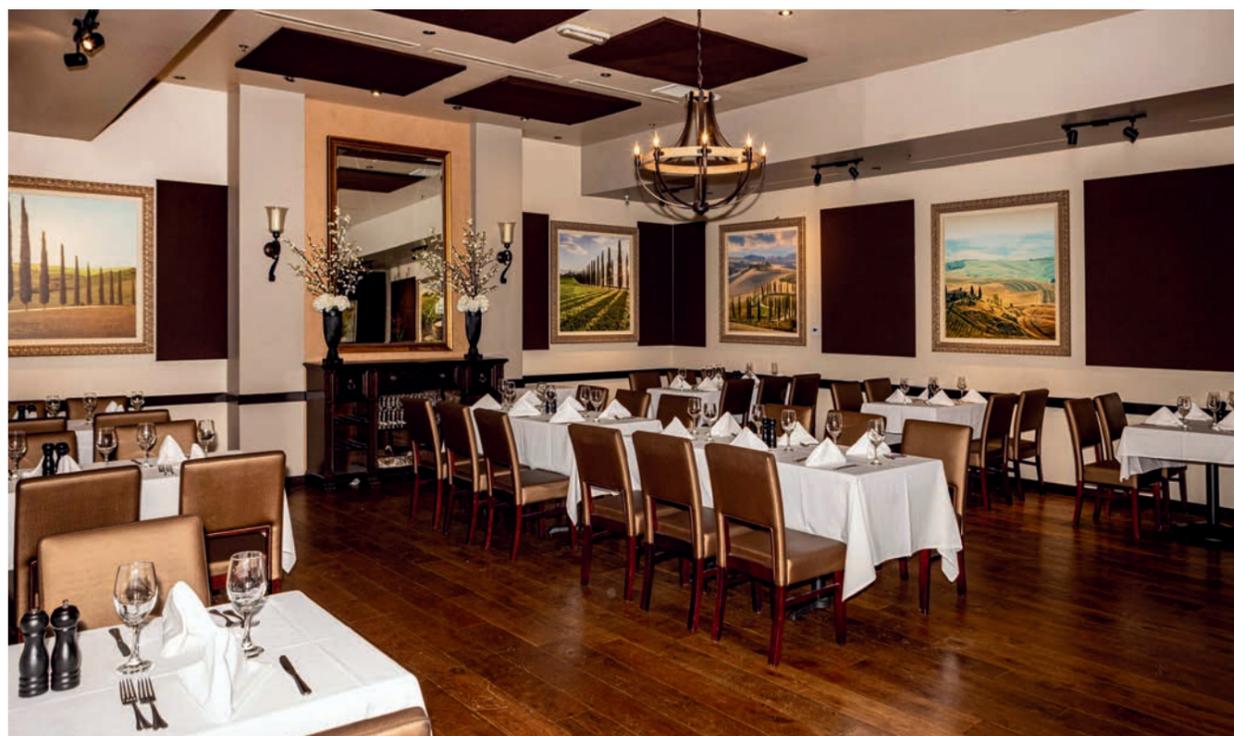
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This season, as we look to the holidays, Lugano Diamonds offers these exceptional creations, all bearing the hallmarks of creativity and meticulous attention to detail.



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## Let Piccolino Transport You to Italy

Destiny at times plays a big part in people's lives, and Sal Faso's destiny was to be in the California restaurant business. He was born in Chicago in the late sixties to Sicilian immigrants and raised in the family restaurants his parents owned.

Sal's father left Sicily and his family's restaurants to emigrate to America with his wife Caterina. They immediately opened up Congresso Restaurant, which is still open in Chicago, and later opened Victor's Pizza and La Cantina Ristorante Italiano.

His parents decided that Chicago winters were long and difficult to adapt to coming from Sicilian warmth. In 1978 they informed young Sal they were moving back to the homeland and was then that 12-year-old Sal decided he was running away from home and heading to California. He decided to take advice (fortunately) from his Boy Scout troop leader, and Mr. Barney brought him back to his parents, informing him of his plans.

Dad told him that if he went back to Sicily (like he had a choice) they would go to California before that, and he could finally visit Disneyland, Magic Mountain, Knott's and all the other places he had hoped to see. After spending a month in California, they arrived in Italy in December 1978.

Dad immediately turned Grandma's old grocery into a Gelateria, Pasticceria, Trattoria & Bar, bringing hometown Altavilla Milicia in the province of Palermo the best eatery around. To this day when he visits, he's asked when he's going to come back.

Hollywood remained in Sal's mind, and in the summer of '89 he told Dad he was going to vacation in California. Dad kept on calling to ask when Sal was coming back home; the answer was always next month.

Sal's dream was a California restaurant where he could continue his parents' philosophy: do what you know, don't do what you don't know and do it with warm passion, keep it simple and of quality.

After a decade at Spectrum Restaurants, including Prego in Irvine, it was time for a new adventure. Sal opened Piccolino Ristorante Pizzeria with a wine list second to none, a menu that offers fresh fish daily, homemade pastas and specialties passed on for generations. It's now the poshest Italian restaurant in South Orange County, serving some of the best quality food in the area.



Piccolino Ristorante is proud to present regional Italian cuisine, including artisan made pasta, fresh wild-caught fish and the finest meats and poultry available on the market daily. Vintage décor, white tablecloths and candlelit tables provide a romantic dining experience.

Prefer to enjoy our Italian flavors at home? Order online for pick up from Piccolino Ristorante and let us bring Italy to your home. Catering is also made effortless, flavors made extraordinary. Whether it's a corporate event or a family celebration, our dishes ensure a memorable experience. Bring the essence of Piccolino Ristorante to your event.

Sal is the magic behind every dish at Piccolino Ristorante. His passion and love for Italian cuisine translates into every meal he crafts. Experience the warmth and elegance that only Piccolino Ristorante can offer. Join us for an unforgettable dining experience. We can't wait to serve you!

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Southern California's leading casual, polished casual, and fine dining Mexican restaurants. With locations throughout the area, Xperience Restaurant Group's award-winning restaurants like SOL Mexican Cocina, Solita Tacos & Margaritas, and the iconic Las Brisas are seasoned experts and are ready to host and cater your upcoming corporate holiday party.

**Las Brisas** in Laguna Beach is the desirable venue for formal occasions, private parties, and special events. Perched above the scenic Laguna Beach coastline, Las Brisas is a Southern California landmark that is the perfect dining destination for locals and visitors alike. Offering a range of indoor and outdoor dining rooms for entertaining or holiday events, Las Brisas is the premier oceanside event destination. With a variety of chef-curated menus offering brunch, lunch and dinner, Las Brisas makes the menu selections and beverage offerings a breeze.

**SOL Mexican Cocina** in Newport Beach, Playa Vista and Irvine, offers guests the warmth of Baja Mexico with a social antojito experience or a seated meal. Each SOL offers inspired options for private dining, meetings, and receptions; full and partial restaurant buyout options are available. Guests can indulge in modern-takes on traditional Mexican dishes like Wild Fish on Esquites, Short Ribs 'Babacoa' and Goat Cheese Enchiladas.

**Solita Tacos & Margaritas**, with locations in Huntington Beach, Valencia, Long Beach and Anaheim, is the perfect spot when you want a modern playful

environment. Inspired by contemporary tequila distilleries, the restaurant spaces can be transformed into private dining areas for a cocktail reception with passed aperitivos or sit down, coursed dining. There are a variety of package options like a Taco Party, seated three-course dining options as well as a brunch menu. And don't forget hand-crafted margaritas for celebrating your organization's achievements

**El Torito** has been a staple for Southern California since 1954 offering traditional Mexican dishes. With 26 locations throughout Southern California, the restaurants offer plenty of private and semi-private dining spaces. With plated options, as well as, buffet offerings, El Torito can accommodate a fiesta of any size. If you prefer to bring the party to your office, the restaurant offers an elaborate catering menu with taco, fajita, and enchilada bars available plus a variety of additional options.

**Acapulco Restaurant** is the option to choose when wanting to treat guests to the flavors of the Mexican Riviera. Inspired by playful cantinas one would find on vacation, Acapulco provides a colorful, fiesta for your next private party or event. Expect playful Mexican cuisine like enchiladas suizas, carne asada and shrimp and a variety of buffet options to choose from. Catering options are also available to bring the flavors of the Riviera to your next event.

**'Tis the season**, let Xperience Restaurant Group host your holiday happenings this year. For more information and holiday event rates, please visit: [www.xperiencerg.com/brands](http://www.xperiencerg.com/brands) or call 888-TORTILLA.





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