

# *Holiday*

*Event & Entertaining  
Guide*





# Business Gatherings to *Extraordinary Experiences*

Along the Palos Verdes Peninsula, where the Southern California coastline meets the Pacific and the horizon is endless, Terranea Resort reimagines what a business gathering can be. Here, the ocean is more than a backdrop; it shapes the experience, inviting inspiration and new ideas to flow as naturally as the tides. From the moment guests arrive, they are welcomed not only by sweeping ocean views but also by warm smiles and genuine hospitality. The distractions of daily life fall away, replaced by a sense of clarity and calm that traditional business spaces rarely provide. Attendees settle effortlessly into luxurious accommodations overlooking the surrounding natural beauty, where every detail, from thoughtful room touches to the serene ambiance, reflects Terranea's balance of energy and tranquility.

Programs unfold with an effortless rhythm. Morning sessions are bathed in natural light, encouraging sharper focus and deeper collaboration. Midday pauses feel more experiential, as coffee breaks extend onto open-air terraces and conversations expand organically beneath the sun and ocean breeze. Culinary experiences elevate the agenda, transforming business luncheons into memorable moments with attentive staff guiding guests through seasonally inspired menus that celebrate the flavors of coastal California.

Equally compelling are the experiences that emerge between sessions. Afternoons become opportunities for connection and team building—whether strolling together along cliffside trails or kayaking across sparkling waters. On The Links, Terranea's dramatic oceanfront par-3 course, camaraderie unfolds naturally. Those seeking renewal can visit The Spa, which provides more than just treatments; expert therapists deliver personalized experiences that restore balance and energy, ensuring participants return refreshed and ready to reengage.

Evenings are an experience of their own, with the resort's exceptional service culture continuing to shine. Receptions unfold against radiant sunsets, where every detail, from the seating arrangements to the timing of each course, is orchestrated with intention and care. What might be a routine networking hour elsewhere becomes unforgettable here, as thoughtful service and an extraordinary setting combine to create moments that linger long after the final toast.

Behind it all, Terranea's dedicated teams move with quiet precision and thoughtful intention. Event professionals anticipate needs before they arise, culinary teams craft dining that feels both elevated and effortless, and technical experts ensure flawless delivery without distraction. The result is not just seamless execution, but a genuine sense of being cared for, allowing leaders to focus entirely on their people and their purpose.

For organizations planning ahead, Terranea's 2026 Exclusive Group Offer creates the opportunity to pair exceptional value with this unmatched coastal destination. Executive retreats, milestone celebrations, and large-scale conferences alike find new resonance here, where the beauty and clarity of the Pacific elevate business. Because at Terranea Resort, gatherings don't just happen; they are carefully shaped into lasting impressions, proof that when business meets the ocean, possibilities are endless.





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## Celebrate the Holidays with Mastro's Ocean Club Irvine

The holiday season is a time of celebration, connection, and unforgettable moments. This year, Mastro's Ocean Club invites you to take your gatherings to extraordinary new heights with an experience that combines impeccable cuisine, elegant surroundings, and world-class service. Located within the vibrant Irvine Spectrum Center, Mastro's Ocean Club offers more than just dinner—it delivers a stage for lasting memories. Whether hosting a holiday dinner with family, a corporate event designed to impress, or a festive gathering with colleagues, Mastro's private dining spaces provide the perfect backdrop for occasions of every kind.

### An Elevated Setting for the Season

Private dining at Mastro's is designed with sophistication and comfort in mind, giving guests the exclusivity of a reserved space while still enjoying the signature energy and ambiance that make Mastro's legendary. Each room offers flexibility to suit your event, with thoughtful touches and seamless service that transform a dinner into a celebration. Our dedicated Director of Events ensures every detail is handled with precision and care. From customized menus and curated wine pairings to elegant table settings and seasonal décor, every element can be tailored to your vision. The result is an experience that reflects your personality and purpose while capturing the timeless glamour of Mastro's.

### Menus That Impress

When it comes to hosting, nothing is more important than the food. Mastro's private dining menus are designed to delight guests with selections that showcase the very best of our Ocean Club experience. Begin with an overflowing seafood tower or signature sushi creations crafted by our executive chefs. Continue with USDA Prime steaks—seared to perfection and paired with indulgent accompaniments such as Lobster Mac & Cheese, King Crab Gnocchi, or Truffle Mushroom Gnocchi. For guests seeking lighter fare, fresh seafood options like Chilean Sea Bass or Norwegian Cold-Water Salmon bring vibrant flavors to the table. Every menu is thoughtfully crafted to ensure variety, elegance, and indulgence, creating a dining experience your guests will remember long after the evening concludes.

### Holiday Exclusives to Delight

To make the season even more festive, Mastro's has introduced two exclusive holiday cocktails available only when booking a private dining room. Handcrafted by our expert mixologists, these libations are designed to toast the season in style, adding an unforgettable signature to your holiday celebration. Reserved

solely for private dining guests, they are a one-of-a-kind way to make your gathering stand apart. And of course, no Mastro's celebration is complete without the signature butter cake. A beloved classic across the country, the butter cake has been reimagined for the holidays with a festive twist of cinnamon and pecan. Served warm with a scoop of rich vanilla bean ice cream, it is the ultimate finale to your holiday gathering, a dessert that captures the joy and indulgence of the season in every bite.

### The Mastro's Experience

Hosting a holiday celebration at Mastro's is about more than booking a room or choosing a menu—it is about curating an experience where every detail feels effortless yet refined. From the first welcome to the last toast, Mastro's service team anticipates needs before they arise, ensuring glasses are full, courses are perfectly timed, and hosts are free to enjoy the company of their guests. It is this harmony of cuisine, service, and atmosphere that sets Mastro's apart. In a season filled with gatherings, your event deserves to be remembered for all the right reasons.

### Reserve Your Holiday Celebration

Availability for private dining during the holidays is limited, and reservations are highly recommended. Secure your date today and allow Mastro's Ocean Club to bring your holiday vision to life. Whether it is a festive cocktail soirée, an elegant holiday dinner, or a company-wide celebration, Mastro's promises an occasion your guests will never forget. This holiday season, celebrate in style. Celebrate at Mastro's.

### About Mastro's Restaurants

Mastro's Restaurants is recognized nationwide for its collection of Steakhouses and Ocean Clubs, each offering world-class cuisine, award-winning wine lists, and unparalleled service. With locations across the country, Mastro's is celebrated as the premier destination for elevated dining. Now open at Irvine Spectrum Center, Mastro's Ocean Club brings a new chapter of indulgence, hospitality, and culinary excellence to Orange County.

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## For the Love of Gemstones

Gemstones have captivated humanity for millennia, admired for their natural beauty, symbolism, and enduring value. Among nature's treasures, four gems stand apart: diamond, ruby, sapphire, and emerald. This article briefly explores the first three classics before focusing on emerald, the lush green stone prized for its allure and richness.

### The Four Pillars of Precious Jewels

Each gem in this esteemed group brings distinct qualities and a fascinating legacy to the world of fine jewelry.

#### Diamonds: The Unbreakable Sparkle

Diamonds stand as the ultimate symbol of brilliance, purity, and strength. Revered since ancient times, they have adorned crowns, royal regalia, and engagement rings for centuries. The diamond's unmatched hardness—ranking as the most rigid natural material—makes it a powerful emblem of enduring love and commitment. In many cultures, diamonds are believed to bring clarity of mind and protect against misfortune. Whether set in a timeless solitaire ring, a lavish tiara, or a modern pendant, their dazzling fire continues to mesmerize and inspire.

#### Rubies: The Fiery Heart

Known for their captivating red hue, rubies have inspired passion and legends throughout history. Once called the "King of Gems," rubies were prized possessions of emperors and warriors, often believed to grant courage and vitality. In ancient Burma, warriors inserted rubies under their skin for protection in battle, while Indian royalty considered them harbingers of prosperity. The intense coloration is attributed to trace amounts of chromium, resulting in a stone that radiates warmth and vitality. Rubies remain highly sought after in high jewelry, often serving as the centerpiece of exquisite necklaces and ceremonial jewels.

#### Sapphires: The Celestial Gem

Sapphires are cherished for their rich blue tones, although they are found in a variety of colors. Throughout history, they have been regarded as symbols of wisdom, loyalty, and the heavens themselves. In medieval Europe, clergy wore sapphire rings to signify heaven's favor, while royalty donned them for protection from envy and harm. Perhaps the most famous sapphire in modern times is the blue sapphire engagement ring worn by Princess Diana, now worn by Catherine, Princess of Wales. Sapphires' alluring beauty and resilience make them ideal for statement rings, bracelets, and time-honored family heirlooms.

#### Emeralds: The Jewel of Verdant Splendor

Within the "Big Four," emeralds hold a unique charm. Their rich green color signifies renewal, growth, and harmony, making them truly stand out among gemstones.

#### Story Steeped in History

For over 4,000 years, emeralds have enchanted civilizations. Cleopatra treasured them as symbols of eternal youth, while the Incas and Aztecs revered them as sacred. Legendary emeralds have also held a place of pride in royal collections across Europe.

#### Allure and Uniqueness

The distinctive color of emeralds—which ranges from vibrant green to deep blue-green—results from trace amounts of chromium and vanadium. Their natural inclusions, called *jardin* ("garden"), are embraced as hallmarks of authenticity and character.

#### Origins of the Finest Emeralds

Colombia is renowned for its highly prized emeralds, noted for their exceptional clarity and vivid color. Zambia produces stones with deep bluish-green tones, and Brazil's emeralds offer their own appeal. The origin contributes to every gem's unique story and value.



Valaree Wahler & Jeff Sherwood

#### Meaning and Symbolism

Emeralds are associated with rebirth, wisdom, and harmony. Across cultures, they are believed to bring good fortune and foster balance, making them a lasting favorite in both traditional and modern jewelry.

#### Care and Maintenance

Emeralds are fairly hard (7.5–8 on the Mohs scale), but their natural inclusions require extra care:

- **Clean gently** with a soft cloth and mild, soapy water.
- **Avoid harsh chemicals**, ultrasonic cleaners, and rapid temperature changes.
- **Store separately** to prevent scratches from harder stones.
- **Remove jewelry** during vigorous activities.

#### Modern Style and Enduring Appeal

Emeralds remain a bold choice for both classic and contemporary designs. Their captivating color shines in engagement rings and statement pieces alike. Designers love emeralds for their glamour and versatility, while wearers value their ability to connect tradition, nature, and personal style. Wearing emeralds is more than accessorizing—it's making a statement. Whether surrounded by diamonds or worn solo, emeralds draw attention and inspire imagination.

#### An Everlasting Treasure

Emeralds blend elegance, history, and natural beauty. Each stone carries not just the legacy of ancient civilizations and royalty, but also personal meaning for modern collectors.

At Royal American Diamonds, we know that acquiring an emerald is an investment in rarity and legacy. Our experts source only the finest stones from trusted partners in Colombia, Zambia, and beyond. With decades of experience, we select emeralds meeting the highest standards for color, clarity, and ethical sourcing.

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## Where Business Meets the Ocean

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For decades, Surf & Sand has been a trusted partner for corporate events, delivering not only exceptional service but also meaningful experiences that last well beyond the meeting itself.

Now is the perfect time to plan your next event. Book a 2025 or 2026 program and enjoy exclusive benefits:

- A complimentary one-hour welcome reception overlooking the ocean
- Two VIP transfers for distinguished guests
- One complimentary upgrade for every 20 rooms reserved

At Surf & Sand Laguna Beach, meetings are more than gatherings—they are extraordinary moments where business meets the ocean, and inspiration is endless.





## Orange County's Newest Restaurant and Bar for Private Events

For businesses, non-profit organizations, and families in Orange County, finding the right venue often comes down to balance: a space that feels elevated yet approachable, modern yet timeless. **Warehouse 72**, located at the Hyatt Regency Irvine, is a modern American restaurant and bar that has quickly become that destination.

The restaurant offers a casual yet refined atmosphere, anchored by a striking **30-foot LED digital art wall** in the main dining room, a **private dining room with dedicated AV capabilities**, and an expansive **covered patio**. Flexible layouts allow for groups from **10 to 220 guests**, ideal for everything from client receptions and board meetings to birthday celebrations, networking events, and large corporate gatherings. For larger occasions, full restaurant buyouts are available.

Dining is always at the heart of the experience. Guests enjoy **chef-curated menus** highlighting bold flavors, modern trends, and health-conscious options, while still offering the indulgence expected at special occasions. What sets Warehouse 72 apart is the way it blends **curated hospitality with approachable luxury**—delivering events that feel polished and

intentional without ever feeling stiff.

Conveniently located right off the **405 Jamboree Road exit**, the restaurant provides **complimentary self or valet parking with three-hour validation** and special rates for longer stays. As an independent restaurant within a major hotel, Warehouse 72 offers the best of both worlds: boutique dining ambiance paired with large-scale amenities.

Contact Warehouse 72 today to plan your next event—and mention this ad to receive a **complimentary tasting for two**.

### WAREHOUSE 72<sup>IRVINE</sup>

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## Where Orange County Hosts Its Most Memorable Events

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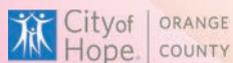
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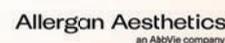
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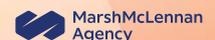
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