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THE ISLAND HOTEL

NEWPORT BEACH, CA

The Island Hotel, located in the center of Fashion Island in Newport Beach, is an Orange County sanctuary where elegance and perfection come together to form an exquisite stay. The hotel prides itself on providing guests with over the top service allowing them to feel like royalty. Each guestroom proffers with stunning views of the Newport Harbor, the Newport Back Bay and Catalina Island on a clear day. The property offers rooms and suites that range from the Island King to the Lido Flat which highlights 1,305 sq ft of meticulously designed accommodations. Offering a full-size living room and dining area, the Lido Flat is a perfect choice for guests to call home.

Exclusive to the Island Hotel is the Island Club, which offers guests special inclusions during their stay. Located on the 20th floor, the club lounge provides a breathtaking panorama of the surrounding area. Island Club guest perks include complimentary light continental breakfast, afternoon snacks and beer and wine during “Wine Down” hour, shoeshine service, dry cleaning and even a personal shopper at their disposal for trips to Fashion Island.

When looking for a remarkable and authentic dining experience look no further than the Oak Grill, which is exemplary if we do say so ourselves. Showcasing both classic and contemporary influenced cuisine the restaurant presents a model display of exotic cocktails and mouth-watering dishes. Chef Marc Johnson combines around the world flavors and uses appealing ingredients in order to produce the finest dining experience in Newport Beach. Oak Grill’s relaxing and romantic vibe is expressed through oak accents and floor-to-ceiling windows that lead to a beautiful outdoor seating area complete with fire pits. When perusing the menu our server was exceptional and knew all the right things to order. The Braised Short Ribs served over corn grits with Portobello mushrooms and bordelaise sauce was absolutely delicious, and left us wanting more! The Strawberry Butter Cake was another memorable favorite. The cocktails and extensive local wine list were just as impressive. We loved the refreshing taste of the Garden of Eden with Nollet’s gin, St. Germain, apple sauce, hibiscus flower, hibiscus syrup, lemon, and thyme.

The Island Hotel brings the nightlife to Newport Beach at their Aqua Lounge. An appreciable spot for happy hour or an evening out with friends, the lounge excels in their version of a good time. The lounge vibe and ambiance is completed with a live DJ, a mixology table and a delectable selection of cocktails and light appetizers.

Beyond massages and facials, the spa at the hotel also provides a list of specialty treatments. For a unique spa experience, schedule a 120-minute Island “Boreh” Remedy. Featuring a blend of spices this treatment reduces inflammation and increases circulation. This stimulating and warming therapy increases relaxation and calms the soul, making it the ideal way to relieve jet-lag after traveling.

Overall, the Island Hotel is the perfect place to escape for a luxury staycation or a full week of relaxation and shopping. Just minutes away from Crystal Cove Beach, Fashion Island, Balboa Island, and much more the Island Hotel is in the center of it all. ■

