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Where to Stay in  
**2003**

Montage Resort & Spa  
Laguna Beach, California

Right: All 262 rooms and suites at the new Montage Resort & Spa feature balconies with glorious views of the Pacific from Laguna Beach, California.



Laguna Beach, California

## Montage Resort & Spa



Above: The bathrooms resemble personal spas with their deep-soaking tubs, candles, and aromatic bath products. Below right: Set to open this February, the resort claims a 30-acre bluff around the corner from downtown Laguna Beach. Seaside activities range from volleyball to snorkeling, kayaking, and surfing.

A BAND OF CALIFORNIA artists in pursuit of the most inspirational place to set up their easels ended the search at Laguna Beach a hundred years ago. Today one of the country's most refined arts communities, the coastal town recently received its latest stroke of creative energy—the new Montage Resort & Spa.

Laced with palms, rugged bluffs, and an undulating string of white-sand beaches, the aptly named Montage weaves its bounty of natural resources with an equally engaging wood-and-stone Craftsman-style retreat. The resort, which opens February 2003, features a large oceanfront spa and fitness center, three pools, an impressive art collection, 20,000 square feet of indoor-outdoor meeting space, and the restaurant Studio for fine dining on California-inspired Mediterranean cuisine by master chef James Boyce.

In true Laguna style, balconies provide unparalleled ocean views from all 262 rooms and suites. Elegant turn-of-the-century-style interiors include

**Location:** 20 minutes from John Wayne Orange County Airport, on the coast at Laguna Beach, California  
**Property:** 30 acres  
**Accommodations:** 262 rooms and suites  
**Meeting Space:** 20,000 square feet  
**Recreation:** Three pools, fitness center and spa, croquet lawn, sandy beaches, snorkeling, kayaking, surfing, and nearby golf privileges.  
**Range of Rates:** \$450-\$5,000  
**Reservations:** (949) 715-6000; fax (949) 715-6100  
**Mailing Address:** 30801 South Coast Hwy., Laguna Beach, CA 92651  
**Web Site:** [www.montagelagunabeach.com](http://www.montagelagunabeach.com)  
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the comforts of featherbeds and oversize tubs—along with modern conveniences like multiline phones and high-speed Internet access.

Just two miles from the community's world-famous village of galleries and studios, Montage's grand homage to the Laguna Beach arts heritage brings one more stylish masterwork to the mix. ➤

