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Experience Innovative California Cuisine from Award-Winning Executive Chef Marc Cohen

The perfect location for any occasion. Chef Marc Cohen offers three distinctive Southern California restaurants: OPAH Seafood Grill, 230 Forest Avenue and Watermarc. Cohen is a thoughtful and imaginative chef, who ensures every dish leaving the kitchen is exquisitely plated, making the food as pleasing to look at as it is to eat. With each plate serving as a blank canvas, Cohen's culinary presentations were lauded as edible works of art.

Watermarc is located in beautiful Laguna Beach, California, featuring an open patio that fronts to Pacific Coast Highway. A Terrace Dining room opening directly above Peppertree Lane, the second floor can accommodate up to 36 guests and is the perfect event space to host your rehearsal dinner, special occasion, corporate dinner, bridal or baby shower.

Nestled in the heart of downtown Laguna Beach, 230 Forest Avenue has earned

its spot as a landmark dining destination. The bistro style restaurant features an upbeat and chic atmosphere with a bustling outside patio and bar. The ever changing wall of art adds to its charm. Seafood rules here, along with steaks and the famous martini bar.

At OPAH Seafood Grill in Aliso Viejo, you will find the winning combination of sophisticated, expertly prepared cuisine at a remarkable value and knowledgeable, warm service that's never pretentious. OPAH Seafood Grill's creativity, sensible pricing, and popularity keeps it at the forefront of Orange County's dining scene.

All three restaurants are available for full-facility buyouts to host larger celebrations including incentive dinners and weddings. For more information visit: watermarcrestaurant.com, 230forestavenue.com or opahrestaurant.com.



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The Pavilions at Newport Dunes, named the top beach location for events in Orange County by Coast Magazine, can easily be enclosed and transformed into a magical venue with holiday decor, twinkle lights, tables and more. For events on a grand scale, the 14,000-square-foot Bayside Pavilion structure can accommodate hundreds of guests. This space has maximum flexibility for a multi-faceted affair and includes plenty of beach and harbor views.

Indoor options include the Bayview Room, perfect for more intimate events, featuring multiple sets of French doors that open to a lush garden and frame lovely views of the lagoon with our Lighting of the Bay in the background. Our room at the Marina Clubhouse also offers a great setting for small groups.

For larger groups, the spectacular Back Bay Bistro, with its retractable roof and vast wall of windows that look out over the picturesque Back Bay and Marina, makes for a stunning space. The Bistro also has private rooms for more intimate get-togethers, including the Harborside Courtyard with tranquil landscape and a seasonal enclosure.

The holiday banquet menus offer a variety of flexible options, from casual group happy hours to a formal-plated dinner. Nestled on a picturesque lagoon at the entrance to the Back Bay Nature Preserve, this 110-acre retreat offers 50,000 square feet of function space along with planning assistance, catering, accommodations and loads of fun at extraordinarily affordable prices.

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Already well-known as the place-to-be for business lunches and luncheons, as well as its reputation for being a destination for art and foodie lovers alike, Bistango provides an experience unlike any other with its museum-quality art adorning the walls and hallways, as well as the accessibility of live entertainment.

Beyond the award-winning menus of Executive Chef Javier Montoya and his culinary staff, business executives can leave the planning to Bistango's expert team, who will guide them through the process for seamless event execution.

Private and semi-private rooms are available for holiday functions during lunch and dinner, and the restaurant can also accommodate breakfast events, opening early just for your party. Minimums start at \$750 for lunch and \$1000 for dinner, depending upon your needs. For more information, email info@bistango.com and visit www.bistango.com.



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With the holidays only two months away, why not plan to make your corporate or private event extra special by celebrating the season at Andrei's? Whether it's a small, intimate gathering or a large corporate reception, Andrei's will create the perfect setting to accommodate your event. If you're looking to host something off-site, Andrei's or its fast-casual sister concept, Dandelion Café + Catering, can now come to you to create the perfect holiday event at your home or office. Presenting friendly and professional service with artfully-presented cuisine is Andrei's focus and it will surely leave a lasting impression on your guests.

Andrei's offers several venue options for your private events and can host as few as 10 guests or as many as 175 seated guests and up to 300 cocktail reception guests. Enjoy a large private patio, stunning onyx bar, 120" projection screen for presentations, a podium and wireless microphone, as well as Andrei's signature cuisine and bar offerings.

For a truly spectacular private event, the entire restaurant may be rented on certain dates. Starting with the two-story granite and limestone lobby and waterfall, follow the stairs to the second floor restaurant to discover a distinctly contemporary and warm atmosphere. The large open windows reveal glimpses of Andrei's private citrus & herb garden terrace and some of the area's most beautiful high-rises, providing a cosmopolitan dining experience right in the heart of Irvine. The sustainable pecan floors, central granite bar and large open floor plan create an ideal environment for a cocktail reception or elegant dinner.

Chef Porfirio Gomez sources ingredients from local farms and ranches to invent dishes that delight the senses and provide a creative alternative to standard banquet fare. Andrei's menu options abound, from traditional three course menus featuring items like Seasonal Beet Salad and All Natural Filet Mignon, to sumptuous buffets and stations serving everything from an array of sliders to custom pastas. The bar subscribes to the same philosophy, using only fresh juices, fruits, herbs and liquors to develop a tantalizing array of specialty cocktails and a wine list that is equally thoughtful and diverse.

Owner Natalia Ostensen opened Andrei's in 2009 as a tribute to her late brother



Andrei and his belief in eating natural, local and sustainable food while also supporting a relaxing, friendly and inspiring atmosphere for guests. In order to further these ideals, all of the restaurant's profits are donated to the Andrei Foundation (www.andreifoundation.com), which supports a number of local charities.

In addition to holiday events, Andrei's is wonderful for corporate meetings, charitable events, weddings, b'nai mitzvahs, tradeshow, anniversary and birthday celebrations. For event facility information and reservations, please contact Jennifer Simmons at (949) 387-8750 or Jennifer@andreisrestaurant.com.

Andrei's is located at 2605 Main Street in Irvine at the corner of Jamboree and Main, with convenient access to the 405 and 5 Freeways. The restaurant is open to the public Monday through Friday 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and can be reached at (949) 387-8887 and www.andreisrestaurant.com.




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Prego owners Ruth and Tony Bedi

New Mediterranean-focused dishes include Seasonal Hummus of mushroom and truffle, sundried tomato and roasted garlic basil, served with house-made rustic flatbread; Golden Beet Salad with mixed baby greens, yellow beets, goat cheese and caramelized onions tossed in a balsamic reduction; and Lobster and Shrimp Stuffed Sole in a white wine, garlic, lemon and caper sauce.

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