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WHAT'S NEW IN SANTA MONICA – WINTER 2009

Santa Monica: The Best Way to Discover L.A.!

Dining/Nightlife

FIG Restaurant (in Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows)

101 Wilshire Boulevard

(310) 576-7777

Fairmont.com/SantaMonica

FIG Restaurant is named after the 123-year-old Moreton Bay Fig tree that towers over the property. FIG's dishes are rooted in French brasserie tradition with a strong emphasis on sustainability and using indigenous California ingredients from local producers and farmers. Specialties vary according to the seasonality of ingredients, sampling only the freshest produce. In fact, Executive Chef Raymond Garcia lists ingredients at the bottom of his menu as: "Just Arrived," "In Peak Season," and "Coming Soon." Restaurant slated to open January 2009.

Riva Restaurant

312 Wilshire Blvd.

(310) 451-7482

rivarestaurantla.com

The sister restaurant to claimed Culver City favorite Fraîche, this airy bistro is a welcome addition to Santa Monica's dining scene. A progressive Northern Italian menu focuses on farmer's market produce, clean flavors (no heavy sauces) and wild- or line-caught fish, like bigeye tuna crudo and a lightly crisped John Dory bathed in a light broth. Instead of pasta, wood-oven pizza is the middle course while meatier dishes include pork chops, sirloin and a starter of homemade cheeses.

Wokcano

1413 5th Street

(310) 458-3080

Wokcanocafe.com

This Asian fusion restaurant offers plenty of variety with its palate-pleasing blend of Korean-style barbecued short ribs, Thai noodles, Japanese sushi and sashimi, and Chinese rice dishes. The restaurant is open until 2 a.m. daily, with a Happy Hour menu from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. that offers items like California rolls, shrimp tempura rolls, chicken dumplings and more.

Hotel News

Oceana Santa Monica
849 Ocean Avenue
(310) 393-0486

Hoteloceanasantamonica.com

Oceana Santa Monica wants to make your special "I Do" moment even more memorable. Book a trip to pop the big question in sunny Santa Monica and let our personal concierge create a weekend full of celebratory memories to take home with you. In addition, get personal wedding planning tips from Hollywood's top experts, including Mindy Weiss and Mark's Garden, to get you on your way to your dream day right away!

Package includes: VIP limo service to and from the airport, A chauffeured car throughout your visit, Breakfast in bed, daily, Dinner for two in the Ocean Lounge exclusive dining room, Personal concierge to help plan the ultimate engagement moment, whether it's by the beach, on a sunset walk, on top of Santa Monica's world-famous Ferris wheel, or in the middle of Dodger stadium, A one-on-one consultation with celebrity wedding planners Mindy Weiss and Associates and a copy of The Wedding Book, A private consultation with celebrity florist Mark's Garden and a copy of the book Fabulous Parties. Packages start at \$1000 per night with a two-night minimum.

Hotel Shangri-La
1301 Ocean Avenue
(800) 345-7829

Shangrila-hotel.com

For the lovers who love Valentine's Day, experience the newly renovated Shangri-La's Lovers Package including a Luxury Ocean View Suite (1200 sq. ft. 2 bedroom suite) with an ocean view couples tub floated with rose petals and an array of bath products. Lit candles by Voluspa are placed throughout the suite upon arrival. A Bottle of Champagne and Chocolates placed in the suite to enjoy. After relaxing in the room, a three course dinner will be served in the restaurant of the hotel then off to the private rooftop lounge for a complimentary round of after dinner drinks for two. Package price is \$1400 per night.

Viceroy Hotel
1819 Ocean Avenue
(310) 260-7500

Viceroyasantamonica.com

"Green Light on Romance Green M&M" package proves that responsible living can produce romantic weekends as decadent as any other. This package allows couples to celebrate their romance with award-winning California wines, gourmet

dining, indulgent bath amenities, and an intimate couples massage – all organically and locally grown.

Package includes: (1) nights accommodation in an Ocean View Room, One (1) dinner at Whist, includes bottle of wine picked by our sommelier, Welcome Amenity: Organic wine and locally-grown strawberries, Organic Bath Amenities, Organic breakfast for two each morning (at Whist or in-room), Poolside Pedicures by GreenBliss Eco Spa, Map to the Santa Monica Farmer's Market (available on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday) along with bike rentals. The total price is \$800, inclusive of tax and gratuities. It's available every day of the week throughout the month of February 2009.

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