



# An . Anniversary Present *to Yourself*

By Tom Zenner

**T**en-year anniversaries are special. In some cases they are magical, and in every case they not only warrant a special gift, they demand an ultimate prize. In this spectacular instance, the ten-year anniversary is someone else's, but the gift is all yours, and love, and passion, and pampering, and extravagance will be at the center of it all, just like it should be.

The St. Regis Monarch Beach, California's only *Forbes* Five-Star AAA Five-Diamond resort, located just a few short minutes from spectacular Laguna Beach in Dana Point, is celebrating

an enchanting ten-year anniversary this summer in the only way they know how — spectacularly. It's called *A Summer of Magical Moments*, and each summer weekend through Labor Day, Orange County's finest artists and artisans will surprise and delight guests as they execute their crafts in unique locations around the resort. With its oceanfront allure, Tuscan style and timeless traditions, the St. Regis Monarch Beach is the ideal showcase for the event.

It doesn't matter if Orange County beckons you for business, a romantic getaway with your wife or sweetheart or a family vacation, The St. Regis Monarch Beach has proven for a full de-



cade that it is one of the finest and most sought out addresses for beach, golf and spa.

When you arrive you will feel like you entered a paradise created by scriptwriters and scene setters in Hollywood: This is what California should look and feel like for the *Jetset* crowd. Set on 172 acres of lush, heavenly splendor, with panoramic ocean views available at almost every turn, The St. Regis Monarch Beach offers an array of rich amenities and activities for every guest.

What could be better than an oceanfront round of golf, with blue skies above, blue waters beyond and perfect weather welcoming you on every shot? There is also a private bay club nestled along one of the most exclusive beaches in Southern California at your disposal during your visit as well.

And simply put, when it comes to pampering, Spa Gaucin, *Forbes* Five-Star, is as good as it gets. The service, selection and scenery will literally become one of those idyllic summertime memories you'll cherish forever. And if the accommodations and spa are one-of-a-kind, it's safe to assume that dining options will be as well, and with Michael Mina's

STONEHILL TAVERN on site, you certainly have the option of staying in and never having to leave the property.

Simply put, the discriminate traveler will find nothing but bliss at The St. Regis Monarch Beach. This is Southern California; The heart of SoCal, where the vibe and energy during summer months is unparalleled.

Of course, this summer is the 10-year anniversary, and there is a celebration you can partake in every weekend through Labor Day if you so choose. It's called *A Summer of Magical Moments*, and keep in mind, if you are somehow unable to create your own magical moments on a visit to this luxurious Laguna Beach resort, the staff there will be more than happy to make sure you don't go home without some taste of pampering pleasure and majestic memories.

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Enjoy the Art Moderne surroundings that are featured throughout the Ritz.

Let's meet the Dolphinette, the synchronized swimmers at the Ritz who perform their enchanting routines in the water weekly.

## Life's A Beach In Miami

HIP! HIP! HOORAY FOR THE RITZ-CARLTON SOUTH BEACH—AN EXTRAORDINARY COMBO OF LUXURY AND STYLE. **By Tenley Jella**

Welcome to Miami, *Bienvenido* a Miami (thanks, Will). You can't help but sing that catchy song when you stroll the white sand beaches of South Beach. If you haven't been there lately, or ever, book a flight and pack your bags with the special sexy outfits, and make sure you have ample supplies of sunscreen and pain killer. The sunscreen for obvious reasons, the Advil for the hangover you'll have after rolling in from the clubs at 11 (in the morning!) and for the sore neck you'll have from constantly turning to see the endless parade of beautiful people who seem to grow on some sort of human specimen tree that's limited to this part of the world. Miami is hot—we all know that—and it's time for you to enjoy all the sights and sounds. Hey, forget the sounds; enjoy the sights and food and nightlife and shopping and magic that make this place so good. And may we recommend a place to stay that has masterfully combined hipness and luxury—the Ritz-Carlton South Beach.

It's common knowledge that the Ritz is synonymous with outstanding service, beautiful rooms, superior amenities, prime locations and fine dining. So if you have yet to experience the luxury that is the Ritz, you need to book your flight to Miami ASAP. This property has cranked it up a notch or two on the cool quotient to satisfy every demo.


The Ritz-Carlton South Beach, located directly on the sand, is a complete restoration of an original 1953 Morris Lapidus-designed landmark

hotel in the city's historic Art Deco district. Just steps away from countless dining, shopping, entertainment and nightlife options, this is the prime location to be and be seen on South Beach. That is, if you even want to leave your luxurious room.

Black terrazzo floors will lead you to one of the 375 guest rooms and 41 suites. Or if you're lucky, you will snag a room on the Club Level where there are 59 deluxe rooms and eight suites. Here, you will experience Miami's finest in service. Access it by a special key that takes you to an exclusive enclave where you enjoy private check-in service and the luxury of an expansive lounge offering magnificent views of Miami Beach.

The sophisticated, Art-Moderne style lounge is staffed by a team of dedicated concierge who serves five complimentary food and beverage presentations daily and assists you with any request (we warned you there's a chance you might not want to leave). Continental breakfast is offered each morning, followed by mid-day snacks and afternoon tea. Late afternoon hors d'oeuvres and gourmet tastings followed by evening cordials and petit fours impart a sophisticated finale to a pampered day.

And speaking of being pampered, if you're spending a weekend, night or month in this haven of hipness, you have to pamper yourself—which is where the Four Star Spa comes in. This 16,000-square-foot spa reflects the light airiness of its South Beach setting, with a sunburst mir-



The elevated, infinity-edge pool is the only hotel pool in South Beach to provide unobstructed views of the Atlantic.