Resort Activities
- Back Bay Golf Course
- Palisades Tennis Club
- Shuffleboard, Ping-Pong, sand volleyball, giant outdoor chess board and lawn games
- Three Pools (including cabanas & water slide)
- 24-hour Hyatt StayFit Gym
- Upper Newport Bay jogging paths and bicycling trails
- Scenic relaxation / seating areas

For rates for the above activities call 949-729-1234

Local Activities
- Boating
- Balboa Island
- Newport Bay Ecological Reserve
- Fashion Island
- Beaches

Dining
SHOR American Seafood Grill - SHOR features fresh from the docks specials every day of the week and focuses on simple, fresh, ingredients.

Lobby Lounge - Newly renovated, the lobby lounge offers a fun and flexible venue where guests can enjoy an evening cocktail or a warm latte on a cool morning.

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The Ming Hsieh Institute Vision
To shape the future of the field of Electrical Engineering, enhancing its positive impact on all spheres of human endeavor, with emphasis on empowerment through intelligent technologies.

To foster creativity and invention within all facets of USC’s Ming Hsieh Department of Electrical Engineering including research and education.

To create a vibrant intellectual environment at USC where world-class researchers in Electrical Engineering and related fields engage in the development of new ideas, thus positioning the Ming Hsieh Department at the forefront in thought leadership in the world.
**Room Accommodations & Parking**

- **Check-in:** resort check-in is at 4:00pm, but hotel can accommodate early check-in based on availability.
- **Check-out:** resort check-out is at 12:00pm on Sunday. You are encouraged to check-out before breakfast, luggage can be stored in secured room Plaza Office (located near Sunday Panels).
- **Self parking:** $10
- **Valet parking:** $34 (in & out privileges)

**Resort Locations Reserved for EE Retreat**

- **Oasis Court & Terrace Room** (Saturday - Cocktail hour and Banquet)
- **Plaza Ballroom I, II & III** (Sunday - Panels)
- **Plaza Arbor** (Sunday - Breakfast, Lunch, and Breaks)
- **Plaza Office** (Sunday - Luggage Storage)

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