



Hotel Casa del Mar Turns Up the Heat with New “Culinary Combat” Meetings Package

Santa Monica, CA – September 9, 2011 – Santa Monica’s iconic Hotel Casa del Mar has launched “Culinary Combat,” a unique opportunity for meetings participants to throw down in the kitchen and learn leadership and team-building skills while having a lot of fun. An Iron Chef-style contest, Culinary Combat pits multiple teams against each other, challenging each to use fresh local produce and gourmet ingredients to create the most delectable dish.

Using knives, spoons, burners and other culinary tools, teams will compete to produce dishes that become a delicious buffet for all meetings participants.

Judges will grade dishes by taste, presentation, leadership and teamwork, creating a little healthy competition in a fun environment outside the customary meetings venues. An unusual interactive experience, Culinary Combat offers meetings participants a chance to not only work on leadership and teamwork skills, but also to have an unforgettable experience.

The Culinary Combat package can be booked as a breakfast, lunch, dinner or dessert competition and can accommodate groups of 30 or more participants.

About Hotel Casa del Mar

Casa del Mar opened in 1926 as the grandest of the opulent beach clubs. It was renovated in 1999 and opened as a stylish luxury hotel following a \$50 million restoration by Edward Thomas Hotels, parent company to Casa and its sister property, Shutters on the Beach. The signature restaurant, Catch, offers innovative "market fresh" cuisine and spectacular vantages of picturesque sunsets in a comfortably elegant setting. A member of The Leading Hotels of the World, Hotel Casa del Mar is located at 1910 Ocean Way in Santa Monica, California, adjacent to the historic Santa Monica Pier.

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