

RANCHO VALENCIA: SERVING UP TENNIS FOR ALL SKILL LEVELS AND AGES

RANCHO SANTA FE, Calif. – Rancho Valencia, ranked by *Tennis* magazine as the “#1 Tennis Resort in the U.S.,” and selected as one of the “Best for Tennis” by *Gourmet* magazine’s poll of the world’s best hotels, is dedicated to enhancing the tennis game of its visitors.

“My philosophy is to enhance and add to a player’s game, not to change it,” said Eduardo Sanchez, head tennis pro at Rancho Valencia and a former U.S.P.T.A. “Pro of the Year.”

Rancho Valencia’s renowned instructional clinics, with a staff to student/pro ratio is 4:1, are offered daily from 9 a.m. to noon. Whether you are a beginner, intermediate or advanced player, there is a clinic specifically formatted to any level. The clinic focuses on several aspects of tennis including net play (volleys and overheads), groundstrokes and serves. The cost is \$80 per person, per morning session. The Junior Tennis Academy, for children ages 5 to 18, specializes in fun and match play.

The resort offers 18 beautiful hardcourts in a magnificent garden setting. Under the direction of John DeLille, private, semi-private or video lessons and tournaments are available from a staff of eight U.S.P.T.A. certified tennis professionals. The ladies Tenniscize (fast-paced drill session to music) and doubles play and the men’s round-robin doubles tourney round out the program. Courtside amenities include fresh towels and iced lemon water.

In addition, the resort’s “Love Tennis” package offers two or four-night accommodations, daily morning instructional group clinics, a half hour private video lesson and game analysis, spa treatments, a welcome amenity upon arrival, freshly squeezed orange juice and morning paper delivered to your suite daily, one dinner for two, breakfast for two daily and complimentary use of the tennis courts and fitness center. The packages range in price from \$1,975 to \$5,785.

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About Rancho Valencia

Set in the idyllic valley of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., Rancho Valencia features 49 luxuriously appointed suites, each with a fireplace and private garden terrace, an award-winning tennis program, a spa and playing privileges at three nearby golf courses. The resort is a member of the prestigious Relais & Châteaux collection and is the only Relais & Châteaux property in Southern California. Rancho Valencia consistently has been ranked as a favorite North American resort by readers of *Tennis* magazine, who ranked Rancho Valencia the No. 1 Tennis Resort in the U.S., *Wine Spectator*, *Andrew Harper's Hideaway Report* and *Travel + Leisure*.

For more information about Rancho Valencia, please visit www.RanchoValencia.com or call (800) 548-3664.

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