

Le Méridien Delfina Santa Monica Wedding Testimonials

We are writing to you with regard to our son (and now daughter- in-laws) rehearsal dinner.

We live in New York, and our challenge was to throw an amazing rehearsal dinner party in California in celebration of our son's wedding.

Toward that end, we could not have imagined a better experience than our dealing with Brenda, the event manager at Le Meridien Delfina in Santa Monica. She knew exactly how to customize our party to our needs and tastes with just the right amount of hand-holding. Brenda's organization and diligent communication completely neutralized the fact that we were on opposite coasts. Everything was delivered as promised and described. She went above and beyond by offering us space to conduct the actual rehearsal, and other space to gather and greet our guests before dinner in the beautiful and classy ballroom overlooking the Sanat Monica sunset. The food was superb and the service friendly and excellent. It was truly an amazing dinner party that exceeded our expectations.

So happy with it all! Much thanks again,

Susan & Alan

I think that the Delfina was like, one of the 3rd or 4th venues we had looked at for ceremony and reception. We loved the way the venue looked, it's really boutique-y, and after our tour there, we decided we wanted to have the wedding there. Our contact there was Li-Ling, who is super awesome. She worked with me though most of the planning process, until our wedding coordinator took over the last month or so. They were able to work within our budget, which was super important to us. We showed up there on Friday, for our Saturday wedding, for rehearsal and stuff.

Li-Ling was always there to greet me when we arrived, making sure she was taking care of anything we needed. We had several out of town guests staying at the hotel, and she made sure they were taken care of as well. The wedding ceremony and reception were perfectly setup, in the way we had specified, and the day went off without a hitch. It was super nice to not stress out the day of the wedding. We had so much fun. And the food was absolutely AMAZING. All of the service staff and bartenders the day of were very professional. Li-Ling Li was our catering manager and Brenda Coykendall was our hotel room block manager, and both of them did a PHENOMENAL job!

Thanks for making sure our day was epic!

Just held my wedding reception at the Sheraton Delfina and had a wonderful experience!! Li-Ling, our banquet manager, was very flexible and easy to work with throughout the entire process! She was very responsive to emails and work with us on all our little requests.

The food here is also EXCELLENT! With such a gorgeous view from the penthouse and such yummy food, we really could not say no, especially when we would be paying about the same at any other location. The ocean view suite included in our package was also amazing!!

During the reception, the food was served on time and everything flowed smoothly. We even got to save our own uneaten food to take back to our room after the banquet. Thank you Sheraton Delfina for being an awesome host to our wedding reception and guests!

We couldn't have been happier!

My wife Toni and I are LA natives and foodies. We've lived in Santa Monica/Pasadena 15 years if it helps qualify our food standards. We wanted a classy wedding, but not stuffy nor extravagant. We wanted a reception with a view over an outdoor wedding. Even LA rains sometimes. Why have a reception in Santa Monica if you don't know you're in Santa Monica? Thus we didn't want a windowless, claustrophobic ballroom, which is all that was offered by some much more expensive places.

What we got:

- killer food, hors d'oeuvres, house-made cocktails. (cocktails were extra but worth it). Perfectly executed salmon and filet. The chef gave us a personal promise during tasting that he would **not** overcook the filet, and he delivered.
- killer view from the penthouse. We started at 6pm with cocktail hour and our guests enjoyed sunlight, sunset and evening views of the city, mountains and the bay.
- a well-organized gig. we've seen a few complaints of the coordinators. Yes, the person we originally signed with left the Delfina, but his replacement in-house coordinator Kylee picked up the pieces and did a flawless job.
- an affordable event by LA standards. Price some other places near the beach. You won't get a better deal for a high-class venue near the beach. Just remember this is 8 blocks from the beach, not on the beach, if that's a deal breaker for you.
- beautiful rooms at affordable rates. Plus, they and the lobby were recently redone. Don't let the outside of the hotel fool you. Look at the profile pictures. This place is NICE.
- Great upgrades, including the entrees, cocktails and Viennese table. Our upgrades were reasonably priced, just above the standard pricing.
- VERY friendly and attentive staff throughout the cocktail hour and reception. This includes the bartenders, servers, coordinator, and reception desk. They made us and our guests feel special.

If there is a negative to give, you shouldn't walk to the beach/promenade at night from this hotel. But many of our out of town guests did do so during the day.

Thank you Delfina!
