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## **PLAYGROUND OF VINTAGE MOVIE STARS ENTICES A HIP NEW CROWD**

### **Hotel Raises the Bar With Ultra-Chic Design and V.I.P. Service**

On the island where Errol Flynn and Charlie Chaplin used to vacation, The Hotel Metropole announced today the completion of a new oceanfront V.I.P wing comprised of three luxury rooms and a one bedroom suite. The new accommodations are unlike anything else in Avalon — featuring ultra-modern architecture and interior design, rich custom woods, vaulted ceilings, and imported Italian tile work - all with ocean views, private balconies and luxurious amenities.

All V.I.P. guests have the services of an experienced concierge who makes sure that every need is met- a level of service not found anywhere else on the island. Need a golf tee time? Wedding proposal location? A private snorkel trip to a deserted cove? A pillow menu? The personal concierge will take care of everything, even expediting check in and check out.

Once settled in to one of the new rooms, guests may never want to leave: each has a 42" HD plasma TV and fireplace, and is luxuriously appointed with everything from sensuous bath products to exclusive Dean & DeLuca mini bar delicacies, and . . . the most comfortable bed imaginable, with goosedown duvets and sumptuous Italian linens. Soaking in an ocean-view jacuzzi tub, music flooding the room from a personal iPod Dock with a bottle of champagne on ice has to be one of the most romantic experiences on Catalina.

For over forty years, Catalina was a playground for the rich and famous - Marilyn Monroe lived here for eighteen months when first married; Ernest Hemingway fished for marlin in the waters surrounding the island and Errol Flynn hunted and partied on the island in the fifties. Many other celebrities loved to visit Avalon, Catalina's quaint harbor town, including Charlie Chaplin, Jean Harlow, Judy Garland, Howard Hughes, Robert Mitchum and John Wayne. In recent years this island has been overlooked as a luxury destination, but now seems poised to regain its former popularity with accommodations like the Hotel Metropole's taking the lead and raising standards throughout their 52 room resort.

The many activities on the island include golf, snorkeling, scuba diving, hiking, parasailing and more -all of which add up to a great weekend getaway. Now, with these super-luxurious accommodations on the Hotel Metropole's already chic and stylish property, there is reason for a new generation of Hollywood royalty to feel right at home on the island.

*The Hotel Metropole is Catalina Island's finest oceanfront hotel, with 52 luxuriously appointed rooms and mini suites providing casual, elegant accommodations since 1989*  
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