

# Hotel Del Coronado Renovation

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## LOCATION

Coronado,  
California  
North America

## SIZE

4.9 acres  
62 keys

## FEATURES

62 keys, Grande Hall/Ballroom, Restaurants,  
Bars, Spa

## SERVICES

Architecture  
Wimberly Interiors



### Design Vision

The overall design for the Victorian building intentionally celebrates the history and legacy of this legendary seaside resort. Delivering a fresh and luxurious take on the design legacy, Wimberly Interiors led an integrated team that included WATG's California architecture studio, which served as the Architect of Record. The vision ensured public areas remained truly Victorian, with original finishes remaining intact and focusing the design on enhancing and refreshing what exists today in the hotel.

Light – both natural and new – was used strategically throughout the space through architectural and decorative fixtures to illuminate the Victorian heritage. With a layered design approach inspired by classical elements but with a modern expression, palettes are lighter and brighter, but accents remain anchored in proper Victorian hues. The new spaces are fresh and relevant yet remain rooted in the rich history that honors The Del.





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The lobby remains quintessentially Del but the addition of smarter lighting, a new centerpiece chandelier, lighter furniture and finishing on the flooring maintains and enhances the original soul of the space. Just outside, beach-loving guests will enjoy a stunning new grand front porch adorned with white Brumby rockers – adding one of America’s last heirloom products to this legendary American resort.

In collaboration with renowned preservation firm Heritage Architecture and Planning, the design team painstakingly restored the lobby’s signature Illinois white oak walls and flooring to its original essence. The restoration unveiled the true character of the wood, now boasting detailed grains and textures that highlight the history and beauty of this treasured material.

While the lobby was transformed into a brighter, more spirited space, the team also introduced additional layered lighting with Victorian-inspired bell glass lanterns along the corridors to connect adjoining spaces. Adding to the historical grandeur of the lobby space, the team designed a new seven-foot-tall chandelier that features hand-blown glass and cut crystal for an elegant finish.

A vibrant, modern burst to the space, a hand-painted wallcovering was commissioned and placed behind the reception desk. Custom-made by de Gournay and titled Amazonia, the wallcovering is a fun and whimsical depiction of tropical animals in the jungle and serves as a showstopping focal point for guests in the first moments of entering the hotel.





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Wallcoverings were an important element in Victorian interior design due to their wide range of designs and varying methods of production, and Wimberly Interiors brought this back to life in a creatively eccentric way. In addition to Amazonia, the team enlisted renowned wallpaper designer, Cole&Son, to handcraft a light ivory wall covering for the balcony overlooking the lobby.

