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City's New Grand Plaza Complements Meeting Rooms at Anaheim Marriott

Open-air, pedestrian esplanade flows into hotel in Anaheim and can be used for concerts, exhibits, festivals

Anaheim, CA – When the city of Anaheim decided to build 100,000 square feet of meeting space near its convention center, the plans purposely left off one important feature: a roof.

Instead, 151 palm trees, 60 orange trees, three new water features and a river of 300 programmable LED lights fill an open-air, pedestrian-oriented Grand Plaza that complements the 44 meeting rooms with 100,000 square feet of indoor space at the [Anaheim Marriott](#).



"Guests of the hotel in Anaheim can gather, network, dine and host meetings outside our traditional meeting rooms while soaking in Southern California's gorgeous weather," said Dan Shaughnessy, Director of Sales and Marketing for the Anaheim Marriott. "No one else has such [spectacular indoor and outdoor meeting spaces](#) that can be enjoyed by everyone from the professional business traveler to the casual vacationer."

The new [Grand Plaza](#) paves the way to Anaheim Convention Center hotels including the majestic

Marriott, standing tall with its 19 floors and housing four restaurants, a state-of-the-art fitness center and heated outdoor pool and whirlpool. The Anaheim, CA, hotel's meeting facilities recently underwent a \$23 million renovation that enhanced the look and feel of all areas as well as upgraded technology. Spaces now can be configured for groups as small as 20 people to conventions as large as 3,200 participants. The new multi-use outdoor area would then be a perfect venue for concerts, exhibits or simple breaks from arduous strategic planning meetings.

"I'm so proud of the city for stepping up and doing this and making great usable space out of what was a nice street with a nice median," said Charles Ahlers, president of the Anaheim/Orange County Visitor & Convention Bureau. "This is over the top and gives Anaheim a distinct edge in the competitive meetings market."

Green meetings set the Marriott apart from all other hotels in Anaheim, CA, garnering the prestigious Energy Star label from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The hotel near Anaheim Convention Center uses 100 percent recycled note pads, pens made from recycled materials, eco-friendly water service, paperless billing and a recyclable box lunch program. All office paper, plastic and glass from events are recycled.

Whether business professionals attend meetings in the Anaheim hotel's facilities, outside in the Grand Plaza or at the nearby convention center, they will always find comfort in one of [1,030 rooms and 33 suites](#) boasting one king or two double beds topped with down comforters, custom duvets,

cotton-rich linens and plenty of fluffy down and feather pillows. Perfect for business professionals, rooms sport spacious desks with ergonomic chairs, two phones with voicemail, high-speed Internet access (for an additional fee), irons and ironing boards and plenty of places to plug in electronics. Other high-end amenities that all travelers will enjoy include 37-inch LCD TVs, in-room coffeemakers and safes, mini-refrigerators and marble bathrooms that feature Bath and Body Works amenities.

About the Anaheim Marriott

The Anaheim Marriott is within walking distance to the Downtown Disney District featuring restaurants, shops and theaters as well as being just steps from the famous theme park and California Adventure. The Anaheim, CA, hotel is also near Anaheim Garden Walk and Anaheim Convention Center. The facility features 1,030 rooms and 33 suites along with 100,000 square feet of meeting space, four restaurants, an onsite Starbucks, state-of-the-art fitness center and heated outdoor pool and whirlpool. For information, visit www.marriott.com/LAXAH.