

# Thomas Kinkade Image Preview



## Hotel Del Coronado



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The stately, elegant American past lives on in unexpected places. One of these is in San Diego, where the "Hotel Del Coronado" one of the grand dames of stately nineteenth century wooden hotels looms like a dowager empress over its picturesque shore.

When I visited, I found that the Del, as it's called, is haunted by memories of gentlemen in top hats strolling the grounds, with ladies in long evening gowns on their arms. Traditions such as high tea, and memorable Thanksgiving and New Years celebrations, hearken back to that fashionable era. Indeed, the "Hotel Del Coronado," the glamorous setting for such classic movies as "Some Like It Hot," is an authentic American treasure.

I set up my easel in the sand, and began to paint just as the morning fog lifted and golden light broke through, bathing the dignified old hotel in a radiance that seemed to banish the years. I tried to capture the almost rapturous sense of renewal that was a gift of the sparkling ocean air, the crisp green ice plants, and the graceful palm trees swaying in the breeze.

"Hotel Del Coronado" reflects my determination to capture American landmarks on canvas. I hope it will become a landmark in your collection, as well.

-Thomas Kinkadee

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