

# Pacific Coast

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10 QUESTIONS FOR...

## TEEMU SELÄNNE

Teemu Selänne, aka "The Finnish Flash," became one of the greatest and most famous hockey players in history, making his NHL breakthrough with the Anaheim Ducks in his rookie season, 1992-1993, winning the Stanley Cup in 2007 and finishing his career as the Olympics MVP in Sochi, Russia, as a 43-year-old veteran. Here, the charming Coto de Caza resident talks about his Laguna Beach restaurant, Selanne Steak Tavern, his work with children, and his love of golf and tennis.

**1** I would tell young kids who want to be hockey players that ... hockey is a great game and hobby. When you play a team sport, you learn how to be social and have fun. You learn it's not just about you, but your team, too.

**2** I like to hang out with my family at ... our home or Coto de Caza Golf & Racquet Club and, of course, my restaurant in Laguna Beach.

**3** The fastest speed I've clocked on one of my cars ... is at the Nürburgring racetrack. I drove a car 330 kph, which is 205 mph.

**4** My dream vacation is ... somewhere I can play tennis and golf. I like to be by the ocean with beautiful weather and great people all around.

**5** My most gratifying work is ... charity work and working with kids' hospitals.

**6** My list of jobs on (my wife) Sirpa's honey-do list includes ... I'm so lucky because I don't have a honey-do list. Actually, I don't think I do anything. I think a lot of guys are going to be very jealous right now.

**7** When my friends and family visit from Finland we always take them to ... If they have kids, we always go to Disneyland, SeaWorld and Universal Studios and, yes, our restaurant. Laguna Beach is our favorite place to take our guests to the beach. And a Ducks game.

**8** My favorite cocktail to relax with at Selanne Steak Tavern is ... a Smok 'N' Fashion, but my all-time favorite is a Moscow mule.

**9** Something few people know about me is ... I like to smoke cigars on the golf course.

**10** The Duck I'm keeping an eye on this year ... I think the Ducks are going to be really good with [head coach] Randy Carlyle back—it's going to be a great team. And obviously Ryan Getzlaf and Sami Vatanen—those two guys are going to get us the Stanley Cup this year. ●

