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ABOUT TIMBER COVE

THE RESORT

After an extensive renovation, a rejuvenated Timber Cove opened in August 2016. The property sits on 25 unrivaled acres above California's stunning Sonoma Coast and features 46 guest rooms including eight suites; an ocean view restaurant called Coast Kitchen; a Reset + Restore wellness experience blending hot/cold therapy, recovery tech, and nervous system regulation; expansive Great Room lobby; Outdoor Living Room with billiards, ping pong and fire pit; and a designated private event room, Coast Commune. A redesigned banquet and meetings area, including an events lawn and considerable outdoor space, completes the renovation. Timber Cove offers a true connection to nature with more than two miles of hiking trails, picnicking spots and lounging areas to soak in the incredible views. Timber Cove Resort is a member of both Design Hotels™ and Kind Traveler.



HISTORY

Founded in 1963, Timber Cove was designed by famed architect and original owner Richard Clements Jr., who served on the San Francisco Art Commission and developed many of the city's public monuments. Clements Jr., a fourth-generation San Franciscan, was inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright's organic architectural style. He sought to design a dramatic A-Frame structure that blended into the natural surroundings, using large amounts of stone and redwood to create a timeless experience.

Artist Beniamino Bufano, a friend of Clements Jr., designed the hotel's landmark obelisk named "The Expanding Universe," which soars 93-feet above Timber Cove. The obelisk, also known as "Madonna of Peace," is an iconic symbol of peace, beauty and spirit.



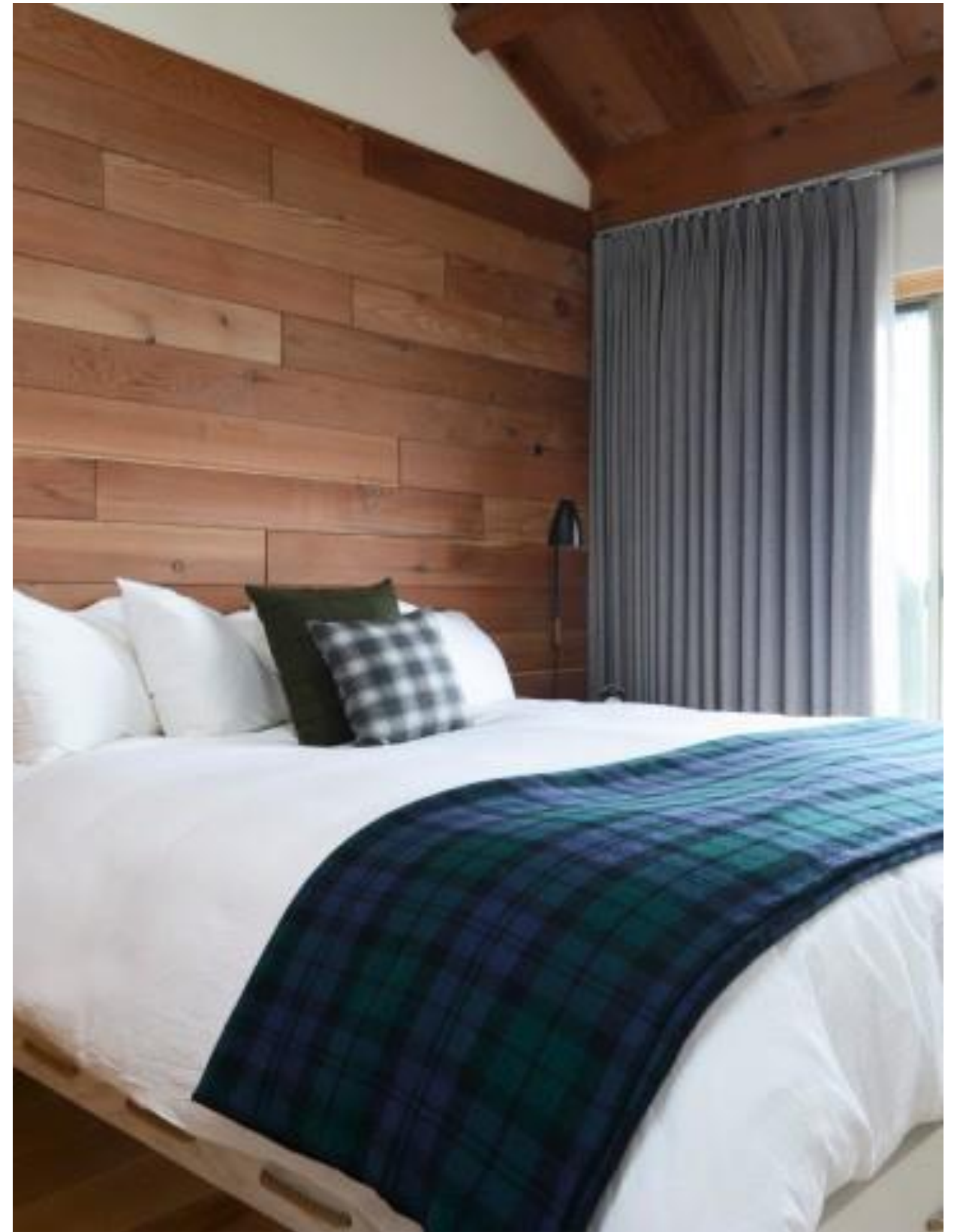
TIMBER COVE HIGHLIGHTS

DESIGN

The redesigned Timber Cove is a contemporary, lodge-chic experience that pays homage to the resort's authentic 1960s architecture and soul. The world-class architectural minds at Gensler and the innovative designers at The Novogratz harmonized Timber Cove's unique A-Frame design with a sleek and natural interior in an earthy color palette, focusing on the heavy use of redwood and stone from the resort's original design, while integrating the surrounding landscape and local artwork throughout. Modern furnishings are juxtaposed with retro pieces along with white fabrics, worn leather and preppy plaids.

GUEST ROOMS

Timber Cove's guest rooms and suites offer ocean, cove or forest views. Bright, open and with a playful soul, the interiors boast modern furnishings with strong wood accents, complementing the bold contemporary décor and local artwork throughout. Families can utilize the resort's Family Room which features a queen-sized bed and twin bunk beds plus a balcony, fireplace and board games.



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COAST COMMUNE

Timber Cove's exclusive private dining room, Coast Commune is ideal for intimate parties, gatherings and events for up to 13 guests. Features include a 12-foot dining table, handmade by a local craftsman from a single redwood tree, and endless ocean views.



WEDDINGS, MEETINGS & EVENTS

Famed photographer Ansel Adams, a friend of original owner Richard Clements Jr., is the inspiration for the resort's largest private event space. Clements Jr. asked Adams to photograph the natural area before he broke ground and built Timber Cove. Exposed timber beams, a fireplace and a private deck overlooking the cove create a one-of-a-kind meeting venue for up to 50 people.

Timber Cove also sets the stage for an intimate seaside affair. Situated on a bluff next to the resort, the Events Lawn is a secluded space sheltered from the Pacific Ocean winds and Timber Cove's most scenic space for weddings. The Ansel Adams room features spectacular panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean and has an attached ocean view redwood deck. The resort's catering team can serve up to 120 guests in both indoor and outdoor spaces.



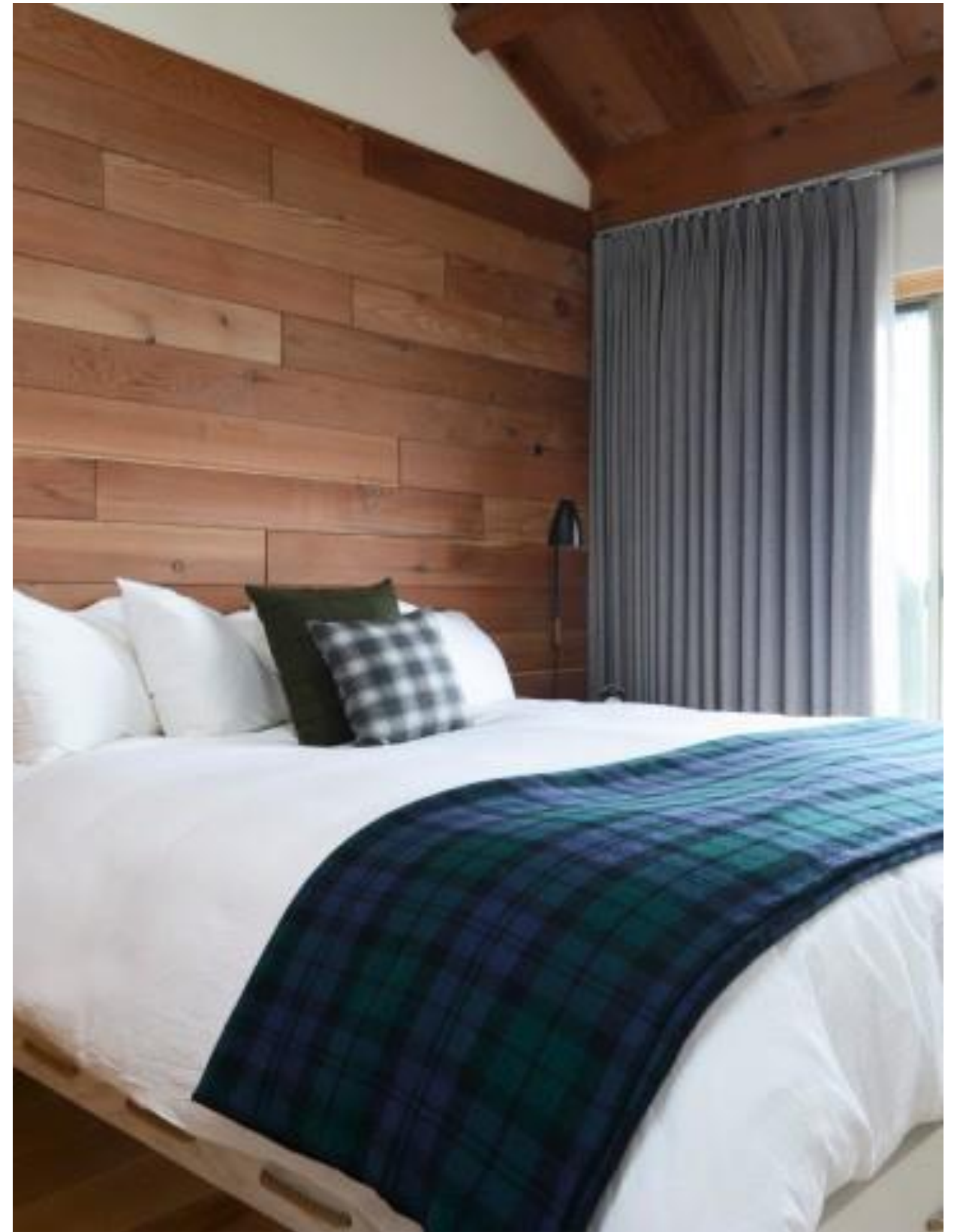
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RESET & RESTORE SUITE

The Reset & Restore Suite wellness experience is designed to meet the moment for today's luxury traveler seeking purposeful rest, nervous system balance and high-performance recovery. Set within an Ocean Suite, this 60-minute, self-guided experience blends leading-edge recovery tools with the meditative rhythm of the sea, creating a personal space for grounding, renewal and total well-being. Guests also enjoy private access to an ensuite rain shower and bathroom, plush robes and slippers, essential oil-infused cold towels and an oil diffuser, wellness books, a curated frequency playlist, complimentary herbal tea and a rotating selection of fresh fruit or nuts and dried fruit. Hand-selected LATHER products complement the experience and are available for purchase at the front desk.

ENSUITE EQUIPMENT

- **Shiftwave Zero-Gravity Recliner:** Used by professional athletes, military personnel, celebrities and peak performers, this cutting-edge technology delivers pulsed pressure waves that help regulate the nervous system, improve circulation, and promote deep rest and mental clarity. Timber Cove is one of only two hotels nationwide to incorporate the Shiftwave into a wellness setting.
- **Hyperice Compression & Recovery Tools:** Normatec dynamic air compression boots, Hypervolt percussion massager and a Venom 2 heated wrap support muscle recovery and reduce inflammation
- **Traditional Rock Sauna:** 160-180°F dry heat supports deep restoration, muscle tension relief and heart health
- **Cold Plunge Tub:** 37°F immersion trains the nervous system and lowers stress while boosting mood and the immunity system

Ideal for intimate retreats and restorative breaks between meetings, the Reset & Restore Suite is also available for private group bookings. Half Day rentals (up to 4 hours) are \$500 and Full Day rentals (up to 8 hours) are \$1,000. Individual 60-minute sessions are \$95/guest + \$45/additional guest.



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IN-ROOM AMENITIES

Curated in-room amenities include:

- Crosley LP Record Players with an enviable collection of vinyl records
- Minibar munchies and libations from local Sonoma partners
- Custom Russian River Roasters coffee with tea kettle and pour-over coffee setup
- Natural eco-friendly LATHER bath amenities
- Luxurious linens and towels
- Yoga mats
- Nest-guided fireplaces (in most guest rooms)
- Smeg refrigerators, large soaking tubs (in most suites), and separate bed and living room



TIMBER COVE HIGHLIGHTS

RESORT AMENITIES

- Coast Kitchen, an oceanside restaurant serving breakfast, lunch and dinner
- The Great Room, Timber Cove's cozy lobby, outfitted with comfortable seating, a full vinyl record library, business center, board games and books, and three-story original stone fireplace
- Outdoor Living Room complete with foosball, ping pong and pool tables, custom swing benches, and fire sculpture
- On-site fitness center with cardio equipment, yoga mats and a million-dollar view of the eponymous cove
- Telescope for stargazing
- On-site retail corner
- Complimentary wireless internet property-wide
- Complimentary on-site parking
- Over two miles of hiking trails on 25 acres of unimpeded coastline
- Local activities such as guided tours, kayaking, horseback riding, and on-site yoga can be organized by request through the concierge



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ABOUT COAST KITCHEN

THE RESTAURANT

Timber Cove is home to Coast Kitchen, a coastal Wine Country concept serving fresh, seasonal fare with clean, crisp presentations amidst stunning ocean views. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner seven days a week, Coast Kitchen offers dynamic plates featuring seasonal signature dishes, local produce, Sonoma cheeses and top-quality seafood. The wine list emphasizes acclaimed local wines, with additional pairings from throughout the region.

DESIGN

Designed by the celebrated Los Angeles-based firm, The Novogratz, Coast Kitchen is a 54-seat restaurant showcasing ocean views and the surrounding Sonoma coast. The décor builds on the proximity to both sea and forest, incorporating warm woods and earthy elements to complement the themes created in the food.



COAST KITCHEN HIGHLIGHTS

FOOD

Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner seven days per week, Coast Kitchen offers a delectable menu featuring dishes sourced from local vendors and wine pairings from predominantly Sonoma-based vineyards.

As the menu at Coast Kitchen is seasonal, dishes change frequently. Clean, crisp presentations are served amidst stunning ocean views, and local plates feature fruits and vegetables, Sonoma cheeses, farm-raised chicken and lamb and sustainable and seasonal seafood.

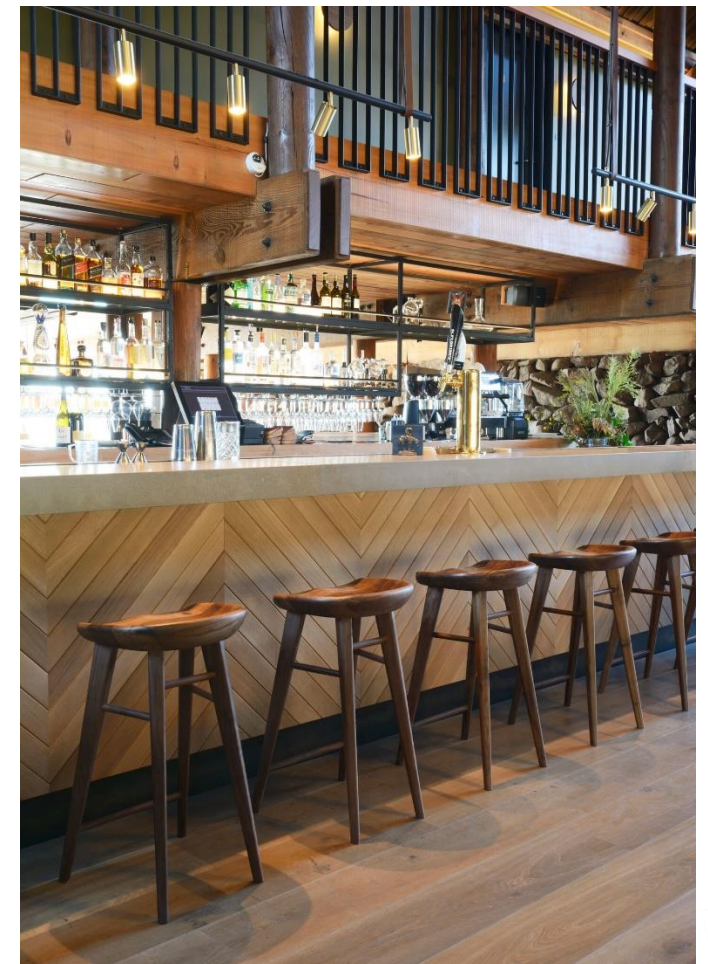
Guests can enjoy meals created by the Coast Kitchen team in the restaurant's main room or outdoors on the ocean view patio, at the bar of the Great Room lobby of the resort, or in the Outdoor Living Room next to the cozy firepit.



DRINK

With 15+ wineries nearby, the wine list is locally focused with over 50 percent of the wines from Sonoma and Napa counties. Choose from dynamic wines by the glass, flights, and a selection of bottles and reserves that shine a spotlight on natural simplicity and quality labels.

The cocktail list is approachable with takes on the classics along with original creations such as the Sonoma Coast Mule with Hanson's organic Sonoma vodka, ginger beer, fresh berries, cucumber, lime juice and mint. The beer list boasts brews from Northern California including Barney Flats Oatmeal Stout, Scrimshaw Pilsner and Heroine IPA.



OWNERSHIP & MANAGEMENT TEAMS

OWNERSHIP

MICHAEL BARRY

Michael Barry is co-owner of Ironstate Development, one of the most proactive developers in New Jersey. Barry oversees the construction and management of large-scale, mixed-use projects across various neighborhoods including Hoboken, Jersey City and Harrison. Ironstate Development's portfolio consists of apartments, shopping and recreational spaces, condominiums, hotels, and restaurants, totaling more than 4.7 million square feet and \$1 billion of development.

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Jens von Gierke founded Wave Hospitality Advisors in 2009, providing boutique advisory services for hospitality assets including investment/partnership, asset management, development, advisory and acquisition services as well as strategic consulting services for food & beverage, golf and spa. He brings over 30 years of experience in acquisition, construction, design, hotel operations and asset management with key hotel brands throughout North America, Europe and Asia.

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MANAGEMENT TEAM

IRONWAVE HOSPITALITY

Founded by Principals Jens von Gierke and Michael Barry, Ironwave Hospitality, LLC's mission is to enrich the lives of its guests, employees and owners through superior guest accommodations, legendary customer service, and treating both guests and employees with respect, courtesy and affection.

Ironwave Management is the third party hotel & restaurant management division of Ironwave Hospitality. Ironwave Management believes its employees are its most important resource, and its success depends upon creating and retaining a staff capable of delivering an exceptional hospitality experience to every customer, every time.

In addition to Timber Cove Resort and Coast Kitchen restaurant, Ironwave Management's portfolio also includes the W Hoboken, Halifax Hoboken Restaurant, Element Harrison-Newark, Residence Inn Jersey City, Standard East Village, The Setting Inn Napa Valley, The Setting Inn Willamette Valley, Avenue Restaurant in Long Branch, Inness New York and Hotel Kinsley

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ordering a crab roll, uni, clam chowder or fresh fish. It's hard to leave welcoming Mendocino Village, but the next stop awaits — the rugged Sonoma Coast.

After a winding, heart-pumping cliffside ocean drive down Pacific Coast Highway, we arrived at Timber Cove just in time for the hotel's weekly complimentary wine tasting with Murder Ridge, whose unique wines are produced in the rugged terrain of Mendocino Ridge on high elevation nine miles from the ocean. Inspired by the local legend of a century-old murder, the wine pays homage to the haunting past.

Perched on a cliffside bluff where the redwoods meet the sea, Timber Cove's cool breezes and coastal mist envelope this renovated 1960s architectural beauty. The ocean view patios make the perfect spot for continued enjoyment of the simpler things — a sunset over the sprawling Pacific Ocean, with a bottle of wine and music from the record player, while an in-room fire awaits. Hummingbirds feel like magic as they put on a dance outside in the sunlight. This is the kind of place you go to unravel from the chaos of the world.

At night, pick from a room full of lobby board games, to play in the grand living room with arched wooden ceilings and an impressive stone fireplace. Imagine an old hunting lodge or place you might picture in Yosemite, make S'mores by the firepit and during the day, walk the coastal bluff trails with benches for rest and reflection and to absorb the beauty of the blustery Pacific Ocean. A hike meanders down to a cliffside waterfall and beach cove next to Timber Cove's colourful 93-foot Peace Obelisk, created by artist Beniamino Bufano. Standing like an exclamation mark on a 60-foot diameter plot, this area within the resort was designated the second-smallest California State Park.



LONG LIVE THE CALIFORNIA ROAD TRIP

ROAD TRIP



SERVES 6-8

Avocado Lime Ice Cream

ALL KINDS of avocados are grown year-round in California, and you can use just about any ripe variety available for this creamy, healthy ice cream. It freezes really well and doesn't get super hard — the perfect consistency.

Avocados
2, ripe but not too mushy
Coconut Milk
1 x 400 ml can
Lime 1, juice and zest
Simple Syrup or Agave Syrup
½ cup

- 1 SCOOP** out the flesh from the avocados and put in a blender with all the other ingredients but just half the lime zest and blend until smooth. Taste and adjust sweetness to suit. This ice cream often tastes sweeter the next day so don't over-sweeten.
- 2 MIX** in an ice cream maker according to the machine's instructions.
- 3 PUT** into a freezer-proof container and sprinkle with the rest of the lime zest. Freeze until ready to serve.

Simply Napa

While it's hard to leave where redwoods meet ocean paradise, a brief and scenic drive leads inland to Calistoga, a laid-back town in the northern end of Napa Valley. Situated between the Mayacamas Mountains and the Paliades, known for geothermal waters and world class wineries, Calistoga became California's first wellness destination around 1862. The newly renovated Dr. Wilkinson's Backyard Resort beckons with a vintage neon sign. Here it is easy to take advantage of the surrounding vineyards, and you can take a stroll right out your hotel door through the historic downtown to peruse unique boutiques, tasting rooms and art galleries.

Settle in with a healing mineral soak in one of the hotel's three pools set at various temperatures. Book the resort's signature mud bath treatment, introduced to the world nearly 70 years ago. Slide into the oozy blend of peat moss, volcanic ash and mineral water, and enjoy the

Forbes

Sonoma Coast's Timber Cove To Host Annual Winemaker's Dinner Series



Perched on a picturesque bluff overlooking the expansive Pacific Ocean, [Timber Cove Resort](#) is unveiling its annual Winemaker's Dinner Series, spotlighting acclaimed local vintners from Sonoma and beyond.

The Sonoma Coast is an underrated wine region best known for some of California's most celebrated Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays, in addition to a variety of other cool-climate wines that thrive here like Syrah. This region offers visitors an estimated 400 wineries, with notable wineries such as Cline Family Cellars and Keller Estate Winery.

Originally built in 1963 as a “place of meditation and tranquility,” Timber Cove Resort was built with striking architectural features that seamlessly blend redwood, stone, and other natural elements, that serve to highlight with the breathtaking Sonoma Coast landscape. It's also home to the iconic 93-foot Bufano Peace Statue Monument, the property's landmark obelisk that symbolizes symbol of beauty, spirit, and tranquility.

On property are several dining options, each offering a robust wine program. Coast Kitchen is a 54-seat “coastal wine country concept” that is set against the backdrop of the Pacific Ocean. The signature restaurant offers seasonal, California cuisine featuring locally sourced ingredients and Sonoma-based wines.

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Timber Cove Resort Launches New Reset & Restore Suite



[Timber Cove Resort](#) (Jenner, CA) recently unveiled the [Reset & Restore Suite](#), which is designed to help guests achieve purposeful rest, nervous system balance, and high-performance recovery. The Reset & Restore Suite reflects the growing demand for restorative, high-touch experiences that go beyond the traditional spa. Set within an Ocean Suite with sweeping views of the Pacific, this 60-minute, self-guided experience blends leading-edge recovery tools with the meditative rhythm of the sea—creating a deeply personal space for grounding, renewal, and total wellbeing.

Each session includes access to:

- **Shiftwave Zero-Gravity Recliner:** This recliner delivers pulsed pressure waves that help regulate the nervous system, improve circulation, and promote deep rest and mental clarity.
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PLACES TO STAY

9 Best Hotels in Sonoma, California for Wine Tasting and Wellness Getaways

Whether you're heading to the vineyards, the forest, or the coast, here's where to stay in this scenic Northern California county.



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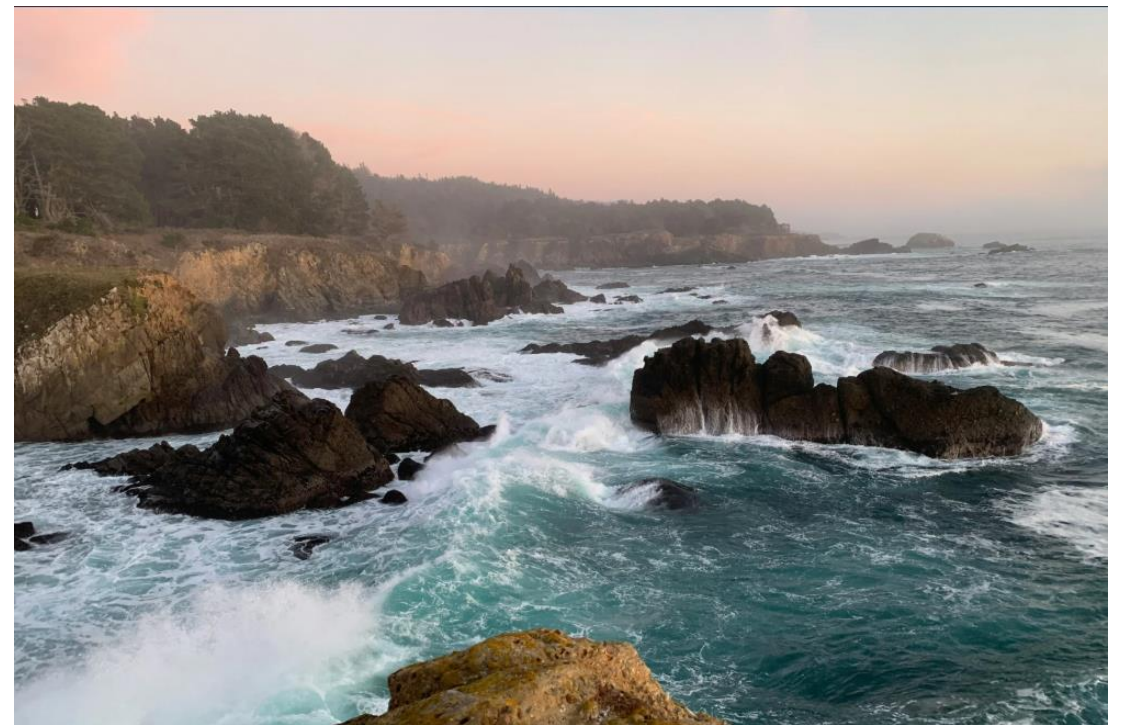
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Timber Cove's scenic, secluded location is what makes this hotel so special. The property lies about 15 miles north of Jenner, just off Highway 1. Timber Cove's remote location almost requires you to **disconnect**—there's practically no cell service, and the Wi-Fi is spotty. Don't be fooled by the rustic setting, however: The property was renovated in 2016 to bring a modern touch to the historic grounds, creating a space that's equal parts laid back and luxurious. The gorgeous drive up to the hotel is an adventure all its own, giving guests a taste of the experiences to come. The 46 guest rooms and suites celebrate the beauty of the surrounding nature, with high wood-paneled ceilings and ocean views. The quiet, coastal area is one of California's hidden gems. In fact, its location is widely recognized as one of the most beautiful coastlines the state has to offer.

AFAR

The Part of Sonoma Wine Country Most Travelers Overlook

In this off-the-beaten-path wine country, home to one of the region's top wineries, hike, dine, sip, and play your way through culinary treasures and natural landscapes over a long weekend.



Stay on the coast for a different side of the area, one filled with natural beauty and history. A seaside resort with a mid-century modern feel, **Timber Cove Resort** is a historic enclave with sweeping ocean views that incorporates natural elements into its design.

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Fogbird class, groups learn to make three cocktails, with recipe cards and lasting memories as takeaways.

If mixology is the trend of the moment, then foraging might be the wave of the future. At Timber Cove Resort in Jenner just northwest of Santa Rosa, experts guide participants through tidal pools, forests, and meadows in search of seasonal treasures like wild mushrooms, sea greens, berries, and edible plants. More than a guided walk, this experience fosters patience, collaboration, and adaptability—essential qualities for today's business world. It challenges teams to slow down, sharpen their observational skills, and make strategic choices, mirroring the problem-solving mindset needed in any corporate environment.

After the foraging adventure, teams return to Timber Cove for a curated tasting led by the resort's Coast Kitchen culinary team. Participants see firsthand how raw, foraged ingredients can be transformed into gourmet dishes, reinforcing the value of creativity, resourcefulness, and innovation. The chefs share insights on how to integrate natural ingredients into everyday meals, offering a fresh take on sustainability and intentional consumption.

Of course, traditional cooking classes still have their place, and there is a strong focus now on social engagement and giving back, as well as on health and wellness. Back in Oakland, Tyler's Mystery Tours produces double the amount of food required at culinary events, then donates half to homeless encampments. In Orange County, one culinary program makes it a mission to educate groups on creating healthy meals.



Charcuterie board-making class with Felici Events in Santa Barbara; Below, left to right: Fery cocktail made at The Cocktail Camp in San Francisco; Paella and sangria at Prep Cooking Classes in Seal Beach; Mixology class setup at Fogbird in San Mateo

Sydney Gavin is the owner of Prep Cooking Classes, a kitchenware and culinary class brick-and-mortar in Seal Beach, outside Los Angeles in Orange County. "We really love and specialize in doing team-building events," says Gavin. "You spend the first 20 minutes mingling with prepared appetizers at our boutique wine bar, and then you move over to the kitchen and we have a professional chef that walks you through full preparation." But if its specialty is team building, its passion is healthy food. She adds, "We will do butter and cream and bacon all day long, but

what we actually feel good about and what we really like doing is teaching people how to prepare healthy, wholesome food."

Zohe Felici of Felici Events in Santa Barbara sees culinary team building through the lens of her family history. "I'm 100% Italian, so the kitchen is my happy place," says Felici. "Cooking is a team sport—especially when you're Italian. In the kitchen, communication is the secret sauce and everyone plays a role. Culinary classes crank up the creativity, turning teams into a think tank—only tastier. Leaders naturally emerge, strengths shine, and tasting that final dish [creates] a party in your mouth! Plus, nothing breaks barriers like cracking jokes over a hot stove. Cooking together is a surefire recipe for collaboration, camaraderie, and a seriously good time." **m+e**

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The Ultimate Guide to Exploring the Sonoma Coast on Highway 1

We've listed 22 perfect pit stops along the iconic coastal highway for meals, wine, walks or simply taking in the view.



Timber Cove Resort: This Jenner property is the only Sonoma County hotel with **an unobstructed view of the Pacific Ocean**. Featured on Amazon Prime's "Epic Hotels," the resort was built in 1963 as a Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired A-frame. It received a complete face-lift a few years ago, giving it a modern hippy vibe with chic midcentury accents. The lobby and decks are great places to hang out, as is on-site restaurant Coast Kitchen, which serves seasonal dishes, seafood and more seven days a week. 21780 North Coast Highway 1, 707-847-3231.

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"Rustic modern," "contemporary hippie," and "casual sophistication" are all combo compliments lodged with this outlier resort. (Photo: Courtesy Timber Cove)

March 28, 2025—The concierge at Timber Cove seems impressed I made it all the way from Monterey Bay.

She tells me, in not so many words, *To get here, you gotta want it.*

And oh, I do.

Timber Cove represents an expression of the sorts of places I hope Appetite for Travel can channel: Out there but accessible, familiar but unique, comfortable but challenging, as it moves visitors to ground themselves in a specific place.

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SIPPING-BY-THE-SEA

Fort Ross Vineyard & Winery

Sharing nothing but a name with the actual Fort Ross, the Fort Ross Vineyard & Winery is the only official tasting room within miles of Jenner, but it offers an experience comparable to the wine country's central locales. At the top of the hill above Jenner in the redwood forest, Fort Ross Winery was instrumental in establishing the region as an American Viticultural Area—Fort Ross-Sonoma—in 2011. Their vineyards are planted above the fog line to benefit from cool nights, warm sunshine, and coastal breezes. Because of the incredible terroir, many well-known wineries grow vineyards in the Fort Ross-Sonoma AVA, but for now, Fort Ross has the market covered for official tasting rooms. The terrace gives a view of the Pacific Ocean beyond the trees, and the winery shares elevated, curated small bites paired with its flagship varieties, delicious Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, and Chateau Blanc and Pinotage. // www.fortrossvineyard.com

DINING-BY-THE-SEA

River's End

The top dining choice in town is River's End, with a small but scrumptious menu and views to die for. This is where the crowd gathers for cocktails and bites on the terrace overlooking the Russian River and Pacific Ocean's meeting point; watching the sunset is the perfect end of the day.

The inside is cozy and upscale, and the Daily Meal awarded River's End as one of the Top 5 Romantic Restaurants in the United States. Its large picture windows allow vistas of—of course—the sea, and the seasonal, artistically presented fare does not disappoint, with options like Oysters Epithamy—four Miyagi oysters with lime ginger mignonette and wasabi tobiko. // www.ilovesunset.com

SLEEPING-BY-THE-SEA

Timber Cove Resort

Timber Cove, recently revamped and updated, has retained its rustic charm, and with private decks giving picture postcard views, it's a spot that's hard to beat. It's 14 miles north of Jenner along the coast but conveniently boasts its own full-service restaurant, Coast Kitchen, making it a self-contained oasis. It also has 46 rooms and six suites, room service, coastal trails, and group bonfires at night. Special in-room treats like a Crosley LP Record Player and collection of vinyl records make it homey and quaint. // www.timbercovesort.com

La Bella Cabina

Located just north of town, the charming La Bella Cabina is an authentic old-school river cabin fully modernized and located both below and above the fray—its steps lead down from the property's gate to the cabin. The back deck sits high above the water on the peaceful part of the Russian River as it flows to the ocean. Kayaks and a hot tub are included. // www.labellacabina.com

River's End

After dinner at River's End, walk down to the water's edge for a stay at one of their luxury accommodations or vintage cabins, some sitting right on the water's edge. The luxury homes are highly secluded; some decks and patios can only be seen by the seals on the peninsula across the water. These well-appointed properties add something new to Jenner—genuine sophistication. // www.ilovesunset.com/jenner-ca-lodging

Just east of town, Duncan Mills, population 85, acts as the provisions stop for those heading west to the coast. The General Store, a bakery, a café, a tavern, and two tasting rooms more than triple the offerings in Jenner. Be sure to stock up before arriving because once in Jenner, one may not want to leave. // www.duncanmillsillage.com

SLEEPING-BY-THE-SEA

Timber Cove Resort

Timber Cove, recently revamped and updated, has retained its rustic charm, and with private decks giving picture postcard views, it's a spot that's hard to beat. It's 14 miles north of Jenner along the coast but conveniently boasts its own full-service restaurant, Coast Kitchen, making it a self-contained oasis. It also has 46 rooms and six suites, room service, coastal trails, and group bonfires at night. Special in-room treats like a Crosley LP Record Player and collection of vinyl records make it homey and quaint. // www.timbercovesort.com

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3 Must-Visit Resorts for Epic Outdoor Adventures

Coastal Exploring with Timber Cove, Sonoma Coast, CA



There's nothing standard about [Timber Cove Resort](#) near Jenner in Sonoma County. This part of the California coastline is raw, vivid, and solitary—which the 62-year-old hotel embodies to its core. Built in 1963 by famed architect Richard Clements Jr., at a time when artists were trekking out of city centers to form creative retreats in unpopulated zones, new owners gave the iconic, design-driven resort a fresh start in 2016, preserving Clements' architectural vision while enhancing the place with modern aesthetics and amenities.

Today, Timber Cove's activity programming highlights the land, the stunning ocean views, and the unique features within the buildings. Just being here, you can feel the wind, the rocky landscape, the wild energy—and they have two excellent ways of doing that while simultaneously getting your body and mind working.

The first is the guided property hike with Hank Birnbaum, historical specialist with the [Fort Ross Conservancy](#). The hour-plus excursion takes you on, off, and around the resort's trails, discussing the flora, fauna, history, and art that are both native and non-native to this place. He points out that this coastal region was home to permanent villages for the Kashia Pomo, and that around 1000 tribal members live here today. To date, they've been given back 1,000 acres of their territory.

Another activity incorporating all the senses is the half-day foraging hike led year-round by local Alexander "Ty" Kun. The hunt changes with the seasons—searching for everything from wild mushrooms to seaweed to botanicals—and a collaboration with the onsite Coast Kitchen restaurant introduces hikers to six different "taste bites" after the experience, featuring things like oxalis leaf lemonade and mushroom shortbread. Just remember, no matter what the season or menu, you will be wet to the knees when the day is done.

COOL MATERIAL

7 Seriously Stellar Hotels in Small Towns

You don't need to go to far-flung destinations to have a memorable getaway.



Timber Cove Resort, Northern California

Located in the heart of Sonoma Valley, Jenner is a town with less than 200 people that gives the phrase "small town" a whole new meaning. Though small in size, Jenner is home to [Timber Cove Resort](#), a rustic property with a sharp Frank Lloyd Wright inspired A-Frame design. Perched on a cliffside overlooking the Pacific Ocean, Timber Cove Resort is home to 46 rooms with ocean and forest views, private balconies, and in-room record players.

Head outside to their "living room" with a firepit, and take advantage of their telescopes for ample stargazing opportunities. Timber Cove Resort's location is just as prime as the resort itself. Located less than two hours driving from San Francisco, and about 60 miles from Napa, here, you can get a taste of wine country without the crowds. Plus, with Jenner being on the coast, you can have the best of both worlds with pristine beaches right in town, and Stillwater Cove Regional Park, which has trails through redwoods, only a 30-minute drive away.

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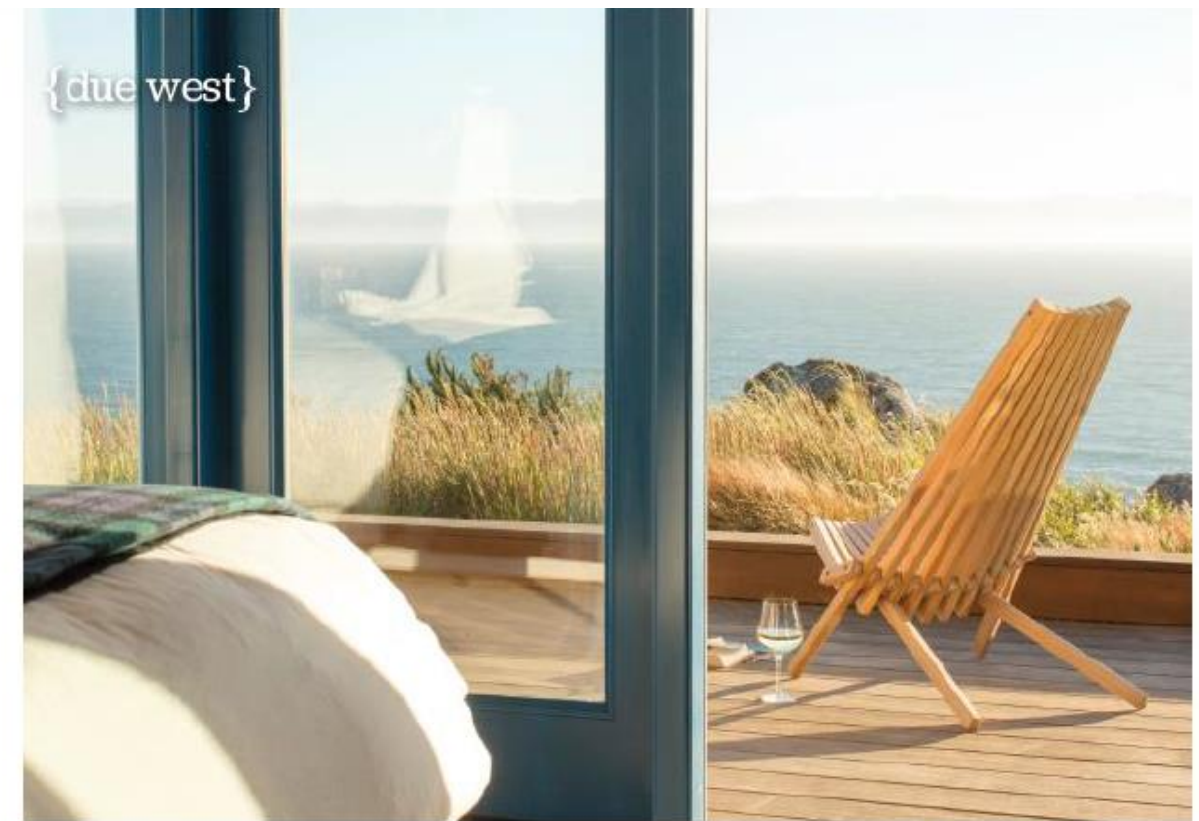
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and ranch era (1842-1972).

After you've wandered through the park, make your way to the Timber Cove Resort, set on a dramatic bluff above the ocean. Celebrating its 60th anniversary this year, Timber Cove has been lovingly renovated with furnishings that evoke its mid-century heritage while adding a

sense of rustic-chic charm. An "outdoor livingroom" outfitted with firepits, billiards and ping-pong tables, and accommodations stocked with yoga mats, record players and Nest-controlled fireplaces (in many rooms) add to the experience. The onsite restaurant, Coast Kitchen,

offers seasonal fare featuring ingredients sourced from many local purveyors and a Sonoma-dominated wine list—all with a gorgeous ocean view.

Before heading home, visit Geronimo Cove at Salt Point State Park to see the fascinating honeycomb-like erosion called tafoni (Italian for cavern) visible in the sandstone rocks near the water's edge. Fun fact: The sandstone from Galt Point was used to construct San Francisco's streets in the mid-1800s. Look carefully and you can see eye bolts in the rocks where ships once anchored to load sandstone slabs. **P**

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10 Most Charming Boutique Hotels in the U.S. — How To Book

9. Timber Cove Resort in Jenner, California



Starting Nightly Rate: \$427

Located on a cliff overlooking the Pacific, [Timber Cove Resort](#) immerses travelers in the rugged beauty of the California coast. The hotel is small, with just 46 rooms and suites, to **prioritize quality experiences that guests won't forget.**

Timber Cove's atmosphere is part of its charm. Instead of opting for trendy decor, the entire resort has a simple but timeless style that takes inspiration from nature. Hardwood, warm colors, and vintage pieces are used throughout the hotel.

To help visitors feel more at home, the hotel offers several cozy amenities you won't find at larger-scale lodgings. Sunset champagne toasts are hosted every Saturday, and wine tastings occur on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Every night, guests can treat themselves to freshly baked cookies, which you can find in the lobby. There's a record player in each room and a library of vinyls you can borrow.

How To Book: The Timber Cove Resort participates in [The Hotel Collection by American Express](#), and guests can enjoy a \$100 property credit and a space-available room upgrades by booking. With the popular [American Express® Gold Card](#), you can receive a \$100 statement credit toward eligible charges with The Hotel Collection when booking 2 nights (or more) through [AmexTravel.com](#) (eligible charges vary by property).

Islands

A Relaxing Retreat Perched On California's Coastline Awaits At This Scenic Secluded Resort



If your idea of a perfect vacation is ocean views, good food, a little bit of history, and easy access to nature, you should put [Timber Cove Resort](#) on California's Sonoma Coast at the top of your list. It's about a 2.5 hour drive north from San Francisco, and a little over three hours, if you're [road tripping along California's striking scenic Highway 1](#). Set on 25 acres of beautiful coastline, the resort was originally built in the 1960s, and the architect was inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright to design a building that used wood and glass to emphasize openness and blend well with the coastal surroundings. It underwent a huge remodel and reopened in 2016. They kept the classic architecture but revamped and modernized pretty much everything else.

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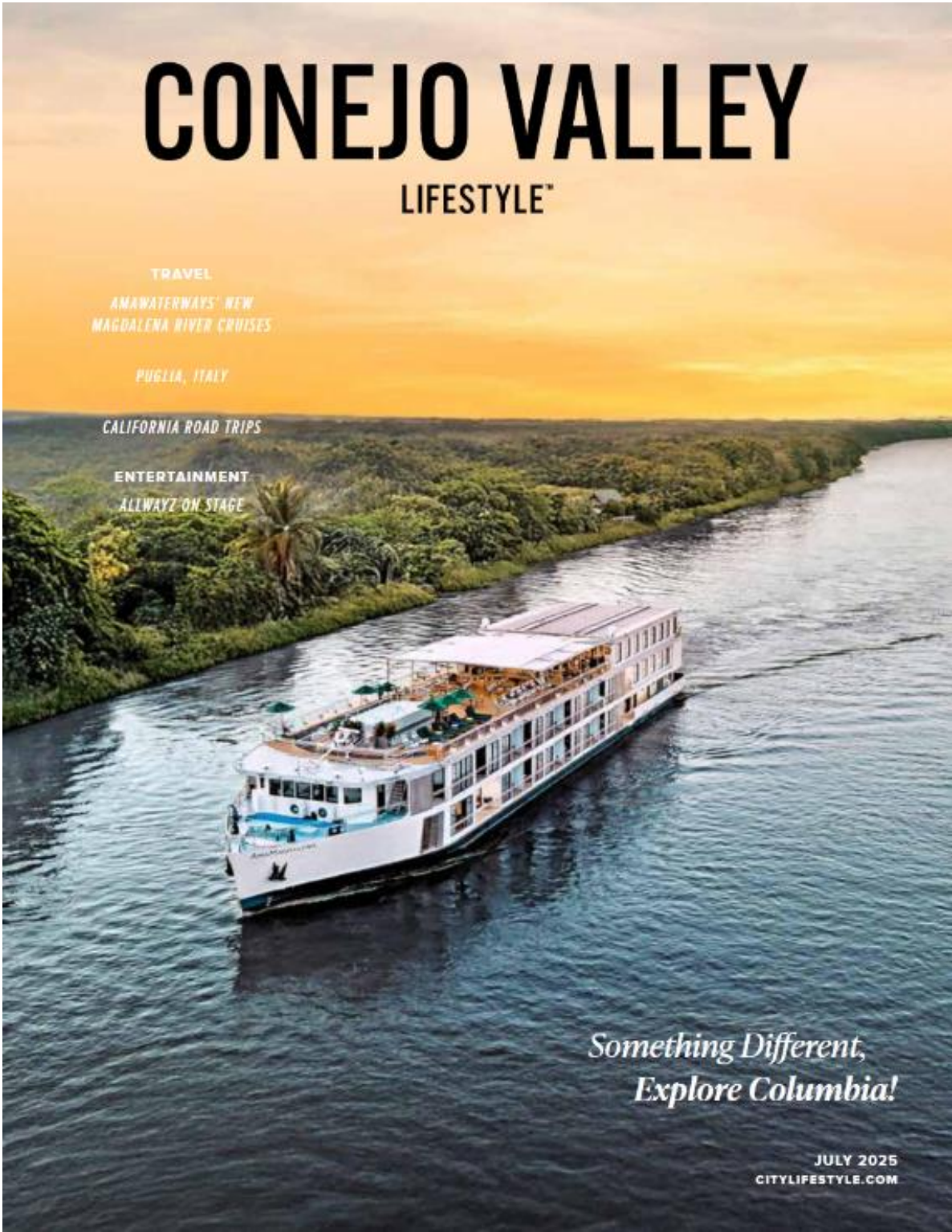
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JENNER: TIMBER COVE RESORT

Perched on a Sonoma Coast cliffside bluff, where the Redwoods meet the sea, this 1960s architectural beauty enchants with ocean view patios and balconies, plush linens, fireplaces and midcentury decor. This is the kind of place you go to unravel from the chaos of the world.

Delight in the sunset on the terrace with flitting hummingbirds, make S'mores by the firepit and reconnect over board games in the grand lobby living room. This kid- and dog-friendly hotel is an insider's secret, where time slows down and relaxation meets nature.

Memorable Moments on a California Road Trip



Coastal Bluff Outside Timber Cove

SONOMA COAST
At the seaside in Sonoma County, walk the blufftop trails just outside Timber Cove Resort, with benches to rest and absorb the blustery Pacific Ocean scenery, or hike down to a waterfall and rustic beach cove. A colorful 93-foot Peace Obelisk, created by artist Beniamino Bufano, stands like an exclamation mark next to the resort on a 60-foot diameter plot, designated the second smallest California state park.

SANTA BARBARA COAST
Steps from the University of California, taking beachside stroll around a nature labyrinth located on a bluff next to the

While some road trips are intricately planned along the way are what make the drives. Head north from Los Angeles and discover experiences to inspire your next journey.

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SOJOURNS

Timber Cove Resort, Sonoma County coast dazzling

Fourteen miles north of Jenner in Sonoma County, there's a stretch of coast so stunning that Ansel Adams would spend hours on it just sitting on the cliffs above the crashing surf.

The beloved photographer was friends with the visionary who built Timber Cove Resort, the iconic lodge perched above the sea as part of the Timber Cove development.



Ginny Prior
Happy wanderer

The landmark inn is celebrating its 60th anniversary and Adams' longtime assistant, Mary Alinder, shared some of his beloved photographs in a talk she gave earlier this summer.

"Ansel came here more than once and would just go sit on the bluff," she says, adding that the landscape had a place in his soul.

The same soul-stirring scenery draws visitors to the Timber Cove Resort today, with its warm ski lodge-style lobby and picture windows so wide that they bring the dramatic landscape into each oceanfront room.

The history of the lodge is steeped in its architecture. When it was built by owner/architect Richard Clements Jr. in 1963, it served as the hotel for the Timber Cove Master Development. Clements' A-frame design, inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright, incorporated redwood and stone as a nod to nature.

A local newspaper at the time noted the structure's enormous lobby with its "peaked roof supported by huge, bolted rafters." The design elements were a favorite of Adams and something he used in his own



PHOTO BY GINNY PRIOR

The landmark Timber Cove Resort is celebrating its 60th anniversary, and Ansel Adams' longtime assistant, Mary Alinder, above, shared some of his beloved photographs in a talk she gave at the Inn earlier this summer.

San Francisco home.

"Soaring inner spaces, beamed ceilings and a feeling of being in a clearing in a forest of towering trees ... this could also describe the great room of the Timber Cove Lodge," says Alinder.

The 1963 newspaper article also heralded the lobby bar and dining room with "windows fronting on the sea." Rimming the lobby were several second-

floor guest rooms. Today, Timber Cove Lodge has been carefully renovated and preserved.

The resort's current owner, Jens Von Gierke has added recreational favorites like foosball and pool, along with a giant chess set on the expansive outdoor patio. He says most guests come just to spend time in this extraordinary place and never veer far from the property.

FYI

Timber Cove Resort sits on 25 acres of Sonoma County's coast and offers 46 guest rooms, including eight suites. A favorite for weddings, the resort boasts the Coast Kitchen restaurant with dramatic ocean views and has a redesigned banquet and meetings area, along with more than two miles of hiking trails.

For more on the 60th anniversary and the resort's "Escape + Recharge" package, visit timbercoveresort.com online.

"It's very unique in the way that everybody who comes here — they don't go anywhere else. They want to be just here, enjoying the outside and walking around. I always tell people 'there's no agenda.'"

One interesting landmark on the property is Timber Cove's curious obelisk, a sculpture by Clements' friend and artist Beniamino (Benny) Bufano. Some 93 feet above the cliffs on the tip of Ninive Point, the monument to peace is shaped like a missile and can be seen for miles as you approach the resort.

The resort is also California's second smallest state park. Hiking is big in the area, and Von Gierke's favorite spot is Stillwater Cove Regional Park, a short drive up the coast.

"It's the closest you can get to being in the middle of the redwoods," he says.

Trail maps at the entrance help enhance this

moderate hike, which traverses Stockhoff Creek in a towering redwood forest, then crosses Pacific Coast Highway to an ocean cove. Salt Point State Park is another hiker's paradise — with a diverse landscape that includes everything from wildflower meadows to thundering surf. The 6,000-acre gem includes one of California's first underwater parks, along with lots of kelp-kissed coves, prairies and even a pygmy forest.

A lodge that Ansel Adams loved on a quiet stretch of coast punctuated by the thundering surf — these are the things that draw visitors to Timber Cove Resort. It's been a place of solitude and inspiration for many, and little has changed in six decades.

Ginny Prior can be followed on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and at ginnyprior.com. Email her at ginnyprior@hotmail.com.

In brief

PIEDMONT

City's 25th annual Harvest Festival is happening Sept. 24

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 24 in Piedmont Park, the 25th annual Piedmont Harvest Festival will continue the community's longstanding traditions with jazz music, food trucks lined up along the Village Market Farmer's Market and the ever-popular Piedmont Edibles contest.

The edibles contest has been a part of the festival since its launch in 1998, when showing off the culinary talents of residents — who use only fruits and vegetables grown in Piedmont — became an instant festival highlight and matter of civic pride. In addition to the contest and live music performed by local musicians, there are community group-sponsored tables, an art show and a Scarecrow Alley Silent Auction with benefits going to event host Piedmont Education Foundation.

A special celebration of the Piedmont Garden Club's 100th anniversary will present "The Essential Oak," an exhibit that the club's Conservation Exhibit Committee created for the "Uncorked" flower show, along with

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