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IN MONTEREY
& CARMEL

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MONTEREY AND CARMEL

From newly designed hotels to recently opened spas, these oceanside communities to our south offer the perfect mini road trips for the summer ahead.

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From top: Carmel offers countless charms this summer; the renovated Hyatt Regency Monterey.

WHERE TO STAY

Carmel Mission Inn

This 165-room property recently underwent a multimillion-dollar renovation that includes a lavish patio and fire pits and new contemporary furnishings; the swimming pool area reminds guests of Palm Springs. Meanwhile, the new Shearwater Tavern merges California cuisine with Texan flair, thanks to chef Wayne Brooks, who hails from Austin. 3665 Rio Road, Carmel, 831.624.1841, carmelmissioninn.com

Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel & Spa

Exactly 560 redesigned guest rooms with white, cream and stone-hued interiors and reinvented public spaces bring the sizzle back to this posh hilltop hotel. New restaurant Sea Root dishes up coastal cuisine with Mediterranean swagger. 1 Golf Course Road, Monterey, 831.372.1234, hyatt.com

Villa Mara Carmel

Located 100 yards from the water in the Carmel Point neighborhood, this newly imagined 16-room luxe property boasts a distinctly residential feel. After all, it sits alongside some of the area's most revered private homes. Our pick: the 500-square-foot Jeffers Cottage (a nod to the famed poet Robinson Jeffers), a stand-alone structure featuring a separate bedroom, a private outdoor fire pit and soaking tub. 2408 Bay View Ave., Carmel, 831.624.6433, villamaracarmel.com

Portola Hotel & Spa

An \$11.2 million transformation at this four-diamond, LEED-certified luxury hotel means that all 379 guest rooms have been glammed up with modern furnishings, wall and floor treatments, and teal and pumpkin accents with designs that salute its coastal

From left: The refurbished Villa Mara in Carmel Point; the intimate dining space at Carmel Mission Inn.



has impeccable service to match. Seasonal ingredients draw upon ocean bounty with exquisite plating. 400 Cannery Row, Monterey, 831.920.6710, montereyplazahotel.com

Toro Sushi

Toro is becoming the town's favorite sushi haunt, featuring a 15-page wine and sake menu with sake origins listed by Japanese prefectures. Signature rolls include the seared Carmel roll that features tempura shrimp and avocado topped with spicy tuna mix. Dolores St. between Fifth and Sixth, Carmel-by-the-Sea, 831.574.3255, torosushicarmel.com

and Hispanic roots. Newly added Jack's Terrace features living green walls, fire pits and intimate seating zones, while the Spa on the Plaza boasts 11 treatment rooms and more than 40 signature massages, facials, wraps and more. 2 Portola Plaza, Monterey, 831.649.4511, plazahotel.com

ART AND CULTURE

Dawson Cole Fine Art Gallery

Don't miss revered sculptor Richard MacDonald's work "Genesis," a 76-inch bronze column of an embracing couple. Be awestruck by his works that capture details of the human form in motion. Corner of Lincoln and Sixth, Carmel-by-the-Sea, 831.624.8200, carmel.dawsoncofineart.com

Monterey Museum of Art

This summer, *Digital Mindscapes* by artist Corinne Whitaker takes viewers on a journey of her digital paintings along with sculptures produced via 3D printer. 559 Pacific St., Monterey, 831.372.5477, montereyart.org

Zantman Art Galleries

New works arrive regularly at this gallery featuring contemporary works and fine art paintings. Popular artists include Alexander Sheversky and Mario Jung. San Carlos between Ocean and Seventh, Carmel-by-the-Sea, 831.432.7972, zantmangalleries.com

NEW RESTAURANTS

Cella Restaurant

Housed in one of the historic adobes of Monterey, this restaurant and bar is getting rave reviews for its cocktails, innovative entrees and craft desserts. Dynamic flavors pop in dishes such as the seared black cod on a bed of lentils and the braised short rib with homemade barbecue sauce. 525 Polk St., Monterey, 831.920.1046, cellarestaurant.com

Coastal Kitchen

This new gem overlooks the ocean inside the Monterey Plaza Hotel and Spa. Guests will love the prix fixe, five-course menu that



From top: Fresh and delicately prepared oysters are part of the Coastal Kitchen menu; Coastal Kitchen also features an impressive prix fixe menu.



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